

THE SOUTH OF MOROCCO

An exciting trip, using both ancient and more modern forms of transport – camels and 4x4 vehicles. You will visit some of the most spectacular scenery in the High Atlas, including trips to the stunning Dades and Todra Gorges. You will then head to the desert, visiting the Erfoud, city of fossils, and the 17th century ksar of Rissani along the way. Camels and their drivers await you at the immense Merzouga sand dunes, ready to take you to an authentic nomads' camp, where you will spend the night.

Prices vary for these customised trips, according to the number of days and number of participants. Here for a sample programme and please contact us for a personalised quote and further information.

DAY 1: MARRAKECH / AIT BEN HADDOU / OUARZAZATE / KELAA DES MGOUNA / BOUMALNE DADES (320km)

Head towards Ouarzazate, crossing the High Atlas mountains via the highest motorable pass, the Tizi'nt Tichka (2260 metres).

After crossing the pass, continue to the kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site. After visiting the kasbah, we head towards Ouarzazate, known as the Moroccan Hollywood because of the numerous films which have been shot there, including *Gladiators*, *Babel*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Kingdom of Heaven* to name but a few.

We continue the journey to the Dades gorges, where we have dinner and spend the night in a hotel.

DAY 2: DADES GORGES / TINEGHIR / TODRA GORGES / ERFOUD / RISSANI / MERZOUGA (280km)

Depart for Tineghir and visit the Todra Gorges situated at the remote, eastern end of the High Atlas Mountains..

We continue to Erfoud, the city of fossils, and to Rissani, Head towards sand dunes of Merzouga.

Welcome mint tea and in an auberge and go for ride on a camel tour for the deep sand where we have our evening meal and spend the night in an authentic nomads' tent.

DAY 3: MERZOUGA / ALNIF / NKOBI OR AGDZ

Back to the auberge for breakfast and a refreshing shower before we continue northwards to the quiet village of Rissani. Continue to draa valley and to Agdez village.

Where we have dinner and spend the night in the Kasbah

DAY 4: NKOBI OR AGDZ / OUARZAZATE / MARRAKECH

We cross the Tizi'n Tiniffit Pass, which offers a surprising landscape in this huge desert of basalt cliffs, with the High Atlas Mountains in the background. We continue to Marrakech by the Tizi n'Tichka Pass.