



# Around Morocco Tours

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## Single Day Tours

If you are short of time, but want to be sure that you enjoy the best that a place has to offer, our day tours are ideal for you. The ones described here are designed for people staying in Marrakech. We can also offer day tours for other cities - please contact us to discuss your requirements.

### **Marrakech Guided Tour**

This guided tour starts and ends in your hotel or riad, wherever it is in Marrakech. It starts at 9:30am and ends at 4 or 5pm, depending on the season.

After meeting you in your accommodation, we will start exploring Marrakech "the red city of Morocco". Your guide will ensure that you see the most important places of historical and cultural interest, including the Koutoubia Tower, the Saadian tombs, the Palace of Bahia and the Ben Youssef Coranic School.

Your visit includes the alleys of the Medina and the souks - one of the largest souks in Morocco, where you can see hundreds of handicrafts. Lunch at a restaurant around the square or at any place of your choice, then we will drive you outside the Medina to see Majorelle Gardens and have short drive to the new city "Gueliz", before we drop you off at your accommodation at the end of the day.

You have the option to end at the square where you have the opportunity to walk through the square entertained with magicians, storytellers, tooth-pullers and food sellers.

### **The Berber Trail: Atlas Mountains and the Ourika Valley**

We do recommend this trip if you have time while in Marrakech. This trip will take you to breathtaking scenery less touched by tourists and to a very lush valley to escape the heat and the chaos of the city. This journey will allow you experience the Berber way of life, a way that has been endured for hundreds of years. Marhaba.

Meet you at your riad/hotel in Marrakech and start travelling to Ourika Valley via the villages of Asni and Tahnaout. This tour will take you through the three valleys including Tahnaout Valley, the Mulay Brahim Gorge and the Berber village of Asni, you will also have the opportunity to visit a Berber family and experience our culture. During your

journey you will experience the breathtaking scenery and the fascinating views of the Toubkal and Oukaimden Mountains - the highest peaks in North Africa.

You will get to Ourika Valley for lunch. This valley is one of the richest valleys in Morocco with water running, green trees and flowers, blooming bushes, and magnificent waterfalls. After lunch here, you have the option to take 2 hours hiking. You will walk through the Berber village of Setti Fatma, and within the fields where you may well see monkeys in the wild, and experience great views of the waterfall.

Afterwards, you will head back to Marrakech.

Tour ends at your accommodation or any place of your choice in Marrakech.

### **Essaouira Day trip: Exploring Essaouira:**

We will meet you at your accommodation in Marrakech and start travelling to Essaouira, "Mogador". Just before you get to Essaouira and since this is the land of the "Argan culture", you will see herds of goats climbing the Argan trees looking for better food they can't find on the ground. Here you will have the opportunity to visit the women's co-operative of Argan oil where they extract the oil that is famous for its culinary, cosmetic and medical properties.

We will arrive in Essaouira around 11am and then start our exploration of the city. You'll visit the Skala Fortress; see Thuya wood carved by artisans; walk through the alleys of the medina, where you can see hundreds of handicrafts.

Essaouira knew many civilisations - including the Portuguese occupation, which affects much of its architecture - however, it remains a small, beautiful town with much history. Because of its size and its characteristic blue doors, washed walls and location, it is also regarded as Morocco's "Jewel of the Atlantic".

Your visit includes the Mellah - the Jewish headquarter, and the beach. There is an annual festival of "Gnawa music", where many musical groups come from different parts of Africa and the world.

Today you will have lunch in a Moroccan way -fresh bought fishes cooked to order, a very authentic experience. After that you will have some free time before we drive you back to Marrakech where the tour ends.