

## 4 Days 4x4 Desert Tours



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#### 4 Days Marrakech Desert Tour

It is a 10hrs drive from Marrakech to the Erg Chebbi or Erg Chigaga desert dunes and we recommend at least 4 days for a desert tour to break the journey each way and restrict the time spent sitting in a vehicle.. There are closer dunes around Zagora, suitable for a 2 day trip, but they do not offer the same or similar desert experience.

#### **Option 1**

Day 1: Marrakesh – Skoura – Mgouna – Dades Gorge

Transfer to the Dades Gorge across the highest Atlas road pass of the Tizi-n-Tichka via Ouarzazate, Skoura and Kelaa Mgouna (Rose Valley) where, in April and May, Berber children sell garlands of the roses grown here in the hedgerows. Leave the main route at Boumalne Dades to drive past ruined hilltop Kasbahs, valley gardens where crops are grown and the rock formations of the Tamnalt Hills.

Day2: Dades Gorge - Merzouga. Erg Chebbi Camel Trek

Transfer to Merzouga via the Todra Gorge, the highest gorge in Morocco. Arrive at the edge of the dunes with the option to overnight in a hotel or go camel trekking in Erg Chebbi, with a desert guide, and sleep in a nomad tent at a desert camp where your guide serves dinner under the stars.

Day3: Merzouga – Todra Gorge - Skoura Palm Grove

Wake early to watch the sunrise and camel trek back across the dunes to shower and prepare for departure. Transfer to Skoura Palm Grove with a detour to see the Todra Gorge, the highest gorge in Morocco.

Day 4: Skoura - Ait Benhaddou - Telouet - Marrakech

Transfer to Marrakech with a detour to visit the World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou, a spectacular fortified village, and continue through the Ounila valley across the original trade route over the Tizi-n-Telouet to Telouet. Lunch in Telouet and visit the Kasbah el Glaoui. Transfer to Marrakech across the highest Atlas road pass of Tizi-n-Tichka with an early evening drop-off at your hotel or riad in the old medina.

## Option 2

4 Days Marrakech to Fes Desert Tour

It is a 10hrs drive from Marrakech to the Sahara dunes of Erg Chebbi and a 7hrs drive from here to Fes. We recommend at least 3 days for a desert tour from Marrakech to Fes 4 days or longer if you have the time.

Day 1: Marrakesh –Teloute – Ait Benhaddou - Ouarzazate

Transfer from Marrakesh across the highest Atlas road pass of the Tizi-n-Tichka

to the traditional Berber village of Telouet for a guided tour of the Kasbah of el Glaoui, former War Lord and Pasha of Marrakech. Continue through the Ounila valley across the original trade route over the Tizi-n-Telouet to Ait Benhaddou and visit the World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou, a spectacular fortified village (Ksar). Ouarzazate is just south of Ait Benhaddou.

Day 2: Ouarzazate – Mgouna – Skoura - Dades Gorge

Transfer to the Dades Gorge via Skoura, where there is a palm grove, and Kelaa Mgouna (Rose Valley) where, in April and May, Berber children sell garlands of the roses grown here in the hedgerows. Leave the main route at Boumalne Dades to drive past ruined hilltop Kasbahs, valley gardens where crops are grown and the rock formations of the Tamnalt Hills.

Day 3: Dades – Todra Gorge - Merzouga. Camel Trek

Transfer to Merzouga via the Todra Gorge, the highest gorge in Morocco. Arrive at the edge of the dunes with the option to overnight in a hotel or go camel trekking in Erg Chebbi, with a desert guide, and sleep in a nomad tent at a desert camp where your guide serves dinner under the stars.

Day 4: Merzouga - Ziz Valley - Cedar Forests - Fes

Wake early to see the sunrise and return on your camels to Merzouga. After breakfast depart for Fes via the Ziz Valley Gorge and cedar forests where macaque monkeys live –an interesting route with a break for lunch. Early evening drop off at your accommodation in Fes.

### **Option 3**

4 Days Fes to Marrakech Desert Tour

It is a 7hrs drive from Fes to the Sahara dunes of Erg Chebbi and a 10hrs drive from here to Marrakech. We recommend at least 3 days for a desert tour from Fes to Marrakech and 4 days or 5 days if you want to slow down the pace of the trip and explore along the route.

Day 1: Fes – Azrou - Cedar Forests - Merzouga. Erg Chebbi Trek

Early morning departure from Fes and transfer to the Erg Chebbi dunes at Merzouga via the cedar forests and Ziz Valley Gorge. Arrive in the desert to meet your desert guide for a sunset Erg Chebbi camel trek to a desert camp where

dinner is served under the stars. If camel trekking is not for you sleep in a hotel with pool at the dune line.

#### Day 2: Merzouga – Todra Gorge - Dades Gorge

Transfer to Dades Gorge with a detour to visit Todra Gorge, the highest gorge in Morocco. Leave the main route at Boumalne Dades to drive along the Dades Gorge past ruined hilltop Kasbahs, valley gardens where crops are grown and the rock formations of the Tamnalt Hills.

#### Day 3: Dades Gorge – Mgouna – Skoura - Ouarzazate

Transfer to Ouarzazate via Kelaa Mgouna where, in April and May, Berber children sell garlands of the roses grown here in the hedgerows and Skoura where there is a palm grove and Kasbah d'Imidril.

#### Day 4: Ouarzazate – Ait Benhaddou – Telouet - Marrakesh

Visit the World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou, a spectacular fortified village, and continue through the Ounila valley across the original trade route over the Tizi-n-Telouet to Telouet. Lunch in Telouet and visit the Kasbah el Glaoui. Transfer to Marrakech across the highest Atlas road pass of Tizi-n-Tichka with an early evening drop-off at your hotel or riad in the old medina.

#### **Tour Costs:**

#### **Costs per person**

2 – persons:

3 – persons:

4 – 7 persons:

8 – 12 persons:

#### **Price includes**

Four days tour with a Landcruiser 4×4

One night half board at the hotel

Rented camel and guide

Nomad tent with mattress and blanket for the night in the desert

Dinner and Breakfast