

Our Vision

We go about tourism a little differently than the norm. We believe that enticing foreigners to vacation "in a bubble" apart from the culture of a place is selling the travelers and the host communities short. Our vision of authentic tourism is one where the lives of our foreign guests, as well as those of Moroccan Nationals, are enriched in meaningful ways.

You can read more about our approach to tourism on our <u>Page</u> on our website or as reviewed by Sixnie and Salt: <u>Ethical Tourism</u>: <u>What is it? And Why Should You Care about It?</u>

Welcome to Morocco!

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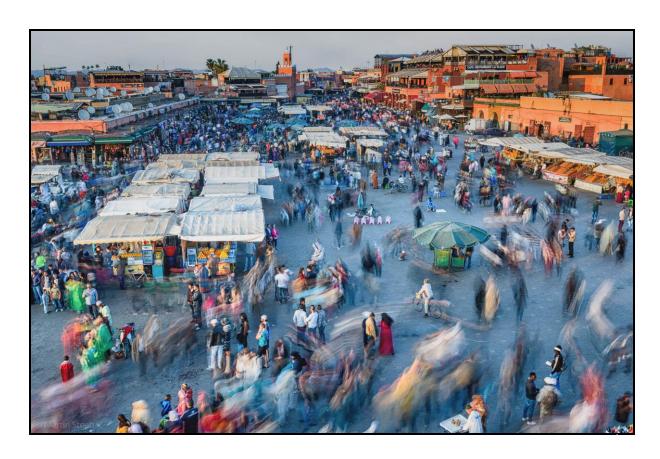


Photography Tour: Rockin' the Kasbah

Arrival: Marrakech February 24th

February 25th Marrakech

This day will be spent in Marrakech



Marrakech Photo Credits: Martin Steeb

February 26th Marrakech > Ait Ben Haddou (400 km)

Upon departure, you will head in the direction of the High Atlas Mountains and the Tichka Pass (2260m / 7412ft). The scenery all through the High Atlas Mountains is stunning and you'll have the freedom to stop as often as you like for photos.



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February 27th Ait Ben Haddou > Tamnougalt (107 km)

After breakfast, Kasbah visit, you will pass through Ouarzazate and drive approximately 70 km to the small village of Tamnougalt, just outside the former French fort of Agdz. Tamnougalt was the original capital city of the Mezguita region during the 16th century, and the home of various local governors. All caravans traveling to and from the desert made their way through this village. It is said that Tamnougalt was the last village before the desert, and the first village out of the desert. The Tamnougalt Kasbah is very well preserved and you'll have the opportunity to take a tour.

Accommodations: Kasbah Azul

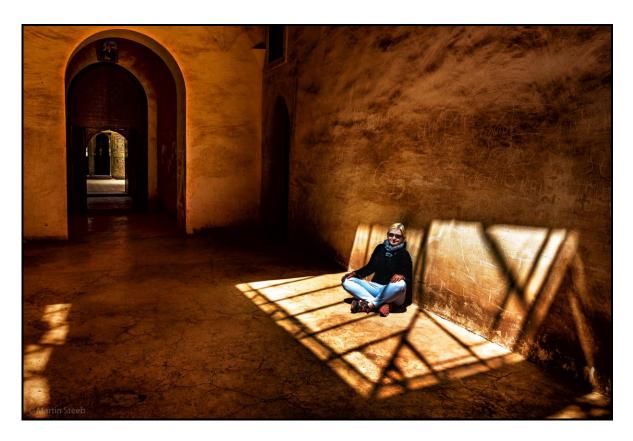


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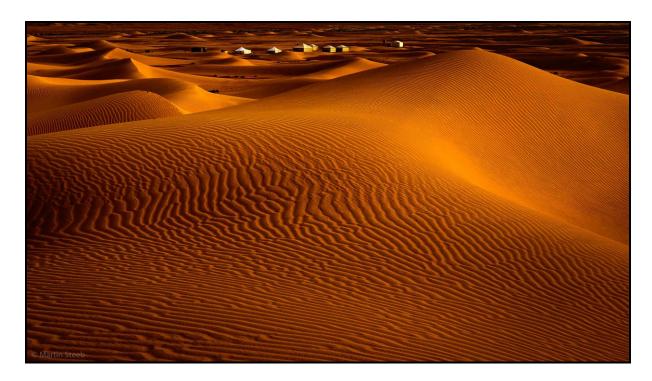
February 28th Tamnougalt > Merzouga (294 km)

You'll leave Tamnougalt behind and be on your way to the Great Sahara Desert. Not too far from Tamnougalt, you will drive through Nkob, a small village famous for the 45 Kasbahs nearby. Down the road, you'll travel through the town of Tazarane, where Babel was filmed. Later, you'll pass through the village of Elnes, famous for fossils. Finally, you will enter the small town of Rissani, known as the original home of the Alaouite Dynasty, the family of our current king. Rissani is also known for having a twice weekly market and its nearby donkey parking. Soon after passing through Rissani, you will leave the road and be on your way to the Erg Chebbi Dunes.

Not long after you will at the camel meeting location to board your camels. It takes approximately an hour to trek to the Bedouin Bivouac. Once you are there, you can climb the dunes to watch the sunset. After sunset, there's dinner and a night of music around the fire. Your night will be spent under the stars in a genuine nomad tent.

Accommodations: ODM-Bedouin Bivouac

ODM-Bedouin Bivouac: Information about the camp can be found <u>HERE</u> and <u>HERE</u>.



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March 1st Remain in Merzouga for Camel Trek

The next morning after breakfast, you'll board camels and spend the day out in the desert. On your camel trek you'll have the opportunity to visit some nomad families if you'd like. There is also a lake that is sometimes present, depending on the rainfall in the mountains. If the lake is present, there are often flamingos. There are also plenty of other adventures to be had during your day on the sand.

That evening, you'll head back to camp for dinner, music, star photos, and another night in the nomad tent.

Accommodations: ODM-Bedouin Bivouac

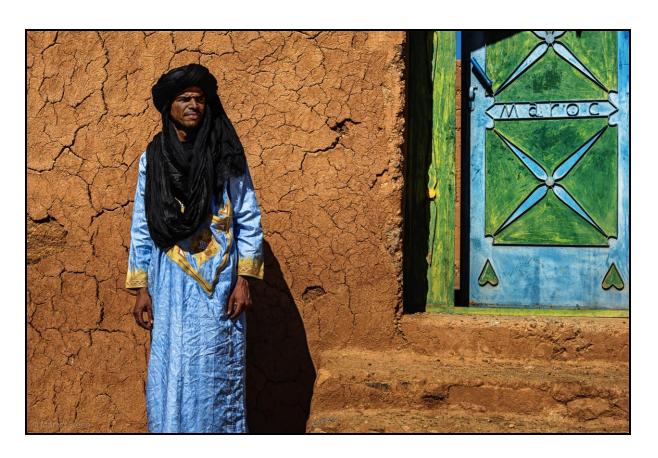


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March 2nd Merzouga > Dades Gorges (270 km)

If you happen to be a morning person, you'll enjoy watching the sunrise from behind the dunes. After breakfast, you'll board your camels and make your way back to the camel meeting place. Then it's back to the 4x4 and onto the Dades Valley and Gorges. Just outside the city of Erfoud, you'll pass by the aquifers. You will also pass through the village of Tinjdad, where there is a Berber museum. The road out of Tinjdad loops through flat land with beautiful landscapes. Upon reaching the Toughra Gorges, you can take a nice stroll through the gorges. Back on the road, you'll pass through the Berber village of Tinghir. On the eastern edge of the village, you'll find a lush green oasis full of date palms. Crumbling kasbahs and the abandoned 19th-century Medersa Ikelane lie under the canopy of the oasis. Later in the day, you will arrive in the beautiful Dades Gorges. Your night will be spent at a beautiful inn.

Accommodations: Ksar Sultan Dades



Our Guide: Said Ahnana Photo Credits: Martin Steeb

March 3rd Dades Gorges > Marrakech (326 km)

After breakfast, you begin your journey back to Marrakech. Shortly after leaving the Dades Gorges, you'll enter the Valley of the Roses, situated at the foot of the High Atlas Mountains. The main village is Kelaat M'Gouna. Shortly thereafter you will travel through the Skoura Valley, a fertile oasis lined with palm groves, olive trees, and the ruins of Kasbahs dating back to the 12th century. It is here that you can travel off road to Kasbah Armardil. Next, you'll make your way through the city of Ouarzazate, known as the Moroccan Hollywood, for the numerous movies filmed in the city. After leaving Ouarzazate, your journey leads you through the scenic HIgh Atlas mountains where frequent photo stops are a must. You will slowly descend into Marrakech.



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March 4th Departure

Pricing

Price: 1,275€ per person for double occupancy

Single upcharge: 250€

Price Includes:

- 2 Private 4x4s comfortable with A/C, ODM hosts, and fuel
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- Breakfasts
- Dinners in: Ait Ben Haddou, Tamnougalt, and Merzouga
- Camel trek and camel guides
- Models in Tamnougalt / TBD: desert (+ hosts will model elsewhere)
- water in desert
- Airport Transfers in Marrakech
- All fuel, travel, taxes and tolls as per itinerary

Price Excludes:

- Lunches, snacks, dinners in Marrakech or drinks
- Gratuities at your discretion
- Flights or travel to and from Morocco
- Personal Medical / Travel Insurance
- Guides / Drivers in Marrakech

<u>Proposed Accommodations:</u> Pricing is based on proposed accommodations. At the time of booking, it may be necessary to adjust final accommodations based on availability. This may cause slight fluctuations in final pricing.

^{*}Pricing is based on 6 total people