

Destination - Trekking

Saghro and Drâa dunes

Duration: 08 days, including 5 days of trekking

Best season: From October to mid-May

Hiking level: Medium

Description

We explore the valley of Dades, the road of 1,000 kasbahs, then cross the mountains and sheepfolds of the massif of Saghro with exceptional relief. We enter the valley of Drâa and its beautiful date palms. We drive through the dunes and oases of the Drâa Valley with camels.

Key highlights

- Marrakech, its place, its souks and its unique atmosphere
- Cultural sights, authentic landscapes, breathtaking views
- Meeting both with the tribes of Ait Atta and the nomads of the Sahara Desert
- Hiking with mules and camels

Day by day

Day 01: Reception at the airport of Marrakech - Overnight at the hotel or riad

Whatever your time of arrival, a member of RedaTrekMaroc welcomes you. Beforehand, all you have to do is specify your flight details: arrival time, origin and flight number. In the case of delay, it is imperative to report it by SMS. Night at the hotel or riad in bed and breakfast formula.

Day 02: Marrakech, Ouarzazate, Kasbah road, Dades valley and Tagdilte - 7h drive

Departure at 8:00am, to go to the High Atlas Mountains, a coffee break is planned before the Tichka pass (2260 m). Once arrived at the pass, the landscape changes: arid mountains whose most famous by its many Hollywood shootings, Ouarzazate. Stop for the lunch, then we go back in the vehicle: road of 1000 kasbahs, palm of Skoura, and valleys of roses and Dades with its kasbah fortresses, to reach a plate of nomads and continue towards the village of Tagdilte (1600 m). The night is spent with the inhabitant.

Day 03: Tagdilte, Allili, Iferd n Ouarg (2500 m) and Almou n Ouarg (2350 m) - 5 hours walk

Departure at 8:00am, to go to the Allili oasis by a long plateau that crosses several houses. We pass by a dry river and climb little by little until the valley with the roses. We climb progressively to the mountain Tislit n Ouzerzam. The lunch is under a thuriferous juniper, then climb to the Iferd pass (2500 m). There a spectacular view is offered to us of the high Atlas of Mgoun (4068 m, snowy from December to April). We begin a small descent to the camp of the nomads Iferd n ouarg (2400 m).

Day 04: Iferd n Ouarg, Kouaoutch summit (2600 m) and Aouragh (1900 m) - 5h30 walk

In the early hours of the morning, we climb to the Ouarg pass to reach the summit Kouaoutch (2600 m). Wonder is guaranteed against the mountains of Saghro and the summit of the High Atlas, the Mgoun (4068 m). We then go down to Tassigdelte. After the lunch break, we continue on Aouragh, Iggli oasis and finally the Afourar valley.

Day 05: Afourar, Bouallouz, Bab n Ali, Irhazzoune, Zagora and Nesrate dunes - 5h walk and 3h30 drive

A mountain walk and a night in the sand dunes. In the morning, we drive along the Afourar valley and down the gorge. Through the Ousdidene valley, we climb to the rocky peaks of Bab n Ali then cross a relief with exceptional scenery to reach the valley Amguis and its small oases to the village Irhazoune. After the lunch break, we take the road to Nkob and the Drâa Valley to stop in the town of Zagora. This is a stop for food supplies by the guide. It is also an opportunity to visit the city. We take the road to reach the palm and the camp in the dunes of Nesrate.

Day 06: Camel trek to the Tidiri dunes - 5 hours walk

The camel ride starts with a crossing of the Isfoul village, then the palm grove that extends to the village of Zaouiat Sidi Saleh, a marabout village. After the lunch break under a date palm, we leave to immerse ourselves in the sand dunes of the Draa Valley and admire the beautiful sunset, if the weather is cleared at the camp. We can make a small campfire with the dead wood of the tamarises gathered along the river.

Day 07: Dunes Tidri, oasis of Regabi and Marrakech - 4h30 walk and 7h drive

Early morning at 6:00am for a departure at 6:30, we cross the dunes of Tidri for 2 hours to skirt the left bank of the Drâa River. The dunes disappear to give way to the palm grove of Regabi. After the lunch break, we take the road to Zagora and rediscover the Drâa Valley with beautiful Ksours, fortified villages, Agdez and back to Ouarzazate, then Marrakech. We spend the night at the hotel or riad if any.

Day 08: Transfer to the airport according to the time of your airport meeting

To note

For various reasons (weather for example), your guide may need to review the program, if necessary, for the smooth running of your trip.

Included in the trip price

- Transfers required for normal travel
- Accommodation as described in double room and double tent
- Camping and kitchen equipment: mess tent, kitchen tent, sleeping tent, thick foam mattress and kitchen equipment
- Full board during the tour (except lunch and dinner in Marrakech)
- Supervision by a English-speaking Moroccan graduate guide
- The assistance of a local team (drivers, muleteers, camel drivers, cooks)

Non included in the trip price

- Flights to Marrakech (and transport to airport) and return from Marrakech
- Cancellation / interruption of stay / loss of luggage insurance and assistance
- Meals in Marrakech, lunch and dinner
- Drinks
- All tips to: guide, drivers, muleteers and camel drivers
- All that is not indicated under the heading "Included in the trip price"