

4-DAY SAHARA DESERT TRIP FROM MARRAKECH TO MERZOUGA

Marrakech to the Erg Chebbi dunes and back in 4 days: High Atlas, Aït Ben Haddou, Todra Gorge and a night in a luxury desert camp, with a night in Ouarzazate on the return

DESTINATION	DURATION	STARTS IN	MEETING POINT
Morocco	**4 days / 3 nights**	**Marrakech**	**Pick-up at your hotel or riad in Marrakech, between 07:00 and 08:00**

OVERVIEW

In short: a 4-day, 3-night trip from Marrakech to the Erg Chebbi dunes in Merzouga, in the Sahara, and back. We pick you up at your hotel in Marrakech, cross the High Atlas, visit Aït Ben Haddou and the Todra Gorge, ride camels into the dunes for sunset and sleep in a luxury desert camp with air conditioning and private bathrooms. On the way back you sleep in Ouarzazate, so the return is split into two easier days. Flights are not included: the trip starts and ends in Marrakech.

Price: 250€ per person.

QUICK FACTS

- **Starts and ends:** your hotel or riad in Marrakech
- **Length:** 4 days, 3 nights
- **Route:** Marrakech, High Atlas (Tizi n'Tichka), Aït Ben Haddou, Ouarzazate, Tinghir, Todra Gorge, Erg Chebbi dunes (Merzouga), Ouarzazate, Marrakech
- **Where you sleep:** 1 night in a hotel in Tinghir, 1 night in a luxury desert camp, 1 night in a hotel in Ouarzazate
- **Group size:** up to 18 people, in our minibus
- **Pick-up:** between 07:00 and 08:00 at your hotel
- **Departures:** every day, book until 15:00 (Morocco time) the day before
- **Good for:** solo travelers, friends and couples who want the desert without organising the transport

The Sahara is far from Marrakech, and the road is half the trip. You climb over the High Atlas on the Tizi n'Tichka pass, walk through the mud-brick alleys of Aït Ben Haddou, pass Ouarzazate and sleep in Tinghir. The next day is the Todra Gorge in the morning and the Erg Chebbi dunes of Merzouga by late afternoon: a camel ride at sunset, dinner, a bonfire with live Berber music and a night under more stars than you have probably ever seen.

If you prefer a slower way back, this 4-day version adds a night in Ouarzazate after the desert. If you are short on time, the 3-day trip follows the same route and drives back in one day.

HIGHLIGHTS

+ **A night in the Erg Chebbi dunes** · Camel ride at sunset, dinner, a bonfire with live Berber music and a luxury tent with air conditioning and its own bathroom.
+ **Aït Ben Haddou** · A guided walk through the UNESCO-listed fortified village on the old caravan route.
+ **The High Atlas** · The Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass, with a stop for the view.
+ **Todra Gorge** · A walk between the towering walls of the canyon.
+ **Door to door from Marrakech** · We pick you up at your hotel or riad and bring you back to it.
+ **An easier way back** · A night in Ouarzazate breaks the return into two shorter days.

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 DAY 1: MARRAKECH, THE HIGH ATLAS, AÏT BEN HADDOU AND TINGHIR

TRANSPORT

Pick-up at your hotel or riad in Marrakech · Marrakech

Between 07:00 and 08:00. We confirm your exact time the day before, depending on where everyone in the group is staying.



ACTIVITY

Cross the High Atlas over the Tizi n'Tichka pass · High Atlas

A mountain road with wide views, and a stop for photos at the top of the pass.

ACTIVITY

Guided visit of Aït Ben Haddou · Aït Ben Haddou

A walk with a guide through the fortified village of Aït Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



TRANSPORT

Drive on through Ouarzazate, the door of the desert, to Tinghir · Ouarzazate

MEAL

Dinner at the hotel · Tinghir

STAY

Night in a hotel in Tinghir · Tinghir

DAY 2 DAY 2: TODRA GORGE AND THE ERG CHEBBI DUNES IN MERZOUGA

MEAL **Breakfast at the hotel** · Tinghir

ACTIVITY **Todra Gorge** · Todra Gorge

Time to walk between the high rock walls of the Todra canyon.

TRANSPORT **Drive to Merzouga, at the edge of the Erg Chebbi dunes** · Merzouga

The road passes kasbahs and palm groves on the way to the desert.

ACTIVITY **Camel ride into the dunes** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga

About 45 minutes on a camel, timed to reach the dunes before sunset.



ACTIVITY **Sandboarding** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga

Boards are at the camp for anyone who wants to ride the dunes.

MEAL **Dinner at the camp** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga

ACTIVITY **Bonfire and live Berber music** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga

STAY **Night in a luxury desert camp** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga

A luxury camp in the Erg Chebbi dunes near Merzouga. Each tent has real beds, air conditioning and its own full bathroom with shower and toilet. There is no wifi in the camp, and that is part of the magic.

DAY 3 DAY 3: SUNRISE IN THE DUNES AND ON TO OUARZAZATE

ACTIVITY	**Sunrise from the top of a dune** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga An early start that is worth it. 
MEAL	**Breakfast at the camp** · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga
TRANSPORT	**Drive to Ouarzazate** The return is split in two, so this is a shorter day on the road than on the 3-day trip.
MEAL	**Dinner at the hotel** · Ouarzazate
STAY	**Night in a hotel in Ouarzazate** · Ouarzazate

DAY 4 DAY 4: BACK OVER THE HIGH ATLAS TO MARRAKECH

MEAL	**Breakfast at the hotel** · Ouarzazate
TRANSPORT	**Drive over the High Atlas to Marrakech** · High Atlas
TRANSPORT	**Drop-off at your hotel or riad in Marrakech** · Marrakech

WHERE YOU WILL STAY

Hotel in Tinghir Hotel · Tinghir · 1 night
Dinner and breakfast included.

Luxury desert camp Desert camp · Erg Chebbi, Merzouga · 1 night
A luxury camp in the Erg Chebbi dunes near Merzouga. Each tent has real beds, air conditioning and its own full bathroom with shower and toilet. There is no wifi in the camp, and that is part of the magic. Dinner and breakfast included. Standard tickets share a tent for 4 or 5 travelers, never mixed genders. Luxury tickets sleep in a premium private double tent.

Hotel in Ouarzazate Hotel · Ouarzazate · 1 night
Dinner and breakfast included.

GETTING THERE

Bus Marrakech → Merzouga → Marrakech

Our minibus with a driver, for up to 18 people, from your hotel in Marrakech and back.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Included

+ Pick-up and drop-off at your hotel or riad in Marrakech
+ All transport during the trip in our minibus
+ 1 night in a hotel in Tinghir, with dinner and breakfast
+ 1 night in a luxury desert camp in the Erg Chebbi dunes (Merzouga), in a tent with beds, air conditioning and a private bathroom, with dinner and breakfast
+ 1 night in a hotel in Ouarzazate, with dinner and breakfast
+ Guided visit of Aït Ben Haddou
+ Stop at the Todra Gorge
+ Camel ride in the dunes (one camel per person)
+ Sandboarding
+ Bonfire and live Berber music at the camp
+ Local Moroccan guide
+ All taxes

Not included

- Flights to and from Morocco
- Your accommodation in Marrakech before and after the trip (an extra night can be added when you book)
- Lunches and drinks
- Entrance tickets to monuments
- Optional quad (ATV) ride in the dunes, booked and paid in cash on the spot
- Tips
- Travel insurance (it can be added when you book)

WHAT TO BRING

+ Passport
+ A small bag or backpack for the desert night
+ Comfortable closed shoes

+ A warm layer: desert nights can be cold, mostly from November to March
+ Sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat or scarf
+ Cash in dirhams for lunches, drinks and tips
+ A power bank

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bring your passport: hotels and camps register guests. Tell us where you are staying in Marrakech when you book so we can plan your pick-up. Entry rules depend on your nationality, so check them before you travel.

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