



RIAD TAACHCHAQA
MARRAKECH

Activities



AUTHENTICITY THROUGH OUR CAREFULLY CRAFTED EXCURSIONS

Welcome to our riad, a gateway to captivating adventures in the surroundings of Marrakech. We invite you to explore the cultural and natural diversity that characterizes this enchanting region. Immerse yourself in Moroccan authenticity through our carefully crafted excursions.

Join us for a picturesque journey into the majestic Atlas Mountains, where winding trails reveal breathtaking landscapes and preserved Berber villages. For a desert getaway, embark on a camel safari through golden dunes, discovering the infinite beauty of the landscape.

Let us be your guide to unforgettable experiences, blending the exoticism of Morocco with the warmth of our riad hospitality. With each excursion, we promise you memories to cherish and a deeper connection to the magic of Marrakech.

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The activity has to be paid for in cash at the front desk in advance

COOKING CLASS

For the ultimate epicurean delight, Riad Ta'achchaqa reveals the secrets of Moroccan cuisine with exclusive cooking classes held in our fully appointed kitchen.

Begin your culinary journey with a presentation of local spices, traditional pots, and the famous mint tea ritual. Then, immerse yourself in a hands-on cooking class, where our experienced cook will guide you in preparing and cooking authentic Moroccan dishes.

After the class, savor your own handcrafted tagine and take with you the rich experience of this unforgettable journey into Moroccan cuisine.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
2hrs	• 50 € / person	• Lunch / dinner included

PROGRAM

- 2-hour Moroccan cooking
- Spices, pots & mint tea ritual presentation
- 3-course lunch or dinner at restaurant



HOT AIR BALLOON

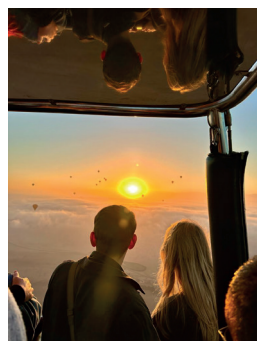
Floating across the sky at sunrise, above the arid plains of Marrakech and the Atlas Mountains, is an incredible way to start a day; whether it is to celebrate a special occasion or to make a dream come true. The different colours of diversified landscape will leave you breathless. Marrakesh is famous for having the clearest sky and purest air in Morocco Not to be missed! fly over the exotic city as well as the surrounding hilltop which offers a real treat for the eyes. Discover fabulous Morocco on sky.

- Depends on weather conditions, we recommend booking it early in your stay in case it gets postponed.
- We recommend our guests taking suitable clothes along with their camera and sunglasses.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
3.30hrs (6.30am to 10am) 28 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 200 € / person: Classic balloon flight• 352 € / person: VIP balloon flight• 615 € / person: Royale balloon flight- (-50% for children under 10 years)- Minimum 2 people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Breakfast.• Flight + certificate.• Camel ride.

PROGRAM

- Pick up early in the morning by 4X4 to the base for about 30min drive.
- Enjoy a continental breakfast while watching the balloon getting inflated.
- After a gentle take off, we will float where the wind takes us for approximately one hour in front of the high Atlas Mountains.
- By the landing you will get your flight certificate and enjoy the freshly made Berber breakfast in the tent.
- In the palmeraie enjoy the camel ride with a Berber dress.



ZAT VALLEY

This small Berber paradise is still unknown by the tourist masses and is hidden away in the heart of the Atlas Mountains. The Zat valley is lined with terraces of crops local to this area like poplar trees, and fig-trees and authentic villages built into the mountainside.

You will be able to go hiking on foot or by mule departing from the village of Tighdouine (known for its natural source of sparkling water) for a visit to the village of Talatast. For those more courageous and according to the programme agreed with your guide, you can continue along the road to the more distant village of Ait Ali hidden behind the mountain. You will enjoy a typical lunch with a local family. On the return trip there is the possibility of visiting a women's cooperative where 24 local women create beautiful embroidery and glassware (Monday - Friday afternoons).

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
7 hrs (9 am to 4 pm) 42.3 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Pax 180 €• 2 Pax 120 € / Person• 3 Pax 90 € / Person• 4 Pax 75 € / Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.• Local guide for the tour included.• Lunch at the Berber house included.

PROGRAM

- Departure from Riad Ta'achchaqa at 9 am in a private vehicle
- Return to Marrakech around 4 pm.
- Guide to Berber village.



THE 3 VALLEYS OF THE ATLAS

This is a marvellous trip to discover the most spectacular valleys of the area. Ourika, Sidi Fares and Asni valley on the way to Imlil we will be going through the plain of Haouz, after a morning rich of discoveries, you will reach the valley to enjoy many exceptional viewpoints. We will take old roads that will allow you to appreciate beautiful landscapes, alternating lush and desert nature. You can even see the snow capped High Atlas Mountains dominating all the area.

If the day of the excursion coincides with a local Berber market day in one of the villages, we will stop by. By midday, we propose you a real traditional Berber lunch. Just an unforgettable experience in the authentic valley of Sidi Fares, well known for its apple trees and the organic food. Everything is homemade: salad, chicken tagine, couscous, and seasonal fruits. If you are vegetarian, please let us know 24 hrs ahead.

After lunch, we will continue towards Asni where an amazing valley follows the other one. There are small villages where the "joy of living" is the key word. You can enjoy the view over the mount Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa culminating at 4167 meters.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
8hrs (9 am to 5 pm) 70 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Pax 190 €• 2 Pax 120 € / Person• 3 Pax 90 € / Person• 4 Pax 75 € / Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.• Lunch in Berber restaurant in sidi Farès included.

PROGRAM

- Departure from Riad Ta'achchaqa at 9 am in a private vehicle
- Scenic excursion through the Ourika valley, and offroad to Sidi Fares village for lunch in a Berber house.
- Drive to Asni.
- Drive to plateau de kik
- Drive to lac Lalla Takerkoust
- Return to Marrakech around 5 pm.



SUNSET AND CAMEL RIDE IN THE AGAFAY DESERT

Leave the vibrant city of Marrakech and drive through lush vegetation, olive and orange trees, orchards and through genuine villages. The scenery is completely different off the beaten tracks or on the road, barren light brown plateaux, a true stone desert. The locals call it Agafay desert: it could be called Sahara as well, because of the feeling of loneliness you can experience there. For all those who haven't got enough time in Morocco to go for a Sahara tour, all the way south, then the Agafay desert is an excellent alternative. The Agafay desert is not a sand desert but more sandstone and earthen plateau. You will discover traditional earth-built villages, dusty riverbeds interspersed with spectacular sumptuous pasture and vegetation in springtime. There we can appreciate a tea with the locals and experience trekking by camel.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
40 km from Marrakech	• 1/2 Pax 80 €	• Pick up - drop off included
5.30hrs (10.30 am to 4 pm for lunch)	• 3/4 Pax 100 €	• Private car/ driver
4.30hrs (4.30 pm to 9 pm for dinner)	• 5/6/7 Pax 150 €	• Camel rides not included
	• 8 Pax 180 €	• Quad not included

PROGRAM

- Departure from Riad Ta'achchaqa towards Agafay for a drive of about a 45 min
- Snack and tea in local Berber tent
- Return to Marrakech.

Camel 1 hour:	25 €/Person
Quad simple 1 hour:	50 €/Person
Quad double 1 hour:	70 €/2 People
Lunche/dinner:	25 €/Person

Dinner with show or lunch in the Berber tent can be set up for you, to be booked in advance.



AGAFAY DESERT - LAKE LALLA TAKERKOUST ATLAS MOUNTAINS

For all those who haven't got enough time in Morocco to go for a Sahara tour all the way south then Agafay desert is an excellent alternative.

The landscape is made up of sandstone rocks and traditional villages built of earth and straw.

We will take the road through tracks and cross Berber villages.

It is an opportunity to take a camel ride stop for tea in a typical Berber village and take the road to Lake Lalla Takerkoust which is actually a lake formed by a hydraulic dam.

It is a popular place for picnics by the water but also for horse riding or jet skiing. Lunch will take place either in a restaurant by the lake or, if you prefer, in a Berber family in the Atlas mountains.

We will continue our excursion towards the plateau of Kik where we will stop for some refreshments and to take photos of the magnificent landscape.

Finally, we will go down to the small city of Asni located at the foot of the Atlas Mountains (Where a traditional souk is held on Saturdays).

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
8hrs (9 am to 5 pm) 75 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Pax 190 €• 2 Pax 120 € / Person• 3 Pax 90 € / Person• 4 Pax 75 € / Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.• Lunch in berber family restaurant at plateau de kik / by the lake

PROGRAM

- Pick up in the morning.
- Departure to the Agafay desert.
- Lunch with a Berber family restaurant by the lake / at plateau de kik
- Visit of the Asni valley.
- Return to Marrakech.



IMLIL TREK IN THE HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Imlil is the starting point to climb Toubkal mount, the highest peak in North Africa. The village itself is located at 1700 m of altitude at just at one and a half hour from Marrakech. You may not be ready to climb its 4166m yet, but your local English speaking guide offers you hikes suitable for any level of fitness. The surroundings of Imlil are a real paradise on earth with its orchards of cashew nuts, cherry trees, raspberries, elderberries, apple trees and fig trees which supply the local Berber market of Asni on Saturdays. The local waterfalls, half an hour walk from the village, in the shade of the hazelnut trees beyond the Kasbah of Toubkal, are also a highlight of the visit After the hike.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
8hrs (9 am to 5 pm) 70 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Pax 170 €• 2 Pax 110€ / Person• 3 Pax 90 € / Person• 4 Pax 75 € / Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.• Lunch with local Berber family.• Guide for 1h30 hiking to the waterfalls

PROGRAM

- Departure from Ta'achchaqa towards Imlil, for a hike of about an 1h30
- Visit to the weekly souk of Asni, (Saturdays)
- Return to Marrakech.



ESSAOUIRA

The magnificent port city is part of the UNESCO world heritage and a protected site, located at about 3 hrs drive from Marrakech. The city walls date back to the 16th Century, and from there you will enjoy an astonishing view over the Atlantic Ocean. A day trip to Essaouira will offer you the opportunity to visit one of the most charming Medina of Morocco. There will be enough time to visit its main monuments, the citadel, the city walls, the old fish markets, the seaport, and its long beaches. You will also have the opportunity to see silver craftsmen and wood carvers working.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
10.30hrs (8.30 am to 7 pm) 170 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/2 Pax 180 €• 3/4 Pax 200€• 5/6/7 Pax 220 €	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.

PROGRAM

- Departure from Ta'achchaqa 8.30 am.
- Stops for photos.
- Visit a cooperative of Argan oil.
- Spend almost 6 hrs in the Medina and have lunch.
- Return to Marrakech 7 pm.



OUZOUND WATERFALLS

The falls are located at about 110m high, on three levels, on the Ouzoud Wadi, at an altitude of 1060m in the Middle Atlas. This vast site is an important Moroccan tourist spot located 120km from Beni Mellal. The waterfalls are a 3hrs drive away from Marrakech, they are the Northern Africa's largest waterfall they seem to come out of a postcard, and not to be missed!

Our day together includes a visit to these breathtaking falls, which offer the traveller an almost permanent rainbow crowning their impressive heights. Before arriving at the falls, we will have the chance to drive through the spectacular High Atlas Mountains, stopping along the way to visit a natural bridge carved out of the mountains by nothing more than Time itself!

Once we arrive, we will take a hike for approximately two hours to reach the bottom of the falls. Here we will have the opportunity to swim and take in the healing powers of these magnificent falls. We will enjoy a traditional tajine in one of the restaurants, while admiring the nature around.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
9,30hrs (8.30 am to 6 pm) 180 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Pax 200 €• 2 Pax 135 € / Person• 3 Pax 100 € / Person• 4 Pax 85 € / Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.• Lunch at the local restaurant included.• Guide for 1hour hiking to the waterfalls included.

PROGRAM

- Departure from Riad Ta'achchaqa, towards the road of Fez, after 2h30 drive we will arrive in the village of Ouzoud at 1500m of altitude.
- You will take a walk down to the feet of the waterfalls, then, you will go up 600 steps to reach the restaurants niches on the banks. After lunch, we will take the road for 30 minutes to reach the natural bridge of lmi n'lfri, one of the wonders of Moroccan nature.
- Return to Marrakech around 6 pm.



KASBAH AIT BEN HADDOU & OUARZAZATE

Located at the meeting point of both valleys of the Ouarzazate river and Dades river (both stemming from the High Atlas) which form the river Draa downstream from their confluence, it is the nerve centre of a vast region of Southern Morocco.

Ouarzazate recalls both the southern foothills of the High Atlas and the proximity of the desert. Its numerous earth-built kasbahs, the mountains and the arid plains, the green valleys and the oases, the palm groves and villages made of red or ochre earth, all make the charm of this region and give it its tourist appeal.

The symbol of the city is the Kasbah of Taourirt which belonged to Pacha El Glaoui; it was built around the middle of the 18th century. It is represented in the new banknotes of 50 dirhams and is adjacent to the medina. Ait Ben Haddou is a small city located in the province of Ouarzazate. It is a gathering of earthen buildings surrounded by walls, the Kasar (fortified village) which is a traditional Saharan lodging. The houses are grouped together inside its defensive walls reinforced by corner towers.

DURATION	RATES	USEFUL INFORMATION
11hrs (8 am to 7 pm) 200 km from Marrakech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Pax 200 €• 2 Pax 110 € / Person• 3 Pax 80 € / Person• 4 Pax 70 € / Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick up - drop off included.• Private car/ driver.• Lunch• Guide to visit the Kasbah.

PROGRAM

- Departure from Riad Ta'achchaqa at 8 am towards the High Atlas.
- Stops for photos, Tichka pass (2260m).
- Visit of the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou.
- Visit of studio de cinema in Ouarzazate.
- Return to Marrakech.

As for 3 or 4 days trip to Merzouga, please get in touch with the riad reception.





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