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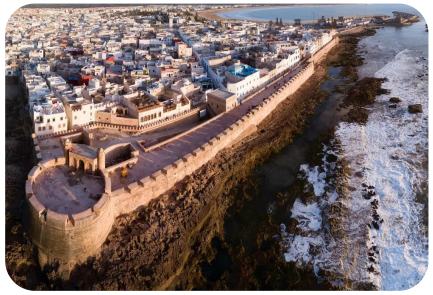
5 DAYS: MARRAKECH, HIGH ATLAS BERBERS & ATLANTIC COAST

An exclusive immersion of 5 days in the heart of Morocco

TRIP OVERVIEW

This tour offers a great combination of the buzz of Marrakech, the tranquility of the High Atlas and the ozone laden air of the Atlantic Coast. In only 5 days a great sample of what Morocco can offer can be experienced; it’s a great taster tour (before, perhaps, one day, on a further tour, you head over the High Atlas to the Sahara). The city of Marrakech richly bustles and captivates. Some time in the city’s Old Medina, in its Souks and on Jemaa El Fnaa square certainly tells your senses (all of them!) that you are somewhere most exotic. The High Atlas Mountains dominate the southern skyline of Marrakech and some time is spent amongst their peaks and deep valleys. Being amongst the friendly and welcoming Berbers is both eye and mind opening. Participating too in Berber life activities is also part of this deeply memorable tour itinerary. The Atlantic Seaboard at Essaouira is most refreshing, perhaps enjoying it for relaxation after the earlier days of exploration. This area is especially pleasant in the hotter months of the year. Time spent in nearby Sidi Kauki too is very laid back, a great spot from which to often watch surfers.







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TRIP OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

HIGHLIGHTS: The colour, bustle and excitement of Marrakech Jemma El Fna Square in Marrakech and the Souks Traditional Apothecary visit The High Atlas Mountains Being amongst Berber daily life and activities Gentle rural walk in a valley of the High Atlas “Happenstance” encounters with Berber villagers An active and participating hands-on day in Boulaaouane Berber village in the High Atlas The Atlantic Seaboard at Essaouira for interest and relaxation



TRIP OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 4 x nights hotel accommodation on a half board basis; twin/triple rooming for pupils; single rooms for teachers
- ✓ An ATS Moroccan Courier, English speaking, throughout, to help with all practical and logistical matters
- ✓ A City Guide on 2 occasions for visiting the Marrakech Medina & on 1 occasion in Essaouira Medina
- ✓ A Countryside Guide in Amizmiz
- ✓ Camel ride in Agafay (1 camel per participant) with camel leaders
- ✓ 2 x large bottles of water per person, per day on the coach
- ✓ 4 x Lunches (3 in restaurants and 1 in Boulaaouan village)
- ✓ Boulaaouan village visit

NOT INCLUDED

- × Personal Insurance & Group Insurance
- × Personal spending
- × Tips
- × All other items not mentioned in the WHAT ANZAL TOURS INCLUDES list

DETAILED ITINERARY

1 Arrival Into Marrakech

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Contrasting Cultures; Developing World City; World Heritage Site Arrive into Marrakech Menara Airport and private coach transfer to hotel. If flight arrival time is in the morning/early afternoon, take lunch in the hotel. Walk to the Old Medina. Here the city bustles and fascinates in equal measure. Take in a view of the Koutoubia Mosque, move across the Jemaa el Fna entertainment square and enter the Souks with a City Guide. A traditional Apothecary visit is included too where much is learned about traditional medicines as well as culinary herbs and spices. Dependent on time, perhaps some time can be given to explore the souks and/or enjoy viewing the sunset behind the Koutoubia mosque from a rooftop terrace cafe. Overnight Marrakech



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2 The High Atlas & Camel Ride

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Fold mountains; Hazardous environments; Water resource management; Traditional/New farming systems; Cultural Contrasts; Climate Change; Development Issues Travelling south from Marrakech across the Marrakech Plain to the rural settlement of Amizmiz takes approximately 1 hour. But once in Amizmiz, in amongst the High Atlas, Marrakech feels like it could be a million miles away. This area of the High Atlas experienced a major earthquake in September, 2023, Richter scale 6.8. The impact of this event was immense, with high loss of life and many villages greatly damaged with many buildings collapsed. Families were broken, livlihoods lost and for many life had to continue by living in tents. Some years on, the present situation will be seen in the gradual repair and rebuild of broken communities. En route to Amizmiz, a visit to the Barage (dam) and reservoir of Lalla Takerkoust (water issues/water sustainability issues) is taken. This illustrates clearly aspects of large-scale water resource management, vital to this area's productivity and survival. In Amizmiz and its surroundings, life is very traditional. Amizmiz is a rural market town with much everyday activity as well as its added market day activity too (once a week). An easy stroll around the settlement and into the surrounding rural landscapes shows the



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3 Boulaaouan Berber Village & Essaouira On The Atlantic Coast

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Traditional farming systems; Cultural Contrasts; Climate Change; Development Issues Participating in the life of Berbers. Today you first travel to the traditional Berber village of Boulaouane. In the village it is very much an immersive and hands-on experience, with students very much taking part in traditional activities. On arrival, first there is a welcoming tea making demonstration. Tea is then enjoyed with cakes. Everyone should carefully note all the stages in the tea making process as these newly acquired skills will be called upon later on in the visit. The group is then split into 3 teams. Team 1 will prepare Tagines, Team 2 will prepare traditional Berber bread and Team 3 will prepare Amlou (a tasty dip made from crushed roasted almonds (CAUTION: CONTAINS NUTS), honey and argan oil. Then it's lunchtime, partly consisting of foodstuffs made by the students. After lunch take a guided short walk to explore the area and then back to the Berber Cultural Centre. Here a tea making contest is enjoyed with a prize to the winner. Then enjoy having tea, coffee with msemen, amlou, olive oil. Then depart for Essaouira En route to Essaouira, this area of Morocco is the only area where argan trees naturally grow. As you travel ever westwards, some goats may be seen grazing around the argan trees, eating the leaves and the fruits



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4 Essaouira

In the morning, after breakfast, an official City Guide will meet your group. This Guide will give you a tour of the Medina area and the defensive sea walls, describing and explaining as you walk around, a good opportunity to ask many questions. Lunch is then taken in a restaurant. The remainder of your Essaouira time today will be at leisure and may include some of the following options:- Leisurely explore the medina and the bustling souks with their many shops and cafés Walk the ramparts of the old sea wall defences; good coastal geography processes and forms to be seen and discussed Enjoy a stroll along the extensive promenade by the beach Enjoy time on the extensive beach Take time by the harbour to see the lively fishing industry Take a camel ride on the beach (not yet costed in but can be added at a supplement) Overnight in Essaouira.



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5 Return

Back to Marrakech and departure. Depending upon your group's scheduled flight's departure time, there may either be: be a little more time in Essaouira in the morning or time some time in Marrakech Then to Marrakech Menara Airport for departure. NOTE: Groups should be at Check-In at least 3 hours before flights scheduled departure time.



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