

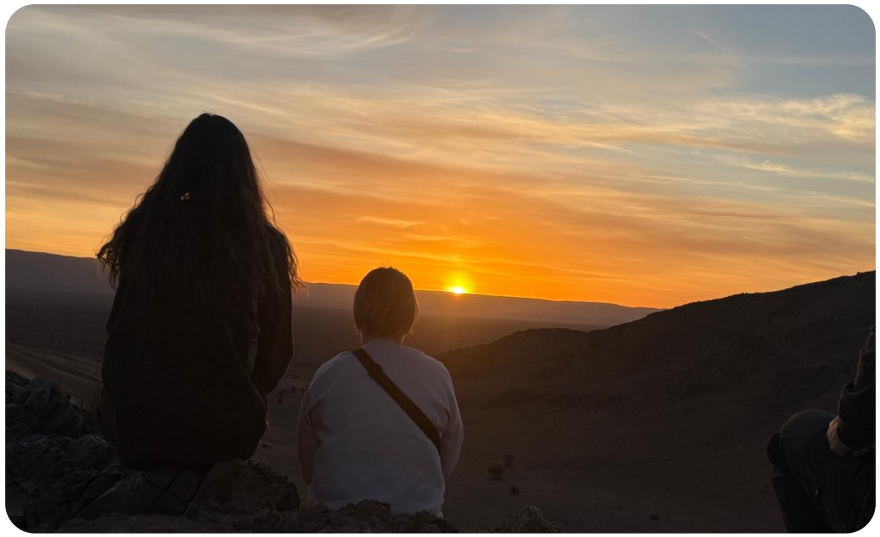
Tours 2026

6 DAY TOUR OPTION: MARRAKECH, HIGH ATLAS AND SAHARA AT ZAGORA

An exclusive immersion of 6 days in the heart of Morocco

TRIP OVERVIEW

This tour is experience packed! As well as time in the exciting city of Marrakech, this tour travels through the mighty High Atlas, the Anti Atlas, along the date palm lined Drâa Valley and then continues on to the Sahara at Zagora. Included is a Saharan night in a Bedouin Camp after a late afternoon camel ride and a Saharan sunset atop the sand dunes; truly most memorable. Physical and human geography topics are encountered. Fold mountains, tectonics, river processes/forms, arid landscapes are all encountered. Additionally, a developing world city is experienced along with traditional Berber life in the High Atlas and traditional Bedouin life in the Sahara. Development topics and issues abound and offer impactful, real, relevant case studies. NOTE: This tour is best covered in 6 days but can be done in 5 days (we can advise further on this; a 5 day tour version needs a morning arrival flight on Day 1 and an evening departure flight on Day 5). THIS TOUR'S HIGHLIGHTS Marrakech, its vibrancy, colour and clamour Jemaa El Fna Sqaure and the Souks Traditional Apothecary visit The Dramatic Landscapes of the High Atlas mountains Tizi-n-Tichka Pass Ouarzazate, the Peaceful City Drâa Valley and date palmeries The Sahara by Zagora Camel ride Saharan Sunset/Sunrise Saharan starry night skies Overnight in a Bedouin Camp Bedouin drumming and singing under the stars Tamegroute, "subterranean" village and pottery Film Studios visit Aït Benhaddou Kasbah, a UNESCO World Heritage Site







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TRIP OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 4 x nights hotel accommodation on a half board basis; twin/triple rooming for pupils; single rooms for teachers; 1 x night in a Bedouin Camp on a half board basis
- ✓ An ATS Moroccan Courier, English speaking, throughout, to help with all practical and logistical matters
- ✓ A City Guide on 2 occasions for visiting the Medina
- ✓ Camel ride in Zagora (1 camel per participant) with camel leaders
- ✓ 2 x large bottles of water per person, per day on the coach
- ✓ Lunches on 6 days
- ✓ Film Studio visit in Ouarzazate
- ✓ OPTIONAL ADDITIONS NOT YET COSTED IN:
- ✓ Soft drinks with lunches and/or evening meals
- ✓ Entry to Majorelle Gardens, Marrakech
- ✓ Entry to the Water Museum, Marrakech
- ✓ A Day in Douar Oulad Elguern village (See the Single Day Itinerary Options section)



NOT INCLUDED

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

DETAILED ITINERARY

1 ARRIVE MARRAKECH; MEDINA VISIT, SOUKS AND APOTHECARY

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 MARRAKECH > MARRAKECH PLAIN > HIGH ATLAS > TIZI-N-TICHKA PASS > AÏT BENHADDOU > OUARZAZATE

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Fold Mountains; River Systems; Small Scale Water Management; Flash Flooding; Berber Communities and Activities; Development Issues; Hazardous Environments; Climate Change First travelling across the Marrakech Plain, it's then up and over the High Atlas. The highest peak of the High Atlas can often be seen, Mount Toubkal, 4,167m. The Berbers (the Mountain People) live here; to see their villages and to observe their everyday farmland and village activities is fascinating. Water is a very precious and life sustaining resource; its traditional management to lead it to the terraced fields is impressive. The Berbers' traditional pisé mud brick homes are seen plus the rapid, recent change to concrete construction. On entering the High Atlas foothills, a stop is taken at a cafe from which a grand panorama reveals the nature and origins of the High Atlas. Continuing onwards, much is seen in the ways of Berber life, in their villages and on their lands. A market day may be encountered when the clamour and activity is at its most fascinating intensity. Lunch is taken just before summiting the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass. Beside the restaurant is an Argan Oil Co-operative, an example of rural development to help ladies' income. Here all is explained about how the argan nuts are processed by hand into the various culinary and cosmetic products



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3 TIZI-N-TINIFIFFT PASS > DRÄA VALLEY > ZAGORA > SAHARA > CAMEL RIDE > BEDOUIN CAMP > SAHARAN SUNSET

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: River Processes and Forms; Nomadic Pastoralism; Irrigated Agriculture; Arid Landscapes, Processes and Forms; Berber Communities and Activities; Development Issues; Rainfall as Friend and Foe; Climate Change; Drought Cycles; Star Gazing Today it is up and over the Anti Atlas mountains. Climbing out of Ouarzazate, the road snakes as you ascend towards the Tizi-n-Tiniffifft Pass (1,660m). At the Pass an awesome overlook allows you to view deep water cut canyons. The river here has deeply incised the valley in the past and during flash floods of today, developing a polished rock channel floor; fascinating. It is a mini Grand Canyon! Look out too for the “eye” and the “heart”, weathered rocky outcrops as you travel onwards from this area. Passing through Agdz, a busy service centre, your route enters the valley of the Drâa River. The water from this river allows intensive farming on the fertile soils of the valley. Date palmeries abound, a rich and valuable crop. Date stalls are frequently seen too. Beneath the date palms, and shaded from the intense sun, small plots produce a wide range of vegetables and fruits. Following the Drâa Valley southwards, the date palmeries are like a thick, wide and very long “carpet” of greenery on the valley floor; a stop at a fine vantage point is taken. Zagora is a grand, small city. The wealth



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4 BEDOUIN CAMP > TAMEGROUTE > ZAGORA > DRÂA VALLEY > OUARZAZATE

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Arid Landscapes and Landforms; Semi Desert and Desert Transition; Acacia Forests; Sand Dunes and their Management; Artesian Water; Challenging Environments; Contrasting Cultures Returning northwards today, there is ample opportunity to engage with new educational topics and different educational experiences along the way. By now your pupils/students will be gaining a greater understanding and a fuller realization that they are in a sub-tropical environment and in a country that is at a very different level of development than the UK. This opens up the opportunity to discuss issues and to suggest and evaluate development options. Stops can be made at appropriate places along the way to engage your with your pupils/students in meaningful, relevant and important topics. Additionally, if the opportunity arises, it may be possible to stop and to engage with a farmer working his land. Your Courier will see if this is possible. By asking questions of a local farmer, so much can be learned and appreciated; geography comes alive. In the vicinity of both your overnight camp and Tamegroute, there are many sand dunes; their need for management to reduce their impact on human activities can be understood. The first planned stop of the day is Tamegroute (to which you first travel southwards). This



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5 OUARZAZATE > FILM STUDIOS > HIGH ATLAS > MARRAKECH

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Movie Industry; Incised Meanders; Rural Development Issues; Rural Push and Urban Pull Factors; Roadway Issues; Living in Hazardous & Challenging Environments First visit the Film Studios on the western outskirts of the city this morning. Much can be learned as to why these studios are located here. Also an apreciattion of the wide range of employment opportunites that result fron this industry. Then it is up and over the High Atlas once again; so much fascinating activity to observe and process. The highest peak in this impressive mountain range should again be looked for - Mount Toubkal (4,167m). To continue to see the Berber villages and to observe their everyday farmland and village activities allows for much reflection, comparing their lives with your own. The N9 road continues to snake upwards to the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass (2,260m) and to lunch. Descending the north facing slopes of the High Atlas there is much to still fascinate. River valleys that have been deeply cut into the landscape can be seen. Many rock sellers are at the roadsides, all trying to boost their family’s income. Maybe you will spot some beehives on the valley sides, another development to try to increase rural incomes. After all the tranquillity and tradition of the mountains, soon you are back in the midst of the exhilarating hustle, bustle and clamour of vibrant



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6 DEPARTURE DAY

Depending on your flight times, there may be the opportunity for more time to walk into Marrakech Medina. If, however, you have an evening departure flight then an exceelnt addition to consider is to spend 5-6 hours in the traditional village Douar Oulad Elguern, a hugely impacting practical, “hands-on” day on the Marrakech Plain - see our Day Insert Options for a full description of this Anzal Tours unique option. At a supplementary cost this can be added. Shorter options include the Majorelle Gardens (once owned by Yves St Lauren). At a supplementary cost this can be added. The Gardens offer a most tranquil, a lush oasis by contrast to the Medina. Another option is the new and excellent Water Museum. This is an interactive museum where much is learned about gaining and using water over many centuries, from the distant past till the present day. At a supplementary cost this can be added. Other supplementary options include Ben Youssef Koranic School, Bahia Palace, Saadian Tombs, Badi Palace. Coach transfer to Marrakech Menara Airport.



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