



# An 11 night trip to Morocco

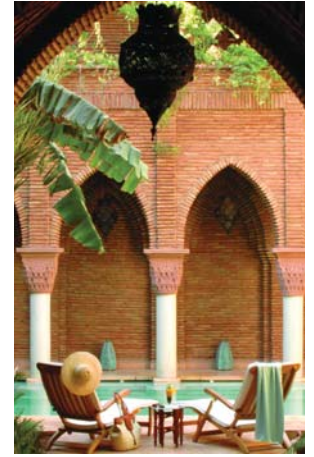
## Marrakech, The Atlas Mountains and Ouarzazate



*Day 1* On your arrival at Marrakech Menara Airport you will be chauffeur driven to your 5\* accommodation in the city. Dinner will be served at your hotel or riad.

*Day 2* After breakfast you will be collected from your accommodation and taken on a full day guided tour of Marrakech. Your tour starts at the 12th century Koutoubia Mosque whose beautiful minaret dominates the skyline of Marrakech and can be seen from almost every approach to the city. The tour will

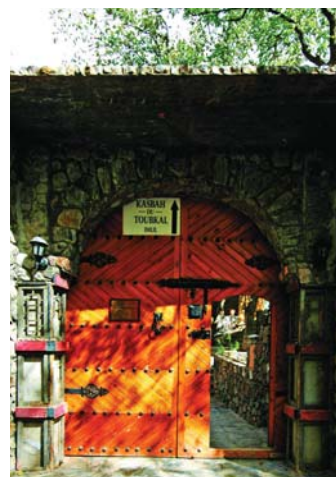
include a visit to the medina and its colourful souks (marketplace) where you can barter for carpets, leather goods, jewellery, lanterns and spices. In the early evening we will head towards the frenetic Djemaa el-Fna, the most famous square in Africa, where snake charmers, storytellers, acrobats, medicine men and musicians compete for your attention. You may wish to dine at our recommended restaurant, the Al Fassia, one of the finest Moroccan restaurants in Marrakech. If you wish to do so, we can reserve a table for you on your behalf.



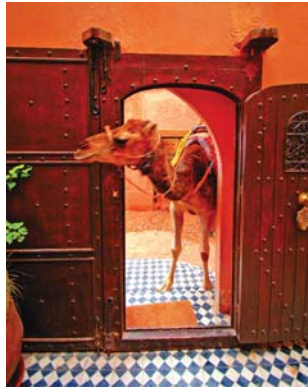
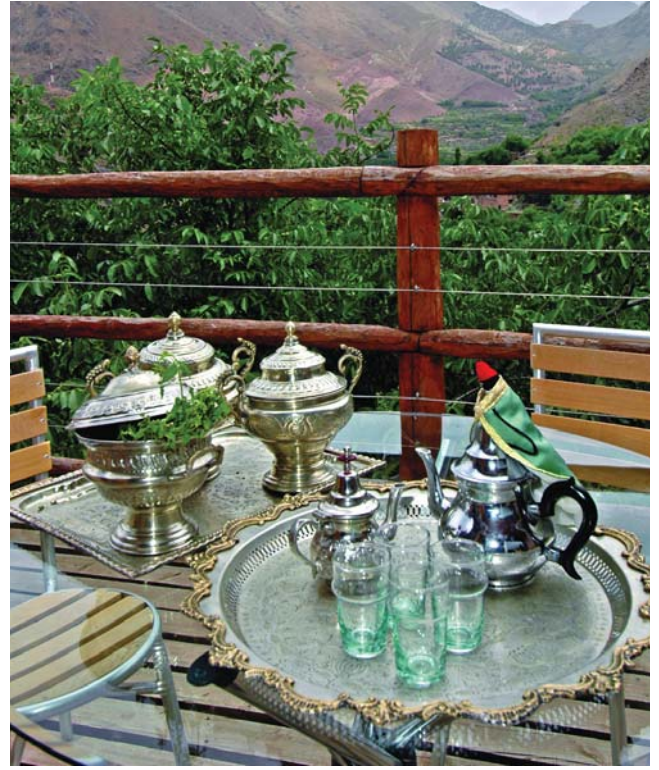
*Days 3* After breakfast you will be met by your guide and continue your tour of Marrakech where you will visit the Majorelle Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, the medieval Medersa Ben Youssef (Koranic university), the Musée de Marrakech and the Dar Bellarj cultural foundation. After lunch you will be driven south from Marrakech to visit the lush and verdant Ourika valley nestled in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, where local Marrakchis often come at weekends to picnic with their families. For dinner you are free to dine at a restaurant of your choice or we can reserve a table for you at one of our recommended restaurants.



*Day 4* After breakfast you will be met at your accommodation and driven into the foothills of the stunning High Atlas Mountains. Here, you will have lunch at the world-renowned Kasbah du Toubkal, a stunning mountain retreat, standing 1800 metres above sea level. The Kasbah is located in the midst of reddish-brown mountains, walnut groves and mud-brick villages with the towering snow-capped Jbel Toubkal rising 4165 metres steeply behind. The local Berber inhabitants live a way of life that has hardly changed in centuries. You will stay at the Kasbah du Toubkal on a full board basis. There are many walking opportunities available to you and we can offer guided treks around the local valleys and villages.



*Day 5/6* After breakfast you will be taken on a guided trek and enjoy a picnic lunch in the mountains. For those who prefer something less strenuous, we can provide mules for you to ride. On your return to the Kasbah you may wish to relax in the hammam before dinner or sit on the vast roof terraces admiring the stunning views.



*Day 7* After breakfast you will be met by your driver and transferred to Ouarzazate, a journey of approximately 6 hours. The route offers wonderful photo opportunities with both the dramatic Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass at 2260 metres and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre of Ait Benhaddou, where movies such as *Gladiator* and *Jesus Of Nazareth* were filmed. Your accommodation will be in a 5\* hotel in Ouarzazate where dinner will also be served.

*Day 8* After breakfast you will be met by your driver and transferred to Dar Azawad. This journey will take you down the Draa valley famous for its date palm oases. You will pass through Zagora and on to M'hamid where the road ends and becomes desert. You will spend the night at the excellent Dar Azawad where all meals are included.



*Day 9* After breakfast you will meet your driver and desert guide and will be taken by 4x4 vehicle into the true desert. A picnic lunch will be provided. In the late afternoon you then drive back towards M'hamid and stop off at the Azawad camp where you will spend the night under the stars in Berber tents. The camp provides a full staff and dinner is served by candlelight.

*Day 10* After breakfast you will be taken back to Dar Azawad where you can relax, swim in the pool and take an early lunch before meeting your driver and transferring back to Ouarzazate. You will spend the night at your 5\* hotel in Ouarzazate.



*Day 11* After breakfast you continue your journey back to Marrakech, where you will spend the night at your 5\* accommodation.



*Day 12* After breakfast you will be taken to the airport for your return journey home. For those with an afternoon flight, you can spend the morning relaxing at your accommodation or take the opportunity to do some last minute shopping.

