

SINGING HOLIDAY

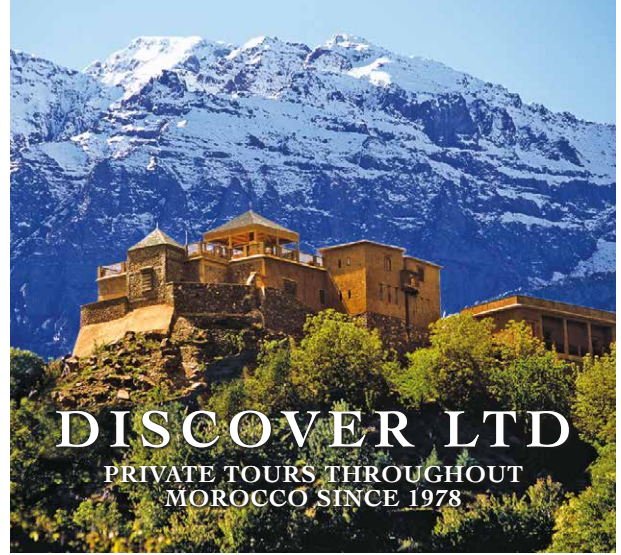
IN MARRAKECH AND THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

4-12 AUGUST 2025
(8 NIGHTS/9 DAYS)



THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
(limited to 22 places) to participate
in Discover Ltd's first ever 'singing
extravaganza'.

- Led by the acclaimed and highly respected Hugh Beckwith (Musical Director) you will learn to sing a mixture of genres throughout the week, all within a choral setting: from classical to close harmony to jazz *a cappella* to some beautiful folk arrangements.
- By the end of the week, you will have learned an exciting and varied programme of music which together we will perform for a range of audiences both in the Atlas Mountains and in Marrakech.



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Trip reference: CHORAL

£2097 per person

based on 2 people sharing

£2887 per person

single occupancy



Land only - flights are not included.

- Staying five nights at the award-winning [Kasbah du Toubkal](#) and three nights in the beautiful [Boutique Riad Les Yeux Bleus](#) in Marrakech's old medina.
- Whilst staying at Kasbah du Toubkal we will also have an opportunity to sing alongside students who are supported by [Education for All Morocco](#), a charity established by Discover Ltd. Founded seventeen years ago EFA supports the education of young girls from rural communities in the Atlas Mountains. This will provide participants with a wonderful opportunity to explore and get to know the local Berber community.



Musical Director: Hugh Beckwith

Hugh Beckwith is prolific conductor and singer based in London. He studied for his Masters degree in vocal performance at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama after completing his undergraduate degree in Music at the University of Manchester.

In recent years, he has sung at the Royal Opera House, the English National Opera as well as at the English National Ballet. Hugh has just completed (2024) singing with Opera Holland Park for their summer season.

Hugh has and continues to conduct many choirs including: Elmbridge Community Choir; Egham Choral and The Vine Singers as well as various projects with the Cotswold Chamber Choir.

In December 2023, Hugh conducted 400 singers from 8 different choirs of 8 different nationalities in Prague as part of a music festival. He has sung leading roles in musicals throughout school and university.

He is also a founder member of the acclaimed jazz acapella group Standard Deviation and is in the process of fine tuning their first CD for an intended launch later this year.

All enquiries to: bookings@discover.ltd.uk

Important Special Terms

This trip is subject to minimum number of 10 participants, maximum 20 (or 22 with no single places).

If minimum numbers for the trip are not reached by 1st December 2024, we will reimburse all monies paid.*

*** Please do not book your flights until we confirm that we have reached the minimum number of participants, as we are unable to refund any flight costs.**

Included in the price*

- The price includes most meals, all transfers and workshop materials
- A 2-hour tagine-making cookery class
- Two half-day guided walks in the Atlas Mountains.
- A guided walk around the souks of Marrakech (including visits to the [Jardin Marjorelle](#) and to [Amina Garden](#) in the foothills – entrance fees included).

**Price does not include flights & insurance).*

Payment terms

- 30% deposit is payable upon confirmation.**
- Balance payable 10 weeks prior to the start of the trip.

***Please refer to our Trip Terms & Conditions for full booking details (available on request and provided at enquiry stage).*

Travel arrangements

(we are unable to book flights for you)

Easyjet (www.easyjet.com), British Airways (www.ba.com) and Ryanair (www.ryanair.com) fly direct to Marrakech from London.

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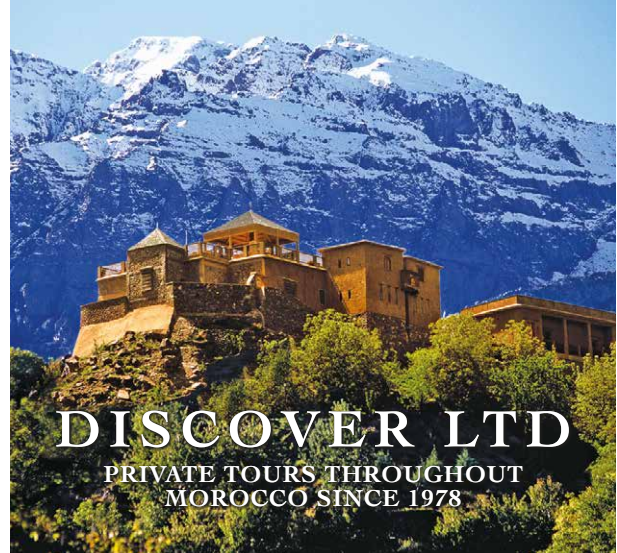


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PRELIMINARY ITINERARY



Day 1 – Monday 4th August

Arrive in Marrakech. *You will be asked closer to the event to confirm your flight details so that you can be met at the airport.*

3:00pm Meet at Riad Les Yeux Bleu (RLB) for the drive to the Kasbah du Toubkal (KDT) (Imlil). Check into rooms; welcome reception/dinner.

Day 2 – Tuesday 5th August

7:30am Breakfast at KDT
8:30am-11:30am Group rehearsal
12:30pm Lunch at KDT
1:30pm-3:30pm Individual 15 minute sessions (12 people) to get to know voices **OR** optional half day trek to the mountain villages/resting in the grounds of KDT
6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Sing
7:30pm Dinner at KDT

Day 3 – Wednesday 6th August

7:30am Breakfast at KDT
8:30am-11:30am Group rehearsal
12:30pm Lunch at KDT
1:30pm-3:30pm Individual 15 minute sessions (those I haven't seen yet) to get to know voices **OR** optional half day trek to the mountain villages/resting in the grounds of KDT
6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Sing
7:30pm Dinner at KDT

Day 4 – Thursday 7th August

8:00am Breakfast at KDT
10:00am-11:30am Group rehearsal (early morning off)
12:30pm Lunch at KDT
1:30-3:00pm Group rehearsal
6:00pm-7:00pm Dinner
7:30pm Evening Community Sing after dinner

Day 5 – Friday 8th August

7:30am Breakfast at KDT
8:30am-11:30am Group rehearsal
12:00pm Lunch at KDT
Tagine-making/walk down to Imlil/relaxing in the grounds of KDT
6:00pm-7:00pm Dinner at KDT
7:30pm Evening Community Sing

Day 6 – Saturday 9th August

8:00am Breakfast at KDT
10:00am Travel down to Marrakech stopping to visit the Amina Gardens on the way
12:30pm Lunch at Amina Gardens (*not included in course fee*)
3:30pm Check into Riad Les Yeux Blues (RLB), Marrakech/introductory welcome/places to visit in Marrakech
4:30pm Familiarisation tour of the area around the Riad and the souk/main square
????? Dinner (*not included in course fee*)

Staff will be on hand in Marrakech to offer guidance/suggestions on what & where to eat. Highly recommended places include:

- *Café Arabe in the Medina (<https://www.cafearabe.com/en/>) a short walk from the riad*
- *Café la Poste (<https://www.grandcafedelaposte.restaurant/>)*
- *La Mammounia, for a glass of something chilled (<https://mammounia.com/en/>)*
- *Catanzaro restaurant (<https://en.catanzaro.ma/>)*

Day 7 – Sunday 10th August

8:00am Breakfast at RLB
9:00am-12:00pm Group rehearsal
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (*not included in course fee*)
1:00pm-3:30pm Individual 15 minute sessions/relax in the grounds of RLB/explore the local area
3:30pm Guided tour of the souk
6:00pm-7:30pm Evening Sing
8:30pm Dinner (*not included in course fee*)

Day 8 – Monday 11th August

10:00am-11:30am Group rehearsal (*early morning off*)
11.30am-12.20pm Lunch (*not included in course fee*)
12:30pm-1:30pm Individual 15 minute sessions (*remaining people*)
1:30pm Trip to Jardin Marjorelle
5:30pm-6:30pm Evening sing/final Concert at Cultural Centre
8:30pm Group final dinner at RLB

Day 9 – Tuesday 12th August

8:00am Breakfast at RLB
??? Transfers to airport

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FAQs

Do I need to be able to read music and be a proficient singer already?

There is no requirement to be able to read music or have lots of singing experience. We do ask that you are able to hold a tune and more importantly, are willing to learn though, this is hopefully pretty much everyone! Whether you're an amateur or avid singer, there will be lots for everyone to enjoy on this singing experience.

What kind of music will we be singing?

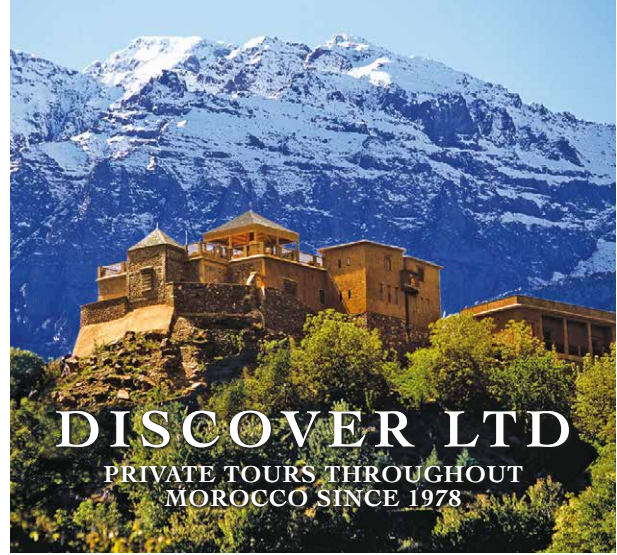
We will be looking at a mixture of genres throughout the week, all within a choral setting: from classical to close harmony to jazz acapella to some beautiful folk arrangements. By the end of the week, we will have an exciting and varied programme of music to perform both to local communities in the Atlas Mountains as well as in Marrakech together.

How hot will it be in Morocco in August?

Traditionally it will be hot in August, more so in Marrakech than up in the mountains (Kasbah du Toubkal) which is on average 10-15°C cooler than in the city.

The Kasbah has a range of places where will be able to rehearse including a wonderful ventilated indoor space as well as on the roof terrace or in the gardens. We will do a mixture of rehearsing outside in the mornings and evenings in one / more of these locations. Whilst staying at the Kasbah we will have use of an infinity pool and a plunge pool in the Hammam too!

Down in Marrakech, at Riad Les Yeux Blues, we will also be able to rehearse on the terrace of the Riad, or around the pool, where it is sheltered and breezy. There is wonderful pool in a courtyard on the ground floor as well as a wonderful plunge pool on the terrace to cool off in.



Where and when will we get to perform?

There will be numerous opportunities throughout the course to perform the songs that we have been working on. We will be joined by students involved in Education for all Morocco (www.efamorocco.org) allowing us to meet, talk and sing with local people from the villages around the Kasbah in the Atlas Mountains. We will perform to and with some of the locals in Imlil a little town down the mountain as well as perform at a range of venues in Marrakech (*presently being finalised*) but, intending to include Jemma El Fnaa, the main square in Marrakech. Other performances will be at a cultural centre in Marrakech (*again, venue to be confirmed*).

What is on offer other than singing in the most breath-taking setting?

Included in the cost of the 'holiday' are guided walks around the villages of the Kasbah as well as a tagine making activity at the Kasbah. There is a hammam (spa) in the Kasbah and an infinity pool to keep you occupied in between singing too. On the return trip to Marrakech we will visit the Amina Gardens and also visit Le Jardin Marjorelle in Marrakech which is a 'must' see! There will also be a guided tour of the Souk arranged.

Do I need to book taxis and other excursions that take my fancy?

From the moment you step off the plane to when you get back to the airport 9 days later everything is sorted for you. Your job is to simply make music, experience the most beautiful scenery and enjoy your creative adventure. If you would like to arrange any independent excursions, staff will be on hand to assist you in this.

In addition if you were wanting to either come out to Morocco in advance of the course starting OR stay on

at the end of the course, please contact bookings@discover.ltd.uk at the time of your booking who will be able to assist you with your requirements.

Most importantly, this is your holiday, and you can take part in all/as many activities and events as you would like.

What else will I be expected to pay for?

All transfers to/from airport and the Kasbah du Toubkal rtn are included as are transfers to the Amina Gardens and Le Jardin Marjorelle.

The only meals you will need to pay for are:

- Lunch at the Amina Gardens (Day 6) on the journey from the Kasbah to Marrakech
- Dinner on Day 6 when we return to Marrakech
- Lunch & Dinner on Day 7 in Marrakech
- Lunch Day 8

Staff will be on hand in Marrakech to offer guidance/suggestions on what & where to eat.

Highly recommended places include:

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What will the food be like?

Moroccan food is lovely – you will get lots of tagine and rice/couscous, and lots of colourful salads. Breakfasts usually comprise breads, pancakes, eggs and fruit, possibly yogurt. Vegetarians will be fine. We will ask for information on dietary requirements in advance of the trip.

Will we be allowed to drink alcohol?

Morocco is a Muslim country and so there are a few caveats. Alcoholic drinks are available in most hotels and restaurants frequented by tourists in Marrakesh. The Riad has a bar and will sell you wine. Alcohol is not sold or served at the Kasbah although they will give you glasses and allow it at dinner if you bring some with you. Top tip! Buy a bottle of gin or whatever at the UK airport duty free and you will find plenty of soft drinks to go with it in the local shops... you can order a tonic and add 'magic water' discreetly at the Riad and the Kasbah.

What else should I read?

We would strongly recommend that you explore:

- the Kasbah's website: Kasbah du Toubkal
- the FAQ section <https://www.kasbahdutoubkal.com/faq.html>
- as well as the Riad Les Yeux Blues website: Boutique Riad Les Yeux Blues

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