



# Marrakech

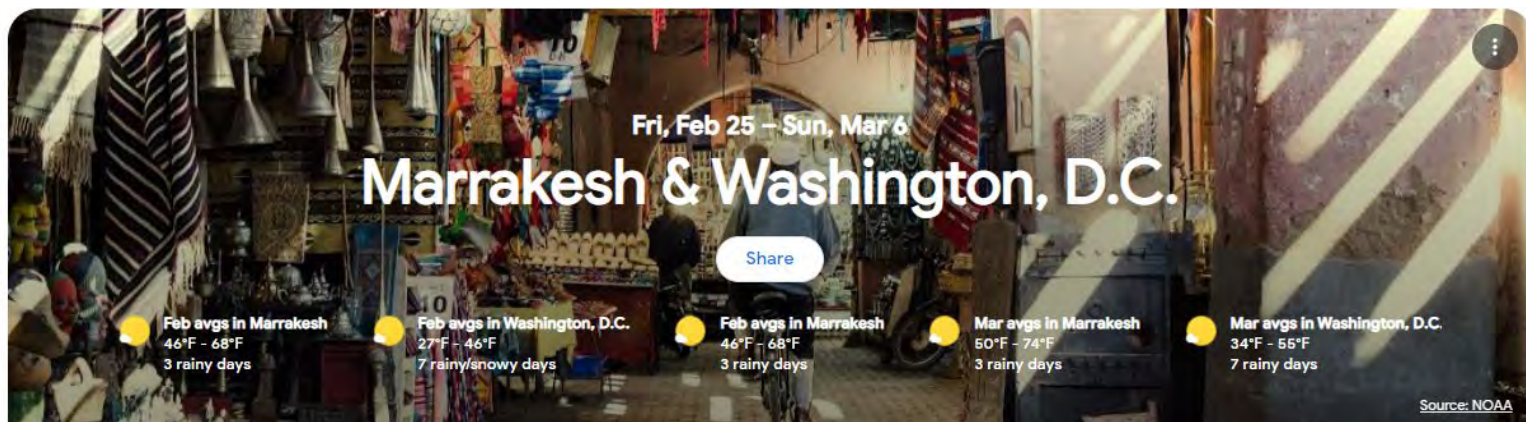
2022

# Itinerary

			City	Hotel
Friday, 25-Feb	PM	Depart IAD: 8:45 PM		Air
Saturday, 26-Feb	AM	Arrive CMN at 10:05 AM. Depart CMN at 11:00 AM.	Marrakesh	Riad Ilayka
	Noon	Arrive RAK: 11:50 AM. Nap.		
	PM	See Jemaa el-Fna at night.		
Sunday, 27-Feb	AM	Marrakech Sightseeing Tour. Pick-up 9:00 AM	Marrakesh	Riad Ilayka
	Noon	Tour ends at 4:00 PM		
	PM	The 10 Tastings of Marrakech Tour (NOT BOOKED)		
Monday, 28-Feb	AM	Day trip Essaouira. See goats in trees. Explore Essaouira.	Essaouira, Marakesh	Riad Ilayka
	Noon	Arrive back ~5:00 PM.		
	PM	Dinner. Jemaa el-Fna.		
Tuesday, 1-Mar	AM	Ouzoud Waterfalls Day Trip. Pick-up 8:30	Tanagh- meilt	Riad Ilayka
	Noon	Lunch at Ouzoud Waterfalls		
	PM	Return to Riad at 6:00 PM. Free night in Marrakech		
Wednesday, 2-Mar	AM	Meet at entrance of College Mhd V for bike tour of gardens.	Marrakesh	Riad Ilayka
	Noon	Bike tour ends at 1:00. Lunch and free time in Marrakech		
	PM	Free night in Marrakech		
Thursday, 3-Mar	AM	Marrakech to Dades Gorges Tour. Pick-up 8:30. Telouet	Boumalne Dades	Riad Rihanna Dades
	Noon	Ait Benhaddou, Ouarzazate, Skoura, Kasbah Amredhil		
	PM	Kela'a M'gouna (Valley of Roses), Dades Valley		
Friday, 4-Mar	AM	Dades Gorges – Merzouga Tour. Pick-up 8:30.	Merzouga	Sahara Stars Camp
	Noon	Dades Gorges, Toudgha, Erfoud, Rissani		
	PM	Arrive in Merzouga, Sunset at the Sahara, Dinner with drums		
Saturday, 5-Mar	AM	Sunrise over the Sahara. Return back to Marrakech	Ouarzazate	Riad Ilayka
	Noon	Tazzarine, N'Qob		
	PM	Dra'a Valley. Arrive back in Marrakech		
Sunday, 6-Mar	AM	Pack-up, Check-out	Marrakesh	Home
	Noon	Depart RAK: 12:40 PM.		
	PM	Arrive IAD: 6:45 PM.		

# Day 0 and Day 1

February 25/26, 2022



### Washington to Casablanca – AT 219

Feb 25, 8:45 PM–Feb 26, 10:05 AM

Take-off  
Feb 25, 8:45 PM

Landing  
Feb 26, 10:05 AM

Flight duration  
7 hr, 20 min

Passenger name  
Gregory A Mella

Confirmation number  
2SW6ZA

Arrive Terminal 2. Next flight departs from Terminal 1.

### Casablanca to Marrakesh – AT 409

Feb 26, 11:00 AM–12:05 PM

Take-off  
Feb 26, 11:00 AM

Landing  
Feb 26, 12:05 PM

Flight duration  
1 hr, 5 min

Passenger name  
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Adrian Collazo

# Day 1

February 26, 2022

## **Arrival in Marrakech**

Welcome to Morocco! Your driver will be awaiting your arrival in Marrakech Airport and will transfer you to your Riad.

**Tour Leader:** Gregory Mella + 1202375-3395

**Number of participants:** 3 Persons

## **Flight details:**

### **Arrival Departure**

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Royal Air Maroc AT 409 @12:05

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Royal Air Maroc AT 408 @12:45

**Balance due:** 1198.5euros

(100 euros paid already by GM. Must be paid in cash)

**Driver Name & Contact info:** Hakim +212 670-215367

**Lahcen's phone number in case of any emergency:**

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# Day 2

February 27, 2022

## Marrakech Sightseeing Tour with a Local Guide:

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### Feb 27th: Marrakech Sightseeing Tour

After breakfast you will be picked from your Hotel/Riad for a discovery walk of the Ochre city. We will visit the most important monuments in the city, such as:

- Koutoubia Mosque (from outside) & Garden
- Saadien Tombs (70MAD pp.)
- Bahia Palace (70MAD pp.)
- Dar El Bacha (60MAD p.p )
- Medina (Old Town: Jewish Quarter & Bab Agnaou )

No Forced shopping stops. Our guides are well paid so they do not rely on shopping or other tourist traps.

All the entrance fees are included

Pick up time: 09:00am &. End Time: 3:00pm

Marrakech is known as the "red city or Al Hamra," a city in southwestern Morocco within the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. Marrakech is the second largest city and administrative center in Morocco. The heart of the Marrakech, Djemma El Fna Square, Marrakech with its souks, gardens, palaces, snake charmers, outdoor food stalls and fabulous shopping for Moroccan goods is a popular starting for many day trips and desert tours.

#### **The Koutoubia Mosque and Gardens:**

The largest mosque in Marrakech, Morocco. The minaret was completed under the reign of the Almohad Caliph Yaqub al-Mansur (1184-1199) and was used as the model for the Giralda of Seville and for the Hassan Tower of Rabat. The name is derived from the Arabic al-Koutoubiyyin for librarian, since it used to be surrounded by sellers of manuscripts. It is considered the ultimate structure of its kind. The tower is 69 m (221 ft) in height and has a lateral length of 12.8 m (41 ft). Six rooms (one above the other) constitute the interior; leading around them is a ramp by way of which the muezzin could ride up to the balcony. It is built in a traditional Almohad style and the tower is adorned with four copper globes.

#### **El Bahia Palace:**

The El Bahia Palace in Marrakech is a beautiful building and an excellent example of Eastern Architecture from the 19th century that represents trends and standards of the wealthy who lived at that time. It was built for Ahmed Ibn Moussa (or Ba Ahmed) between 1894 and 1900 in the Alawi style that was popular at the time. Craftsmen were brought from Fes to work on this monumental task which took approximately fifteen years to complete. It is said that the palace was built as a home for Ba Ahmed's official concubines, and it has also been said that the importance or favor of each concubine increased along with the size of their bedroom. The name 'Bahia' means 'palace of the beautiful.' There are 160 different rooms in the palace which are sprawled out in an open, rambling fashion. Decorations take the form of subtle stucco panels, zellij decorations, tiled floors, smooth arches, carved-cedar ceilings, shiny marble (tadlak) finishes and zouak painted ceilings. The palace is surrounded by an eight-hectare garden.

#### **The Coranic School:**

The Ben Youssef Medersa established by the Sultan " Abou el Hassan (1331–49), but rebuilt in the 1560s, under the Saadians. The school is where students learned the Koran by rote, and is the most beautifully decorated building in Marrakesh, with lashings of classic Moroccan decor – zellij tiling, stucco plasterwork, carved cedarwood – all worked to the very highest standards. The central courtyard, its carved cedarwood lintels weathered almost flat on the most exposed side, is unusually large. Along two sides run wide, sturdy, columned arcades, which were probably used to supplement the space for teaching in the neighbouring mosque. Above them are some of the windows of the dormitory quarters, which are reached by stairs from the entry vestibule, and from which you can get an interesting perspective – and attempt to fathom how over eight hundred students were once housed in the building. One room is furnished as it would have been when in use.

#### **The Saadian Tombs:**

The Saadian tombs in Marrakech date back from the time of the sultan Ahmad al-Mansur (1578-1603). The tombs were only recently discovered (in 1917) and were restored by the Beaux-arts service. The tombs have, because of the beauty of their decoration, been a major attraction for visitors of Marrakech. The mausoleum comprises the corpses of about sixty members of the Saadi Dynasty that originated in the valley of the Draa River.

#### **The Jewish Mellah:**

Founded in 1558 by Moulay Abdallah, the Mellah district was designated as the Jewish quarter in Marrakech. At the time of the Spanish religious wars, Jewish refugees were escaping the country, and were offered this little piece of security by the Sultan.

#### **The Old Spice Market :**

The Rahba Kedima is a colorful market filled with a wide array of spices from Cumin, Cinnamon, Saffron, Dried Pepper and more.

#### **Sidi Said Museum:**

A private museum in Marrakech that is dedicated to popular arts & crafts, styled as a beautiful Spanish-Moroccan house, next door to Dar Si Said palace, a smaller version of the Bahia.

# Day 3

February 28, 2022

## Marrakech to Essaouira Full Day Trip



### Marrakech to Essaouira 184km

travel to Morocco's west coast following a route that takes you over vast rolling plains. Along the way, pass through an argan tree forest, endemic to this part of the world. You may even see goats dining on the Argan fruit, up in the tree branches. See goats climbing argan trees and visit a woman cooperative. Arrive in the port city of laid-back Essaouira, a nice contrast to frenetic Marrakech, and spend the rest of the day as you choose. Walk the Skala de la Kasbah (the 18th-century seafort ramparts) along the coast. Designed by European engineers, old brass canons line the walls and offer viewing access over the Atlantic. Explore the UNESCO-protected medina before making your way to the windswept beach. Jimi Hendrix fans may want to take a short taxi ride to Diabat at the end of Essaouira's beach where he reportedly spent some time. Walk back to Essaouira and enjoy a meal of freshly caught seafood. Drive back to Marrakech in the late afternoon

- Pick-up from your hotel, riad, or accommodation in Marrakech.
- Drop off at hotel, riad or accommodation in Marrakech
- Transport: A/C 4x4 Toyota Tx Prado
- English speaking driver

Driving time: 6 hours (round trip)

# Day 4

March 1, 2022

## Marrakech to Ouzoud Waterfalls Full Day Trip:

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### **Ouzoud Waterfalls Day Trip Overview:**

Ouzoud Valley is a pleasant village where the many walk and treks takes place. The typical mountain trek which leads to a cascade of 7 waterfalls is an absolute most do. Ouzoud located at 60km from Marrakech, in the foothills of the High Atlas. Due to its many Berber villages, waterfalls and several attractions, is one of the most popular day trips destination from Marrakech. Ouzoud Day trip from Marrakech is picturesque to lush river valley with its typical Berber hamlets of baked clay and stones. Despite its proximity to Marrakech, Ouzoud is still considered relatively unspoiled.

Ouzoud Day trip from Marrakech will allow us to experience the beauty of the Ouzoud Valley and its beautiful landscapes of green meadows, 16th and 17th-century Berber villages and escape the hustle and bustle of Marrakech for the day. Ouzoud valley is a favorite weekend getaway for locale people that is appreciated for its beautiful landscapes and waterfalls and one of typical valleys of the High Atlas Mountains very know to its fruit trees, tiny hamlets, riverside restaurants, high green terraces, surrounding Atlas peaks, rocky village foothills and the 7 waterfalls that surround the village

### **Marrakech to Ouzoud Waterfalls Day Trip Itinerary:**

Your driver will pick you up from your accommodation at 09:00 with 4x4 vehicle or mini van. Ouzoud waterfalls one day trip from Marrakech is one of the best and most selected Marrakech day trips departing from Marrakech, and a popular site for Moroccans in summer after 3 hours drive from Marrakech, this day trip will take you to one of the breathtaking sceneries in Morocco. At 110 meters high, Ouzoud Falls are the highest falls in North Africa. Ouzoud means 'olive' in the Berber language of Morocco, so it's no surprise the plateau above the falls is draped with thousands of olive trees. Here you have the possibility to take a walk around the falls or ride a local boat to cross the river, or hire a local guide and go on a trek for 2 hours in the surrounding area and visit the old water mills that are still in use, enjoying troops of monkeys, free time to walk up to the springs of the waterfalls, or cross the river by the local wooden boats, a traditional Tagine or Barbecue in Ouzoud falls for lunch could be a highlight while marveling at the nature in front of us., We drivel back to Marrakesh in the afternoon.

# Day 5

March 2, 2022

## Gardens of Marrakech & Jardin Majorelle Bike Tour



Enjoy a day away from the busy city and discover the mesmerizing gardens of Marrakech in a fun way: by bike. Admire the gorgeous Jardin Majorelle, visit local gardens and unveil its green treasures. You're in for a real tranquil escape from the buzzing city!

📍 Marrakesh

🕒 3.5 hours

👤 Private tour. Only you and Omar

🏰 City highlight tour

🚲 Bicycletour

🌿 Carbon Neutral

- ✓ Explore the green side of Marrakech in a fun way
- ✓ Admire the beauty of Jardin Majorelle
- ✓ Get local insights from your private guide
- ✓ Stroll through the impressive Menara Garden
- ✓ Listen to the history of the places you'll visit
- ✓ Enjoy a peace moment away from the hustle&bustle

Escape the buzzing city of Marrakech and enjoy a unique tour together with me. We'll bike along beautiful sights, visit lush gardens and listen to intriguing stories about the places you'll visit.

On this private bike tour, I'll show you the most breathtaking green gardens of the city. You'll admire the oasis of exotic plants at Jardin Majorelle, learn about its French-influenced architecture and its connection with the iconic designer Yves Saint Laurent. Tickets are already included so we can enter the garden without waiting in line!

And that's just the beginning of our fun ride together! En route we'll also stop at local gardens such as the Rose garden, Menara garden and even a local park where only locals come to enjoy their afternoons. While we stop to breathe in the fresh air underneath the palm trees, while I can tell you all about Marrakech and what life is like in the city. Please feel free to ask me anything, I'd be happy to introduce you to our local culture and lifestyle!

This private tour already includes bike rental and helmet for each person, tickets to enter the gardens and a refreshing drink at Djemaa el Fna square. If you'd like to adjust anything to this tour, please do not hesitate to ask. I'd be more than happy to customize the tour completely to your wishes!

See you on the bike-side! :)

## **This is the plan**

Check out the plan below to see what you'll get up to with your local host. Feel free to personalize this offer with the host of your choice.

## **Meeting point**

Collège Mohamed V - Marrakesh

**Stop 1** - Djemaa el Fna Square

**Stop 2** - Jardin Majorelle, where we'll have easy-priority access

**Stop 3** - Harti Garden

**Stop 4** - Mohammed Sixth Avenue

**Stop 5** - Menara Garden

**Stop 6** - Rose Garden

**Final stop** - Djemaa el Fna Square, where we'll sit down to sip a fresh drink and enjoy the view on the square



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## Gardens of Marrakech & Jardin Majorelle Bike Tour

### Trip details

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday March 2, 2022	<b>Booking nr</b>	32319141
<b>Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Nr of people</b>	3 Adults
<b>Duration</b>	3.5 hours	<b>Type of event</b>	Private event
<b>Included</b>	Private guide, Bike rental		

### Location details

<b>Location</b>	Marrakesh	<b>Meeting point</b>	Collège Mohamed V
<b>Exact spot</b>	Entrance of College Mohamed V, Quartier Riad laârous N°4 Rue Riad Laarous, Marrakesh, Marokkob		

### Payment details

<b>Status</b>	PAID
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**Booking reference**

32319141

# Day 6-8

## March 3-5, 2022



### 3 Days Sahara Desert Tour from Marrakech to Merzouga Desert Dunes

The 3 Days Safari Desert Tour from Marrakech to Merzouga Sahara Desert Dunes takes you through the spectacular High Atlas Mountains, kasbahs, spice markets, and cities pulsing with energy. Walk the cliffs of Dades-Tadra Gorges and travel to each destination in the comfort of an air-conditioned private vehicle. Climb onto a camel and explore the edge of the Sahara before admiring the views from the heights of the Atlas Mountains..

In Merzouga, you will see the first dunes, undisturbed sand hills, infinite spaces subject to the sun and wind. In turns their color become pink, ocher and reddish subject to the dazzling sun, they mesmerize the onlookers ... A divine show which calls for contemplation. The activities available in Merzouga Sahara Desert are up to the grandeur of the place. Hiking, Quad biking or camel riding, night in a Hotel at the dunes line or in bivouacs in Berber or luxury tents will make your experience unforgettable. At the heart of the Sahara, it is time for meditation and relaxation. Revel in the healing virtues of sand dunes. Take a dive and experience the healing powers of sand baths and let yourself be carried away by total feeling of well-being. Untouched by the constraints of time and space, alone in a silent and pure open land, Merzouga Sahara Desert is simply subjugating.

Day 6  
March 3, 2022



### **Marrakech - Dades Valley 330km / 7hr drive**

It is a morning departure at 8 o'clock from your riad in Marrakech to set out on your Marrakech desert trip. The adventure begins by crossing the High Atlas Mountains. After the Tichka pass at the highest point, you leave the main road and take a side road to the Telouet Kasbah, which belonged to the Lords of the Atlas, the Glaoui family. Each addition to the building now stands in ruins exposed to the wind and the rain. The Kasbah was abandoned and plundered after the last Pasha fled the country following the departure of the French in 1956. Wait to be pleasantly surprised by the traditional interior decoration as you reach the farthest end of the Kasbah.

From here you drive along the beautiful and awe-inspiring Ounila Valley, full of bends in the roads, surprises at the hues of the rock and soil, Berber villages and gardens, as well as smaller Kasbahs. Almost at the end of the road, you reach Ait Ben Haddou, where you stop for a tasty lunch. This is the most famous Kasbah in Morocco and is one of Morocco's seven UNESCO World Heritage sites, which you can visit after lunch.

The road passes Ouarzazate and continues to the Skoura Oasis, where olives, almonds, lucerne, barley and fruit trees such as apple, apricots, figs and pomegranates are grown. Here numerous ancient kasbahs, some sadly in ruins, stand amongst the palm trees, but you will visit a very famous kasbah, Kasbah Amredhil, which used to be depicted on the old 50-dirham banknote. It has been beautifully restored, so it is intact and well worth a visit. From here, the route goes through Kela'a M'gouna, the Valley of Roses, with a stop to see cosmetic articles locally-made from the valley's abundant roses. You stop in the Dades Valley in a guest house there.

# Day 7

March 4, 2022

## **Dades Valley - Merzouga 270km / 5hr drive**

After breakfast, you will drive up the Dades valley, including some amazing hairpin bends (cf youtube Cadillac brakes test) just before reaching the Dades gorges. Having stretched your legs by walking through the gorges and taking a peak at the landscape on the other side, you will continue to Toudgha to the very different gorges there. Lunch will either be here in the gorges or later at the bivouac in the Erg Chebbi dunes. You drive there via the Ziz Valley, and the towns of Erfoud, famous for its fossil finds worked into beautiful artifacts, and Rissani, which is where the king's family originates.

In the afternoon, after a welcoming glass of tea, you can take a one to one & a half-hour camel ride in the Sahara. The sunset from the top of the dunes is spectacular (250m). You have dinner and spend the night at a luxury camp with private bathroom, king-sized beds, beautiful Moroccan furnishings and lamps tastefully arranged to enhance your enjoyment of the silence and beauty of the dunes.



# Sahara Stars Camp



# Day 8

March 5, 2022

## **Merzouga - Marrakech 567km/ 10hr drive**

Wake up early enough to watch the spectacle of the sunrise, when the color of the dunes and the play of shadows are an awesome sight. The drive back west to the Dra'a Valley takes us along the length of the Saghro mountains, one of the driest areas in the country with about 100 mm rain at the bottom and 300 mm on the hills. We pass the villages of Tazzarine (featured in the film 'Babel') and N'Qob, where we have lunch overlooking the mountains.

In the afternoon, we drive further west to Tansikht on the banks of the Dra'a River. The Dra'a valley is full of large palm trees and ancient kasbahs, typical of the landscape in this part of the south. We go along the track of the ancient caravan route which worked its way north from the Sahara to Agdez with its precious cargos from Mali and Niger. The oldest kasbah in the valley, Kasbah Tamnougalt, is situated almost at the top of the valley. Many of the watch towers to ensure the safety of the camels and the accompanying men are still very visible on the tops of the mountains on the side of the river.

Back on the main north-south road again, we cross the Tizi-n'Tinfite pass, 1660m, to reach Ouarzazate. We end this unforgettable Marrakech desert trip by continuing along the main road over the High Atlas again. We reach Marrakech by the end of the afternoon. Your 3-day Sahara Desert tour from Marrakech to Merzouga Desert come to an end as your driver escort you to your riad!

Make sure all Covid tests to re-enter the US are completed.





# Day 9


March 6, 2022


## Marrakesh to Casablanca – AT 408


Mar 6, 12:45 PM–1:50 PM

 Take-off  
Mar 6, 12:45 PM

 Landing  
Mar 6, 1:50 PM

 Flight duration  
1 hr, 5 min


 Passenger name  
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Arrive Terminal 2. Next flight departs from Terminal 1.


## Casablanca to Washington – AT 218


Mar 6, 4:20 PM–6:45 PM

 Take-off  
Mar 6, 4:20 PM

 Landing  
Mar 6, 6:45 PM

 Flight duration  
8 hr, 25 min

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