

# Voyage



## Sahara Trek

The Sahara desert stretches from the snow capped High Atlas mountains of Morocco to the west, to the Red Sea coast 4800km to the East. Its landscape varies from a stony flat expanse to perfect wind blown sand dunes, broken only by the occasional oasis. The feeling of space and of solitude is awesome and this trip will give you the unique opportunity to step into a land where camels and Berbers share a wilderness that is forever changing shape.



### **Day One**

Fly from Heathrow airport down to the far south of Morocco to arrive in the small town of Ouarzazate. Here you will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to wash and brush up before dinner.

### **Day Two**

After an early breakfast you will be transferred by 4x4 vehicles to the deep south of Morocco where you will travel the Draa valley, a stunning glimpse of the varied and interesting Moroccan countryside. You will stop for lunch in a palm grove to stretch your legs and get some shade from the bright sun.

Passing through some small and colourful villages of Zagora city, Tougounit, you will follow the 4x4 tracks past Oued Moulili. At the oasis of Aferdou you will begin your trek, walking for 2 hours to reach the impressive tented camp, where we will spend the night.

### **Day Three**

Your first day of full trekking will take you to the Rwidat mountain range, where you will ascend the side in a zigzag fashion heading for Jbel Bani, the black mountain. Once you get to the top of range, you will walk along the ridge until we get up to Tizi n'Gdalt. From here there is a stunning view of the mighty Sahara desert. Heading down to the basin you will walk to a new camp area where your Saharan tents have been re-located to a place the locals call Mhasser.

### **Day Four**

After breakfast and a good stretch to loosen those muscles we will cross the Plateau of Zawiyat Sidi Abd Rahmane - this will be an easy trek if the day is not too hot. Our camp tonight will be situated at the foot of the impressive dunes of Erg Sedrat. Once again the camp will have been moved from the night before and the food cooked ready for a night under the stars.

### **Day Five**

An early start is recommended to escape the main heat of the day, with a long break at lunch instead to relax. Walking on the ever-moving sand dunes of Erg Smar is harder work than it first seems but we will continue to cross the Oue Attach dunes, to our next camp.

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### Day Six

Our last day of trekking, over a fantastic piece of the desert, gives you a final opportunity to take photos of this ever changing landscape. After lunch we will meet the 4x4 transport and cross the rest of the desert by the Iriki dry lake, through Fom Zguid village - the door of the desert - and on to the road that joins Safran to Tazenakht. We drive on to Ouarzazate, where we will stay overnight.

### Day Seven

After breakfast we hit the road over the Atlas Mountains, passing through Tizi n'Tichka on our way to Marrakech. Upon arrival you will have a relaxing afternoon with a short tour of Marrakech and it's famous souks, before meeting back at the hotel for a celebratory gala meal.

### Day Eight

Transfer to Marrakech Airport to fly home.



#### Includes:

3 nights on half board in 4 stars hotel, full board from day 2 to day 7 with mineral water in the camp, English speaking guide for the trek, transport by 4x4 to and back from the trek, assistance and staff for cooking and camping, camping equipment, airport arrival and departure transfers.

#### Excludes:

Single supplement, sleeping bags, alcohol drinks, mineral water in hotels, expenses for radios authorization, extras, discretionary tips for guide and cook.

#### Price per person:

Price on application.

#### Best time to travel:

October – May.

#### Is it for you?

Temperatures can get very hot during the day and there is little opportunity for shade. It can also get cold at night in the desert. Walking in sand is tiring, but this trip limits trekking to approximately 5 hours per day so this would require some training but is suitable for someone of moderate fitness.