

WELCOME TO MOROCCO

TRAVEL EXPLORATION 2- DAY
TEA IN THE SAHARA & BERBER VILLAGE TOUR



Ouarzazate - Draa Valley - Zagora- N'kob

Travel Exploration is an agency and transport company that offers tours to Morocco for the independent traveler, groups and families. We specialize in tailor-made Tours to Morocco with a distinctly authentic Moroccan flavor. Travel Exploration

Morocco provides unique itineraries that offer an unparalleled diversity of travel and terrain through a people that are naturally hospitable, warm and friendly. When planning a tour to Morocco, you can count on Travel Exploration's benefits of an Anglo-

Moroccan partnership: You will journey on the Two Day Draa Valley Tour & Discover The Dunes of Tinfo in Zagora, the Tamagroute Potters Coopertive, an ancient Berber Village, Ait Ouzzine- and the hidden jewels of the culture in Southern Morocco.

MARHABA- WELCOME



RIAD ZAGORA



TEA IN THE SAHARA



TAMAGROUTE POTTERY

2 - Day Tour Itinerary

DAY 1: OUARZAZATE – ZAGORA

► After breakfast at Le Tourmaline Hotel just outside Ouarzazate take the road on a two-day journey to the Zagora region.

► **Zagora** is a **Saharan desert town** in the **southern Drâa Valley**. Zagora is favored by travelers for its **desert dunes**, palms, **45 varieties of dates** and its **Hollywood sunset mountain** backdrops. Take the road by pise (windy road) to discover the land where caravans once transported sugar, tea, dates and other dry goods to Ouarzazate.

► Arrive in Zagora in mid afternoon, check into your Riad or drop your belongings off at your Berber biouvac.

► Enjoy lunch at a local kasbah hotel restaurant in the town of Zagora. The **Dunes of Tinfo** (as well as many other sand dunes in Morocco) are famous for their **healing qualities** for **rheumatoid arthritis**. Ask your guide to bury you in the sand from head to toe for this a **20 minute spa-like experience. walk the palmery** and hamlet set amid **lemon, almond** and **olive trees**, and gardens of the **village of Amazrou**.

► Visit Zagora's unique, beautifully **glazed forest green pottery** at the local cooperative in the desert town of **Tamagrout** and pass by

the **Koranic library** and the **Spiritual Zaouia** site.

► Next, visit the old **Kasbah Ait Lkaid** in the village of **Tamegroute**. At the end of the main road you will find the famous road sign to **Timbuktu** that reads **“52 jours” – 52 hours by camel**.

► Afterwards, we will go directly to **your Riad** or the biouvac where you spend the night so you can unpack and then dine by the stars near the dunes or a Desert Oasis.

DAY 2: ZAGORA - N'KOB - OUARZAZATE

► Rise early, have breakfast and then enjoy a **camel excursion** across the **Dunes of Tinfo**.

► After your camel excursion across the Dunes we will take the 4x4 Land cruisers by pise to the ancient village of Ait Ouzzine, just 5 kilometers outside N'kob village.

► **Ait Ouzzine** is a **Berber village** inhabited by over 300 families who live in beautifully painted crenulated kasbahs, with their own henna fields, water wells, livestock and gardens. This peaceful village is tucked away along an impressive desert route connecting the Draa Valley (Tansikht) and Rissani.

EXPLORE



52 DAYS TO TOMBOCTOU



SLEEP IN BIOUVAC TENT



ZAOUIA SPIRITUAL



TAMAGRROUTE POTTERS

2 Day Tour Itinerary

► Meet a local **Berber family**, partake in a cooking lesson of how to make traditional bread and a **tajine**.

► Then explore and tour the village by foot. Walk in the green fields and see how the traditional Berbers live with their gardens of herbs, live stock, and henna plants.

► **Lunch** will be served to you in **Aït Ouzzine** by a traditional Berber family. The menu will include a traditional meal of fresh baked bread with spices and a chicken and vegetable **tajine** and fresh local fruits for desert.

► After lunch, you can have your **hands and feet painted with henna** or your hair adorned with saffron by a local village artist and relax.

► End the afternoon in Ait Ouzzine with mint tea and almonds.

► Then take the road through the **Draa Valley**- pass Skoura, the village known for 1000 kasbahs, and return to **Hotel Tourmaline**.

DISCOVER THE BEST OF MOROCCO-
WITH TRAVEL EXPLORATION



DISCOVER



DINE IN AIT OUZZINE



VILLAGE ARCHITECTURE



BERBER BREADMAKING



HENNA HANDS

Travel Exploration Payment & Tour Details

PRICE PAID TO TRAVEL EXPLORATION:

The land price for the **2 days/1 Night Private Tour.**

INCLUDED IN LAND PACKAGE:

2 days/ 1 Night Accommodation in the Sahara Desert.

-Breakfast, and dinner in the biouvac / or Saharian Riad and lunch in the Berber village, Henna Tattoos.Taxes and all services charges included.

-One expert Travel Exploration-qualified driver and One Toyota 4x4 Landcruiser. -Air-conditioned/ Heated Landcruiser with driver and fuel.

- The services of our New York/ Morocco office and 24/7 emergency contact. The enthusiasm, expertise & care of the leading travel specialists to Morocco.

Not included:

Airfare not included.
Gratuities.
Museum Entrances
Meals (Not included except where noted.)Services on days or evenings at leisure.

THE ABOVE ITINERARY IS ONLY A PROPOSAL.ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.YOUR RESERVATIONS ARE PLACED AND ARRANGEMENTS CONFIRMED ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AND THE RETURN OF YOUR FULLY COMPLETED RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

(ONE COPY PER PERSON)

Clients within the US: Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, personal check or wire transfer. Payment within 15 days of departure must be by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, wire transfer or certified bank check in US funds.

Driving times:

Please note that all driving times are for the driving times only.You must add any time for breaks along the road or for unanticipated delays.

Insurance:

We strongly recommend that all clients purchase a comprehensive travel package, including trip cancellation protection and emergency medical evacuation.

Navigating the World of Riads:

Living a few days in a palace or mansion in the heart of a medina is an experience that will stay with you for the rest of your life.A great number of riads have opened in recent years. There are many with which we will not work; we select the very best so that our clients might have a truly exceptional experience. Each room is different; your room will not be identical to that of other guests. Because rooms surround a courtyard, quite often they are very shallow in depth and they are quite often dark. There are no elevators and stairs can be steep. Let us know if you would prefer a room on the ground floor.The word "suite" is often used with creative license in Morocco. Suites often indicate a room that is more spacious than a standard room, usually with small living area, more along the lines of a junior suite. Management and service are more casual and laid-back than a five-star resort. Your hosts will hopefully embody the finest of Moroccan hospitality, but may not speak great English. Room service may not be available.The full Moroccan experience a riad offers may exclude a TV and telephone in your room. Breakfasts may be continental.Yet the rewards are immense.You will never forget walking through the chaos of

the medina down a small alley for your first time, opening an immense 18th century cedar door to find a lush oasis of calm surrounding your garden and the beautiful Moroccan architecture of your home. In a riad, one can feel the heartbeat of a country.

The Travel Exploration Experience:

The sights we list in your itinerary are the "highlights" of a certain city or region.The order in which they appear is not necessarily the order in which you will visit them. Due to weather or other factors beyond our control, your guide might suggest minor changes based on his or her judgment as to what makes the most sense for you.A city or a region is a whole experience. "Monuments" or "museums" are often best understood as an introduction or starting point. By no means should you feel obligated to visit all of the sights listed if you feel your time is better spent doing other things. Likewise, do not feel constrained to visit only those sights listed.This is your vacation; private travel with your own guide gives you countless opportunities otherwise not available to you.We encourage you, with the help of your guide, to be spontaneous, to follow your interests and to explore Morocco to your heart's content.

Travel Exploration requires a formal reservation and a 100% non refundable deposit prior to travel. Gratuity is appreciated but not required.



TRAVELING IN MOROCCO WHAT TO BRING



In preparation for your Moroccan adventure, the following is a list of things to consider packing that will make your trip as smooth and comfortable as possible.

Pre-departure Essentials

- ▶ Personal Identification (drivers license)
- ▶ Passport and visa if required
- ▶ Airline Tickets
- ▶ Traveler's Checks
- ▶ Credit Cards
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Health Documentation
- ▶ Emergency Information
- ▶ Guide books & maps
- ▶ Photocopies of Documentation: (passport and tickets). You can also scan these, upload them to the internet and email them to yourself. Internet access is widely available in all major cities and most small ones in Morocco).

Medicines

While no shots are required to enter Morocco, it is recommended that you come prepared with a personal medical kit, as you do not to spend time looking for a pharmacy and risk that they do not carry what you need. Morocco does have French pharmaceutical shops widely available throughout the country in all major cities and many villages therefore if basic things such as cold medicine, Imodium, allergy creams or over the counter medicine is needed you can visit one of them. Depending on your health condition, you may want to consult with your doctor before your trip. The climate in Morocco is diverse and different from what travelers are used to, so come prepared with the following:

- ▶ Antibiotic for traveler's diarrhoea
- ▶ Antibiotic cream & disinfectant for scrapes and cuts
- ▶ Band-Aids
- ▶ Disposable antibacterial wipes or cleanser
- ▶ Pepto-Bismol or Imodium for traveller's diarrhoea.
- ▶ Insect repellent with DEET 30%
- ▶ Iodine purifying tablets
- ▶ Re-hydration tablets
- ▶ Aspirin, Tylenol or other Pain relievers

- ▶ Skin Lotion (especially for Eczema)
- ▶ Salt tablets
- ▶ Sunscreen (SPF 30)
- ▶ Motion sickness medicine
- ▶ Cold medicine: Decongestant, antihistamine, cough syrup
- ▶ Aspirin, Tylenol or other Pain relievers
- ▶ Skin Lotion (especially for Eczema)-Sunglasses (or prescription glasses/ contact lenses, and solution)-Hydrocortisone cream

Toiletries

- ▶ Feminine hygiene products (tampons, etc.)
- ▶ Hairbrush
- ▶ Shampoo, Conditioner
- ▶ Soap
- ▶ Shaving Cream, razor
- ▶ Toilet paper/ Mini-Tissues (12 pack)
- ▶ Tooth brush, tooth paste

Travel Clothing

- ▶ Conservative clothing is worn throughout Morocco (clothes should not be tight or too revealing)
- ▶ Bathing suit (for beach resorts, hotel)
- ▶ Brimmed Hat, Visor, Hat, headscarf
- ▶ Long skirts, dresses or pants (for women)
- ▶ For summer: light weigh clohting
- ▶ Windbreaker or warm sweater for cooler months and desert cool air.
- ▶ Travel Footwear: broken in sneakers or hiking shoes, sandals, socks.

Electronics

- ▶ Camera & Film (Kodak and Fuji is easy to find in Morocco but expensive)
 - ▶ Video Camera & Tapes
- ▶ Extra Camera Batteries
- ▶ International Electrical plug adapter and or converter
- ▶ Travel Alarm
- ▶ Flashlight / extra bulbs