

Seven days through the High Atlas and Drâa-Valley

This short trip will give you an idea of Morocco's changing landscape from the snow-capped mountains to the Sahara desert.



Best seasons :

Mid March to end of May and
mid September to end of December

Accommodation :

One hotel of high standards,
Two charming guesthouses,
a lodge with Berber tents (khaima).

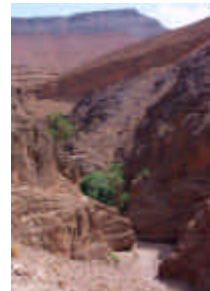
Highlights :

The Dadès Gorges, the dunes of the Erg
Jehudi,
the kasbahs of the Glaoui.

Travel distance :

1300 km

Leaving Ouarzazate – an ancient French military garrison, and now major city of the local film industry – we will drive along the famous valley of Dadès bordered by numerous ksour and kasbahs, to *BOUMALNE DADÈS* where we spend the night. A hotel of high standards awaits us, with troglodyte rooms and a spectacular view of the valley. During a two-day excursion in the steep and rugged mountains of the High Atlas we will reach *MILCHIL*. This village located at 2500 meters above sea level in total margin of modernity, is especially known for its moussem of the brides where girls from all over the region come to offer themselves in marriage. Our lodging for the night will be a simple inn, romantically located at the edge of a little mountain lake. The following day, our descent will take us over the steep pass of Tizi-n-Ouano and down the famous Gorges of Dadès, with its 300 meters high cliffs. End of the day's journey, and some well-deserved rest at the same hotel in *BOUMALNE DADÈS*. Early the next morning, we will explore a very different chain of mountains, while crossing the



Anti-Atlas from North to South, more exposed and rocky than the High Atlas. End of today's trip in *ZAGORA* located in the middle of what is Morocco's biggest palm grove. After the dust and fatigue accumulated during the day, the hotel's swimming pool will undoubtedly be very welcome. The next day we will head-off to

see the first dunes of southern Morocco near M'hamid in an almost lunar environment. Return to *ZAGORA* for the night. The voyage coming to an end, we'll head north again, reaching *AÏT BEN HADDOU* on off-beaten tracks. This Ksar, not only famous for being the back-drop for many movies but also a world heritage site of UNESCO, will be the enchanted décor of our last night. On our way back to Ouarzazate, we will visit Telouët, another architectural highlight of Morocco's South, which will bring our journey to an end.
