

Tours 2026

# 4 DAY TOUR OPTION: MARRAKECH & AROUND THE ENVIRONS

An exclusive immersion of 4 days in the heart of Morocco

# TRIP OVERVIEW

4 DAY TOUR OPTION: MARRAKECH & AROUND THE ENVIRONS This 4 day/3 night “quick hit” tour is designed for providing a great combination of memorable sights, exciting adventures and meaningful experiences for your group when time and/or budget is perhaps limited. As well as offering a good amount of time in Marrakech itself, this tour also explores both the awesome High Atlas to the south and the rolling Marrakech Plain to the north. During these countryside journeys, the landscapes will most certainly impress and inspire. Informal meetings with local people when engaged in their daily activities will make for very special moments that will be greatly treasured. The emphasis in this tour is very much on seeing, experiencing and doing. This should lead to lots of thinking, discussion and evaluation by your students. The sample itinerary below shows how individual days have been combined to make a tremendous tour. Of course, further days can be added, substituted or re-ordered. Check our sample additional One and Half Day Options and together we can make the necessary tweaks to create your very own, totally ideal and bespoke tour.







# TRIP OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

HIGHLIGHTS: The colour, bustle and excitement of Marrakech Jemaa El Fna square, the Souks Traditional Apothecary visit The High Atlas Mountains Berber Life and Activities Gentle rural walk in a valley of the High Atlas “Happenstance” encounters with Berber villagers An active and participating hands-on day in Douar Oulad Elguern village on the Marrakech Plain



# TRIP OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 3 x nights hotel accommodation on a half board basis; twin/triple rooming for pupils; single rooms for teachers
- ✓ An ATS Moroccan Courier, English speaking, throughout, to help with all practical and logistical matters
- ✓ A City Guide on 2 occasions for visiting the Marrakech Medina
- ✓ Camel ride in Agafay Desert (1 camel per participant) with camel leaders
- ✓ 2 x large bottles of water per person, per day on the coach
- ✓ 4 x Lunches (2 in restaurants, 1 picnic in Amizmiz and 1 in Douar Oulad Elguern village)
- ✓ Entry to Majorelle Gardens in Marrakech
- ✓ Entry to the Water Museum in Marrakech
- ✓ A Day in Douar Oulad Elguern village, that includes a traditional second breakfast and lunch (See the Day Itinerary Options section for details of this visit)

## NOT INCLUDED

- × Personal Insurance & Group Insurance
- × Personal spending
- × Tips
- × All other items not mentioned in the WHAT ANZAL TOURS INCLUDES list

# DETAILED ITINERARY

## 1 ARRIVE MARRAKECH; MEDINA VISIT, SOUKS AND APOTHECARY

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Contrasting Cultures; Developing World City; World Heritage Site Arrive into Marrakech Menara Airport and private coach transfer to hotel. If flight arrival time is in the morning/early afternoon, take lunch in the hotel. Walk to the Old Medina. Here the city bustles and fascinates in equal measure. Take in a view of the Koutoubia Mosque, move across the Jemaa el Fna entertainment square and enter the Souks with a City Guide. A traditional Apothecary visit is included too where much is learned about traditional medicines as well as culinary herbs and spices. Dependent on time, perhaps some time can be given to explore the souks and/or enjoy viewing the sunset behind the Koutoubia mosque from a rooftop terrace cafe. Overnight Marrakech



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### 2 VISIT TO THE HIGH ATLAS, IN AND AROUND AMIZMIZ

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Fold mountains; Hazardous environments; Water resource management; Traditional/New farming systems; Cultural Contrasts; Climate Change; Development Issues Travelling south from Marrakech across the Marrakech Plain to the rural settlement of Amizmiz takes approximately 1 hour. But once in Amizmiz, in amongst the High Atlas, Marrakech feels like it could be a million miles away. This area of the High Atlas experienced a major earthquake in September, 2023, Richter scale 6.8. The impact of this event was immense, with high loss of life and many villages greatly damaged with many buildings collapsed. Families were broken, livlihoods lost and for many life had to continue by living in tents. Some years on, the present situation will be seen in the gradual repair and rebuild of broken communities. En route to Amizmiz, a visit to the Barage (dam) and reservoir of Lalla Takerkoust (water issues/water sustainability issues) is taken. This illustrates clearly aspects of large-scale water resource management, vital to this area's productivity and survival. In Amizmiz and its surroundings, life is very traditional. Amizmiz is a rural market town with much everyday activity as well as its added market day activity too (once a week). An easy stroll around the settlement and into the surrounding rural landscapes shows the



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### 3 THE MARRAKECH PLAIN & DOUAR OULAD ELGUERN VILLAGE

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS: Climate Change & its Impact; Traditional Agriculture; Understanding Different Cultures; Rural to Urban Migration, the Push & Pull Factors This is a very special and most impacting day and is unique to Anzal Tours. There is full immersion into the reality of and engagement with rural life, its daily activities, its challenges and joys. Travelling only a short distance north-eastwards from Marrakech (about 35 kms; about 45 minutes), across the Marrakech Plain, spending a day amongst the villagers and village activities of Douar Oulad Elguern is most enlightening and very stimulating. This small, traditional village is little changed since its founding about 200 years ago. Farming has been the main economic activity here but changing climate and recent years of successive droughts has made survival here more and more marginal. There is evidence of this all around. Spending a day with the village community is very special. Nothing is "put on" for visitors, all that you see and experience is as it would be on a normal day; it is all totally real. Travelling from Marrakech, you travel across the Marrakech Plain, passing several traditional villages on the way. On arrival in Douar Oulad Elguern, you will be welcomed with the traditional tea ceremony in a typical village home's salon. There are many opportunities to engage with the very warmhearted



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## 4 DEPARTURE DAY

Depending on your flight times, there may be the opportunity for more time to walk into Marrakech Medina. An option is the Majorelle Gardens (once owned by Yves St Lauren). At a supplementary cost this can be added. The Gardens offer a most tranquil, a lush oasis by contrast to the bustling Medina. Another option is the new and excellent Water Museum. This is an interactive museum where much is learned about gaining and using water over many centuries, from the distant past till the present day. At a supplementary cost this can be added. Other supplementary options include Ben Youssef Koranic School, Bahia Palace, Saadian Tombs, Badi Palace. Coach transfer to Marrakech Menara Airport



# Ready for adventure?

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