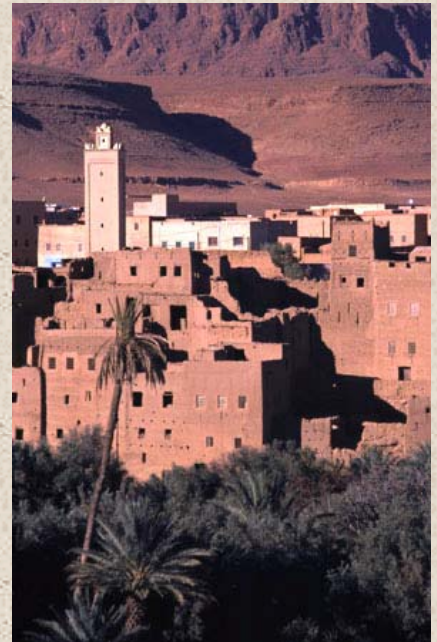


# Morocco – Walking in the High Atlas

Tour Code MOW

## Departing 30 September 2008

Discover the rugged beauty of Morocco's Atlas Mountains, a region of snow-capped peaks and green valleys, waterfalls and streams. This unique tour is designed for the regular walker/energetic traveller and includes easy to moderate walking in the mountains. Our walks take us through olive groves, terraced fields, apricot and cherry tree plantations and along scenic valleys and gorges. We visit remote villages where the hospitable Berber peoples follow their traditional way of life, which has changed little over the centuries. We also spend time in Marrakech, Morocco's most famous of Imperial cities, with its vibrant souks, exotic palaces and ancient medinas.



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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Fly to Marrakech – Tuesday 30 September

Late afternoon departure from London Heathrow Terminal 2 with Royal Air Maroc for Marrakech. Evening arrival and transfer to Hotel Tichka Salaam for three nights

### Day 2 In Marrakech – Wednesday 1 October

Today we explore Marrakech, including the 16th century Saadian Tombs, the Palais de la Bahia and the Ali Ben Youssef Medersa. After spending time in the souk we arrive at Jemaa El Fna Square, the focal point of the city, where in the early evening acrobats, snake charmers, musicians and dancers gather. Dinner tonight is in a typical Marrakech restaurant (B,D)

### Day 3 Lake Takerkoust Walk – Thursday 2 October

Leaving Marrakech this morning we drive into the Atlas Mountains to the village of Aguerguour (3,000 ft asl) where we begin our walk. Our route takes through the olive growing villages of Ijwane and Talat N'Inwal to the delightful Auberge du Lac, renowned for its excellent home cooking, overlooking Lake Takerkoust. (B,L,D)

*Moderate walking over level terrain 8 miles/4 hours. Last section involves some ascents and descents across rocky terrain*

### Day 4 Nfiss River Wadi to Ouchfilene Gorge Walk – Friday 3 October

This morning we return to the village of Talat N'Inwal and then follow the Nfiss river wadi before reaching the pretty Berber village of Tagadirt located at the mouth of the Ouchfilene gorge. After lunch we drive via the Ouzela Pass to Ouirgane and settle in at the comfortable La Rosarie, a hotel retreat set in the beautiful Ouirgane Valley (B,L,D)

*Moderate morning walk over level terrain 6 miles/3 hours*

### Day 5 Tassa Ouirgane Walk – Saturday 4 October

A leisurely breakfast before a mid-morning start on foot through olive tree orchards to the formerly Jewish village of Anraz. Continuing through peach, walnut and apricot orchards to the delightful village of Torort before we ascend through the valley to Tassa Ouirgane (3500ft)

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where we have a typical Moroccan lunch around a beautiful stream above the town. We return the same route to the La Rosarie to enjoy a relaxing afternoon around the pool or in the peaceful gardens. (B,L,D)

*Easy to moderate walking, ascending in the morning and descending in the afternoon 7 miles/4 hours*

**Day 6 Drive to Toubkal National Park. Aremd Walk – Sunday 5 October**

Today we drive via Asni to the town of Imlil (5580 ft) in the Toubkal National Park. We walk through walnut and apple orchards to the picturesque village of Aremd, from where there are magnificent views of the peaks of the High Atlas, including Mount Toubkal, which at 13,670 ft is North Africa's highest mountain. After a wonderful lunch in the village we descend down to Imlil to the comfortable Dar Imlil retreat, our base for the next two days (B,L,D)

*Easy to moderate walking over uneven ground 6 miles/3 hours*

**Day 7 Walking in Toubkal National Park – Monday 6 October**

This morning we enjoy the beautiful scenery of the National Park with an optional steady ascent through pine, walnut and cherry plantations to the Tamatert Pass (7545 ft). With splendid views across the valley to the Berber villages of Tamguist and Ouaneskra we stop for a delicious picnic overlooking the lush terraces below. We continue to Ouneskra to enjoy familiar Berber hospitality and take a mint tea before heading back to our retreat at Imlil (B,L,D)

*A longer day of moderate walking with some 2,000ft of elevation 10 miles/6 hours*

**Day 8 Walking in Toubkal National Park – Tuesday 7 October**

Our route today takes us up a snaking track to the Aguersioual Pass (7245 ft), and then down through the lush Imnane Valley to the Berber village of Tineghourine for another mouth-watering Moroccan picnic. We return via the village of Tamatert for a Berber mint tea to the retreat for dinner (B,L,D)

*Some steep sections but the ascent is gradual 8 miles/5 hours*

**Day 9 Drive to Marrakech – Wednesday 8 October**

The day is set-aside for you to enjoy this wonderful city with its vibrant souks and old medinas at your own pace. You might want to visit one of the beautiful gardens around Marrakech such as the Menara, with the snow capped Atlas mountain backdrop or just relax at the hotel pool at the Tichka Salam. We have a farewell dinner arranged at a wonderful restaurant (B,D)

**Day 10 Fly to London – Thursday 9 October**

After breakfast we transfer to the nearby airport for our Royal Air Maroc flight via Casablanca arriving at Heathrow Terminal 2 in the late afternoon (B)

**Cost £1595.00** per person in a twin room (single supplement additional £200)



Gnaoui Musicians, Marrakech  
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**Price includes –**

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ Specialist Marrakech and High Atlas walking guides
- ▶ Professional highly skilled cook and team of muleteers
- ▶ Scheduled international flights from Heathrow with Royal Air Maroc to Marrakech
- ▶ All transportation – private a/c minibus
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Very comfortable quality rural hotel and auberge retreats set in idyllic tranquil surroundings
- ▶ Full board meals on walking tour with superb Moroccan picnics and traditional home-cooked Berber dinners
- ▶ Two traditional dinners in quality Marrakech restaurants
- ▶ All UK and Moroccan government and departure taxes
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities

Not included – travel insurance, visa fees, drinks and guide, driver and muleteer gratuities

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