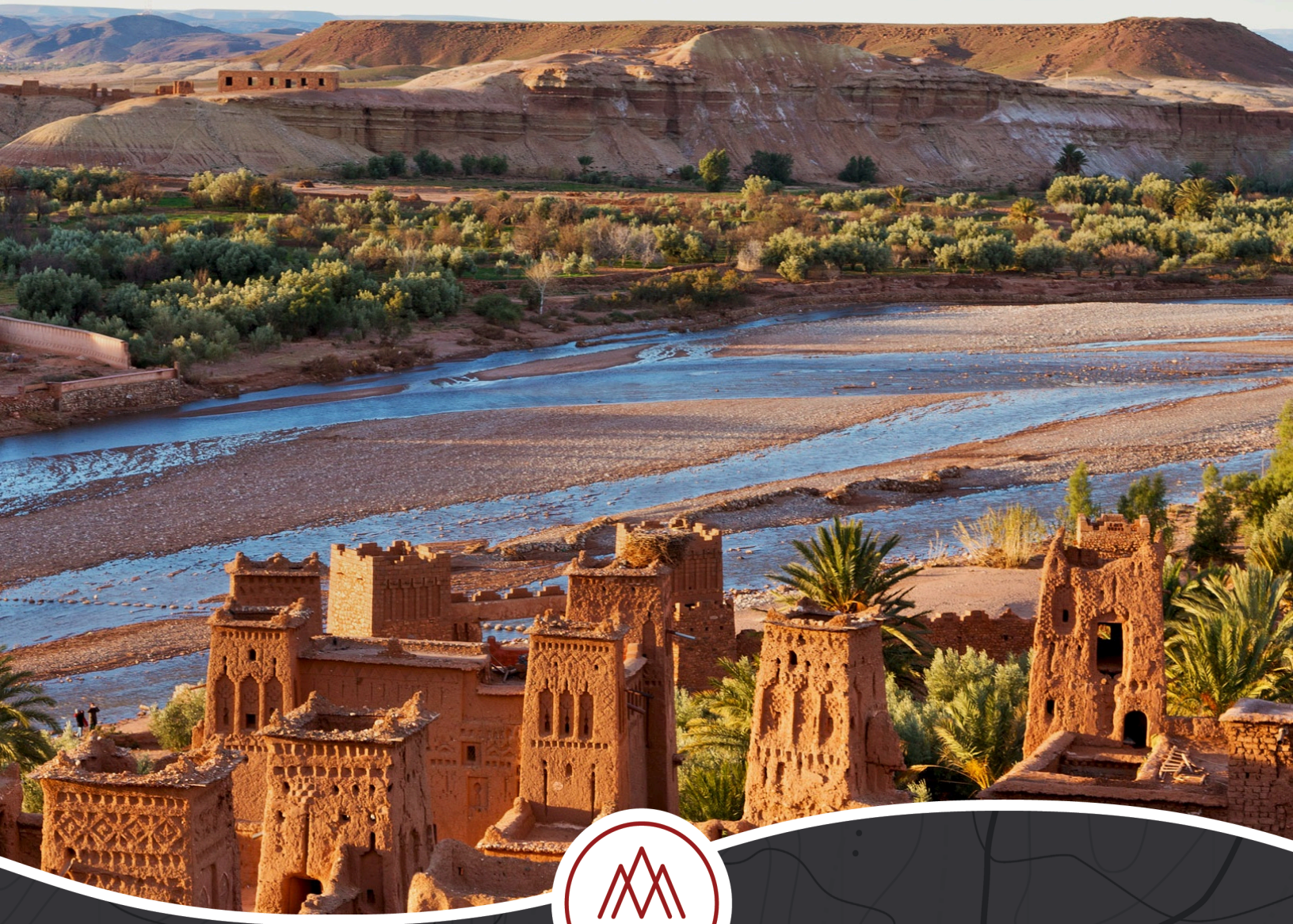

Morocco High Atlas Mountain Trekking

A Majestic Range & Vibrant Marrakech

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Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.

Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.

Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek has been exploring Morocco since 1975, and no other company offers a more authentic experience.

REASON 2

This immersive adventure is led by our expert Berber guides, who hail from the Atlas Mountains.

REASON 3

The adventure takes in some of Morocco's most remote mountain landscapes, plus the highlights of Marrakech.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hikes, including a trek to the summit of Mount M'Goun (13,343'), and a walking city tour of Marrakech.

LODGING

MT Sobek mobile camps in the wilderness and a boutique hotel in Marrakech to bookend the trip in style.

CLIMATE

Daytime temperatures in Marrakech range from 80-90°F, dropping to the 60s°F at night. Mountain highs range from 60-70°F at lower altitudes and 50-60°F at higher altitudes.

KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.

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On this action-filled adventure through the High Atlas Mountains, explore some of Morocco's most remote and dazzling landscapes and enjoy superlative trekking between mountain communities and meandering rivers. Kick off the journey by experiencing the sights and sounds of Marrakech's ancient medina and then set out to discover lush oases, age-old casbahs, and traditional Berber villages. Spend five days on an extraordinary trek through majestic mountain scenery, camping in comfortable mobile camps in the wilderness, and climb the imposing Mount M'Goun, Morocco's second highest peak.

9 Days

Start: Marrakech, Morocco

End: Marrakech, Morocco

Departing: June, July, August, September, October

Activities: Hiking & Trekking, Adventure Camping

Lodging: Deluxe Camping, Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Hotels, Rustic Lodging

Group Size: 4-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:

> ***"This was a marvelous trip! My husband and I have traveled with Mountain Travel Sobek many times, doing remote treks and searching out exotic peoples and places. The Atlas Mountains trek lived up to the famously high standards that we have always experienced with MTS. It was a grand adventure!"***
>
> - Heidi H.

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Marrakech, Morocco's Red City

Arrive in Marrakech this morning and meet an MT Sobek representative outside the customs and immigration area at the airport. After transferring to the hotel, enjoy lunch and a trip briefing with the group. This afternoon, you'll set out on a guided walking tour of the medina, the mesmerizing "old town" of Marrakech. Wander its maze of narrow streets and enjoy the hubbub of the famed Djemma El Fna square, with its snake charmers and fire eaters. It's like a scene out of One Thousand and One Nights! Have dinner paired with a musical performance at a traditional restaurant inside a 19th-century family home.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

DAY 02

Discover Telouet Kasbah, Ksar of Ait Benhaddou & Skoura

After an early breakfast, set out for a scenic drive over the dramatic passes of the High Atlas Mountains, rising above a landscape of oases, pastures, poplar groves, and fairy-tale villages. Stop for lunch near the mud-brick Telouet Kasbah and continue on to Ksar Ait Benhaddou. Marvel at this UNESCO World Heritage Site with its earthen houses stacked one on top of the other, protected by a defensive wall, and learn about Berber culture. Drive through the city of Ouarzazate, known as "the door of the desert," and visit the Telouet Kasbah, also known as the Palace of Glaoui. Once the seat of a powerful Berber prince, it's a must-stop on today's journey. Then continue eastward through the Dades Valley to Skoura.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
TRANSPORTATION: 6-hour private van transfer
ACTIVITY: Scenic drive

DAY 03

Explore the Dades Valley & Hike M'Goun River Trails

Start the day with a warm-up walk in the lush Skoura oasis with its giant kasbahs, then drive to the Roses Valley and ascend through the foothills of the middle Atlas. Arrive in Tiranimine, where your pack mules await and your hike begins! Set off on river trails toward the gorges of Wadi M'Goun. You will be walking in the water of the M'Goun River for about 30% of the journey from Tiranimine to Tarzout. Camp near Tarzout village (6,235').

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer
ACTIVITY: 3.5 hours/6 miles hiking with 660' elevation gain

DAY 04

Hike the Ouzirimt Valley

Spend the day hiking through spectacular gorges that separate high ridges and escarpments of M'Goun massif. Walk in the water for about 2 hours, winding along the narrowing gorges on the riverbed, taking in colorful sandstone and limestone formations that punctuate this dramatic landscape, and undertake several river crossings. Ascend 985 feet, leaving the gorges, and set up camp where the valley widens, near the village of Imi Nirkt (6562'). Camp near Id Aissa or Tagheft village.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5.5 - 6 hours/9 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain

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DAY 05

Hike to Tighremt n'Ait Ahmed & Oulilimt Valley

Head out on another day-long hike downstream along the river in the remote Ouzirimt Valley. Walking on narrow donkey paths, pass through picturesque clay villages and verdant fields. Reach Tighremt n'Ait Ahmed, ruins of an ancient granary formerly used as a stop for desert caravans. Some rocky peaks dot the bottom of the valley dominated to the south by the M'Goun mountain chain. Camp in the Oulilimt Valley tonight.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4.5-5 hours/7 miles hiking with 1300' elevation gain

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DAY 06

Ascend to Mt. M'Goun Base Camp

Leave the villages behind and set out today on a hiking path along the river, ascending up toward base camp. The landscape changes from sheepfolds to a mountain landscape with a small trail used by goats, sheep, herders, and the rare few hikers that come this way. The river gradually turns into a mountain stream and you'll camp near the source of the M'Goun River at the foot of Mt. M'Goun.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4.5 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 984' elevation gain and 328' elevation loss

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DAY 07

Summit Mount M'Goun

Set out in the very early morning hours to start the (optional) hike to the peak of Mount M'Goun. The second-highest mountain in Morocco (13,356'), it offers a spectacular trek for seasoned hikers. This is the trip's biggest climb and longest trek. After reaching the summit, return down the same path to the upper M'Goun Valley and down along two mountain passes with breathtaking views of the mountain range. End the day at a camp in Izabyin.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 8-9 hours/10-12 miles hiking with elevation gain of 3838' and elevation loss of 3838'

DAY 08

Wrap Up the Trek & Return to Marrakech

This morning head out for the last portion of the trek, up Tizi Tinourine pass and Izi Azdremt pass. After the second pass it's a long descent to the sheepfolds of Ikkis shepherd huts and the Arous riverbed. Have a quick picnic lunch before continuing into the Ait Bougmez Valley. Finish the trek here and board the vehicle for the transfer back to Marrakech. Enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight in Marrakech.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3.5-4-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4-4.5 hours/9 miles hiking with 800' elevation gain and 4900' loss

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DAY 09

Depart From Marrakech

Say goodbye to Morocco this morning and transfer to the airport for your homeward-bound flight.

MEALS: Breakfast

Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Riad Dar Justo

Right at the heart of Marrakech's medina, this 14th-century riad (traditional house with an inner patio) is an enchanting hideaway. Its cozy rooms and suites, each individually decorated, come with plush perks like Egyptian cotton linen and Wi-Fi. Guests can sample slow-cooked Moroccan cuisine at the rooftop restaurant and unwind at the on-site spa and hammam.

Riad Abaka Hotel

The boutique Riad Abaka Hotel is decorated in traditional Moroccan style featuring ornate Moorish moulding, geometric tiled motifs and a courtyard fountain garden. Each room includes modern amenities such as a flat-screen TV and Wi-Fi.

Ksar Ait Ben Damiette

Surrounded by palm groves and beautifully decorated in a traditional Moroccon style, Ksar Ait Ben Damiette is a hotel designed around relaxation. Unwind at the pool, sip tea on the terrace overlooking the garden or dine at the French Moroccan fusion restaurant.

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MT Sobek Camp – High Atlas Mountains

Camping is in dome tents with sleeping pads and sleeping bags. There's a dining tent, separate toilet tent and a shower tent.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August, September, October

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
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July 7-15, 2024

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September 1-9, 2024

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October 6-14, 2024

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
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- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
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