



Morocco Camels & Casbahs Hiking

A Legendary Saharan Journey & Dazzling Marrakech

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Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

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 so you're in perfect hands on this unique journey.

REASON 2

Discover Morocco's ancient cities, cultural hubs and desert dunes with our knowledgeable and longtime guides who offer rich insights into the local culture and way of life.

REASON 3

Our camel trek traverses some of Morocco's most secluded and breathtaking desert scenery, complete with comfortable tents and impeccable service from our Saharan team.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Hikes and camel treks paired with scenic desert drives, traditional market visits, and rich history and culture tours.



LODGING

Upscale city hotels, enchanting riad retreats, charming guesthouses, and MT Sobek mobile camps in the desert.



CLIMATE

The climate is moderate and subtropical, cooled by breezes off the Atlantic and Mediterranean. In the interior the temperatures are more extreme, with cold winters and hot summers.



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 extraordinary Morocco adventure, discover the kingdom of blueberry skies and peach-hued dunes, lush oases, and the rugged Atlas Mountains. Catch the buzz of Marrakech's ancient medina and follow coastal roads to Essaouira. Explore age-old casbahs and UNESCO-listed wonders, including the Roman ruins at Volubilis, historic Rabat, and the 9th-century Medina of Fes. Spend four days on a scenic camel trek through the legendary Sahara, sleeping in desert camps under star-kissed skies. Sip mint tea in traditional Berber villages and delight in warm Moroccan hospitality.

14 Days

Start: Marrakech, Morocco

End: Marrakesh, Morocco

Departing: January, February, March, October, November, December

Activities: Hiking & Trekking, Cultural Discovery

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Hotels, Deluxe Camping

Group Size: 6-14 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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“Our wonderful guide made our adventure in Morocco unforgettable. In seeing his country through his eyes, we all got a glimpse of a beautiful, hospitable, fascinating country.”

- Janet R.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Arrive in Marrakech this morning and meet your MT Sobek representative at the airport. After transferring to the hotel, join your guide and group for a trip briefing and lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to the pretty Majorelle Garden and time to rest or explore the spellbinding city of Marrakech on your own. Tonight, savor a welcome dinner with your trip leader at a local restaurant.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer

DAY
02

Discover Mesmerizing Marrakech

Head out and explore the "pearl of the south." Founded in the 11th century, Marrakech is one of Morocco's oldest cities, replete with gorgeous gardens and pink Moorish-style buildings. Wander the walled maze of its medina and enjoy the famed buzz of Djemma El Fna square, with its snake-charmers and fire-eaters. Have lunch in the medina and return to the hotel mid-afternoon, to either rest or explore on your own. In the evening, enjoy dinner paired with a musical performance at a traditional restaurant inside a 19th-century family home.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5.5 hours guided city touring

DAY
03

Journey to Essaouira

Rise for a drive to the lively port city of Essaouira with its beautiful 18th-century ramparts and traditional character. After lunch, take a tour of the "Windy City of Africa" and explore its atmospheric UNESCO-listed Medina of Essaouira (formerly Mogador). Wander through narrow cobblestone streets lined with quaint artisan shops and check out the sweeping harbor views as you stroll the fortifications. Overnight in a charming hotel reminiscent of a grand Moroccan riad.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

DAY
04

Follow the Coast Road to Rabat

Head north on the coastal road to Safi, then continue on a cliffside stretch with beautiful sea views to Oualidia — the "oyster capital of Morocco." Enjoy lunch at a restaurant with views over the pretty lagoon. Next, enjoy a pleasant drive to Rabat. This afternoon, explore Rabat's iconic Hassan Tower with its picturesque stone pillars. Enjoy a night at a delightful family-run guest house in town.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 6.5-hour private van transfer



Visit Meknes & Travel to Fes

After breakfast, set off on your journey to Meknes, an enchanting imperial city built by Sultan Moulay Ismail in the late 17th century. Marvel at the grand historic gateway of Bab Mansour and enjoy lunch before continuing to the UNESCO-listed Roman ruins at Volubilis. Arrive at your hotel in Fes by sunset.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer



Explore the Wonders of Fes

Dive right into the medieval walled city of Fes, where thousands of craftsmen ply their trades. Observe the magnificent UNESCO-listed medina from scenic viewpoints and then visit the King's Palace, Fes el-Jedid with its old Jewish quarter, and Fes el-Bali (the oldest section). Here wander through some of the best souks in the world, including the henna, brass, and leather tanners' souks. Marvel at the fabulous architecture, taking in the great Kairaouine Mosque, the largest in Morocco. Break up the day with a hearty lunch right in the center of the action.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Full day city touring



Journey to Erfoud

Rise early for a gorgeous drive to the oasis town of Erfoud. The journey takes you through cedar forests in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains up to the mountain town of Ifrane at 5,463 feet. Travel onward to your lunch stop in Midelt, situated between the Middle and High Atlas mountains, before ending the day in Erfoud — your gateway to the Sahara Desert.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 7-hour private van transfer



DAY 08

Camel Trek to Erg Chebbi

Start the day with a visit to a traditional village and then transfer by minibus to Derkaoua and Yasmine Auberge. From here, absorb the wonders of the desert as you travel on foot and by camel to the remote eastern side of Erg Chebbi — home to the largest and most spectacular dunes in Morocco. Along the way, you may occasionally pass nomads tending to their herds amidst the pumpkin-colored sea of sand. Return to camp for dinner and a night under the stars.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3-hours camel trek and walking

DAY 09

Ride Camels & Hike the Dunes of Bou Yerd

Rise today for an exciting camel ride to Bou Yerd, where you'll climb an incredible 500-foot high dune for epic desert views! Enjoy a picnic lunch in a tent on the dunes before setting off on a dune walk, giving you a real sense of space amidst the vast ocean of sand. Camp on the dunes near Zngui tonight.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5.5-hours camel trek and walking



Camel Trek to Erg Znigui

Today's camel trek ventures south along the massive dunes of Erg Chebbi. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the dunes near Merdanit before continuing across a black plateau dotted with red dunes to Znigui. Return to the camp in the afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6-hours camel trek and walking



Last Camel Trek & Drive to Boumalne Dades

Bid farewell to the desert early this morning and enjoy your last camel trek back to the road. Meet the minibus and journey on to Boumalne Dades, passing Rissani, Tineidad, and Tinerhir on the way. Stop for lunch in the old fortified Berber village of Khorbat and overnight at a comfortable hotel surrounded by mountains in Boumalne Dades.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 5.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1.5 hours camel trek and walking



Drive to Skoura & Ait Benhaddou

This morning, return to the Dades Valley for a delightful hike on the bank of the wadi, visiting an old Kasbah. After a picnic lunch, drive to the palm grove of Skoura, visit the old *ksar* (fortified village) of Amerhidil and then drive to Ait Ben Haddou and visit the village. Check into your riad-style hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3.5 hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours hiking



Return to Marrakech

Rise today for your return drive to Marrakech, crossing the rugged Tichka Pass at 7,300 feet and then descending to the plain of Marrakech. Check into your luxury hotel and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure, either exploring the city or enjoy the hotel's amenities. Gather for a festive farewell dinner in the medina.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer



Depart Home

Catch an early breakfast at the hotel, before driving to Marrakech Airport for your departure flight.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

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

Es Saadi Hotel

With a prime location in the verdant neighborhood of Hivernage, this luxury compound features a five-star hotel, palace accommodations and private villas. Steps from the walled old city and the Menara gardens, the dreamy hideaway offers no less than eight restaurants and bars, two swimming pools and the largest spa in Marrakech — all that paired with spectacular views of the Atlas Mountains.

Hotel Le Medina

Relax in comfort at this sumptuous beachside hotel, a stone's throw from the age-old citadel. With touches of a traditional Moroccan riad, 117 relaxing rooms and suites, and a luxury spa, this is a perfect place to unwind. Its comfortable, mosaic-adorned rooms are well-appointed with modern amenities and entirely furnished by Souiris craftsmen.

Villa Mandarine

Villa Mandarine is a special find in the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage city of Rabat. With gorgeous lush gardens and a palm-fringed courtyard, this family-run hotel has an oasis feel — matched by the comfort of its spacious rooms. Enjoy an array of modern amenities during your stay and don't miss taking a dip in the hotel's beautiful pool.



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Sofitel Rabat

Experience the comforts of the Sofitel Rabat Hotel, a 5-star luxury hotel located in the heart of the capital city, Rabat. This palace-like property features a contemporary design with the best of Moroccan architecture in each of the guest rooms. Sofitel Rabat provides a spectacular guest experience, with a fitness center, mini golf, pool, and on-site restaurants. All rooms have free Wi-Fi, A/C, a coffee/tea station, and satellite TV with cable.

Hotel Les Merinides

Perched atop a hillside overlooking the city, this 4-star hotel boasts a dramatic lobby and a rooftop restaurant that serves up traditional Moroccan fare. Guestrooms are beautifully designed with decorative carpets and contemporary furniture. What steals the show at this property are breathtaking views of the city, particularly during sunset.

Hotel Xaluca

Built with adobe bricks, this distinctive hotel is situated among palms and dunes at the door to the desert in Erfoud. Spacious en-suite rooms blend traditional decor with modern comforts, including air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Guests sample Moroccan cuisine at the two in-house restaurants, unwind in the two pools, a spa and hammam, and play a round at a mini-golf course.

MT Sobek Camp - Morocco Camel Trek

Your Morocco Camel Trek experience includes three nights of traditional desert camping in canvas expedition-style safari tents with comfortable bedding (including real beds with sheets, comforters and pillows). Meals will be served in a Berber-style dining tent and refreshing bucket showers will be available most evenings, plus basins of warm water for the mornings.

Hotel Xaluca Dades

With a beautiful location in the midst of the Atlas Mountains, the Hotel Xaluca Dades is a restful stop on your Moroccan adventure. Its 106 rooms are opulently designed with African materials and come well-appointed with modern amenities. Soothe your post-camel-trek body at the hammam or sunbathe on the natural stone solarium.

Riad Ksar Ighnda

Overlooking the Atlas Mountains and the edge of the desert, this luxury hotel sits surrounded by gorgeous private gardens and striking views. Traditional rooms come equipped with a full array of modern comforts, including a minibar. The outdoor swimming pool is a great spot to refresh on a hot desert day, while the hammam and spa offer black soap scrubs and massages.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, October, November, December

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

October 6-19, 2024

October 29-November 11, 2024

November 3-16, 2024

December 15-28, 2024

February 2-15, 2025

March 2-15, 2025

October 5-18, 2025

October 26-November 8, 2025

November 9-22, 2025

December 14-27, 2025

What's Included

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
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
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- Personal expenses



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