



# Morocco Camels & Casbahs Hiking

## A Legendary Saharan Journey & Dazzling Marrakech

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## Unrivalled 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 Travel Company by Newsweek 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 expert 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:** Marrakech, 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:**



Check [mtsobek.com](https://mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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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 Jardin Majorelle, an enchanting botanical and artist's landscape garden containing a variety of cacti, palms, and other plants—as well as a Cubist villa painted in striking “Majorelle Blue,” a color patented by the garden's designer. Tonight, savor a welcome dinner with your trip leader at a restaurant in the medina, and enjoy the famed buzz of Djemaa El Fna square, with its snake charmers and fire-eaters.

**MEALS:** Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 30-minute private van transfer

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## 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. Discover the Bahia Palace, a beautiful vizier's palace decorated with intricate stucco work, mosaics, and courtyard fountains. Also visit the Ben Youssef Madrasa, a historical Islamic college built in the 16th century that is of great cultural and architectural significance. Have lunch in the medina, then wander its labyrinthine streets and alleyways, visiting souks selling Moroccan lanterns, Berber carpets, ceramics, and other local crafts.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5.5 hours guided city touring

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## DAY 03

### Journey to Essaouira

Rise for a drive to the lively port city of Essaouira (formerly known as Mogador), famed for its beautiful 18th-century ramparts and traditional character. After lunch, take a tour of the “Wind City of Africa” and explore its atmospheric, UNESCO-listed medina. Wander through narrow cobblestone streets lined with quaint artisan shops and cafes and check out the sweeping harbor views as you stroll the fortifications. Overnight in a charming hotel on the Atlantic coast.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

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### 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, a red sandstone minaret flanked by unfinished stone pillars. These are the remnants of a massive unfinished mosque that is an important historical monument and a symbol of Rabat. Enjoy a night at a delightful family-run guest house in town.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 6.5-hour private van transfer

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### 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:** 5-hour private van transfer

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### 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

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### Journey Along the High Atlas Mountains 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

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## DAY 08

### Head into Erg Chebbi on Camels

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. This afternoon, you'll climb an incredible 400-foot-high dune, giving you epic desert views! Return to camp for dinner and a night under the stars.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4.5-hours camel trek and walking

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## DAY 09

### Trek by Camel to Erg Znigui

Mount camels for a thrilling ride south along the massive dunes of Erg Chebbi. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the dunes near Merdani before continuing across a dramatic black plateau dotted with red dunes to Znigui. Along the way, you may occasionally pass nomads tending to their herds amidst the pumpkin-colored sea of sand. Camp on the dunes near Znigui tonight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-hours camel trek and walking

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### Ride Camels & Visit with Nomads

Rise today for another exciting camel ride, this time to the rock of Beigga, a mixture of standing stones and sand. Stop for tea in a nomadic camp or village along your journey. Enjoy a picnic lunch in a tent on desert sands before setting off on a dune walk, giving you a real sense of space amidst this vast ocean of sand. Return to the camp in the afternoon.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4.5-hours camel trek and walking

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### Enjoy Your Last Camel Trek & Drive to Skoura

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 Skoura, passing Rissani, Tinejdad, and Tinerhir on the way. Stop for a short hike by a wadi, followed by lunch in the Dades Valley before arriving Skoura later in the afternoon. Spend the night at a kasbah hotel located in the palm grove of Skoura.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 5.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 2 hours camel trek and hiking

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### Drive to the Ancient Village of Ait Benhaddou

This morning, drive to Skoura's palmeraie (palm grove), a beautiful oasis of date palms and other fruit trees such as olive, pomegranate, almond, and fig. Learn about its ancient and ingenious underground irrigation system, then visit Amridil, one of the old ksars (fortified villages) located in the oasis. After lunch, drive to Ait Benhaddou, a historic ksar on the former caravan route between Marrakech and the Sahara that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check into your riad-style hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5 hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 2 hours walking

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### Return to Marrakech

Rise early 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, with time to explore the city or enjoy the hotel's amenities. This evening, gather for a festive farewell dinner in the medina.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 4-hour private van transfer

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## Depart for Home

Bid farewell to Morocco this morning as you transfer to the 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 Essaouira MGallery

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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## **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.

## **Kasbah Ait Ben Damiette**

Enjoy a relaxing stay at the traditional Kasbah Ait Ben Damiette, an impressive castle-style guest house nestled in a pretty palm grove. Its 11 comfortable and well-appointed rooms are decorated with authentic Moroccan touches and have views of the patio, pool or garden. Take a quiet moment to explore the oases on your last night in Morocco.

## **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 26-November 8, 2025

December 14-27, 2025

March 1-14, 2026

April 5-18, 2026

October 25-November 7, 2026

December 6-19, 2026



# 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 portage

## 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
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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