

SOUKS AND CITADELS IN MOROCCO

HIGHLIGHTS

- THE CITADEL AND OASIS OF TAROUDANT
- SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF MARRAKECH
- BEAUTIFUL ATLAS MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Morocco lies on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the Strait of Gibraltar to the north and is separated from Spain by only eight miles at its narrowest point. With distinct Arabic and European influences, it is famous for its cities that hint at spice and the exotic – palaces and gardens in the historic ochre-red walled city of Marrakech and the colourful markets of Taroudant in the backdrop of the beautiful snow-covered High Atlas Mountains.

DAY 1

London/Taroudant

Depart London today on a Royal Air

Maroc flight to Agadir on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, where on arrival you will be driven to majestic Taroudant for your stay at the Berber-styled Riad Dar Zitoune, 'house of the olives' in the midst of beautiful gardens shaded by olive and citrus trees.

DAY 2

Taroudant

Discover the sleepy provincial town of Taroudant, almost entirely contained within its high ramparts and set against the towering Atlas Mountains. This market town is located in the Sous Valley on the 'caravan route'. Half citadel and half oasis, it is perhaps most noted for its traditional crafts – jewellery and carpets – so if you plan to shop, this is the place to do it.

DAY 3

Taroudant/Marrakech

Passing by Agadir, your journey today



takes you to Marrakech, a city painted entirely ochre-red, in keeping with the red-clay earth below. Choose from a collection of stunning properties for the next three nights; perhaps Les Jardins de la Médina, part of an ancient residence with lush gardens shaded by orange, olive and jacaranda trees, and only a few minutes walk from the main square, or Palais Sebban, a family-run riad with a

warm and welcoming atmosphere and a roof terrace overlooking the medina.

DAY 4

Marrakech

Close to the foothills of the snow-covered High Atlas Mountains, the historic walled city of Marrakech offers palaces, gardens, bustling souks and the spectacle of the Djemaa-el Fna Square.



Today visit the magnificent palace of Dar Mnebbi, which houses exhibitions of Moroccan art and sculpture. See one of the first fountains of the town and view the finely worked square tower of the Koutoubia mosque. Prepare yourself for a discovery in a labyrinth of souks ending with snake charmers and Gnaouan drums pulsing in the most exuberant marketplace in the world. ►



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DAY 5

Marrakech

After the hustle and bustle of the Medina, travel by horse-drawn calèche to visit Marrakech's most beautiful gardens. Enjoy the tranquility of the Menara Gardens and take a romantic stroll past the old olive trees and Saadian style pavilion. This evening you may like to sample the local cuisine such as hazelnut marinated lamb with sweet pepper cream and braised fennel.

DAY 6

Marrakech/Atlas Mountains

This morning enjoy a drive to the

highest mountain in North Africa with spectacular scenery between the coast and the Sahara Desert and the change in flora and fauna. The High Atlas is dominated by Mount Toubkal at over 13,000 feet. Take photos of the dramatic landscape before continuing to the wonderfully restored Kasbah Tamadot, midway between two traditional Berber villages in the High Atlas, where a warm Berber welcome awaits.

DAY 7

Atlas Mountains

A full day to enjoy the relaxing surroundings and stunning views.



Venture into the hills to enjoy a picnic and a guided walk, or perhaps take time to relax with a dip in the heated outdoor infinity pool. Indulge yourself in the spa, de-stress in the hammam or work up an appetite on one of the two floodlit tennis courts. This evening feast like a king on traditional Moroccan and Berber specialties in Kanoun restaurant and don't forget to try ksra, the traditional bread. The Kasbah's Atri 'Star' Room offers a small terrace with perfect views at night for stargazing.

DAY 8

Atlas Mountains/London

Today you will be driven to Marrakech Airport for your Royal Air Maroc flight to London.



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