





## TOUR ITINERARY



Africa / Morocco

## **Morocco Bike + Adventure Tour**

Berber Villages, Marrakech, and the Atlas Mountains

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Work your way through the streets of the medina in Marrakech with a local guide, absorbing the outpouring of sights, smells, and sounds
- Ride in the Kik Valley, on village roads shared with donkeys, and on routes lined with flowering almond and cherry trees
- Hike beside a river to the base of Toubkal, the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains
- Enjoy a delectable Berber-style lunch while biking between remote villages
- Learn how to prepare Moroccan specialties infused with spices and ingredients essential to North African cuisine
- Get up close with the production of Morocco's versatile plant-based elixir, argan oil











### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

### **Arrival Details**

- \_ Airport City:
- Marrakech, Morocco
- Pick-Up Location:

Marrakech Airport or hotel

- Pick-Up Time:
- ا<sup>ع</sup> 10:00 am

## **Departure Details**

- \_ Airport City:
- Marrakech, Morocco
- Drop-Off Location: Marrakech Airport
- Drop-Off Time:
- 11:00 am

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

## **Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

#### **Travelers Take Note**

To show you all our favorite parts of Morocco, this tour includes transfers on multiple occasions. We like to think of it as an opportunity to see more of the country en route to your next ride.

For the hikes on this tour, we strongly recommend bringing hiking boots or trail shoes with good traction (not running shoes or sneakers). Moisture-wicking clothing or daypacks are also recommended, but not required.



## Tour By Day



## Flavor and Fragrance: Mint Tea and Gardens

Welcome to the Kingdom of Morocco, a country rich in history, culture, and beauty. Your guides will meet you at your pre-night hotel in Marrakech or at the airport. Our day begins with a transfer into the valley of Ourika, where we're welcomed with traditional mint tea in an inviting garden setting. After a bike fitting and safety briefing, head out on our first ride towards the Kik Plateau, a limestone outcropping in the High Atlas Mountains. This fertile region is crisscrossed with trails that connect Berber villages, and we're sure to encounter shepherds, villagers, and school children about their daily business. After a sumptuous Moroccan tajine lunch, share the road with donkeys on a rolling climb to Asni and stop to admire panoramic views of the lush and abundant valley below. Feel the breeze on the descent to our home for the next two nights, a luxurious kasbah with idyllic gardens and sweeping views of the snow-dusted Atlas Mountain. This evening, toast to a fantastic week ahead over dinner prepared from the hotel's organic garden.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Ourika, Tahanout, Asni

Accomplished: 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 2,585 feet / 788 meters

**Accommodations: Kasbah Tamadot** 



## The Golden Foothills

Wake to sunrise bathing the Atlas Mountains in morning light, and enjoy the warm glow during breakfast on the hotel's terrace. Today's ride takes us towards the foothills for a gradual climb with progressively more awe-inspiring views of the valley. Stop at a local co-op farm for a closer look at Moroccan argan oil, a plant-based beauty elixir as golden as this morning's light. After, the table is set for lunch in a tent surrounded by glorious, fragrant gardens. From here, choose to finish riding or let the van bring you directly back to the hotel for some pampering at the spa, a game of tennis, or a little extra time to relax before we regroup for dinner.

**Meals**: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Sidi Fares, Tahanout, Asni

**Accomplished:** 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 3,143 feet / 958 meters **Longer Option:** 39 miles / 63 km, elevation gain: 4,692 feet / 1,430 meters

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# Hiking Toubkal

Leave the bikes behind and take a short transfer into the foothills of Morocco's famous Toubkal Mountain. At 4,167 meters, majestic Toubkal is the highest peak in North Africa and a popular destination for mountain climbers. We won't be trying to summit, but the scenery on today's four-hour hike is no less remarkable: follow a meandering river trail to the mountain's base, then enjoy a picnic lunch before we make our way back to Imlil. The markets in this village are overflowing with hand-crafted tapestries, linens, leather, and pottery—a wonderful place to practice your shopping before we hit the medina in Marrakech later this week. Back at the hotel, wind down with a stroll through the manicured gardens and a sundowner in hand.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Imlil, Toubkal

Accomplished: 9 miles / 14 km hiking Accommodations: Kasbah Tamadot



## **Local Flavors** + **Intricate Architecture**

Our last breakfast at Tamadot offers a taste of ripe and exotic fruits—you'll recognize the flavors as our morning ride winds through a tapestry of almond, cherry, and olive trees. Throughout the seasons, families (and their donkeys) use the farm roads we're riding to tend and harvest these orchards. Continue cycling through Moulay Brahim, a town named for a Moroccan Sufi saint, and arrive in lakefront Lalla Takerkoust for lunch. This afternoon, transfer less than an hour to Marrakech where we meet our local guide Mohamed. He knows this city intimately and weaves stories of its cultural traditions and heritage that are as artful as the Berber rugs for sale in its souks. Be captivated by the Islamic and Moroccan architecture at Bahia Palace, browse the jeweltoned textiles displayed in market stalls, and end with a visit to Ben Youssef Madrasa, a 14th-century Islamic college. As the day draws to a close, savor the city's culinary delights and enjoy dinner at your leisure. Our guides will gladly share their recommendations.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Moulay Brahim, Lalla Takerkoust, Marrakech

Accomplished: 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 1,804 feet / 550 meters

**Accommodations: Villa des Orangers** 

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## Magic of the Red City

After a traditional breakfast of fruit, dates, juices, and freshly baked breads, it's another full day of exploring vibrant Marrakech. First, head to Yves Saint Laurent's iconic Jardin Majorelle—the French fashion designer's Deco and Moorish gardens are as meticulous as you'd expect. We'll then set our sights on the southern part of the medina to visit the Jewish Quarter, home of the humbling Saadian Tombs. After a short transfer out of the old city, we meet our friend Eric, a local chef who treats us to a cooking lesson. Learn to prepare some of the most essential Moroccan dishes that showcase the flavors, fruits, and spices of North Africa, then enjoy our creations for lunch. The bustling souks and bazaars beckon, and we'll spend the afternoon seeking out souvenirs—perhaps a clay tajine, silver tea kettle, or beautiful box of honey-soaked pastry. Tonight, gather for our final dinner to celebrate a memorable week in Morocco.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Marrakech

Accomplished: Walking tour of Marrakech

**Accommodations: Villa des Orangers** 



## **Leaving Marrakech**

After one more lovely breakfast—and perhaps a last mint tea—it's time to say farewell to this intoxicatingly beautiful hotel and city. Your guides will transfer you to the Marrakech airport, beginning your journey home.

Meals: Breakfast

