

MOROCCO

September 23rd – 4th October 2011



MOTORCYCLE TOURS

OVERVIEW

This is a trip of a lifetime, come and ride with us in Morocco, the journey starts in Spain, you fly in to Malaga airport, collect your bike, which has arrived the day before, meet your fellow riders, and relax in Malaga before heading off the following morning for the ferry crossing to Ceuta.

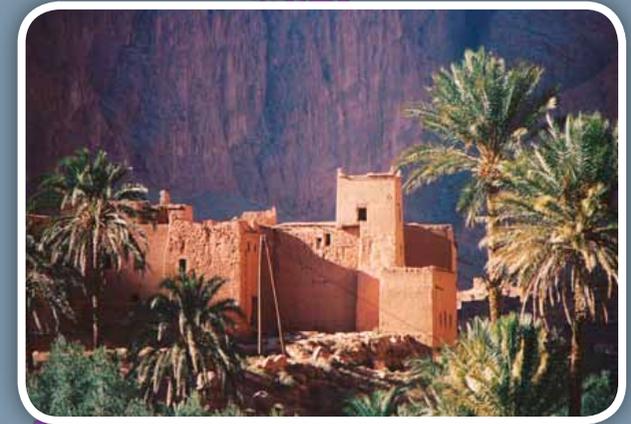
This 11 day adventure will show you some of the highlights of Morocco and give you a chance to feel part of this vibrant and fascinating North African country, so close to Europe yet so different, let your senses run wild with the sounds, smells and views of the continent of - Africa.

The scenery is beautiful and spectacular in every way from the Atlas Mountains, rolling green hills, amazing snake passes to the red sand dunes of the Sahara desert – it's all waiting to be seen. Visit medinas, kasbahs and soak in a truly unique motorcycling destination.

Stay in good quality 4 star hotels, with pools, secure parking, private facilities, on your way through Morocco, get a chance to meet the real Moroccan people. Our guide has spent many visits off the tourist routes, traveling in the desert, taking groups to the real Morocco, sleeping in the desert, you will get a chance to experience his first hand knowledge of this great country. Extend your stay at the end and enjoy the sun in South West Spain whilst your bike travels back to the UK.

HIGHLIGHTS

- › Todra and Dades gorges
- › Marrakech – Djemaa el – Fina square
- › Tizi-n-Tichka pass – in the high Atlas mountains
- › Erfoud – visit the Erg Chebbi sand dunes – the highest in North Africa
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- › Quarzazate – The home of many films, such as Gladiator
- › Fes – world famous imperial city
- › Meknes and Volubis – Roman ruins



Mileage in Morocco – 1450 good quality, paved tarmac

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – Fly / ride to Malaga

Collect bike, or collect rental bike, or ride in to Malaga on your bike, over night in a 4 star hotel in Malaga, time to meet your fellow riders, tour briefing. If you are riding over from the UK you are due in Malaga for no later than 5PM on that night.

DAY 2 – Ride to Fes in North Africa – 270 miles

From Malaga we head South to Algeciras and the ferry to Ceuta, from here we get to the border and cross in to Morocco – now we have 195 miles to ride to Fes. This will be a long day but it allows for an extra day in Southern Morocco and a chance to spend a day next to the Erg Chebbi sand dunes. Dinner included.

DAY 3 – Free day

Day to explore the imperial city of Fes and its world famous medina. Dinner included.

DAY 4 – Fes – Erfoud, via the Atlas Mountains – 300 miles

This is a great ride, one of the best of the trip, taking you high up in to the Atlas Mountains, passing many fortified villages and castles on your way to Erfoud located close to the Erg Chebbi sand dunes and the Sahara desert. The hotel is a luxurious settlement, dinner is included.

DAY 5 – Erfoud – Free day

Off road sand riding desert excursion, 4 by 4 trip, quad trip, relax day, your choice. Extra cost for quad day in the desert at £130 – with guides, land rover, lunch, singers, desert ride, this price is for 1 rider - visit Erg Chebbi – the highest sand dunes in North Africa. Many options await you on this day, one being take a trip with our guide in to the desert in the land rover, ride a camel, meet some real locals, your call. Same hotel dinner included.

DAY 6 – Erfoud - Merzouga – 40 miles

Ride down to Merzouga, stay in a hotel overlooking Erg Chebbi sand dunes, or a tented camp, depending on availability – either way a great day – a chance to see a real Moroccan working town at Rissani Relax in the sun and watch the sun go down over the desert.

DAY 7 – Ride the Todra and Dades gorges, on your way to Quazzazate – 195 miles

The ride today is truly spectacular, and the ride in the famous Todra and Dades gorges one that you will remember for a long while to come. The scenery is varied and stunning. The ride to and around the Dades and Todra is one of the highlights of the tour, a great ride. 5 star hotel, dinner is included.

DAY 8 – Quazzazate – Marrakech – 125 miles

Before leaving we will visit the Atlas film studios to see some of the sets from films such as - Living Daylights, Gladiator and Cleopatra. After this we head to for our ride over the high Atlas Mountains and over the Tizi-n-Tichka pass, before arriving in Marrakech. Dinner is included.

DAY 9 – Marrakech – Meknes, 285 miles

The scenery today is again varied, with winding mountain roads, gorges and tree lined hills. Dinner is included.

DAY 10 – Meknes – Ceuta, 220 miles via Volubis

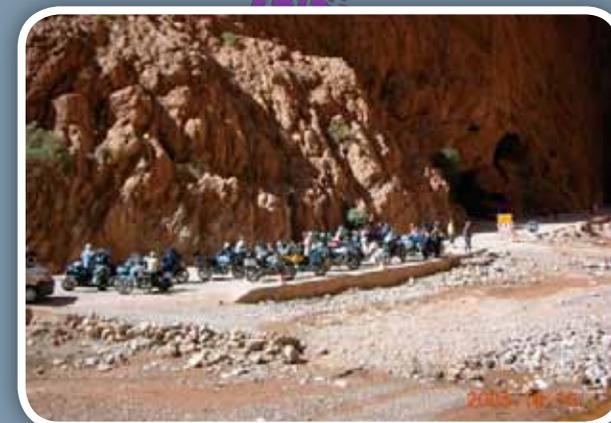
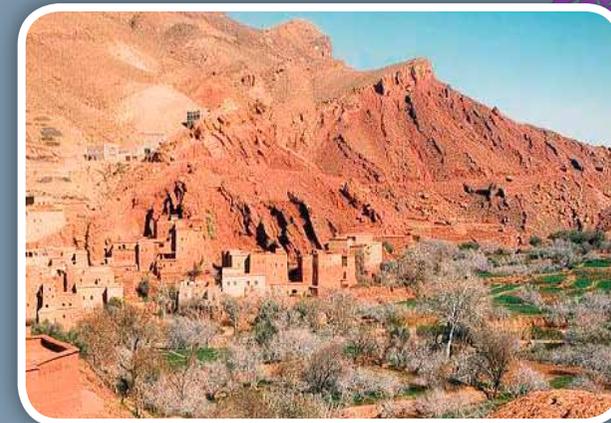
We visit the Roman ruins at Volubis, before heading North to Ceuta and the long ride home. Stay back at the paradore. Dinner included.

DAY 11 – Ceuta – Malaga, 90 miles, stay Malaga – 4 star hotel.

Morning crossing from Ceuta to Algeciras, then to Malaga via the great Andalusian mountain roads

Arrive in to Malaga at 3PM - return hire bike if applicable, load bikes on landover if applicable evening flights home, or stay on in Spain.

Back up in Morocco – Bill, our specialist Moroccan guide, has been leading trips out in to Morocco and the desert for many years, along with the other team members you will be in good hands. The vehicle also has a trailer for the bikes.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- › 11 nights accommodation, in 4 star hotels in Morocco or Riads, with breakfast, private facilities
- › New BMW bike – GS1200 or F800GS or 1200RT – small sur-charge
- › Support / luggage vehicle in Morocco – with facility to carry a bike, tools, first aid equipment
- › Guides 2 - 1 multi lingual in French
- › 9 evening dinners
- › End of tour gift
- › Route book
- › Ferry crossing from Spain to Morocco return

PRICES – BOOKING

- › 2 people, 1 bike, £3240
- › Price includes all taxes.
- › Deposit - £500, – none refundable. payment – a further £1500 is due 3 months before departure, and the remainder of the balance is due 8 weeks before departure.
- › Own bike deduct £920 giving a cost of £2320 per couple
- › If you decide to fly home on the night of 3rd October we will refund you the hotel cost, if not then you will depart Tuesday October 4th from Malaga
- › Prices / Booking - see attached ref for where top put it
- › Fly ride option - UK riders - option for bike to be transported to Malaga return, you fly in, bike waiting for you, quick and easy - means this trip is only 7 days off work for 11 nights away, fly home on the Monday night. Talk to us for rates.

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Morocco General places info

THE ATLAS, North Africa's highest mountain range stretches 600 miles diagonally across Morocco and is renowned for the beauty of its remote snow capped mountains and deep gorges. Covered in snow from November to April there are a surprising number of ski resorts only sixty miles from Marrakech. Sharing the same ochre hues as Marrakech, Taroudant is often referred to as the small Marrakech. Unlike its larger twin, Taroudant doesn't have a Ville Nouvelle or new town. The Berber town is a small treasure set against the back drop of the High Atlas it is a good base for trekking or exploring the western or Anti-Atlas. An hour drive from Agadir the town makes a good stop over en route to the Marrakech or any of the other Atlas towns and cities.

FES – The first of the Imperial Cities, ancient Fes is the seventh most important city of the Arab-Muslim world whilst for visitors remains off the beaten track. Fes is the spiritual and cultural centre of Morocco. The most ancient of the imperial cities, it was the first capital of the kingdom, in 808AD. It became the capital again in the thirteenth century under the Merinides and once more, in the nineteenth century. Fes is a city of enormous variety and contrast and in our opinion unrivalled in its splendor and authenticity. A mass of buildings created in basin like geography the labyrinthine alleyways of the medina form the UNESCO world heritage site Fes El-Bali, the oldest medina in Morocco. As you walk through Fes soukhs and mosques, dye pits and tanneries, restaurants, workshops and markets vie for your attention and assault your senses. Lively cafes provide welcome spots to people watch, while enjoying a mint tea and a pipe! The handpicked accom-

modation is set in key locations in the city allowing easy access to the exotic sights that Fes offers.

ERFOUD – Located in Southern Morocco, and close to the – Erg Chebbi sand dunes and the edge of the desert. Ouarzazate, the capital of the South is easily reached from Marrakech driving the high Tizi n Tichka mountain pass, glimpsing Jebel Toubkal en route. A good base for exploring the Kasbah Trail and the surrounding sub Saharan region with, to the east the Dades Valley, 'The road of the Thousand Kasbahs', and Todra Gorge.

OUAZARZATE, might look familiar as it is often used for making films - Gladiator, for example, was shot on location here. It's also gateway to the scenic Draa and Dades Valleys, and is an exciting wild area of mountains and desert, where you can trek by foot or on camel back, or try your hand at four wheel drive safaris in the fantastic sand dunes of this region.

MARRAKECH – Nestled between mountain and desert, it is perhaps not surprising that Marrakech is a city of contrasts. The bustling atmosphere of the Djema el Fna could scarcely be further removed from the tranquility of the many beautiful gardens, and the intricate medieval streets of the medina are at bewildering variance with the wide, tree-lined boulevards of the New Town. Everywhere though, the city's character and infectious charm shines through

MEKNES - In one of the most fascinating regions, Central Morocco is home to the Imperial Cities of Meknes, the smaller and quieter, which contrasts the larger, Fes. The two beautiful cities await discovery and present some of the best shopping and dining opportunities we've seen. Antique arabesque furniture line the soukhs, grand palace restaurants offer the finest of cuisines in breathtaking venues, and steeped in history incredible sights create magnificent spectacles. Meknes is one of Morocco's most striking imperial cities, in the heart of the countryside; this beautiful city was made the capital of Morocco by Sultan Moulay Ismail who during his reign built palaces, mosques, gardens and the massive ramparts that encompass the medina. Today Meknes is an Imperial city we recommend visiting as a contrast to those on the well trodden tourist tracks.

