



**SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR THE ACCOMPAGNANTS
VISITS & EXCURSIONS : DEPARTURE FROM MARRAKESH**

BASED ON 10 PERSONS MINIMUM

‘MARRAKESH CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL VISIT’

1/2 Day

Thousand-year-old city founded in 1070 by the Almoravides, town of art and culture, fairy-like city, the qualifiers do not fail to illustrate the magic of red city of morocco and to rent its many advantages. classified historical city on the list of the world inheritance, concealing many monuments :

Bahia Palace:

Standing in a 2-acre garden, is a haphazard arrangement of secret luxury apartments opening on to inner courtyards.

The Saadians Tombs:

During the 16th century, several mausoleums were built to receive the tombs of thirteen Saadians rulers. With its delicate decoration and pure architectural lines, the necropolis was an outstandingly beautiful feat of architecture.

Koutoubia mosque:

First built in 1147, but demolished since it was not correctly aligned with Mecca, the "mosque of the booksellers", was finished in its present shape in 1199. It has ever since been the landmark of Marrakech, rising up from the low houses and markets around.

Its style is Almohad, but has a good deal of simple Andalucian elements added to it. The minaret rises 77 metres above the ground, while the mosque is sizeable by itself. While it has a strict appearance in red stone today, it is believed that it originally was covered with plaster. There have been plans of renovating the Koutoubia into this style

PRICE : 180 MAD /PERSON

‘JARDINS & RAMPARTS’

1/2 Day

The visit starts from the huge pool Menara. built in the 12th century (c. 1130) by the Almohad ruler Abd al-Mu'min. The name menara derives from the pavillon with its small green pyramid roof (menzeh). The pavilion was built during the 16th century Saadi dynasty and renovated in 1869 by sultan Abderrahmane of Morocco, who used to stay here in summertime.

Afterwards, you will go along the ramparts built in from the 12th century, is 12km long and is one of the most impressive city walls of Morocco. It is strengthened through 202 bastions and 11 gates. You will go along Ramparts of the Medina (ancient city) for a trip of almost 20 kilometres which skirts the avenues and encircles pure wonders: minarets, palaces... You will cross the neighbourhood of the tanners where, ignoring the very strong odour, you will discover the various stages of artisan treatment of leather. The visit will be end in the magnificent subtropical Majorelle Garden (the French painter and decorator Jacques Majorelle, 1888-1962, settled down in Marrakech in 1923).

PRICE : 250 MAD /PERSON, BASED 5 PERSONS ON HORSE CARRIAGE



“VISIT OF THE SOUKS”

1/2 Day

The souk of Marrakech is a labyrinth where you soon lose directions; it is a living place with an intricate infrastructure. Different labours are assembled in quarters, and nobody seems to be disturbed if you stop up and watch the handcrafts perform their century old professions.

The famous town square of Marrakech, Jemaa El-Fna, owes little of its fame to its own beauty, but to the continuous day and night life.

Jemaa el-Fna owes most of its fame to the large number of spectacles going on all around all the time. Snake charmers, singers, story tellers, healers and fakirs attract a dominantly Moroccan audience.

PRICE : 160 MAD /PERSON

“ASNI-OUIRGANE ON 4X4 LAND ROVERS WITH DRIVER”

9h00 - 16h00

ASNI village is 47 km from Marrakech in the foothills of Jbel Toubkal (the highest of the Atlas Mountains). Asni is really a cluster of villages spread around the valley of MOULAY Brahim. On a tortuous switchback, but very scenic road, we find the picturesque ouirgane village, then the attractive Lalla Takerkoust lake, where a delicious lunch will be served.

Back to Marrakech by the main road (30 min).

PRICE : 850 MAD /PERSON. 5 PERSONS MINIMUM PER CAR

“ESSAOUIRA”

8h - 19h

Essaouira, known as the Windy City, is located 170 km from Marrakech. It is an ancient Phoenician trading post, named Mogador by the Portuguese. You will visit the Port and its Ramparts, the Medina (old city) and Scala (ancient Portuguese city). The ambiance on this old city is fascinating, as you walk in the narrow streets where you can meet craftsmen sculpting precious wood such as Thuya (white cedar), Cedar and Ebony and creating marvellous things: statues, tables, boxes.... Lunch in the port at a restaurant that specialises in fish

PRICE : 630 MAD /PERSON



“OUARZAZATE ON 4X4 LAND ROVERS WITH DRIVER”

07h00 - 19h00

Ouarzazate was once a garrison town. Nowadays, it still benefits from its strategic position on the edge of the desert, at an altitude of 1100metres, as the departure point for excursions to the palm forests and oases of the deep south. It is situated at the intersection of three great valleys, the Dadès, the Ziz and the Dra, all three possessing spectacular valleys and gorges. Ouarzazate is flanked by casabas and behind it rise the towering snowy peaks of the High Atlas. It is also home to the most famous film studios in North Africa.

You will visit the Taourirt Casaba, an impressive group of crenellated ochre mud walls, the beautifully restored former home of Pacha Glaoui. After Lunch you discover The Ait Ben Haddou Ksar – familiar as the backdrop to many films and classed as a World Heritage Site - a tangle of labyrinthine alleys at the heart of the fortified village built of mud bricks

PRICE : 1050 MAD /PERSON. 5 PERSONS MINIMUM PER CAR