

Off roads with the nomads

Key points :

- ☛ Variety of the deserts, stone and sand
- ☛ Camel tour with a lunch in a natural oasis
- ☛ The deep gorges and the valley of Roses

Day 1 : Arrival and transfer in Ouarzazate.

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Day 2 : Ouarzazate - Chigaga dunes via Foug Zguid

The lake of Chigaga is surrounded by impressive dunes, even more beautiful at sun rise or sunset, which is the reason why we install the bivouac there. Before reaching the dunes, we cross a very rocky erg, till the well-known depression of Iriki.

Day 3 : Chigaga dunes – Mezgarne Oasis

We drive along the river Draa (that goes underground, in the sand, to appear again 800 km Westwards, and joins the Atlantic... some years, when there is enough rain), and its bushes among the stones, then by M'Hamid-El-Ghouzlane, one of the doors to the desert, (its souk, on Mondays, sometimes welcomes Tuaregs), and finally by Zagora, from where the caravans leave to Timbuktu. To reach Mezgarne, we follow the palm grove along the Draa valley.

Day 4 : Mezgarne Oasis

The day is spent on a camel tour in the desert Hamada of Guir. Camel drivers from the nearby village take you in Mezgarne to lead them in their village, Timganine. After visiting it, you leave for a natural oasis, and go through rocky landscapes, and see some dunes. After a nice picnic in the shade of the palms, you return to Mezgarne for a mint tea before sunset.

Day 5 : Mezgarne Oasis - Todra gorges via Jebel Sagro.

To reach Todra gorges, we cross the wonderful landscapes where the Ait Atta still live and abide by their millenary traditions. In spring, and in autumn, they change pastures, moving to the desert for the winter or to the mountains for the summer. They live from their cattle and lambs, in an arid landscape whose beauty is really breathtaking. Your 4*4 (SUV) will follow the tracks formerly used by the caravans.

Day 6 : Todra gorges --> Dades gorges, via M'semrir

From one gorge to another, through the haut plateaus tracks. We might meet Ait Hadidou nomads, still living between mountains and desert, their tents hung on rocky slopes. Like Ait Atta, they face more and more difficulties to make a living, but still warmly welcome the traveller. The vertiginous road will show you the landscape as if you were a bird!

Day 7 : Dades gorges - Ouarzazate via Boutaghar and the Valley of Roses

Dades valley is full of very interesting geological sites, especially the « monkey paws ». Further is the rose garden, cultivated for the perfume industry. The second week-end of May, you can attend to the famous moussem of the Roses. If your tour takes place during this time, you'll appreciate the gardens full of roses, songs and dances, and the colourful fair.

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Oasis de Mezgarne

Day 8 : Ouarzazate - Departure

We transfer you to the airport, or to another place if you wish to continue your trip in Morocco (possible extra costs, please consult us).

8 days

Dates : October to April

Price : 600 euros per person (for a group
of 4-6 people)

Accommodation : Hotel, Inn, Bivouac and
tent



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