

## Dunes and gorges, erg and jebels

### Key points :

- 🏜️ Variety of deserts, sand and stones
- 🏜️ Merzouga dunes
- 🏜️ The large gorges, and valley of Roses

### **Day 1 : Arrival and transfer in Ouarzazate.**

Arrival in Ouarzazate. We take you to the hotel. Depending on time of arrival, a dinner is planned.

### **Day 2 : Ouarzazate - Tazzarine and Mezgarne Oasis, via the Draa valley**

We drive through the Draa valley, where you can enjoy the palm grove. A lunch is served in Mezgarne. Then a first walk takes you to the nearby village

### **Day 3 : 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 4 : Mezgarne Oasis - Merzouga, via Tafraout n'Aït Khebach**

By rocky tracks where the Paris-Dakar rally also passes, and through the huge dried bed of the Rheris river, we reach Merzouga, awesome dark ochre sand dunes, and first part of the Sahara, spread over hundreds kilometres. If you want to, you can spend the night in a bivouac in the middle of the dunes (in supplement, please ask in advance).

### **Day 5 : Merzouga - Todra gorges via Rissani – Erfoud**

We drive along the Chebbi erg, and leave the desert via Rissani, first Muslim city and large commercial centre. Its huge souq takes place three times a week. We visit Rissani, then pass by Erfoud before reaching the Todra gorges, where we spend the night. These steep gorges are a climbing place well known in Morocco.

### **Day 6 : Todra gorges - Dades gorges via M'semrir**

From one gorge to another, through the haut plateaus tracks. We might encounter some Aït Hadiddou nomads, still living between mountain and desert, their tents hung along the slopes. Like Aït Atta, they have more and more difficulties to stick to their way of life, but still warmly welcome you. After M'semrir, the vertiginous road will display the landscape from very high!

### **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 : 560 euros per person (for a group  
of 4-6 people)

Accommodation : Hotel, Inn, Bivouac and  
tent



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