

MOROCCO: BETWEEN THE ATLAS GORGES AND THE DUNES OF THE SAHARA

11 DAYS AMONG GORGES, DESERT, KASBAHS, AND ANCIENT MOROCCAN ROUTES

From 18 to 28 February 2027



An itinerant journey in true CiaoTrekking style, alternating hikes in off-the-beaten-path locations with moments of relaxation and discovery, staying in hotels, riads, and desert tented camps.

Above all, it is a journey to encounter a world and a culture very different from our own. Javier and Paolo have already traveled these lands and will be by your side not only on the trails, but also to guide you in discovering the people, traditions, and daily life of Morocco.

An experience to be lived with curiosity and a spirit of adaptation, letting yourself be surprised as much by the landscapes as by the people we will meet along the way.

Highlights of the trip

HIGH ATLAS AND BERBER VILLAGES

TELOUET KASBAH

OUNILA VALLEY

DADES GORGES AND TODRA GORGES

ERG CHEBBI AND THE SAHARA DESERT

NOMADIC COMMUNITIES AND DESERT VILLAGES

ZIZ VALLEY AND PALM GROVES

HOSPITALITY IN A LOCAL HOME IN ZOUALA

MEDINA AND SOUKS OF MARRAKECH

Trip details

Difficulty:  Moderate

Duration: Trip

Overnight stay: Hotels, riads, homestay, and tented camp

Meals: Breakfasts and dinners every day; 2 lunches in the desert

Participants: max 20

Packing checklist

- Trekking clothing
- Trekking shoes
- Hat and sunscreen
- Trekking poles (optional)
- Flashlight
- Shower sandals
- Rain jacket and/or waterproof jacket
- Water bottle
- Swimsuit
- Personal hygiene kit

THE FEE INCLUDES

- *Guide service in Italian*
- *Medical insurance and travel assistance*
- *Overnight stays in 3-star hotels, riads, and tented camps in double or twin rooms. 1 night in a homestay (shared rooms and bathrooms)*
- *Breakfasts and dinners every day; 2 lunches in the desert*
- *Private bus transfer*
- *Entrance fees to the indicated attractions*
- *Drinking water during the trip*

THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- *Flights*
- *Meals not mentioned in the program*
- *Drinks, telephone, and personal expenses*
- *Tips for drivers and local guides*
- *Trip cancellation insurance*

Participation fee (Tour cost): € 1.160

Payment terms

- Deposit: € 300 on booking
- Balance: € 860 to be paid on site

Registrations close on January 15th or when the group is full

Full itinerary

Day 1 — Thursday 18 February 2027

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL IN MARRAKECH

Departure from Comiso in the morning with a second meeting point in Rome and arrival in Marrakech in the afternoon. After arriving, we will head towards the High Atlas, reaching the town of Telouet, where we will spend the first night of the trip.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2 — Friday 19 February 2027

IN THE HEART OF THE HIGH ATLAS

After breakfast, we will begin our trek in the High Atlas, crossing a landscape of mountains, valleys, and small Berber villages.

The route will take us to Titoula from Telouet, where our transfer awaits to take us to our accommodation for dinner and the overnight stay.

In the afternoon, we will have the opportunity to visit the evocative Telouet Kasbah, an ancient residence along one of the historic caravan routes that connected the Sahara to Marrakech.

Day 3 — Saturday 20 February 2027

OUNILA VALLEY AND AIT BEN HADDOU

Leaving Telouet, we will reach the Ounila Valley, where a trek of about 5 km awaits us through one of the most characteristic landscapes of the High Atlas.

After lunch, we will continue towards Ait Ben Haddou, the famous fortified village made of raw earth. We will have the afternoon to explore its alleys and admire the surrounding landscape until sunset.

Dinner and overnight stay in Ait Ben Haddou.

Day 4 — Sunday 21 February 2027

THE DADES GORGES

After breakfast, we will set off towards the Dades Gorges, crossing the landscape of the Moroccan interior.

Along the way, we will make a stop in Ouarzazate for some last-minute shopping before reaching the valley. In the afternoon, we will begin our exploration of the Dades Gorges, among rocky walls, trails, and panoramic views of the valley.

After the trek, we will move to our accommodation in Tinghir, one of the most evocative towns in the region, surrounded by a vast palm oasis.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 5 — Monday 22 February 2027

THE PALM GROVE OF TINGHIR AND THE TODRA GORGES

After breakfast, we will visit the palm grove, the kasbah, and the mosque of Afanour, connecting with the history and daily life of this part of Morocco.

The final stop in the area will be the majestic Todra Gorges, where we will take a short trek inside the spectacular gorge, surrounded by its high limestone walls.

In the afternoon, we will begin our journey towards Merzouga and the Sahara desert.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6 — Tuesday 23 February 2027

TREKKING IN THE ERG CHEBBI

The day will be entirely dedicated to the desert.

We will set off on foot from Merzouga for a trek towards the great dunes of the Erg Chebbi, crossing the desert landscape and gradually immersing ourselves in the vastness of the Sahara.

It will be a day to walk, observe the landscape, and experience the desert with its rhythms and silences.

Overnight stay in the tented camp.

Day 7 — Wednesday 24 February 2027

FROM THE DUNES TO THE DESERT VILLAGES

We will leave the tented camp to continue our journey through the Sahara, alternating between dune landscapes and more arid, rocky areas.

During the day, we will meet some nomadic communities and reach an ancient abandoned village, linked to the history of the lead mines exploited during the French period.

We will then continue towards a new desert area until we reach our tented camp, where we will spend the night.

Day 8 — Thursday 25 February 2027

RISSANI AND THE ZIZ VALLEY

We will leave the desert to reach Rissani, an ancient caravan city and an important center of the region. We will visit some of its most characteristic places, including the kasbah, the mosque, and a school.

We will then continue towards the Ziz Valley and the village of Zouala, where we will be guests in Hamid's home.

If time permits, in the afternoon we will take a short hike through the palm grove and the village, with a loop trail to discover the oasis and local life.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hamid's home.

Day 9 — Friday 26 February 2027

FROM THE ZIZ VALLEY TO OUARZAZATE

After breakfast, we will begin the long transfer to Ouarzazate, leaving the desert behind us and crossing the landscapes of southern Morocco once again.

Along the way, we will stop at a women's cooperative dedicated to the production of rose oil and its derivatives, discovering one of the local traditions linked to the famous Valley of the Roses.

Once in Ouarzazate, we will visit the Taourirt Kasbah, one of the most important historical architectural sites in the city.

Dinner and overnight stay in Ouarzazate.

Day 10 — Saturday 27 February 2027

MARRAKECH AND THE MEDINA

After breakfast, we will depart for Marrakech.

Once we arrive, we will immerse ourselves in the medina with a guided tour through souks, squares, alleys, and architecture that tell the history of the city.

The afternoon will be free, allowing everyone to experience Marrakech according to their own interests: strolling through the medina, doing some last-minute shopping, or simply enjoying a few hours of freedom.

Dinner and overnight stay in a riad.

Day 11 — Sunday 28 February 2027

RETURN TO ITALY

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and departure for the return flight to Catania.

This concludes our journey through Morocco, from the mountains of the High Atlas to the gorges and valleys of the south, all the way to the dunes of the Sahara.

Before departure

About a month before departure, we will create a WhatsApp group dedicated to the trip, where we will share all the useful information to prepare for the departure together.

You will find a summary of what to bring, the latest updates on the organization, weather forecasts and conditions in the days leading up to the trip, and we will be able to answer any doubts or questions.

A simple way to arrive prepared and experience the trip with greater peace of mind.

BOOK WITH US!

Your next adventure awaits



Javier Marletta



Paolo Costanzo

Important notes

In case of adverse weather conditions or unfavorable natural situations, an alternative activity will be proposed. The guide reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the program based on current conditions, evaluating the most appropriate solution to ensure the safety of the group.

Bookings and contact

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