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 Agadir & Taroudannt Arrival at Agadir Airport & we go directly to Taroudannt where we can visit the old Medina and the city walls of this ancient town. Over-night stay in a traditional and comfortable Riad in the Median of Taroudannt. Taliouine & Agdz Crossing the Anti-Atlas we make a stop-over in Taliouine. This small city is famous for its plantations of safran and the Berber carpets. Our tour is long on that day, so we head further to the Drâa Valley and its small city Agdz where we spend the night in an old Kasbah of a former Caid. Next day we visit the old Kasbah to see more of the ancient, traditional Architecture of the Berbers of the region. Valley of Drâa & Tamnougalt The following day we spend in the Drâa Valley, following hidden off-road paths nearby the river to enter into the life of the Berber habitants. The palm oasis and its fields can be discovered as well by walking and we have an opportunity to swim in a natural bassin of the river Drâa. We participate at the rural life of the villages and visit the old Kasbah in Tamnougalt. Over-night stay in a Kasbah hotel. Tamegroute & M'hamid Our next stop is in Tamegroute where we take a look at the library of the ancient of the religious leaders. We also watch the traditional way of making pottery; Tamegroute is famous for both of it. After we can relax and have lunch at our friends home before we drive on to M'hamid. Over-night stay in a comfortable, traditional hotel. M'hamid & Erg Chegaga Today's destination is the dunes of Chegaga.



Our path leads off-road through the stone desert to Erg Chegaga. We pass the Oasis Sacrée where we prepare a barbecue. After arrival at the camp we start a three days trekking in the dunes with the dromedaries. The next days we trek along the dunes in solitude and silence. For our physical well-being our team is doing all the best: they cook our meals and built up tents for the nights &ndash; and the native nomads are used to make music with their instruments, mostly drums, and we can follow their strains. Sleeping in the sand dunes under a sky of stars or in the tents. Foug Zguid The next morning after breakfast we drive on off-road to Foug Zguid which is a village in a lorn swath of land with its bizarre formations of ridges in the Anti-Atlas. A nice Kasbah hotel for our over-night stay is awaiting us with a swimming-pool to enjoy and relax. Tata &ndash; Tafraoute Our travel goes on through this amazing and weird landscape of the Anti-Atlas, wonderful and breathtaking. In the afternoon we arrive in Tafraoute and the Valley of Ammeln, a valley with its almonds blossom in springtime. Here we stay two nights, visiting the Maison Traditionelle to understand the way of living of the Berber in this region and hiking a day through the Valley of Ammeln. If a hike is not possible we do an excursion to the nearby plateau of Ait Mansour with its amazing views and the beautiful village in a gorge. Over-night stays in a charming Kasbah hotel in Tafraoute. Amtoudi The following day we enter deeper into the region and the life of its habitants. We cross a wonderful gorge next to Ighmir and drive on to Amtoudi where we stay over-night with a Berber family. This place offers many specifics as an awesome hike through a river gorge up to a swimming bassin and a climb up to an old agadir which is nearby on top of a hill. This area always provides fresh air because of being located in a river valley. Guelmim &ndash; Mirleft Before departure we visit the engravings of our ancestors in this area &ndash; and we can find a lot of. After our discoveries we drive on to Guelmim where we can see the Blue Men of a nomadic tribe of the region or a dromedary race. Passing Sidi Ifni we arrive in the afternoon at Mirleft where we check in our hotel. For sunset we head to Leghzira Beach with its fabulous sandstone arcs. A fresh caught fish at a beach restaurant will be our dinner for tonight. Agadir We spend our last two nights in an eco-lodge on a hill behind the city. A cooking-class or a Tadelakt workshop is awaiting us &ndash; combined with perfect food, wonderful nature and a swimming-pool to relax or a getaway to the beach life. But now it's time to say good-bye to our hosts and take our flights back home.

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