

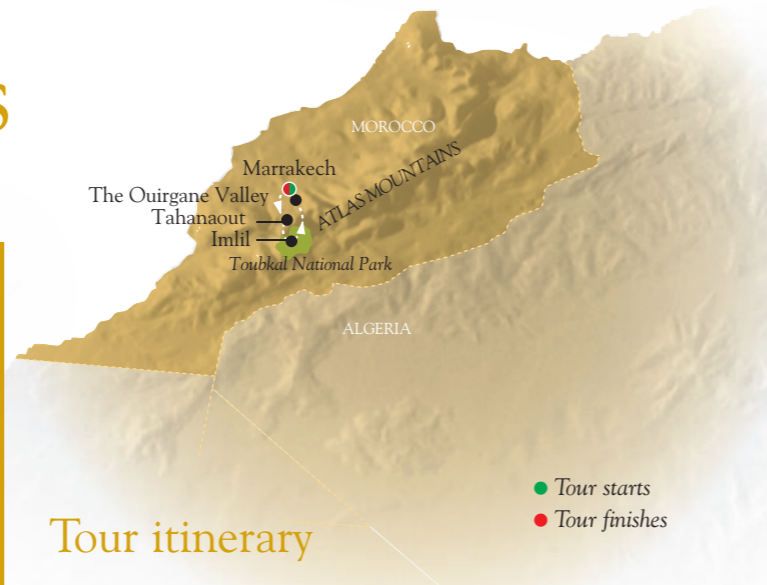
# Marrakesh and Mountains

Prices start from £795

Inclusive 4-day tour

## Tour highlights

- \* Full Marrakesh city sightseeing tour taking in all the key sites including Yves Saint Laurent gardens and Jamaa El Fna Square
- \* Enjoy a private tour of the Atlas Mountains in the Toubkal National Park with its fascinating villages and insight into rural life
- \* Plenty of free time for relaxation, further sightseeing and shopping
- \* 3 nights at the luxurious Jardins De La Koutoubia hotel



## Tour itinerary

### Day 1 Fly to Marrakesh

Your British Airways flight to Marrakesh departs at lunchtime from London Gatwick. We also offer a choice of other airlines if you would prefer so please ask for details. On arrival your local guide will meet you and take you by private transfer to the luxurious Jardins De La Koutoubia, an oasis of calm in the middle of the city. This prestigious hotel offers authentic Moroccan hospitality and elegant interiors and has a good reputation for quality of its service. Cuisine is taken seriously here with a selection of restaurants offering Indian, Asian, French and Moroccan cuisine. The hotel has a Clarins Spa which offers their top of the range products and spa treatments for the beauty needs and the wellbeing of both men and women. In addition there are five hammams, an indoor pool, fitness centre, relaxation room and hairdresser.

Meals: In-flight Hotel: Jardins De La Koutoubia

### Day 2 Marrakesh

Explore Marrakesh on a half day tour visiting the key sights starting with the Yves Saint Laurent garden which was originally created by the French artist, Jacques Majorelle. After his death, the garden was repurchased by Pierre Berge and Yves Saint Laurent who restored it to its former glory. The originality of the garden comes from the combination of the luxurious vegetation



Yves Saint Laurent Majorelle Gardens



Jamaa El Fna Square

and architectural features with more traditional Moroccan elements which is said to offer a place for inspiration and contemplation. The Yves Saint Laurent gardens feature strong use of bold cobalt blue which is used extensively in the garden. Stroll through the labyrinth of alleyways in the old medina, the historic part of the city, and see the fourteenth century Ben Youssef Medrassa, a former Koranic school noted for its latticework interior and the 12th-century Kubba El Baroudiyne with its Almoravid-style Dome. We end our tour in the Jamaa El Fna Square which is close to your hotel. Free afternoon and evening so relax at your hotel or head out and enjoy the city by night.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Jardins De La Koutoubia

### Day 3 Marrakesh to the Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh

After breakfast, travel by private vehicle to the Atlas Mountains and the Toubkal National Park, set within the High Atlas Mountains, which contains eight distinct mountains. You'll enjoy the spectacular scenery of vegetation, mountain streams, coloured rock cliffs, quaint Berber villages and smiling local mountain people and an ancestral lifestyle which remains today. Nature rules supreme in these regions, dictating the existence of these tribal men and women. Your first visit is to the village of Tahanaout with its traditional rural market, full of colour and bustling with activity, and with plenty of photo opportunities. We then continue on to the second village of Imlil, which is base camp for trekkers and mountaineers and a fascinating place



Imlil village, Atlas Mountains

for us to visit today. We then take on a different perspective on local life with a visit to a mountain school to see mountain-style education in action. Afterwards we head for a traditional lunch at the La Roseraie in the The Ourigane Valley of the High Atlas Mountains. Return to Marrakesh for your last free evening in the city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Hotel: Jardins De La Koutoubia

### Day 4 Return flight to London Gatwick

Spend the morning as you choose, either relaxing or dashing out for some last minute shopping or to get a final glimpse of the city before your private afternoon transfer to the airport. Your British Airways flight to London Gatwick arrives late evening. We also offer a choice of other airlines if you would prefer so please ask for details.

Meals: Breakfast

## Your tour hotels

For full details of all the hotels featured on this tour please see pages 36-39.

## Departure dates & prices

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Departure date	Price per person
2011 08 September	£875
06 October	£795

Prices per person, based on double/twin share.  
Single supplement: £359

Independent arrival – see page 4 for details  
Deduct £280 from the tour price above

### Your 4-day tour includes:

- \* Return scheduled flights on British Airways
- \* Invitation to the executive lounge at London Gatwick
- \* Private transfers from Marrakesh airport to your hotel and back
- \* The services of a local guide
- \* Quality hotel accommodation
- \* Guided sightseeing tours as specified
- \* 3 breakfasts
- \* 1 lunch
- \* Luggage service
- \* All local and state taxes
- \* Airport taxes including air passenger duty

Flying time  
London to Marrakesh 4.5 hours

Time difference  
GMT -1 hour

Average monthly temperatures

Marrakesh

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
11°	14°	15°	17°	21°	24°	29°	29°	26°	21°	17°	13°



Marrakesh walls and Atlas Mountains