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MOROCCO BICYCLE CHARITY CHALLENGE

Morocco Sahara and Atlas Mountains

Event Description

Adventurebug has led bike excursions and events in Morocco for over 20 years. This event is 4 days of riding challenge that caters to **mixed experienced** riders - bringing the best of Morocco's history, landscape and culture alive. We do this by offering relatively flat rides in the rural areas around Marrakech and some colourful foothills of the Atlas range where authentic Berber villages are located. All riding is on rural roads and tracks, not technical and away from busy urban centres and industry. In addition to the 2 nights in Marrakech itself, we offer a third in a comfortable rural hotel and another as a desert style Oasis camp under the stars with the final ride into the exotic central Medina of Marrakech itself. Plenty of opportunities to understand and witness Berber culture and nuances will be on hand. Extensions for stronger riders will be organized with our support team. No daily transfers are required and all riding is planned to be door to door, but a support vehicle with passenger seats always on hand.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Marrakech, transfer to tourist class 4 star Hotel Andalous OR similar – 15 minutes. Bike fitting this afternoon followed by orientation and dinner at hotel, arrival mineral water bottle provided.

DAY 2 - Direct cycle from hotel into rural countryside, away from Marrakech we ride a circular route through the date *Palmerie* and into the city outskirts, leading us south towards the Atlas and finishing on a flat agricultural plateau. An opportunity to ride through remote villages before finishing at the comfortable 4 star Hotel Vatel with stunning views to the Atlas range. Some areas of high traffic expected today as we circle Marrakech. Total distance 100 plus km / moderate. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for riding (including mineral water) provided.



DAY 3 - The Atlas Foothills and Ait Ourir Camp. A scenic full riding day combining rural country lanes through basic villages with some undulating terrain in the Atlas foothills. An opportunity to witness local agriculture, house design and historical elements. Approximately 100 plus km over largely rolling terrain with some track components – leading into the Atlas range. Camp setting tonight in desert like valley with music and entertainment provided. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for riding (including mineral water).

Camp will have 2 person tents with foam mattress beds – some singles available. **Sleeping bags necessary**, There is a main mess tent / dining area and a team of cooks. We also provide simple toilet / wash tent areas as well. Camp lighting is minimal (around dining tent and main passage way only –



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head torches necessary). Group will arrive to mint tea served followed by traditional Berber Harrida and cous cous dinner eaten in the large tent on carpets, bonfire and music at night. This is a very memorable and authentic experience under stars with backdrop of the Atlas range. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for riding (including mineral water)



DAY 4 - Return ride to Marrakech A full day cycle, (100 plus km) and it is challenging in the local hills followed by canals and flat rural countryside before completing a final, scenic leg into city center - to arrive near the famous Kotoubia Mosque. Final destination is a comfortable 4 Star Hotel (Kenzi Farah or similar), in the Hivernage District. Large buffet lunch served at hotel. Gala dinner with wine taken in private room at the Dar Es Salam Restaurant. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for riding (including mineral water).

DAY 5 - Free morning for exploring Marrakech, Local guide will take group around the Medina and time allotted for shopping (baggage left at hotel), we included transfers to/from hotel to medina. Departure transfer from Hotel to airport (15 min). Breakfast only

Airport Transfer and Return Flight

For those wishing to stay on in Marrakech (or visit more of Morocco), as per above, we will extend the hotel reservation and / or provide onward tour options (see below). Please consult.

The return transfer from hotel to Marrakech airport applies to the GROUP departure. So if group departs on Day 6 as per above itinerary, the transfer is included in our price. For those wishing to extend their stay outside of the group travel arrangements – a separate transfer fee is indicated below.

Inclusions

- **Included your charity manager and an Expedition Doctor (x 1) in twin share or single options.*
- **Accommodation:*
 - a) *First night – 4 star Hotel Andalous or similar / twin share / pool and garden areas*
 - b) *Second night – 4 star Hotel Vatel rural resort / twin share / pool, spa and garden areas*
 - c) *Third night – Desert style Bedouin camp / 2 pax tent share / meals catered*
 - d) *Fourth night – 4 star Kenzi Farah Hotel / twin share/ pool, spa and garden areas*
- *(Group)Transfers as per itinerary (private coach) including return airport transfers. These transfers also include shuttles to/from dinner and tour of Marrakech on the final day.*
- *Daily support 'sweep' vehicle (16 SEAT MODERN MINI BUS)*
- *Daily support VAN to haul baggage and mark routing ahead of riders*
- *Daily support VAN for bike mechanics that carry spare bikes and repair materials*
- *Maps and route information for riders*
- *Bicycle hire, mechanic and support vehicle throughout (mountain bikes) over 3 riding days – Our mountain bikes are modern, Aluminium frame, front suspension bikes with solid Shimano components. They have water bottle holders*
- *Meals as per itinerary including snacks and mineral water at meals*
- *Riding mineral water (at least 2 x 1.5 litres bottles day), over 3 riding days*
- *Gala dinner in Marrakech with minimal alcohol inclusion (1/2 bottle wine per pax or 2 x beers)*
- *Adventurebug Team support – matt and Khalid escorting the group throughout and local team on the ground*



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- *Emergency measures, risk assessment profiling and evacuation plan*
- *Police and local city permissions for group events*
- *3rd Party Public Liability Insurance*
- *All expenses - recci (not necessary), local taxes, VAT and ground team service fees **included***

NON Inclusions

- *Sleeping bags for the camp night (they can be hired for 10 euros / pax for the 1 night)*
- *Additional transfers outside of the stated times above – with exception of those needing transfers during riding days as this is included in our services.*
- *Head torches for the camp night*
- *Alcohol or other beverages at meals. Only bottled mineral water is included at all meals – with exception of tea, coffee and juices during breakfasts.*
- *Bicycle helmets*
- *Special pedals (must be brought in person – we will install them)*
- *Special saddles*
- *Energy gels or drinks, supplements*
- *Water Bottles*

PROGRAM ADDITIONS / ADD ONS

Should time be permitted or available, an extension of this trip could include the following:

1. *Walking Safari to the Sahara or Atlas (1 to 5 days)*
2. *Trekking Expedition to summit of Toubkal Peak (3 days minimum)*
3. *4x4 guided tour and camel trek into Erg Chebbi dunes of Merzouga / desert camp*
4. *Cultural tour itinerary of Essouira, Fes, Casablanca and more (3 days minimum)*
5. *Hot Air Balloon Trip over Marrakech*
6. *Guided visits of the ROYAL CIRCUIT (Fes, Casablanca and Meknes)*
7. *Create a tour with our guiding team!*