
OFFTRAVEL - OFF THE BEATEN TRACK EXPERIENCE

Riders of the Atlantis



horseback riding tour to Morocco

17 – 24 October 2026

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **5-day horseback riding tour through the dunes, cliffs and beaches of West Morocco**
- **Exciting canter along the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean**
- **Visiting the medinas, mosques and madrasas of Marrakesh and Essaouira**
- **Shopping for handicrafts and souvenirs at souks**
- **Exquisite Moroccan cuisine and exotic Berber culture**

OVERVIEW

Morocco is the oldest Muslim kingdom in the world. Although only 14 kilometres wide Strait of Gibraltar separates it from Europe, this country tempts with its exotic and magnificent landscapes. The snow-capped peaks of High Atlas are in the contrast to the sandy and stony deserts of Sahara. Streets, kasbahs and the medinas of Fez, Marrakesh or Meknes are the typical local colours of Arab cities. The mosques, madrasas and souks that can be found there are real masterpieces of Islamic architecture.

Berbers are an inseparable element of Morocco. It is an indigenous community of North Africa inhabiting these areas since ancient times. In Morocco, after the Arabs, they are the second biggest ethnic group and are divided into smaller tribes with a local range. The name Berber comes from the Latin *barbarus* (barbarian). Horse and horse-riding plays an important role in Berber history and tradition. Formerly, Berber horses were used for war purposes, they were valued for strength, self-control and resistance to stress. The times and ways of fighting have changed, which is why the Berber horses are mainly used for recreation today.

During our **horseback tour to Morocco**, we will move back to the times of the former Berbers. We will follow their paths, we will live in high tents on the edge of the desert, we will stop in places testifying about their presence. We will also try to experience the full freedom by galloping on the sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean. Only the horizon and the sun behind it will be our limit. Maybe somewhere in the distance we will see the ancient Atlantis, a mythical land destroyed by earthquakes and sunk in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. It will be an unforgettable 6 days in the saddle, in almost abstract reality.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Meeting in Morocco

We meet in the afternoon in front of the hotel or at the airport in Agadir in Morocco. We drive to Tamri located by the Atlantic Ocean. In the evening we go to the first, opening Moroccan dinner. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Days 2-6: 5-day horseback riding tour along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean

After breakfast, we go to the start point of the horseback tour. Saddled up horses, prepared for the ride already wait for us there. We match the horses to the riders according to the skills, we pack our saddlebags and adjust stirrups. We set off on a 5-day ride along the Atlantic coast northwards. Our goal is to reach the city of Essaouira on the last day of our tour.

The route leads us once along the cliff paths and once through the wide beaches ideal for fast canter. Here and there, we enter inland to see Berber villages, argan and olive groves or farmlands. Several times we go through sandy hills and dunes looking like the real deserts and riverbeds of periodic rivers, often filled with water after rainy season that can sometimes develop in small, charming waterfalls. We meet local shepherds with the herds of goats, donkeys and camels. We pass by fishing villages where we can see fishermen at work. We water our horses at wells powered by the underground waters.

The trek is open to experienced riders, skilled in riding outdoors and able to ride independently and smoothly at all three gaits.

We mount Berber or Arab-Berber horses. Build of those two breeds is similar, they have soft skin and characteristic ears. They are not tall, they measure up to 150 cm at the withers. But they are extremely fast and strong. They put up with extreme temperatures well and can deal with all kinds of conditions. They are perfect as the horses for long-distance rides, especially in difficult terrain.

Every day we spend about 5-6 hours in the saddle (20-30 km) and have a lunch break. We are accompanied by trusted and experienced local guides, we go only with small saddlebags packed with water, lunch, small snacks and a camera. The rest of our equipment is transported by a rented car.

Meals are prepared by a Berber cook, thanks to which we have the opportunity to try many different Moroccan dishes. We spend the nights in traditional Berber tents, in places with no electricity, among argan groves, in the shadow of cliffs, or directly on the beach by the ocean with beautiful views of the setting sun. During the camping we can use a tourist shower or take baths directly in the ocean, also being accompanied by horses. Every evening we spend by the campfire, listening to Berber tales and staring at the starry African sky.

In the afternoon, on the last day of the tour we reach the stable, where we say goodbye to our horses and drive to the hotel in Essaouira. Essaouira is a former Portuguese fortress called Mogador, an important centre of international trade in the eighteenth century. Today it performs mainly a tourist role and is a fishing centre of the region. We check in at the hotel and we go to visit medina, the oldest part of the city. We visit the local port, historic bastions, defence forts. We have the opportunity to taste seafood and a variety of fish species at first hand. In the evening, dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 7: Visit to Marrakesh

After breakfast, we drive to Marrakech. We check in at a hotel in the medina. We have got the whole day for visiting the capital of the former Almohads' empire, the dynasty ruling Morocco and the adjacent areas at the turn of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The entire old town is surrounded by walls that have survived to our times. We wander through the narrow streets of the medina, visit mosques and madras. We buy handicrafts and souvenirs at local *souks*, taste juices from freshly squeezed oranges and grapefruits. Eagers can relax during a massage in the *hammam* (public bath). In the evening we go to the magical Jemaa el-Fna square where you can spend the whole evening haggle while shopping on stalls, watch snake charmers and taste Moroccan delicacies. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 8: End of the tour

After breakfast we drive back to Agadir airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Country: Morocco
Date: 17 – 24 October 2026
Duration: 8 days
Number of participants: 5-10 people (minimum number of participants: 5 people)

Expedition Cost: 700 EUR (payable by transfer within 3 days from an Agreement date)

Includes:

- organization of the Expedition and support of the English-speaking Leader
- hire of the personal tourist equipment (Berber tents, saddle bags)
- providing of team equipment (camping equipment, satellite communicator, first aid kit)
- expedition package (T-shirt, multifunctional neckwear)
- health & accidents insurance
- Touristic Guarantee Found and Touristic Assistance Found fees

Additional Costs: 1000 EUR (taking by Participant in cash on the Expedition)

Includes:

- local transfers in rented cars and taxis
- rental of horses with the necessary equipment
- hire of local horseback riding guides
- rental of a car for luggage transportation during the horseback riding trip
- full board from day 2 till 7 of the Expedition (breakfast, lunch and dinner based on local gastronomy; during the horseback riding trip – meals prepared by a Berber cook in camping conditions)
- accommodation (7 nights) in tents (double or triple) and hotels (double and triple rooms) according to the Itinerary
- entrance fees to visited places

Self-organized flight to Agadir, Morocco.

Additional information:

- The participant should be familiar with current passport, visa and sanitary regulations as well as health requirements including recommended vaccinations, available on the website of the embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of his / her country of residence.
- The participant should have trail horseback riding experience (multi-hours recreational trail trips) and should have walk, trot and galop riding skills.
- The expedition is organized under the rules stated in the [Terms and conditions of participating expeditions](#).

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REQUIRED EQUIPMENT | CHECKLIST

BAG	travel bag or big backpack (60-80 liters) (as a main luggage)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	small backpack (20-30 liters) (used as a plane hand-luggage and during sightseeing)	<input type="checkbox"/>
SLEEPING	warm sleeping bag (comfortable within temperature range as low as 0°C)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOOTWEAR	light shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	sandals	<input type="checkbox"/>
	flip-flops (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>
OUTERWEAR	wind protection hooded jacket (e.g. softshell)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	hoodie or long sleeve shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>
	long pants	<input type="checkbox"/>
	shorts	<input type="checkbox"/>
	light headgear to protect against the sun	<input type="checkbox"/>
	multifunctional neckwear (e.g. Buff)	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNDERWEAR	underwear	<input type="checkbox"/>
	T-shirts (1 piece per 2-3 days)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	swimsuit	<input type="checkbox"/>
HYGIENE	quick-drying towel (large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	quick-drying towel (small)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	hygiene utensils and cosmetics (biodegradable) in small bags	<input type="checkbox"/>
	wet wipes (biodegradable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	toilet paper	<input type="checkbox"/>
	antibacterial hand gel	<input type="checkbox"/>
	sun block (min. SPF 30)	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSORIES	sunglasses	<input type="checkbox"/>
	touristic knife	<input type="checkbox"/>
	lighter	<input type="checkbox"/>
	pen and small notebook	<input type="checkbox"/>
	waterproof bags and strong plastic bags (2-3 pcs.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	zip lock bags for documents and electronics	<input type="checkbox"/>
	neck pouch or hip pack (for documents and money)	<input type="checkbox"/>
KITCHEN	reusable water bottle (e.g. Nalgene) (min. 1 liter)	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELECTRONICS	flashlight (headlamp) and a set of spare batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>
	mobile phone and charger	<input type="checkbox"/>
	power bank	<input type="checkbox"/>

DOCUMENTS and MONEY	passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
	photocopy of passport (pages with photo and data)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	payment card (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cash (undamaged notes, without inscriptions or stamps)	<input type="checkbox"/>
HORSEBACK RIDING EQUIPMENT	riding helmet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	riding boots	<input type="checkbox"/>
	riding pants	<input type="checkbox"/>
	raincoat	<input type="checkbox"/>
	gaiters or chaps	<input type="checkbox"/>
	riding gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>
	safety vest for horse riding (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>
PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT	individual medications (after consultation with a doctor): painkillers, anti-inflammatory and antipyretics, medications for poisoning and stomach problems, cream for abrasions, electrolytes, medications taken regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>
	basic dressings: disposable gloves, alcohol gauze pads, plasters, sterile compresses, elastic bandage	<input type="checkbox"/>
	thermal blanket (NRC foil)	<input type="checkbox"/>