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12 Days 11 Nights – Deep South & Western Sahara, The Forgotten Land And Tradition.

This curated tour to the deep southern Morocco bring alive the true magic and mystical of life on the road less travelled. Scenic drive on road which followed lines of the mountain with short, straight sections, then hairpin bends. And after every hairpin, a new view revealed itself: vast, cocoa-coloured mountains fading to a hazy blue, bisected by a thin grey road. Sudden swinging of deep valley route to vast plain of eyes meet the horizon, be prepared for the feeling of isolation, inhospitable landscape and desertion.

We travel to marvel at some of the world most treasurable heritage of the Amazigh people. The soon to be lost to the world with manmade situation or from nature itself. They are the ingenuous people of the Sahara, their mud plaster architecture from the Kzar, Kasbah to the granaries are testament to the people ingenuity of creativity for survival in the harsh region protecting oneself from the enemy and the securing communities.

Visit to the granary, the lost architecture heritage of the Amazigh people. A granary is a stone structure that blends into The Amazigh settlement of the Anti-Atlas region, be it on the mountain cliff or camouflaging in an oasis. It is a form of communal protection for valuable such as grains, cereal, dates, corn and etc. It serves as a storage to secure for unpredictable harvest due to the regional climate as well as a place for the security of invasion by other hostile Sahara nomads and the central government, Makhzan.

It is a symbol of solidarity and resilient of the Amazigh society while the individual buildings demonstrate the amazing craftsmanship of local builders. Depending on the Amazigh tribes, entrance to the granary has its unique custom and belief with a customary prayer of “bismillah” during the collection of grains and entrance only with a sexually clean body and removing one slipper. It is believed that the holiness of the granary itself increases the harvest with its storage.

The Amazigh means the "Free People" speak their indigenous Tamazight language, who are the original settler in North Africa with a historical background from as far as 2000 BCE. The current Igoudar founded and some under restoration are dated between the 6th and the 7th century when the southern tribes are still practicing the nomadic life. Until today, all the granary is guarded by a selected guardian.

Assa Ksar is one of the largest in the Kingdom a total area of more than 3 hectares with the rehabilitation was initiated by the Agence du Sud to preserved the tangible and intangible of this 16th century Sahrawi history. It sit on the hill at the edge of Assa oasis is a township of palaces with watching towers surrounded in protective thick walls, a zaouia and small individual houses. It tells the story of ancient lifestyle, creative architecture, beliefs and continuing on it growth and progresses seamlessly with the passing of each dynasty. It outstanding monument

and sign of early Islamic Movement will be the zaouia Assa which play an important role in the expansion of Islam. The “Timzgueda Oufla” stone mosque founded by Lahoucine M’barek Amghar, one of the leader of the time. Bouj Ihcach Castle and Inamar square is a place for gathering and celebration of festival.

The beauty and mysterious of the Sahara conjure image of blue veiled nomad with his camel and the slow weaving trek on the smooth curves of the golden sand dunes, will be the highlight of the tour when we transform ourselves for an night of just be nomad, of sparking star as our guide to the sweetest dreams of our life.

This tour bring you along to the journey all about people. Connection between us and them; between us and pre-historic civilization, a time that we only know too well from text book. The deep south, are full of neolith rock art of the categories of “Tazina” and “Peck Cattle” left behind as a means of communication and today it tell us the story about them.

As we travel we will immersed in the language of spirituality of the land, where mountain rule supreme and the river gives lives. Sufism known as tasawwuf in the Arabic-speaking world, is a form of Islamic mysticism that emphasizes introspection and spiritual closeness with God. We stop by Assa the spiritual city which host 366 Muslim saints.

Veneration of saints and pilgrimage to holy men tombs is important part of Islamic tradition in Morocco. Holy men were known by many different titles in medieval Morocco, such as “moulay”, “sidi” and “marabout”. The lives of all such saints were imbued with the “barakah”, means blessing of God, conceived as a real power of manifesting itself in healing and other miracles. The town of Assa who is also known for its beautiful crafted Sahrawi poetry will hold an annual “mausim” festival during the Prophet Muhammad’s birthday or “Mawlid”.

The tour provide beauty beyond photography, the switches of scenery beyond film like capturing of our mind eye, the wave of emotion touches base with deep understanding of harden life of their people, the century old conflict of land, the long submerged of tradition and belief, the silent cry of their evaporating identity and we are here today as the present turns to history.

Tour Highlights:-

1. ***Experience the proud, strong and enigma city of Touradant.***
From 11th century Berber’s kingdom to the Almoravid and destroy by the Merinides in 1306, followed by being the host of Saadian’s Dynasty first capital city. The city testimonial to great military defence, the Saharan trade route and exquisite silversmithing, are still visible for appreciation to those who set their feet here.
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3. ***Appreciate the left behind art*** on dwelling and roam the abandon and ruin village of the Amazigh tribe's, having thrived in harsh desert conditions, they are once renowned for their architecture with exceptional knowledge of water management, passive solar design and insulated earth construction.
4. ***Feast on the last few scared architecture*** of Amazigh's Ksar or fortress of the 14th century. Assar Ksar is one of the largest in the Kingdom a total area of more than 3 hectares with the rehabilitation was initiated by the Agence du Sud to preserved the tangible and intangible of this 16th century Sahrawi history. It sit on the hill at the edge of Assa oasis is a township of palaces with watching towers surrounded in protective thick walls, a zaouia and small individual houses. It tells the story of ancient lifestyle, creative architecture, beliefs and continuing on it growth and progresses seamlessly with the passing of each dynasty. It outstanding monument and sign of early Islamic Movement will be the zaouia Assa which play an important role in the expansion of Islam. The “Timzgueda Oufla” stone mosque founded by Lahoucine M'barek Amghar, one of the leader of the time. Bouj Ihcach Castle and Inamar square is a place for gathering and celebration of festival.
5. ***Learn about the cultivation and planting of Safron*** at one of the highest plateau at about 1300-1500 meters above sea level,
6. ***Soak in the beauty of the desert*** during the camel trek into the Sahara Desert,

7. ***Enjoy an unforgettable night spend in the Berber's camp*** with delicious Berber's cuisine accompany by the milky way,
8. ***Travel through the wide, untamed and arid land***, layering of hard orange hue of rocky mountain to the vast spread of horizon, crossing valleys, oasis and mud-thatched Berber's villages,
9. ***Discover small dusty, almost forgotten town*** where tradition is still strong and the scenery is inspiring,
10. ***Come close with Neolithic art at caves and rock***, a form of communication of the community as view by the archaeologist. With the rapid destruction of these element of pre-historic values and culture by nature or human, it is now in need of urgent studies and recording of these valuable site to be done.
11. ***Visit the Sufi town of Assa*** with narration where all Muslim saints gather during the celebration Prophet Muhammad's birthday. Veneration of saints and pilgrimage to holy men tombs is important part of Islamic tradition in Morocco. Holy men were known by many different titles in medieval Morocco, such as "moulay", "sidi" and "marabout". The lives of all such saints were imbued with the "barakah", means blessing of God, conceived as a real power of manifesting itself in healing and other miracles. The town of Assa who is also known for its beautiful crafted Sahrawi poetry will hold an annual "mausim" festival during the Prophet Muhammad's birthday or "Mawlid".
12. ***Contribute a silent prayer*** to a soon to found peaceful solution to the disputed Western Sahara territory as we passing from Zag to Smara, where the location of the 2700 km of sand wall separating Morocco control side (east side of Western Sahara) to the Sahrawis tribe who from the Polisario Front settling on the west side.
13. ***Rest and relax at Western Sahara beauty well known beach destination*** for an amazing relaxation time.



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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Agadir – Taroudant (83 Km, 2 Hrs)

(L/D)

We will pick you up from your hotel after breakfast at about 10am for a drive first to Tiout Kasbah which has been used for filming location. We have lunch before proceed to Taroudant town for the visit of the enclosed red-ochre rampart , the city occupied by the Almoravid in 1056 and then the Saadian in the 16th century. Located at the foot hill of Anti Atlas with lush orchards, orange groves and plenty of olives. You will visit the 2 souks between the 2 squares or take a horse carriage ride along the 7 Km defensive wall with 5 unbreakable “bab” or door as a defence and attack during the Portuguese invasion. The kasbah is a historical place and also a military fort which housed the sultan’s palace, military base, a mosque and a prison, which once housed insurgents and Portuguese captives. Then we proceed to visit the tannery, explore the inner city and check around some unique and specialty of Taroudant such as carvings in chalky white stone and Berber’s heritage jewellery with it distinctive design and craftsmanship from the Jews. We overnight in Taroudant.

Hotel – Le Palais Ounensour or Riad Tafilag



Day 2 – Taroudant – Taliouine (104 Km, 1 Hrs 40 Min) – Tazenakht (84 Km, 1 Hrs 20 Min) (B/L/D)

After a good breakfast, we proceed on one of the most scenic drive in Morocco. Our first stop of the day will be the magical visit of the Tizgui Granary which is dated probably in the 16th century. A granary is the signature of southern Morocco architecture style of the Amazigh people. It is an ancient safe for valuables lock away into a huge structure usually built into the mountain. We then proceed to have a look at the largest Saffron producer in Morocco and then drive to Tazenakht. Tazenakht is well known for carpet weaving tradition especially Southern Berber design which made of two knots on two lines; bottom is yellow with dense geometrical drawing which are red, dark green or white. Check in hotel and relax for the evening.

Hotel – Hotel Zenaga or Hotel Taghadoute



Day 3 – Tazenakht – Fom Ed Ouled – Fom Zguid (85 Km, 1 Hrs 30 Min) – Desert Camping Adventure (B/L/D)

After breakfast we continue on our journey in this relative traffic free road with awe-inspiring scenery, mixture of heavily weather rocks formation and palmeraie towards the last town before the desert. Fom Zguid located inside the palm grove, lies between Erg Chegaga and the dry bed of Draa. This town is famous for co-ops that promote locally made products such as rugs, henna, dates and ecologically

grown couscous. We will then spend a beautiful evening in a camp and enjoy the delicious traditional dinner accompany by the stars.



Day 4 – Fom Zguid – Tata (138 Km, 2 hrs)

(B/L/D)

Our journey today will filled your sight with scenery of flat rocky plains to terracotta hard mountain and the green oasis layering between the lifeless, isolated feel to the beauty of being healthy, alive and happy. This will be the stretch that bring us deeper into the less travelled territory and soak into the remoteness of Morocco. We arrived at the pink city of Tata famous for it rich archaeological heritage testifies to a Berber civilization. We visit the Caves of Messalit or Caves of Boughaninme an exceptional natural formation during the Palaeolithic time by the infiltrations of water that feed the palm groves of Afra and Tata. We follow up with an easy meet the local by a leisure walk at the local souk or simply roam about at Ait Yassine Village for some old, beautiful authentic Amazigh traditional dwelling.

Hotel – Dar Infiane or Le Paradis or Oasis Dar Ounou



Day 5 – Exploring Tata

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we go for an outing to discover one of the treasure of ancient nomadic Morocco. We will head south of Tata to explore the collective granaries at Ait Kine which is restored in 2004 and after the flood again in 2012 by Moroccan archaeologist Salima Naji. After which we continue our ancient discovery to explore the rock art at Oum La Leg Oued Mestakou.

Hotel - Dar Infiane or Le Paradis or Oasis Dar Ounou



Day 6 – Tata – Akka (62 Km, 1 hrs) – Icht (83 Km, 1 hrs 15 Min) – Assa (82 Km, 1 Hrs 15 min) (B/L/D)

We depart on this amazing remote town of Assa which is mainly populated by the Sahwari nomadic population which speak Hasaniya dialet of Arabic. Assa is a town of prosperity, Amazigh poetry and synonyms with narrative of the Western Saharan struggle. Amazing scenery of Martian-like landscape of orange layered hills, with each hills, resemble a bee hives with swirling patterns. We reach Assa and have lunch before continuing with visit to the old Ksar built by 2 Amazigh tribes, Ida Oumlil abd Ida Ounguit probably in the 14th century. Followed by the visit to one of the oldest cemetery in Morocco which told the tales of 366 Muslim Saints are buried here, in the work of 12th century Sufi Saint in “Kitab al-Ibriz”. It is mentioned that all the Muslim Saints will gather in the Holy city of Mecca and in Assa on the night of the Mawlid. We drop by to visit the Zawiyah founded by 14th century al-Shaykh Izza. Overnight at Assa

Hotel – Nidaros or Elghardaqa



Day 7 – Assa – Zag – Smara (455 Km, 6 hrs 30 Min) (B/L/D)

Today we will cross to the side of Western Sahara, Smara which is the part control by the Morocco. This challenging drive will takes you to a trip of no man land



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without villages, people or water. Scenery from golden, red rue of everything replace by black, hard and flat vast surface. We will drive past by the Al-Mahbes town, a settlement near the border of Algeria with Moroccan police control and also the 2700 Km long sand berm. Smara is a historical and successful city dated back to 1869 which is part of the caravan stop with a palace and the Great Mosque of Shaykh Maoulainin (The Blue Sultan), which are all that is remain today. The local architecture style and the material used are from the black basalt of the local hills, which make the building more black and grey hue.

The town tell the story of isolation, the feeling of nothingness and yet shower you with deep connection to it rich invisible history. Be it from the people that your meet or simply just being in the location itself, beyond your visual is well hidden energy, breeze of the soul ready for each to feel it magical past yet suspended in time. Accommodation here is basic and there is a town Hammam if one need a hot bath.

Hotel – Hotel Amine



Day 8 – Smara – Laayoune (218 Km, 2 Hrs 45 Min)

(B/L/D)

Our journey going deeper into the Western Sahara region with the visit to the capital city of Laayoune. As we left behind the remoteness of life, we are greeted by proper and systematic township which preserved the Saharian look with modernity. The desert city with a coastal air from the Atlantic make this city weather unique and a good place to explore the Saharan culture and lifestyle. Upon reaching the town before lunch, we have a quick visit at the Grand mosque, Mosque Moulay Abdel Aziz a modern Moroccan architecture. After lunch, we proceed to take a walk around the town with the visit of the Place of El Mechawar, a square for meeting and relaxation for the people. Walk across for an Artisanal products of the local handicraft centre and then explore the area as we take a walk toward the stadium and further to Ibn Battouta Road and Ave Hassan 11.

For the evening, we will explore Place Dchira a nice modern location with modern café, delicious restaurant and pizza or simple try some street food such as kebab and grill meats.

Hotel – Hotel Al Masira or Hotel Parador – 4 stars



Day 9 – Laayoune to Dakhla (533 Km, 6 Hrs 30 Min)

(B/L/D)

After an early breakfast, we set out to a long coastal drive to the last town before the border to Mauritania and stand on a tip of an attractive peninsula, a place where desert meet the sea. Being an international renowned spot for kite surfing, beautiful bay and cool wind of the Atlantic, it indeed a great place to refresh and re-energized.

Hotel – Zenith Dakhla Kite Resort or Dahkla Club



Day 10 – Dakhla Rest & Relax

(B/L/D)

Today is all yours for enjoying what you have in front of you, be it surfing your internet on a cool beach front, enjoying delicious breakfast or simply close your eye for a nap. It a day for privacy and just soak in the beautiful nature of Dakhla.

Optional Tour Available – Catamaran Ride, Kite Surfing, Desert Excursion. Own expenses.

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Day 11 – Dakhla Day Tour

(B/L/D)

Early morning, we set out to the famous White dunes, reachable only by 4X4 through a pist cutting across the desert, it is surrounded by the ocean at high tide and enjoy the sighting of the graceful flamingos. You will amazed at the stunning colors and view as well as take the opportunity to walk on the soft sand with the sea coming tides softly against your legs. We continue to the oyster farm for some fresh oyster. After lunch we will drive and discovered the Atlantic Ocean in search for more surprises along the beach.

Hotel – Zenith Dakhla Kite Resort or Dahkla Club



Day 12 – Dahkla – Transfer (B)

We will transfer you to Dahkla airport for your flight.



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Tour Details

Number of pax	2	4	6	8	Single Supplement
Tour Price Per Pax	€2919	€2599	€2509	€2409	€785

Price inclusive:

1. Private vehicle during excursion with English-speaking driver guide
2. 11 nights' accommodation on twin sharing basis
3. Hotel breakfast and dinner are usually buffet. Hotel dinner do not include water or any other drinks. Traditional accommodation will be ala carte traditional Moroccan food. Local lunch is normally set meal with soup/salad + main dish + water/mint tea.
4. 1 small mineral water/person/day
5. Local taxes

Price not inclusive:

1. Entrance ticket
2. All tipping
3. Personal expenses
4. Single supplement
5. Travel insurance
6. Visa (If applicable)
7. Sightseeing, programs and activities outside the itinerary.
8. Different transfer location (pick up & return)

Booking Details

Documents Required	Copy of flight itinerary, email address, phone number, guest list (full name, passport number, passport expiry date, room type)
Minor below 18 years of age	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Minor below 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.2. Children discount:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age of 0-2 years old child sharing room with two adults (INFANT) FOC• Age of 3-6 years old child sharing room with two adults (CHILD NO BED) 15 % DISCOUNT• Age of 3-6 years old child sharing room with two adults (CHILD EXTRA BED) 10 % DISCOUNT• Age of 3-6 years old child sharing room with one adult (CHILD TWIN) NO DISCOUNT• Age of 7 years and above no child discount is provided (ADULT)



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Cancellation Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cancellation of booking must be made in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.2. If the company receives notice cancel 31 days or more before the date of departure, tour deposit will be forfeited. Otherwise, the following charges will apply:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30-16 days before arrival 60% loss of the total price.• 15-8 days before arrival 70% of the total price.• 7-3 days before arrival 80% of the total price.• Less than 3 days before arrival date is 100% of the total price.
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