

# Morocco - the ultimate New Year's Eve motorcycle tour (M-ID: 2378)

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## from €3,299.00

Dates and duration (days)
On request
10 days
12/26/2023 - 01/04/2024 10 days
12/26/2024 - 01/04/2025 10 days

# The perfect winter escape for the avid tourer! Start the new year with an unforgettable sunrise in the Moroccan luxury desert camp? That's exactly what this exclusive motorcycle tour offers you.

Gorgeous coastal roads along the Atlantic contrast with the breathtaking rocky landscapes and gorges in the Anti-Atlas. The varied and typical landscape, lined with picturesque palm groves, provides an oriental flair, riding towards the new year on your own bike or a rental bike of your choice. Let yourself be inspired by this unique motorcycle experience in Africa and treat yourself to an unforgettable start to the new (touring) year!

Comfortably by plane, you travel to the starting point of our tour. Our motorcycle tour through Morocco starts and ends at the foot of the High Atlas in Marrakech, the pearl of the south. By your own motorcycle or a rental motorcycle of your choice, we are on this guided motorcycle tour for seven days of riding in the most beautiful areas of central Morocco on the road - the ultimate New Year's Eve adventure on two wheels!

A support vehicle for the luggage as well as a Germanspeaking interpreter, who brings us closer to the culture of this beautiful country, accompanies us throughout the trip.

Morocco has a mild climate during our travel time with daytime temperatures around 20 to 25 degrees (at night it cools down noticeably). This allows us to pursue the most beautiful pastime in the world even in December and January. We can expect dream roads along the rough and roaring Atlantic Ocean and lonely mountain roads with bizarre landscapes. Weekly markets awaken in our memories of the fairy tales of One Thousand and One Nights. Or the blue stones created by an artist near the Berber town of Tafraoute... incomparable photo motifs await us at every corner.

Back in Marrakech, we will experience the legendary royal city up close during a German-speaking city tour and end

the evening in one of Morocco's best restaurants.

Back home, you will remember the diverse impressions of this extraordinary motorcycle tour at the turn of the year for a long time...

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Are you looking for a very special event at the turn of the year with a touch of adventure? Then you are exactly right with our guided motorcycle tour. Be there and let yourself be enchanted by this ultimate New Year's Eve tour!

Program, hotel, and route changes are reserved.

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## Itinerary:

Day 1: Individual flight to Marrakech
After setting foot on Moroccan soil, you will be met by our
chauffeur at the exit of the airport in Marrakech. The first
impressions of this beautiful city with oriental flair are
already waiting for you during the transfer to our hotel.
After the welcome by the tour guide and handover of the
motorcycles, a detailed tour briefing follows. We end the
evening with stimulating conversations and much
anticipation for the upcoming motorcycle trip.

Overnight stay: Marrakech

Day 2: The Anti-Atlas accompanies us to Essaouira With a lot of anticipation in our luggage, we leave Marrakech heading west. And we are not disappointed, because already the first day of riding offers us spectacular landscapes and a grandiose route. The landscape seems rather barren, here and there the green of the argan and olive trees shimmers. With a little luck, we see shepherds and their herds at the roadside. Or brave goats climbing around in the trees to get to the delicious argan nuts... so we enjoy the ride in mild temperatures.

Towards afternoon we reach our first stop, the old port city of Essaouira with its 18th century fortification walls. Essaouira is charming and cozy, a favorite of many Morocco connoisseurs.

Overnight stay: Essaouira

Daily distance: about 240 km

Day 3: The rough Atlantic and "Paradise Valley" send their regards

We start directly with a highlight and head for the "Highway of Maroc": This fascinating Atlantic road offers us riding fun and picture-book landscapes in perfection. Almost every minute, a different picture of the wild North African low mountain landscape appears with breathtaking views of the roaring Atlantic. We enjoy our lunch with a "Caribbean feeling" on the beach.

Now it's time for some contrast and we dive on lonely singletracks into the untouched and primeval landscape of Morocco. We reach the Paradise Valley Pass, the gateway to the valley of the same name, via what feels like thousands of curves and hairpin bends. There are many legends about the naming of this enchanting place. One tells of Jimi Hendrix, who is said to have been so impressed here in the 60s that he gave this valley the name "Paradise Valley". Whether this story is true or not, we enjoy the palm-fringed gorge in the valley of the Asif Tamrakht with all our senses, with its many curves and wonderful photo opportunities!

The riding between the palm trees finally brings us back to the Atlantic Ocean near Agadir. From here we cruise further south along the coast with destination Souss-Massa National Park. There we enjoy the evening in our hotel with a magnificent view of the Atlantic.

Overnight stay: in the National Park Souss-Massa

Daily distance: approx. 300 km

Day 4: From the wild Atlantic to the date palm oasis Today we start with our motorcycles into a new adventure. Because now we are going directly into the Anti-Atlas. The fascinating route leads us through lonely valleys, stone deserts, and wadis (a wadi is a river course that often only has water after heavy rainfall and only temporarily). Our destination for today is the date palm oasis of Tafraoute. It is surrounded by steep mountain slopes and fragmented granite cliffs at an altitude of 1,000 meters in the western Anti-Atlas. Nearby Djebel Lekst, a peak at 2,359 meters, towers impressively over the town and seems to dominate it completely.

Another highlight of the region is the "Blue Stones": not far from the city, the Belgian artist Jean Vérame has painted huge granite blocks, rounded by erosion, with brightly colored paints.

Overnight stay: Tafraoute

Daily distance: about 190 km

Day 5: Natural paradise between the Anti-Atlas and the Sahara Desert

Untouched nature and the breathtaking rocky gorges of the Gorges d'Ait-Mansour - we enjoy the ride through this unreal landscape. Then the scenery changes, the mountainous region transforms, and the foothills of the Anti-Atlas Mountains now dominate the landscape. Partly the terrain is flat, partly full of hills. The plains are dotted with stones, while rocky landscapes predominate at high altitudes. The mountains shimmer reddish in the afternoon sun and almost evoke memories of the alpenglow in the Dolomites - a magnificent photo motif!

In summer it can get up to 40° C hot in this area, and even in winter, the temperature here is still around 20° C during the day. A dry, almost desert-like climate determines life in the region. There is almost no precipitation so the water necessary for life has to be pumped from wells. Near Tata, an oasis town on the edge of the Chegaga dunes, we end today's tour.

Overnight stay: Near Tata

Daily distance: about 250 km

Day 6: Chegaga Dunes: New Year's Eve experience in a

luxury desert camp

The chain of dunes around Erg Chegaga is up to 40 km long. The impressive landscape is barren and bizarre at the same time. With its orange sand and meter-high dunes that merge into each other in waves, the desert impresses with its beauty even from afar...

Arrived at the parking place of the motorcycles we change the means of transportation. Taken by 4×4 off-road vehicles we ride about three hours to our desert camp over scree fields and through wadis along the dunes... Partially we move on the tracks of the legendary Dakar Rally, an experience that leaves lasting impressions!

Our luggage is brought parallel to our luxury tents. Arriving at the camp, we obtain our orientation with a camel ride on the dunes. Because this ambiance now forms the framework for an unforgettable turn of the year...

Overnight stay: in the luxury desert camp

Daily distance: about 70 km

Day 7: From the desert to the High Atlas Mountains The sunrise in the desert is one of the most beautiful natural spectacles Africa has to offer - a new year can hardly start better. Around noon we return to our motorcycle parking lot with our 4×4 off-road vehicles. Today's route takes us to Ouarzazate. The Berber town is located at about 1,120 m between the mountain ranges of the High Atlas and the Anti-Atlas.

The Moroccan film industry is also based in the city. The Atlas Corporation Studios, also known simply as Atlas Studios, are located on the northwestern outskirts of the city. For example, "James Bond 007 - The Touch of Death" and "The Last Temptation of Christ" were filmed here, to name just two titles.

It is also worth knowing that about 10 km northeast of

Ouarzazate, the largest solar thermal power plant in the world with 500 MW capacity has been in operation since 2017. Construction is taking place as part of Morocco's solar plan, which envisages installing 2,000 megawatts of solar energy by 2020.

Overnight stay: Ouarzazate

Daily distance: about 170 km

Day 8: Over the Col du Tichka to Marrakech Before reaching Marrakech in the afternoon, the picturesque Ait Benhaddou awaits us. The old fortified village, also called Ksar, is located on the edge of the High Atlas Mountains on a mountainside at 1,300 m above sea level and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. Located on the banks of the mostly dry Asif Mellah River, it was an important resting place along the former caravan route between the Sahara and Marrakech.

We follow the former caravan route, also called the road of the Kasbahs, and immerse ourselves once again in the beauty of this region. The riding conclusion of this trip is the crossing of the Tizi n'Tichka, an imposing mountain pass in the High Atlas (2,260m), which connects the desert areas with the coastal cities. The route was already known to the Berber tribes of earlier centuries, who grazed their cattle in summer on the rocky, but in places grassy slopes. During French colonial rule, the old trade route was turned into a dirt road, and it wasn't until the 1960s that the route was paved for the first time. Grandiose views are quaranteed.

In the afternoon we return to the royal city of Marrakech.

Overnight stay: Marrakech

Daily distance: about 210 km

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Day 9: Today we experience the royal city from its most beautiful side. Our minibus will take us to the heart of the city to selected sights - the souks with their small, winding alleys, the jugglers and spice traders... We will experience this and much more firsthand during a German-speaking guided tour. Of course, the square of the executioners, the Djemaa el Fna must not be missed. At sunset and a good dinner with oriental flair, we enjoy the colorful hustle and bustle before we return to the hotel.

Overnight stay: Marrakech

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Day 10: Departure and return flight to Germany After breakfast, we enjoy the amenities of the hotel until our shuttle bus takes you to the airport. An unforgettable adventure on two wheels comes to an end, but the unique impressions of this extraordinary journey will accompany you far into the new year...

Countries Morocco

Motorcycle Tour Category

Terrain Onroad

Vehicle your own, transfer optional

motorcycle rent optional

Tourguide / Coach yes (guided)

Accommodation Hotel / B&B or similar

3 star hotel

4 star hotel

5 star hotel

Flight to / from no, not incl.

on request

**Ferry** no, not incl.

Support vehicle (luggage/service) yes

Level of difficulty medium

Customer payment protection yes

Special Winter escape

\* PRICING Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

### **Pricing**

For the date: 26.12. 2023 - 04.01.2024

For the date: 26.12. 2024 - 04.01.2025

per rider in shared twin/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single €3,299.00 travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)

without rental motorcycle (own motorcycle incl. motorcycle transport)

Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW F 700 GS (surcharge) €400.00 Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW F 800 GS (surcharge) €560.00 Upgrade - rental motorcycle KTM 790 Adventure (surcharge) €700.00 Upgrade - rental motorcycle KTM 890 Adventure (surcharge) €720.00 Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW R 1200 GS/LC (surcharge) €720.00 Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW R 1250 GS/LC (surcharge) €740.00 per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book €2,679.00

along with an accompanying rider)

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the

basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")

€449.00

per rider in shared twin/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)	€3,399.00
without rental motorcycle (own motorcycle incl. motorcycle transport)	
Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW F 700 GS (surcharge)	€439.00
Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW F 800 GS (surcharge)	€589.00
Upgrade - rental motorcycle KTM 790 Adventure (surcharge)	€749.00
Upgrade - rental motorcycle KTM 890 Adventure (surcharge)	€759.00
Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW R 1200 GS/LC (surcharge)	€769.00
Upgrade - rental motorcycle BMW R 1250 GS/LC (surcharge)	€789.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider)	€2,899.00
per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€549.00

#### Included

8x accommodation in good typical hotels of 3\*\*\* to 5\*\*\*\*\* category, accommodation in double room with bath or shower+toilet, optional in single room (surcharge), incl. local taxes ("tourist tax")

1x desert overnight stay in luxury nomad tent

9x breakfast or breakfast buffet

6x three-course dinner or evening buffet

1x dinner in the old town of Essaouira

1x lavish New Year's Eve buffet in the luxury desert camp

1x dinner menu in one of the best restaurants in Marrakech, including wine

1x lunch with drinks in a Dar

7x guided motorcycle tours by our experienced tour guides

German speaking tour guide during the whole tour

Accompaniment by a local guide/interpreter during the tour (languages: German, French, English)

Daily detailed tour briefing

Detailed tour book

Transfers with 4×4 off-road vehicles to the desert camp and back

1x camel ride in the desert

1x entrance and guided tour of a Kasbah from the 18th century

1x German-speaking city tour in Marrakech incl. transfer by minibus

1x transfer to dinner in the medina of Marrakech

Transfers from and to the airport in Marrakech

Escort vehicle throughout the trip

Luggage transport in the escort vehicle (one suitcase or travel bag per travel participant). For insurance reasons, we do not transport motorcycle suitcases in the escort vehicle.

Check-in service and luggage service in the hotels to the room

If you participate with your own motorcycle: motorcycle transport from our headquarters in D-94336 Windberg to Marrakech and back, incl. transport insurance (subject to availability)

When participating with rental motorcycle (surcharge): Provision of the booked rental motorcycles incl. unlimited free kilometers, liability insurance and fully comprehensive insurance with 1800 € deductible, to be deposited as a deposit (credit card).

Parking fees and guarding of motorcycles throughout the tour

All entrance fees

Guarantee certificate according to § 651r BGB for package tours

#### Not included

All services, meals and drinks not listed in the service description

Petrol

Drinks and snacks during breaks

Flights to / from Marrakech

Travel Cancellation/Trip Interruption Insurance

#### More details

Start / End: Marrakech (Morocco)

Travel time: 10 days incl. arrival and departure

Total distance: approx. 1430 km

Daily riding distance: approx. 70 km to 300 km (average approx. 205 km)

Route profile: Asphalted country roads in good to sufficient condition. The route also includes curvy and partly

narrow sections.

Difficulty level: For advanced riders with touring experience and good cornering technique

Daily riding time: up to 9h incl. lunch/coffee breaks and photo stops

Group size: up to 10 bikes per group (plus guide), maximum 2 groups

Minimum participants: 8 people

Support vehicle: Yes, during the entire tour

Good to know:

Arrival by plane: We are happy to book the flights for you. Simply indicate during the booking process that you would like to use our ticket service. In this case, we will contact you with a suitable offer as soon as the minimum number of participants for the selected tour date is reached. Of course, you can also choose to organize your own flights during the tour booking process. No matter what you decide: We will contact you about flights as soon as the minimum number of participants is reached and the tour will definitely take place.

Participation with your own motorcycle: With our motorcycle transport service we offer you the possibility to experience this trip with your own motorcycle. Advantage: You know your motorcycle and do not have to get used to it. Our service includes the transport of your bike from Germany to Morocco and back (incl. transport insurance). One week after the trip you can pick up your bike from us. A pick-up and drop-off service from/to your front door is also possible in D/A/CH by arrangement and for an additional charge. Since our transport capacity is limited, we recommend booking as early as possible for this option!

Own motorcycle / liability & protection cover: Not every motor vehicle liability insurance policy provides coverage for travel to Morocco. Therefore, check your motor vehicle liability in good time before the trip and have your insurance company send you the green insurance card for your bike. On the green card the field for Morocco ("MA") must not be crossed out! Alternatively, we can arrange temporary insurance (liability only) for you when you import your bike into Morocco for the duration of your trip. The costs for this are about 100 €. A car insurance policy, which also covers you outside Europe, is mandatory for this trip. In case of doubt, please ask your provider if your car insurance also covers Morocco. If you have questions about the procedure with your own motorcycle, contact us - we will be happy to advise you.

Participation with rental motorcycle: When booking your trip you can also choose from different rental motorcycle models - see price list, subject to availability. Always included are unlimited free kilometers, a comprehensive insurance with 1800 € deductible, as well as the liability insurance. When taking over the machines on site, a deposit in the amount of the deductible is due (credit card).

All rental motorcycles are as good as new machines with basic equipment. This means that extras such as heated grips are usually not on board. However, a top case is mounted on all motorcycles.

The availability of certain rental motorcycle models can change in rare cases at short notice. In this case, an alternative rental motorcycle in the booked category will be provided. Any price differences will then of course be refunded.

Technical support: No one can rule out breakdowns. But our support vehicle on this tour offers you quick assistance in case of an emergency, so that even major technical problems do not lead to the tour being cancelled. Support in case of vehicle breakdowns and emergencies can only be guaranteed on the planned route. In case of self-planned route changes or excursions "on your own", the participant himself is responsible!

Climate and clothing: Morocco has a pleasantly mild climate at our travel time, with daytime temperatures around 20 to 25 degrees. However, early in the morning and in the evening, when the sun has disappeared on the horizon, we also have to expect single-digit temperatures. Therefore, when it comes to clothing for the New Year's Eve tour, the "onion skin prince" has proven its worth: A warm layer to put underneath should always be on board. For the higher sections in the Anti-Atlas and for the trip over the High Atlas we recommend to have warm winter gloves with you.

Travel documents: For entry to Morocco you need your passport (identity card is not sufficient!). The passport must be valid for three months beyond the end of the booked trip.

Health insurance: We recommend for all international motorcycle tours the conclusion of a separate foreign health insurance with medical repatriation. Our Allianz partner will be happy to provide you with a suitable offer.