



# Sahara Footprints

## **Erg Zmaila, Erg Zahar, Erg Smar, Erg Chegaga, Erg Bougarn 12 days / 11 nights**

Route: Marrakech – Boumalne Dadès – Rass Nkhal – Sidi Najji – Erg Zmaila –  
Erg Zahar – Erg Smar – Erg Chegaga – Erg Bougarn – Kraayat Jmal – Mezouaria  
– M'hamid

During the trekking the routine of the days will be similar. In the early morning you are free to enjoy the sunrise which is highly recommended getting up to see. Our guide will be happy to bring you to a good dune to admire it. Next, you will get your breakfast prepared by our cook. Then we will start the route for the day. We will arrive our lunch place after some hours of walking, where you will have time to relax. Our cook will prepare the famous tea for you and cook a fresh meal. In the afternoon we will continue our way again with some hours of walking before arriving at our destination of the day. Our team will build the camp for the night and you will have the option to explore your surroundings. Then our guide will accompany you to enjoy the sunset in the dunes. The dinner will be prepared again by our cook. Every meal will be different and show you an example of the Moroccan cuisine. We will share the evening around a fire with music, and enjoy the sky full of shining stars and have a great time before you will go to sleep in your tent.

### **day 1 (jeep)**

#### **Marrakech – High Atlas – Ait Ben Haddou – Boumalne Dadès**

We will pick you up early in the morning at about 8:00 at your riad or hotel in Marrakech and begin our tour. The journey will lead us over the High Atlas and the pass Tichi n'Tichka with its highest point Col du Tichka (2260 m). We will do several photo stops on the way to admire the astonishing view and landscape. Along the curvy street over the High Atlas, we will see different kinds of trees, rivers and a lot of typical small Berber villages. We will continue until we arrive in the AntiAtlas, where we will visit the beautiful Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou. This Kasbah, built of pieces of clay and included on the Unesco World Heritage list, is the most famous one in Morocco. It was the film set of many popular productions like Gladiator or Game of Thrones. There or in Ouarzazate we will take a lunch break. After Ouarzazate, the Draa Valley begins. This is the long oasis that

extends until M'hamid and is full of date palms and is yet another impressive landscape to drive in. The most beautiful part of the Draa Valley with millions of date palms is between Agdez and Zagora. In the evening we will arrive in Rass Nkhal, the place where you will eat your dinner and spend the first night in tents under a sky of stars.

### **day 2 (jeep)**

#### **Boumalne Dadès – Todra Gorges - Zagora – Tamegroute – Rass Nkhal**

After the breakfast in your riad we will start the way for our second day of travelling. We will continue our way and stop in Todra Gorges, an impressive gorge. Our travel then will lead us through the AntiAtlas until we arrive the Valley of Draa with millions of palm trees. In Zagora we will do a break and eat lunch in a restaurant. Then we will continue our journey to Tamegroute. There you will have the possibility both to visit the village that is famous for its library with books that are 900 years old and to see in a manufactory the traditional way of producing the green pottery typical for this region. After the lunch break our travel will lead us past the dunes of Tinfou, where we can stop too if you like. In the evening we will arrive in Rass Nkhal, the place where you will eat your dinner and spend the first night in tents under a sky of stars.

### **day 3 (trekking)**

#### **Rass Nkhal – Sidi Najji**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 2 hours
- Sunset, dinner, music around the fire

### **day 4 (trekking)**

#### **Sidi Najji – Erg Zmaila**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 2 hours
- Sunset, dinner, music around the fire

**day 5 (trekking)**  
**Erg Zmaila – Erg Zahar**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1 hour
- Sunset with guide, dinner, sand bread, music around the fire

**day 6 (trekking)**  
**Erg Zahar – Erg Smar**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1.5 hours
- Sunset, dinner, music around the fire

**day 7 (trekking)**  
**Erg Smar – Erg Chegaga**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1 hour
- Sunset with guide, dinner, music around the fire

**day 8 (trekking)**  
**Erg Chegaga – Erg Bougarn**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1.5 hours
- Sunset, dinner, music around the fire

**day 9 (trekking)**  
**Erg Bougarn – Kraayat Jmal**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 3 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1 hour
- Sunset, dinner, music around the fire

**day 10 (trekking)**  
**Kraayat Jmal – Mezouaria**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 1.5 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1 hour
- Sunset, dinner, music around the fire

**day 11 (trekking)**  
**Mezouaria – M'hamid**

- Sunrise and breakfast
- Trekking in the morning: 1.5 hours
- Break with tea and lunch
- Trekking in the afternoon: 1 hour
- Arrival in M'hamid, night in a bivouac

**day 12 (jeep)**  
**M'hamid – Marrakech**

After a relaxing night and the breakfast, we will head back to Marrakech again over the High Atlas. The lunch break we will take in Ouarzazate. Along the way we will have the possibility to do stopovers in pottery shops or manufactories for argan oil and products (coopératives féminines de l'huile d'argan). In the evening we will arrive in Marrakech and drop you off at your hotel or riad.

**Prices per person**

2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
1100 Euro	1070 Euro	1040 Euro	1010 Euro	980 Euro

Included in the price: 10 overnight stays with breakfast, lunch and dinner during the trekking, 1 overnight stay in a riad in Boumalne Dadès with dinner and breakfast, dinner or breakfast in the days of travelling by jeep, water and fruits during the trekking, short rides with dromedaries during the trekking or in the evening for sunset

Not included in the price: lunch and drinks in the days of travelling by jeep, riding dromedary (20 Euros / trekking day), travel insurance, special drinks, tips, desert clothes