

THE MOROCCAN HIGH ATLAS RANGES MOUNTAIN CROSS COUNTRY AND VALLEY RIDES



Nice 'n easy PRIVATE one day any day horse rides from the



A DAY ON HORSEBACK ON MOROCCO'S HIGH ATLAS KHIK PLATEAU



OBKT07m 7 HOURS RIDING

KASBAH TAMADOT - TIZI N'ISGANE - TIOULI OU BAQI - ZAOUAT MOULAY IBRAHIM - KASBAH TAMADOT.



Our Barb horses – a cross between Arab and Berber - saddled, we set off at an easy pace with our mountain guide and horse handler at around 9 in the morning towards the north from this beautiful hotel overlooking the steep, forested river valley of the Aït Mizane along to the valley of the Assif n'Ighighayene keeping to the slopes of the Jbel Asloun, passing by various Berber hamlets and the villages of Timzra, Tagadirt, Tamasil and Tamgounsil until we reach the Berber village of Asni, once an important crossroads for caravan trails at 1165m. From this bustling village we strike out up towards the northwest through the col of the Tizi n'Isbane (1500m), offering us a tremendous panorama of the high plateau and valleys. From here we gallop for some 30 minutes along the valley of the Assif Ain n'Ihris alongside the escarpment of the Adrar Toukkal (1478m) and the eastern end of the Khik Plateau, where the mountain Berber shepherds winter their flocks of sheep and goats. We shall stop for our field picnic next to a spring in the hamlet of Amass n'Khik. Once refreshed, we shall continue up the valley to arrive at the hamlet of Tiouli Ou Baqi, from where we may gallop for some 20 minutes, trot or stroll for another 30 towards the east to stop at the escarpment village of Zaouiat Moulay Ibrahim and its sand-coloured pisé (adobe) homes overlooking the steep valley, its tiny terraced fields bordering the stream. From here we ride down to the river of the Assif n'Ighighayene for our swing back up the Aït Mizane Valley, passing by the villages of Agadir n'Tisnt, Aslda, Tamazit and Timzra with their terraced, irrigated vegetable plots, groves of fig, cherry and apricot trees to the Kasbah Tamadot to relax after an



exhilarating seven hours of contact with the variances of the region's natural splendour. Essentially, all of these rides of some 25km take you up and down a maximum of 600 metres into charming hidden valleys and to meet the mountain Berber families in their own environment. L.

OUR PRICES WILL INCLUDE: Sure-footed Arabo-Berber 'Barb' horses; an experienced licensed bi-lingual mountain guide and horse handler throughout. An experienced licensed bi-lingual mountain guide throughout. Insurance whilst on horseback, only if wearing a hard hat. A field picnic lunch. Field picnic lunch - fresh Moroccan salad, cheese, tinned tuna fish*, mint tea, bread, fruit. *If **vegetarian or vegan** please pre-advise. Medical and Accident Insurance.

OUR PRICES WILL NOT INCLUDE: Accommodation pre & post, nor transfers from/to Marrakech. SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE ALREADY BOOKED YOUR TRANSFERS TO/FROM AND ACCOMMODATION IN THE DELIGHTFUL KASBAH TAMADOT, WE SHALL BE DELIGHTED TO DO SO FOR YOU. Gratuities to horse handler and guide. Any expenditure of a personal nature. Bottled or gaseous water, nor anything not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.

IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU BRING WITH YOU: Day pack 'bum bag', applicable hats, gloves and trousers; insect repellent, sunscreen, sunglasses; nibbles, camera and filled water bottle, possibly some biros and sweets for the local mountain Berber children.

One of the most famous Barb Horses, Roan Barbary, belonged to the English King Richard II at the end of the 14th century.

