

THE MOROCCAN SOUTHERN VALLEYS AND RANGES

MOUNTAIN, COUNTRY AND VALLEY HIKES

NICE 'N EASY ANY DAY ONE DAY HIKES FROM OUARZAZATE



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:- GRADE ONE:- WALKING MOSTLY ON PATHS AT LOWER LEVELS, SOMETIMES ROCKY, SELDOM FLAT, FOR ABOUT 6-7 HOURS EACH DAY. GOOD TRAINERS WOULD DO, BUT TAKE BOOTS IF YOU ARE USED TO THEM. FOR ANYONE WHO LEADS A REASONABLY ACTIVE LIFE. HIKING ALWAYS INVOLVES SOME EFFORT. CLEARLY THERE ARE MANY DIFFERING FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF A PARTICULAR HIKE, INCLUDING LENGTH OF DAY, TERRAIN, ALTITUDE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS. SINCE THESE FACTORS ARE NECESSARILY VARIABLE, ANY SYSTEM OF GRADES CAN ONLY PROVIDE A GENERAL INDICATION. WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE OUR SYSTEM AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE, BUT IT CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR PERSONAL ABILITIES OR EXPERIENCE.

' BEAU GESTE ' COUNTRY



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OUARZAZATE - AÏT SAOUINE - OURIKA - AGDZ - OUARZAZATE: Departure from your hotel or riad in Ouarzazate at



around 8 in the morning south-eastwards into the dramatic Drâa Valley. Leaving the plains behind us after about one hour's drive up twisting bends and Tizis (cols or passes) and between stark mountains, low dunes and palmeraies, we arrive at the picturesque Berber village of Aït Saouine, with the Jbel Azougguich Akhatar frowning down on us. We alight here to stroll around this village set amongst palmeraies and orchards, thence to set out for some four hours' easy hiking to the small waterfalls and into a landscape of the layered strata of the oued until we reach the village of Ourika, where, around midday, we shall picnic next to a waterfall. Onwards ever southwards, now for about three hours through small dunes, palmeraies, the occasional dromedaries and Berber hamlets to the village and simple yet solidly-designed kasbah of Agdz, (pronounced Ag-a-dèz) with the starkly-eroded tagine pot shaped Jbel Kissane, an outcrop of the Jbel Sarhro range, in the distant background. Just to the north of this blood-red coloured village is a beautiful palmeraie and a delightful valley just waiting for us to stroll through - the intense blue of the sky, brilliant green vegetation, red earth mixed with yellow sandy soil are a sight to behold! From here, we rejoin our vehicle at around half past 4 to take us back to Ouarzazate.



OUR PRICES WILL INCLUDE: Private transportation Ouarzazate-Aït Saouine/Agdz-Ouarzazate. An experienced licensed bi-lingual mountain guide throughout. 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 Ouarzazate's' airport.* Gratuities to guide and chauffeur. Any expenditure of a personal nature. Bottled or gaseous water, nor anything not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU BRING WITH YOU: Good trainers or walking boots. Rambler pole (optional), hats, sunscreen, sunglasses; nibbles and/or power bars; hygienic 'wipes'. Walking socks; hat; day pack 'bum bag', insect repellent, camera and filled water bottle, possibly some biros and sweets for the local mountain Berber children.

Should you wish to hire a mule to accompany you on this hike, there'd be an additional sum to pay per beast.