

THE MOROCCAN HIGH ATLAS
MOUNTAIN COUNTRY AND VALLEY HIKES
NICE 'N EASY PRIVATE ONE DAY ANY DAY HIKES
IN THE TASSA OUIRGANE REGION



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:- GRADE ONE:-



WALKING MOSTLY ON PATHS AT LOWER LEVELS, SOMETIMES ROCKY, SELDOM FLAT, FOR ABOUT 3-6 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.

THE TASSA OUIRGANE NATIONAL PARK

OBTtoRAK08m 5½ hours' ramble

OUIRGANE CENTRE - MARIGHA - TASSA OUIRGANE - TOUROUD - EL KHEMIS - OUIRGANE CENTRE. We set



off from your hotel here at 9 o'clock with our Moroccan Mountain Guide towards the east through fields of corn and flowers to follow alongside the river's course up and down small hills dotted with red juniper, passing by isolated Berber hamlets until we reach the salt mines at Marigha. Here the Berber peoples have been mining salt by their traditional method used unchanged for centuries. You may see them riding from village to village, selling their salt from the back of their donkeys. You should also, depending on the time of day, get to see those delightful Berber women sitting on their haunches for a chat after gathering wood. From here we enter the immense Tassa Ouirgane Valley via a piste which leads us through more fields and orchards of apple, peach, cherry and apricot and near the vast forest of Takherkhourte until we reach our field picnic spot at the village of Tassa. Once refreshed we continue on to appreciate a tremendous panoramic vista of the entire Valley and of the Forestry Station - which protects the area's horned mountain sheep - and now on through the woods and sight of the Toubkal Massif National Park with its distant range of High Atlas peaks, down the slopes to ford the river and take the small path on the other side of the Valley through stands of juniper and tall fir trees to the foothills of the Adrar Takherkhourte (2309m) and on now towards the northwest through orchards of peach, plum and pomegranate and vineyards to go through the villages of Tourourd and El Khémis until we finish up at our start point of your hotel at around half past five in the evening.



Essentially, this walk takes you up and down a maximum of 600 metres and is not at all strenuous. It does take you up into charming hidden valleys and to meet the mountain Berber families in their own environment.



OUR PRICES WILL INCLUDE: An experienced licensed bi-lingual mountain guide throughout. Light field picnic lunch. Medical and Accident Insurance. **FIELD PICNIC:** Fresh Moroccan salad, cheese, tinned tuna fish *, fruit, bread, mint tea. * If **vegetarian or vegan** please pre-advise.

OUR PRICES WILL NOT INCLUDE: *Accommodation pre & post in Marrakech and Ouirgane, nor transfers from/to Marrakech's hotel/riad or airport. Gratuity 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: Walking boots or good, strong high ankle trainers; rambler pole (optional); hats; anorak or windcheater (seasonal); sunscreen, sunglasses; binoculars, camera, nibbles; filled water bottle.

This walk may be made directly from the La Bergerie Auberge on the road to Ouirgane. It would take an additional hour overall, given the hike will be from La Bergerie to Marigha.

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