

# COMPLETE MOROCCO



## Marathon des Sables 2012 – extended holiday options

**Having competed in the toughest foot-race on earth, why not recuperate in style and extend your stay in Morocco??**

**Suggested itineraries prepared Complete Morocco Ltd**

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## Introducing Morocco. A place of magic and myth, romance and memories.

Having spent the last 9 days in the Sahara, you will have seen Morocco as a vast, arid and extremely hot desert, seeming to stretch on forever. But Morocco is so much more than that, with huge areas of lush agricultural lands, vast forests, productive vineyards and green grazing meadows to the north, outstandingly beautiful and dramatic vistas through the High Atlas Mountains, Imperial Cities teeming with life and culture of a bygone age, and stunning stretches of quiet uninhabited coastline with climates similar to the Mediterranean resorts.

Morocco is so full of diversity, colour, textures, smells and intrigue that all you can do is catch your breath and stare in wonder. Its timeless quality no longer exists in the modern world, and with a sense that the past still lives on; you are plunged into a lifestyle, a culture and a religion completely unlike anything else you have ever experienced.



## Itinerary suggestions

Below are some itinerary suggestions for extending your stay in Morocco which are designed to give you a wonderful snapshot of life beyond the desert. If you have friends and family coming to see you cross the finish line, these prices can be added to the friends and family package prices to extend their stay too.

## Day by day summary of your travel arrangements

Below are the suggested itineraries for your extended time in Morocco. Each aspect of the travel arrangements can be altered to suit your requirements.

### Option One Four nights in Marrakech

Day	Date	Itinerary in brief	Accommodation Arrangements
1	16 Apr	Transfer from Ouarzazate to Marrakech - approx. journey time: 4 hrs.	Four nights at the Hotel Tichka, Marrakech in a twin or double standard room with breakfast.
5	20 Apr	Transfer from the Hotel Tichka to Marrakech Menara Airport – approx. journey time: 15 mins.  <i>** (Flight back to the UK included in your MdS package)</i>	

**Price per person based on two sharing a room: FROM £265.00**

### Alternative hotel suggestions

**Tigmi in a twin or double Berber room: FROM £525.00 per person**

**Les Deux Tours in a twin or double classic room: FROM £495.00 per person**

**Villa des Orangers in a twin or double deluxe room: FROM £785.00 per person**

**Riad Les Yeux Bleus in a twin or double room: FROM £475.00 per person**

### Option Two Seven nights Coast and Marrakech

Day	Date	Itinerary in brief	Accommodation Arrangements
1	16 Apr	Transfer from Ouarzazate to Agadir - approx. journey time: 6 hrs.	Three nights at the Sofitel Royal Bay Agadir in a twin or double classic room with breakfast.
4	19 Apr	Transfer from Agadir to Marrakech – approx. journey time: 3 hrs.	Four nights at the Hotel Tichka, Marrakech in a twin or double standard room with breakfast.
8	20 Apr	Transfer from the Hotel Tichka to Marrakech Menara Airport – approx. journey time: 15 mins.  <i>** (Flight back to the UK included in your MdS package)</i>	

**Price per person: FROM £545.00**

## Option Three Seven nights Marrakech and High Atlas Mountains

Day	Date	Itinerary in brief	Accommodation Arrangements
1	16 Apr	Transfer from Ouarzazate to Marrakech – approx. journey time: 4 hrs.	Three nights at the Riad Laora, Marrakech in a double room with breakfast.
4	19 Apr	Transfer from Marrakech to Ouirgane – approx. journey time: 1.5 hrs	Four nights at the Chez Momo II, Ouirgane in a twin or double suite with half-board.
8	23 Apr	Transfer from the Hotel Tichka to Marrakech Menara Airport – approx. journey time: 15 mins.  **(Flight back to the UK included in your MdS package)	

**Price per person: FROM £555.00**

*These prices include all transfers and hotel accommodation costs as detailed in the above itineraries and are based on two people sharing a room. Single occupancy and child prices available on request.*

**\*\*Please note:** **Your return flights are currently included in your MdS package for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April. Providing you book your extended holiday in Morocco in plenty of time (we recommend booking before the end of October 2011 as April is peak season), the flight prices should not alter too much. If you book from November onwards you may need to pay a supplement cost for changing your pre-booked inbound flight to a later date.**

*All of our holidays are booked on a request basis, so are subject to availability at the time of booking.*

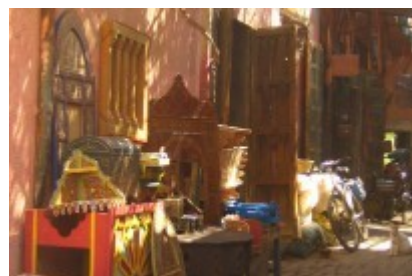
## Suggested destinations and hotels in more detail

A few words taken from our website regarding your suggested hotels and destinations to help whet your appetite:

### Marrakech

Marrakech is an enchanted place where time has been suspended. A thousand year old carnival with its plentiful storytellers and soothsayers, acrobats and water sellers making their way through the labyrinth of alleyways and past 100's of minarets, giving you a glimpse of its rich and remote roots, its ancient past still planted firmly and un-shakingly in the present. There is also a modern Marrakech, with luxury hotels and streets with impatient mopeds and guides, all co-existing seamlessly with the past.

Marrakech is completely magical, a melange of Islamic green against the bare, brown plane of Haouz with the snowy High Atlas rearing up behind like a tidal wave towering through the haze. The focus of every approach to the city is the Koutoubia Mosque's minaret, Marrakech's crowning centrepiece with its 203 feet high tower, the very element of Moslem architecture.



### Tichka

Designed by the famous French architect Charles Boccara (who also designed Les Deux Tours in the Palmeraie of Marrakech), the Hotel Tichka is a superb 4-star hotel situated in the New Town of Marrakech called Gueliz. Just a 10-minute petit taxi ride from the old Medina, it is perfectly placed for discerning guest seeking comfort, traditional opulence and excellent value for money.



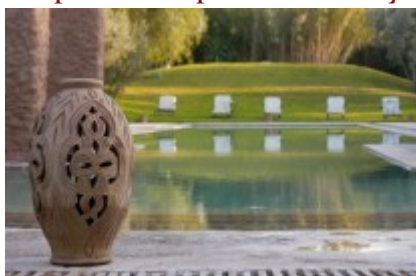
## Tigmi

Tigmi, meaning 'my house' in Berber, really does feel like being home from home. With its beautiful gardens and courtyards, smiling, attentive staff, comfortable bedrooms, peace, tranquillity and truly amazing panoramic views, there is something very, very special about Tigmi. Sitting proudly on the brow of a hill and surveying the rest of the Berber hamlet of Tagadert, Tigmi is situated in the Haouz plain, half way between Marrakech and the magnificent snow-capped peaks of the High Atlas mountains, just 17 miles from the madness of the Medieval city, yet a million miles away in the peaceful serenity you will discover here.



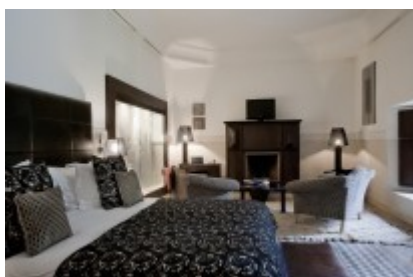
## Les Deux Tours

Les Deux Tours is a beautiful property set in the Palmeraie area of Marrakech - an apparently ceaseless expanse of palm trees stretching on for miles, inhabited by little huddles of sheep and goats which can be found grazing between the countless small hamlets scattering the landscape. With luscious gardens, sumptuous rooms, an amazing spa and Hammam, a beautiful pool heated to 27 degrees C in the winter, great food, helpful, friendly and attentive staff, brimming over with peace and quiet a mere 15 minutes from the culture-packed city of Marrakech - it's the perfect recipe for the perfect holiday!



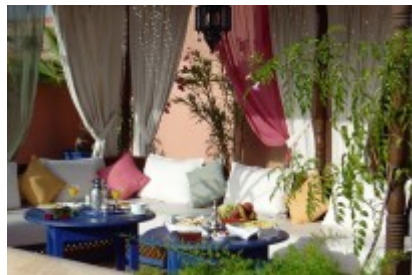
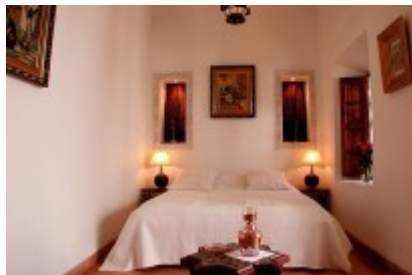
## Villa des Orangers

The peace and serenity of the Villa des Orangers is amazing considering its location - right in the middle of Marrakech Medina. Surrounded by trees laden with oranges and bird song, traditional fountains gurgling in the background and beautiful courtyards and gardens - it is hard to believe you are in the centre of one of the world's most hectic cities. With attentive staff quiet in their efficiency, luxuriant rooms oozing comfort, tempting pools and wonderfully delicious food, once you have stepped through the ornately hand crafted door you will not want to leave. The food, service and attention to detail are outstanding - as you would expect from one of the few Relais et Chateaux hotels in Morocco.



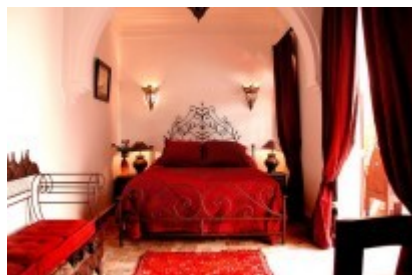
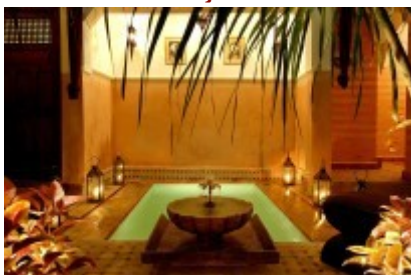
## Les Yeux Bleus

The charming French owner, Jocelyne Despin has lovingly restored the Riad Les Yeux Bleus into a truly delightful 8 bedroom Riad, located in one of the quietest and more accessible quarters of the ancient Medina. It is a long-standing favourite with clients and Complete Morocco staff alike, an oasis of calm and beauty amidst the hustle and bustle of Marrakech. The staff are amongst the friendliest and most welcoming in Marrakech, offering sincere warmth and genuine hospitality - nothing is too much trouble so don't be afraid to ask!



## Riad Laora

Ideally situated in the Medina of Marrakech just a ten minute walk from the main square, the beautiful Riad Laora is filled with richly shimmering colours of Purple, Red, Maroon, and adorned with soft fabrics of Velvet, Taffeta, Silk... The Riad Laora is warm and inviting from the minute you step through the door until such time as you have to drag yourself away. The welcoming staff are kind, attentive and completely focused on making your stay the very best it can be. As one of the most reasonably priced Riads we work with in Marrakech, it gives those on a slightly tighter budget the opportunity to experience life within the city walls without compromising on beauty, comfort and style.



## Agadir

Agadir has a seemingly endless supply of year-round sunshine, with temperatures here much warmer than can be expected in other Moroccan coastal resorts. If you are a sun worshipper and not necessarily looking for the cultural side of Morocco, then head for Agadir - the beaches go on for miles! Agadir is a 'purpose-built' beach resort, and as such is considered by us as the "Benidorm of Morocco". With a port that is second only to Casablanca, wide sandy beaches, a proliferation of side street cafes, shops and bars, and where the night never seems to end, you will find it teeming with tourists during the summer months. After an earthquake in the 60's, Agadir was completely re-built, and has very little ambience or history remaining apart from the last vestiges of a Kasbah high on the point overlooking the coastline.



## Sofitel Agadir

The Sofitel Agadir Royal Bay Resort hotel is located just outside Agadir on a magnificent golden, sandy beach. It affords year-round sun, contemporary luxury, impeccable service and exceptional dining. Its architecture elegantly combines aspects of both the traditional and modern, offering even the most discerning of guests a peaceful oasis of luxury.



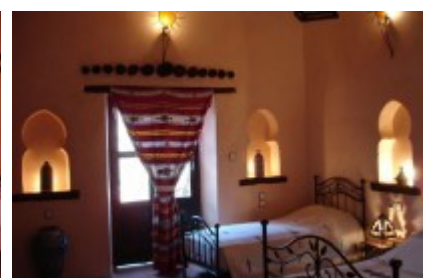
## Ouirgane

Cushioned in the tranquil foothills of the High Atlas Mountains in the heart of the Toubkal National Park lays the pretty Berber village of Ouirgane (pronounced Weer-gan). About 90 minutes drive from Marrakech with a gentle winter climate and moderate summer, this village provides an alternative and lesser-visited base for walking, horse riding and mountain biking trips in the Atlas. Located on the valley floor of the Oued Nfis (river Nfis), spring is a fantastic time to visit when the almond blossoms are absolutely breathtaking. Wonderful views of the Toubkal range, a wide variety of bird life and a fresh and invigorating altitude of 1,000 metres await the traveller who makes it here.



## Chez Momo II

Nestling on a hillside in the Valley of Ouirgane on the southern edge of the village sits the simple yet completely enchanting Auberge Chez Momo II. The hotel is delightfully rustic yet extremely comfortable, and with beautiful gardens and breathtaking views, you will be tempted to linger for a while and admire the surrounding splendour. With attentive and friendly local Berber staff who are some of the most welcoming to be found in Morocco, it is an idyllic location for those seeking peaceful relaxation, as well as those hoping for a slightly more energetic break, with some wonderful walking treks available for all levels of fitness.



## Why choose Complete Morocco?

Most holiday company's deal with the "masses", we deal in individuals. Our specialist staff travel to Morocco regularly, always on the lookout for new and exciting destinations, properties and activities. Between us we have visited every property, camp and destination we feature, and have experienced firsthand all aspects of our holidays, from walking, mule and camel treks to Land Cruiser safaris and zip wires, as well as relaxing on the beach, shopping and eating in the restaurants. We know Morocco personally, intimately and completely, and are confident you will not find a more knowledgeable or qualified Tour Operator to book your Moroccan holiday.

We also use the regular services of a Moroccan Agency that offer transfers and excursions from Marrakech. The company is owned by a Moroccan lady who lives in Marrakech, speaks fluent English, and with whom we have worked for many years. She and her staff are available to visit all clients staying in Marrakech (providing they wish to meet her), and are on the end of the telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week should their help or assistance be needed - no matter where in Morocco you are.

We do not have any escorted tours or packages set up ready to sell, do not hold flight or hotel allocation so all hotels, flights, activities and services are booked purely on a request basis. This means that we can offer many more locations and properties, and are not tied to pushing any particular hotels, thus allowing us to offer an itinerary specifically tailored to suit your needs.

Morocco is a hugely diverse country, offering an endless amount of experiences to suit every type of traveller, from the most timid to the highly adventurous. With cities, mountains, coast and desert, a variety of activities are available from skiing to sand boarding, kite surfing to camel trekking, golfing to wine tasting (to name but a few), and all achievable in the same 10 day holiday.