

MOROCCO - SURF 'n TURF



First, we would like to thank you that you are interested in one of our great adventures. We hope that riding with us, either in Morocco, Iceland, Nepal, Wales, Vietnam or elsewhere will fuel your taste for many more adventures.

Here is some information that you should know before booking/starting your tour.

Riding abilities.

First of all, you don't need to be an off-road expert to join our tours. You'll need a minimum of 1-2 year experience on your motorcycle and for each tour we have specified which experience you'll need.

The Morocco 'Surf 'n Turf' tour is a level 2 all-road tour, and is perfect for those who have joined a (2 days) off-road course and would like to start exploring the world from a gravel perspective. The ratio off-road – road is like 35 – 65% on this tour. But this still means that you can spend more time on the off-road part during the day.

The days can be long, depending on many factors (punctures, weather etc.), so you have to be comfortable in most situations in order not to suffer fatigue too quickly. The pace is relaxed, it is not a competition. We are traveling, not racing and will take a break frequently. There will be time enough to take pictures, movies, rest etc. On the longer tours we have resting days to enjoy all the local cultural highlights and to refuel of energy. We do want to emphasise that for our off-road tours that you need to be healthy and in a good physical condition. The riding, in combination with the weather can make it challenging and strenuous.

Itinerary.

On this tour we will first ride towards the coast (the 'Surf' part) to catch some fresh air, enjoy seafood and ride the dramatic coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. Here you will encounter small fishermen villages scattered along the coast. We'll stay in *Mirleft* in a very beautiful place just at the beach. Be prepared to get spoiled with some excellent Moroccan cuisine!

When we go inlands to the *Anti-Atlas* Mountains, the landscapes will change immediately. Coloured mountains, with canyons and beautiful oasis will pass our route where we will end up near *Tafraoute*. We ride on towards East and our furthest point is near *Tissint* where we will sleep in a Bedouin camp, make a camp-fire and enjoy the stars in the desert.



Before crossing the *High-Atlas* mountains we first will stay in a *Kasbah* near *Ouarzazate* where Claudi and her husband will embrace you with her warm hospitality

From there it's time to ride back toward *Marrakech* via Teloutet pass and the famous *Tizi 'n Tichka* with curve after curve. And you'd better stay focused because the tarmac is not all the time that good..

Once back you'll enjoy a good warm shower and all other luxuries in our hotel that we left almost a week ago. In the evening we'll go for a farewell dinner in one of Marrakech's best restaurants, where we will share stories of our great Moroccan adventure.

Day:	From:	To:	Distance:	Accommodation::
1	Home	Marrakech	-	4* Hotel
2	Marrakech	Essaouira	260 km	Auberge
3	Essaouira	Mirleft	350 km	Auberge
4	Mirleft	Tafraoute	300 km	Auberge
5	Tafraoute	Tissint	270 km	Bedouin tents
6	Tissint	Ouarzazate	220 km	Kasba
7	Ouarzazate	Marrakech	260 km	4* hotel
8	Marrakech	Home		-

(depending on riders experience level, weather, and/or a combination the itinerary can be changed)





Price:

For this tour you can rent different kind of motorcycles (based on twin room):

BMW 310 GS:	€ 2940
KTM 790/890:	€ 3120
BMW 800 GS:	€ 3120
BMW 1200 GS:	€ 3240
Own motorbike:	€ 2040
Supplement single room:	€ 290 per person

The price is including:

- ✓ 8 days holiday, 6 days riding
- ✓ All accommodation (based on twin bed rooms) in hotels and rural 'Auberges'
- ✓ All breakfast and dinners
- ✓ Transfer from / to airport
- ✓ Motorcycle rent including 3rd part insurance
- ✓ Support vehicle with mechanic (so no luggage on the bike!)
- ✓ Very experienced guide (and sweeper when > 7 participants)
- ✓ Garmin inReach GPS emergency tracker

Not included:

- ❖ Flight tickets to and from Morocco
- ❖ Medical insurance (including repatriation), travel insurance and cancelation insurance
- ❖ Full coverage insurance for the rental motorbike* (*see chapter insurance below)
- ❖ (Alcoholic) drinks, lunches, coffee, snacks and refreshments
- ❖ Gasoline during the whole tour
- ❖ Single room supplement
- ❖ Personal expenses

Temperature/weather conditions Morocco.

The temperature varies from season to season of course. For example in March/April or October/November, it can be between 10 and 30 degrees Celsius. And it can cool down quite a lot during the nights, especially when up in the mountains and in the desert as well. Because of the variety in the terrain we encounter, it might be a bit colder during the day when riding on altitude. Putting on an extra layer or thin rain jacket will work. In the desert the temperature can go up to 30-40 degrees during the day. There is change for rain (not a big one) or even hail in Morocco, so bring also (light) rain-gear. Riding in thick Gore-Tex layered motorcycle gear we don't recommend. Gear with good ventilation and dressing in layers does the trick.



Practical information

- ✓ Moroccan Dirhams. You will have the possibility to change money or upon arrival at the airport or take money from an ATM (bring your credit card). We will have several possibilities more during our tour. You are not allowed to bring Dirhams out of Morocco, meaning you cannot change it after leaving the country.
- ✓ ATM. There are ATM's in the bigger towns. Make sure you'll have a 4 digits PIN code and money either in Saving or Checking account.
- ✓ Credit Card. Most of them are accepted, but preferable is VISA. But most shops in Morocco take only cash. (Dirham and sometimes Euro's).
- ✓ Phone. Make sure you have an international (roaming) package, otherwise it could become expensive. You can also buy a local sim-card including data. It's cheap and there is a network available almost everywhere.
- ✓ Electric is EURO 220 V / 50 Hz (plugs type C and E).
- ✓ Internet. We won't have always access to WiFi/internet, but most hotels do have it nowadays. When staying in remote located *auberges*, it is most likely that we won't have internet and/or phone access.
- ✓ Food. The food is good in Morocco, and we will eat in known restaurants with a good reputation. But because our body is not used to it, it might cause travellers-diarrhoea. Bring some medicines that will help when it occurs.
- ✓ Water. Drink only bottled water! We *strongly* recommend to bring a hydration backpack (like a Camelbak, Kriega Hydro 3, Klim hydropak, etc.) so you'll have

access to water all day instead of drinking lots of water in one time during a break.

- ✓ Allergies/medications. Let us know on before hand if you have any allergies, a special dietary food need or are using special medication.



What to bring?

This is a guide-line and the things that are mandatory to bring are specified.

For riding

- Boots. These are very important, especially for the off-road tours. Boots with a good hard sole (for standing up) and a **hard plastic ankle protection** are a **must** have.
- Helmet. Road, system, full face or cross helmet are all fine. Just make sure you'll have a clear visor and sunglasses. We advise you to bring your helmet with you in the plane as hand luggage.
- Base-layer/warm clothing. (long)Under-wear, fleece or a wind-stopper.
- Rain gear. When not riding in Gore-Tex jacket/trousers. Accessible at all time.
- Riding gear. Jacket and pants with protection on back, shoulder, elbows and knees. Make sure that it has good ventilation possibilities.
- Gloves. Bring a pair of thin warm-weather gloves and a pair all weather (Gore-Tex) gloves.
- Small backpack with hydration bladder like the Kriega, Camelback, etc. (we strongly recommend!). Drinking during the day keeps you hydrated. You can use the back-pack also for bringing you camera and other small stuff.

DO NOT BRING A DRONE. THESE ARE FORBIDDEN IN MOROCCO!
(and will be confiscated at the airport)

What to bring on you?

- Passport and drivers license, money (Dollars/Euros, Dirhams only available in Morocco), credit card.
- Small camera
- Buff / bandana. To protect the neck or cold or in case of dust
- A soft cloth to wipe you visor
- Lip balm

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen

Clothing and other

- Most of the time you will be riding and wearing your riding gear, so don't bring too much clothing.
- Non-riding clothing. Bring light and thin clothes and beside a pair of shorts, at least a pair of long trousers (it's an Islamic country).
- Warm sweater (for the possible chilly evenings)
- Swimming trunk / bathing clothes.
- Pair of walking shoes / sandals.
- Personal toiletry items.

Documents needed

- ✓ Valid passport (**at least 3 months valid upon entry**).
- ✓ Drivers license (international drivers is not required but suggested for some countries).
- ✓ (travel/medical) Insurance papers.
- ✓ Medical insurance information (emergency and policy number).
- ✓ Our contact information.
- ✓ Digital photocopies of your passport, drivers license, credit cards, etc.
- ✓ Your flight information/tickets.
- ✓ A vaccination carnet is not needed. Check your own medical health organisation which vaccinations are recommended for travelling to Morocco.



What to do upon arrival at the airport?

- Make sure you have all your luggage before leaving the terminal. When luggage is missing, advise the airline and let us know too. You have to pick this up in person (hopefully) the day after.
- Take out money from the ATM or exchange money.
- An taxi driver with a Explore360 sign will wait for you at the airport with an Explore360 sign to pick you up and bring you to the hotel.
- If you arrive earlier or later, please give us a call or text to let us know your whereabouts.

Insurance motorcycles

The motorcycles have only 3rd part insurance. So basically what you damage is what you'll pay. An additional (travel) insurance that includes cover of the self-risk for the rental bike is recommended! In Sweden ERV has one that covers up to SEK 25 000 / €2500 self-risk (highly recommended!).

Luggage

You can bring a big hard suit case for you riding gear. You will get a soft-bag from us to bring your personal clothes during the tour in the support vehicle. The hard suit case/big bag you can leave in the luggage storage of the hotel during the tour.

Extend your stay

If you'd like to arrive earlier or stay longer to explore the *Medina* (old walled centre) of Marrakech, you can stay in the same hotel as we start or finish our tour. Or you can book an idyllic *Riad* in the Medina for the full experience (we can suggest some). Just let us know what you'd prefer.

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We use local Moroccan sim-cards as well during the tour. We'll inform you about the numbers in Marrakech.

