

# Taliouine – Fint Oasis Aït Ben Haddou (4 days and 3 nights)



## Day 1

After an early breakfast at Bab Zouina, the excursion begins by crossing the Atlas Mountains along the valley of Oued Nfis. The road winds at the foot of traditional Berber villages in rammed earth surrounded by green terraces and majestic mountains. We pass by the apple and plum orchards of Asni village and the Ouirgane dam to reach Tinmel, the city of origin of the Almohad dynasty. The mosque and mausoleum of the first three Almohad caliphs have been beautifully restored respecting the traditional architecture. After lunch, we drive through the Tizi N Test pass to arrive at Taroudant. We dine and stay at the Kasbah Dar Tourkia. Swimming pool is available.

Route: 210 km, 4 hours and 35 min drive







#### Day 2

After breakfast, we head to Taliouine, renowned city of saffron. We visit a saffron farm and learn about the ancestral technique of collecting saffron. Each gram of this red gold requires 200 flowers, and of which the pistils have the therapeutic and culinary virtues that we know. After lunch, we continue the ride heading East. We stop at Taznakht's Sunday souk, the capital of Berber carpets on the south face of the Atlas. We then join the Kasbah Dar Daif to dine, stay and possibly enjoy the beautiful swimming pool.

Route: 280 km, 5 hours' drive







# Day 3

After breakfast, we head to Fint's oasis for a nomad style tea, a camel ride (a single hump dromedary) and a short walk along the mountains We continue the journey via Ouarzazate and visit the Oscar studios where the sets of many films are still on site, such as: Asterix, Obelix and Cleopatra, Gladiator, Babel, Prince of Persia, etc. After lunch, we visit Aït Ben Haddou's Kasbah, a rammed earth Ksar inscribed in the world heritage list of the UNESCO. We dine and stay at Dar Hajja's house, a beautiful kasbah in the old village.

Route: 40 km, 1hours' drive







## Day 4

If you are an early riser, enjoy the sunrise from the terrace of your room. After a good breakfast, we visit the antique village of Aït Ben Haddou (continually restored) and possibly the tomb of the patron saint of the region, Sidi Ali Ben Ouamer, as well as the Jewish cemetery located east of the Kasbah. We continue the journey via Ouarzazate and visit the Oscar studios where the sets of many films are still on site, such as: Asterix, Obelix and Cleopatra, Gladiator, Babel, Prince of Persia, etc. . Then until Telouet, a former merchant stop for caravans located on the salt road towards Timbuktu. After a lunch at the foot of the Glaoui palace and the visit of the palace (admire the zellij and woodwork of the princely living room of the ancient building that falls into ruins)

Route: 178 km, 4 hours' drive