



- ALASKA

AUSTRIA 1999

BHUTAN 2002

FUTALEUFU | CHILE

COSTA RICA 2003

COSTA RICA 1995

ICELAND

IDAHO - Salmon River

LADAKH

MOROCCO

NEPAL 2003

NEW ZEALAND 1998

NEW ZEALAND 2000

NORWAY 1998

OREGON 2000

SLAVE RIVER | BC

TURKEY 1999

UGANDA | THE WHITE NILE

THE ZAMBEZI

Morocco - March 2004

Trip Dates: 20th March-1st April 2004

Flight: Heathrow to Casablanca

Team Members:

Frazer Pearce, Adrian Healy, Tamsin Gay, Helen Barclay, Fi Houston and Stevie Hanson



Morocco - grade 3 boating with grade 5 scenery just about sums it up. Throw in several potential multiday trips and some of the friendliest and most helpful people in the world and you're on to a winner. Especially as this is only 4 hours flight away from the UK and the season is Easter.

Oum al Rbia



Tamsin on the Sources Oum al Rbia

Ahensal



Stevie contemplating packing



Local transportation



Civil engineering



Tamsin surfing at the camp spot



Helen enters the gorge

Ouzoud



Guidebook photo



...with kayaks



Stevie running not the biggest



Awesome

Scenary



River	Grade	Distance(km)	Time(hrs)
Oum al Rbia	II/III	7	2
Oum al Rbia	III/IV(V+)	15	5
Oum al Rbia	II/III(III+)	25	4
Ahensal	III/IV	30	2days/(8hrs)
Ouzoud	Yes(no)	3	3
El Abid	II/III	8	2

River summary:

Logistics:

Flew to Casablanca from Heathrow with Royal Air Maroc, no problems with boats either direction, booked a landrover with driver;

Company: Rediscover (www.rediscover.co.uk) Booked with: Andy Scase, Tel: 08707 406 306 Fax: 08707 406 316 andy@rediscover.co.uk Local contact: Susan Haddouche. Tel: 04 882 1015. They were professional and excellent. Cost around 100UKP/day including fuel. Long wheelbase landy could take 7(plus driver) at a push, ideal for 6 with space for kit.

Good map: Hildebrandt's Roadmap of Morocco ISBN 3-88989-283-3 <http://www.hildebrandts.de> (has several minor roads you need marked)

Guide: Marokko, Franz und Marlen Riegel, Pollner Verlag 1990, ISBN 3-925660-11-9 (kayak guide in german but quite comprehensive).

Maroc: Oueds du moyen atlas, Canoe & Kayak Magazie, 1978 onwards (7 parts in french)

Additional river notes:

As always river information is buyer beware. Grades are ours, real and on the day.

Oum al Rbia

Flow: 20m²/s

Grade: II/III

Distance: 7km

Date: 21st March 2004

Paddlers: Frazer, Adrian, Helen, Tamsin, Fi, Stevie

Time: Start 16:00 Finish 18:00

Duration: 2hrs

Geology/Features: Arable land interspersed with cuttings through old lava flows.

Put in: Cafe on river left (road right) just before you get to El Borj

Take out: Obvious lay-by river left, just after big red/white transmitter

Oum al Rbia

Flow: 10m²/s

Grade: III/IV(V+)

Distance: 15km

Date: 22nd March 2004

Paddlers: Frazer, Adrian, Helen, Tamsin, Fi, Stevie

Time: Start 11:30 Finish 17:00

Duration: 5hrs

Geology/Features: Lots of III drops packed together with a couple at IV-. One portage (river left), bit of a slog up the bank. Few km of gorge at the end.

Put in: Sources Oum al Rbia

Take out: Tanefnit (second bridge from top)

Oum al Rbia

Flow: 15m²/s

Grade: II/III(III+)

Distance: 25km

Date: 22nd March 2004 + 23rd March 2004

Paddlers: Frazer, Adrian, Helen, Tamsin, Fi, Stevie

Time: Start 17:00 Finish 19:20, plus 13:00 to 15:00

Duration: 4hrs

Geology/Features: Bimble through Arable land with one narrow constriction through a lava flow close to the end.

Put in: Tanefnit (see above)

Take out: Cafe on river left (road right) just before you get to El Borj

Ahensal

Flow: 25m²/s

Grade: III/IV

Distance: 30km

Date: 24th-25th March 2004

Paddlers: Frazer, Adrian, Helen, Tamsin, Fi, Stevie

Time: Start 13:00 24th, finish 17:00 25th

Duration: 2 days (7hrs on river/lake)

Geology/Features: Awesome scenery / canyons. III/IV for first 12km, then easing though narrow canyons. Last 6km flat across lake (2.5 hours)

Put in: Tilougitte

Take out: Near to barrage (right as facing it from lake) up landy track.

Ouzoud

Flow: 5m²/s

Grade: Yes(no)

Distance: 3km

Date: 26th March 2004

Paddlers: Frazer, Tamsin, Fi, Stevie

Time: Start 11:30, finish 15:00

Duration: 3hrs

Geology/Features: 3km packed with yes/no pooldrop. Most 15ft-ish, one at 30ft, lovely piecemeal or seallaunch.

Most scenic put-on in the world ?

Put in: Cascade d'Ouzoud

Take out: see El Abid below

El Abid

Flow: 5m²/s

Grade: II/III

Distance: 8km

Date: 26th March 2004

Paddlers: Frazer, Tamsin, Fi, Stevie

Time: Start 15:30, finish 17:30

Duration: 2hrs

Geology/Features: 8km easing from pretty gorge to agricultural meanders.

Put in: see Ouzoud above

Take out: Tabia - village with communication mast, river left