

# Ourzazat

## **\*\*Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou Day Trip\*\***

### **\*\*Project Description:\*\***

"Marrakech Oasis" presents an exciting day trip to Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou, offering visitors a journey through some of Morocco's most iconic landscapes and historical sites. This trip is perfect for those looking to explore the rich history and breathtaking scenery of southern Morocco, known for its kasbahs, film studios, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

### **\*\*Components of the Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou Day Trip:\*\***

#### 1. **\*\*Scenic Drive Through the Atlas Mountains:\*\***

Begin the journey with a scenic drive from Marrakech through the High Atlas Mountains, including a crossing of the Tizi n'Tichka pass. Enjoy stunning views of the rugged mountain terrain, traditional Berber villages, and panoramic vistas.

#### 2. **\*\*Visit to Ait Ben Haddou:\*\***

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ait Ben Haddou, a well-preserved ksar (fortified village) famous for its striking architecture and historical significance. Walk through the narrow alleys, visit the ancient kasbahs, and learn about the site's use as a filming location for numerous Hollywood movies.

#### 3. **\*\*Guided Tour of Ouarzazate:\*\***

Continue to Ouarzazate, often called the "Gateway to the Sahara." Visit the Taourirt Kasbah, a majestic fortress that offers insights into the region's history and architecture. Learn about the city's role as a cultural and historical crossroads.

#### 4. **\*\*Film Studio Tour:\*\***

Ouarzazate is home to several major film studios, including Atlas Studios, one of the largest in the world. Take a guided tour of the studios to see movie sets and props from famous films shot in the area, such as "Gladiator" and "The Mummy."

#### 5. **\*\*Local Cuisine Experience:\*\***

Enjoy a traditional Moroccan lunch in a local restaurant, featuring regional dishes like tagine and couscous. This meal offers a chance to relax and savor the flavors of southern Moroccan cuisine.

#### 6. **Craft Market Visit:**

Explore local craft markets where you can shop for handmade souvenirs, including Berber rugs, pottery, and jewelry. Interact with artisans and learn about their crafts and traditions.

#### **Objectives of the Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou Day Trip:**

- To provide a comprehensive exploration of the historical and cultural landmarks of Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou.
- To offer educational insights into the history, architecture, and cinematic significance of the region.
- To support local communities through responsible tourism and the promotion of local crafts.
- To create memorable experiences by combining stunning natural scenery, historical exploration, and cultural immersion.

This day trip to Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou is designed to be a rich and diverse experience, highlighting the unique charm and historical depth of southern Morocco. It's an ideal adventure for history enthusiasts, film buffs, and anyone looking to experience the beauty and culture of this fascinating region.