

Naturally Morocco

Newsletter April 2010

Welcome to the latest edition of Naturally Morocco's Newsletter, which brings you an update on accommodations, itineraries and activities.

Naturally Morocco continues to seek out the new and the unusual, and to offer an unrivalled and growing range of activities and places to stay in Morocco. We hope the highlights below inspire you to travel to Morocco with us during 2010.

SPECIAL OFFERS*



Real Morocco, Taroudant
From £270pp for 7 nights

Based in Taroudant it includes half-board accommodation, guides, two excursions into the High and Anti-Atlas, choice of 3 cultural activities and transfers.



Dar Ayniwen, Marrakech
From £500pp for 4 nights

A renowned small luxury hotel in the Marrakech Palmery. Price includes bed and breakfast and transfers to and from the airport and the city.



Rebali Riads, nr Essaouira
From £240pp for 7 nights

Located just 100 metres from the beach at Sidi Kaouki, this very comfortable unique boutique hotel comprises 6 villas. Price includes bed and breakfast.

* Prices are per person and based on two people sharing and excluding flights

Featured Itinerary - The Imperial Cities

From £450 pp for 7 nights (excl flights, based on 2 persons sharing)

Take advantage of the new direct flights from the UK to Fez to explore two other fascinating and contrasting cities in the vicinity: Meknes and Rabat. Whilst the trip may be tailored to your individual requirements, we suggest you begin with a 2 night stay in the smallest city, Meknes, then move on by train to Rabat, the current capital, for 2 nights and finally to Fez, the spiritual capital, for 3 nights.



FEZ TANNERY

The highlights of Meknes, include the huge tombs, granaries and stables, gardens and lakes and the authentic medina. Rabat is a relaxed and elegant city which offers an interesting mix of the modern and cosmopolitan together with Roman remains, a large 12th century mosque, a beautiful hilltop kasbah and a relaxed

souk. The city of Fez, so-called city of 10,000 alleys, is renowned for its World Heritage Site medina, considered to be amongst the finest in the world. It is best explored in the company of our guide, who offers a half or full day tour of the medina on foot, providing an insight into the history, architecture and a lifestyle barely changed since medieval times.

The itinerary includes transfers to and from Fez airport. Optional trips to the historic ruins at Volubilis or the scenic Middle Atlas Mountains can also be arranged.

New Staff

Continuing expansion has led us to appoint two new travel consultants. Nigel and Karen look forward to helping you plan your next holiday.

Our New Website

We launched our new look website in November. Visitor feedback has been very positive. We hope you like it.

Among the enhancements we have introduced are accommodation and activity finders together with a wide-ranging general search facility, and a selection of country, area and city maps showing accommodation locations.

Naturally Morocco wins Responsible Tourism Award

The Moroccan National Tourism Office awarded its 2009 trophy for Socio-Economic Development (International Category) to Naturally Morocco. This was for our continuing work in supporting sustainable development in communities in the foothills of the High Atlas Mountains near Taroudant.

New Flights to Morocco

Agadir from

London Gatwick on Sundays and Wednesdays

Liverpool on Mondays and Thursdays

Stansted on Saturdays and Wednesdays

Fez from May 10

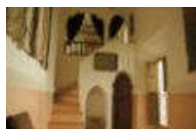
Stansted on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

Marrakech

Edinburgh on Tuesdays and Saturdays (**from May 4**)

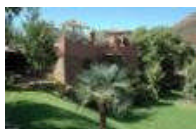
East Midlands on Mondays and Thursdays

Additions to our Portfolio



Riad Koubba Marrakech Medina

A charming little traditional style budget riad in a quiet and convenient location.



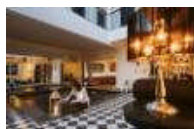
Ourika Garden Mountain Villa

A delightful small guest house with pool and restaurant, set in an idyllic beautiful terraced organic garden in the Ourika Valley near Marrakech.



Villas Fawakay Marrakech Surrounds

An exceptional small boutique hotel set in lush gardens with palms, olives and roses, close to the city.



Riad Elizabeth Marrakech Medina

An elegant riad ideally located in Hart Essoura, the oldest quarter of the Medina.



Atlas Kasbah Agadir

A small kasbah-style Eco Hotel with a pool is overlooking the foothills of the High Atlas.

In addition to those riads featured above new accommodations have been added in -

Tangier: Dar Jameel and Dar Nilam

Meknes: Riads Felloussia and Safir

Chefchaouen: Dar Mounir and Dar Ech Echaouen

Expansion in the South

To the south of Agadir are the largely undiscovered and wonderfully varied coastal landscapes on the margins of the High Atlas and Anti Atlas Mountains. The stunning scenery includes bays renowned for surfing, long sandy beaches, fine cliffs and coastal arches, and wilderness and estuaries of the Souss Massa National Park.



We have extended our presence in this area by taking on new accommodations including the Ksar Massa at Sidi Rabat overlooking the Atlantic and the Atlas Kasbah (see above) in the High Atlas near Agadir to add to those of Les 3 Chameaux and Sallys B&B at Mirleft. For those seeking some adventure we suggest our Sahara and Sea trek, a trip by foot and 4x4, featuring wild camping at Plage Blanche, the Draa Estuary and a number of 'old French forts'.



Weddings

Morocco is increasing in popularity as a venue for a wedding blessing and celebration party, and Naturally Morocco is extending its capability in this area.

We provide a comprehensive service including identifying a venue, all transport, accommodation for the bride and groom and their guests; the wedding breakfast; music and dancing and the services of our own master of ceremonies, who will ensure your special day goes to plan. We can also organise your honeymoon accommodation and if required an exclusive hot air balloon ride over the foothills of the High Atlas.

Phone or [e-mail us](#) now to create or develop your travel plans. We are available to talk every weekday, including most evenings and Saturdays. Our detailed knowledge of the people, places and accommodation allow us to fine-tune your holiday, providing a complete bespoke service at competitive prices.

New Activities

Treks & Excursions

We continue to expand our trekking options throughout Morocco, and have added several new treks in the High and Anti-Atlas mountains. These include:

Taroudant: One day treks to the Anti-Atlas Paradise Valley and excursions to Souss Massa and Tamri and the Atlantic coast north of Agadir.

South Atlantic: 7 nights Sahara and the Sea trek (including Plage Blanche).

Afensou: The Wild Touchka trek and Waterfalls of Jbel Aoulime in the western High Atlas.

Adventure

The Terres d'Amanar Eco Centre is situated on a 173 acre site in the foothills of High Atlas mountains on the edge of the National Park, yet only 40 minutes' drive from Marrakech.

The Centre offers a huge range of activities for all age ranges from mountain biking to donkey polo and aerial zip wires and rope slide, as well as authentic accommodation in comfortable eco-lodges.

Office Hours

These are now:

Mon-Thurs: 9am - 8pm

Fri: 9am - 5pm

Sat: 9am - 2pm

Bank Holidays

10am—4pm



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