Morocco Road Bike

Cycle from Marrakech to the High Atlas Mountains



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Marrakech and the Atlas Mountains

An epic 4-day road cycling challenge

Charged with the exotic, but with its roots in Africa, Morocco represents the closest truly “different” destination to the UK.

Twice our size, but with only half the population, much of Morocco is a desolate desert and a vast wilderness of towering mountains, where rural life has changed little over centuries. Add to this superb hospitality and an incredible network of roads, and all the ingredients are there for a fantastic road bike challenge! Morocco is a land of enduring fascination and enchantment.





Our journey begins in a small village on the outskirts of Marrakech, where the vast plains meet the towering peaks of the High Atlas Mountains.

Starting on the fertile Haouz plain, the landscape soon transforms as the road rises into one of North Africa's most spectacular mountain ranges.

Over the coming days, you'll tackle some of Morocco's most iconic climbs, including high mountain passes and winding roads that deliver breathtaking views at every turn. Along the way, you'll cycle through lush Berber valleys, remote villages, and rugged plateaus, experiencing a way of life that has remained unchanged for generations.

This is more than a cycling challenge—it's an adventure through a land of dramatic scenery, rich culture, and unforgettable hospitality. From snow-capped summits to ancient mountain settlements, every day offers a new discovery.

Our epic journey concludes in the vibrant city of Marrakech, where we celebrate an extraordinary achievement and an unforgettable week in the saddle.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London to Marrakech
Depart London for our flight to Marrakech. Upon arrival we will be met by our guides and transferred to our hotel. This afternoon we will have a bike fitting and briefing about the challenge ahead. Overnight Marrakech.

Day 2: Marrakech to Zat Valley
Distance: 58kms / 36 miles
Elevation gain: 860m
Elevation loss: 884m
Max Altitude: 1,065m
After an early breakfast we will have a one hour transfer east towards the small city of Sidi Rahal. From here our biking challenge begins! We start by cycling south hitting the first hills of the Atlas Mountains. We ride hilly terrain with colourful landscapes of red clay and basalt. Our first serious climb will take us to Touama where we will then ride through Berber villages and cultivated terraces. Our final climb of the day will take us to Tidili before an easy descent towards our hotel on the Zat Valley.

Day 3: Zat to Ourika to Ouirgane
Distance: 95kms / 60 miles
Altitude gain: 1,790m
Elevation loss: 1,690m
Max altitude: 1,813m
A hugely challenging, but breathtaking day, Our ride starts along an enjoyable flat stretch across the Haouz Plains. The road then leaves the lush valley and starts snaking up west. For the next 14km, we will climb steadily along the mountainside and gently gain altitude enjoying some impressive views across the Atlas Mountains and the Berber villages. Once we reach our highest point at the Tizi n'Tadmamt (1813m), we stop for lunch and will have a more relaxed section following the contours of the mountain hillsides overlooking the superb views stretching towards the Haouz Plains far north. After Sidi Fares, we will enjoy an amazing downhill section for 10km towards Asni, our finish point today. Overnight and dinner at a lodge, where we will stay for two nights.

Day 4: Tizi n Test circuit
Distance: 152km / 92miles
Altitude gain: 2260m
Max altitude: 2,100m
Starting from our hotel in Ouirgane, we follow the beautiful N'Fiss Valley into the heart of the High Atlas Mountains, passing traditional Berber villages and following quiet roads through dramatic mountain scenery. The highlight of the ride is the legendary **Tizi n'Test Pass**, a challenging, 30km climb to over 2,100m. Widely regarded as one of Morocco's must-do road climbs and a true cycling achievement, the ascent winds through a series of spectacular switchbacks with breathtaking views opening up across the High Atlas. On a clear day, the panorama extends south across the Souss Valley to the distant Anti-Atlas Mountains.
After a well-earned rest at the summit, riders can choose to enjoy the thrilling descent back through the mountains or take advantage of the support vehicle for the return transfer to our tranquil hotel.

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Day 5: Ouirgane to Kik Plateau to Takerkoust
Transfer to Marrakech
Distance: 50kms / 31 miles
Max altitude: 1,250m
Our final day on the bike is a fitting grand finale, taking us high above the plains to the spectacular **Kik Plateau**, one of the most scenic cycling routes in the High Atlas. After breakfast, we begin climbing on quiet mountain roads towards the village and shrine of Moulay Brahim, a revered pilgrimage site nestled among the foothills. As we gain altitude, magnificent views unfold across the Atlas Mountains, with the often snow-capped peaks of Toubkal providing a dramatic backdrop. The route traverses the breathtaking limestone plateau, passing traditional Berber villages and terraced hillsides, offering a final taste of Morocco's stunning mountain landscapes. From the western edge of the plateau, we enjoy a long and exhilarating descent towards the sparkling waters of Lake Takerkoust, where our cycling adventure comes to a memorable close. After lunch, a short transfer takes us back to Marrakech and our 4-star hotel. In the evening, we gather for a celebratory gala dinner, raising a glass to an unforgettable week of challenge, discovery, and some of Morocco's finest cycling.

Day 6: Marrakech
Free time at leisure in Marrakech before departing for the flight home.



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Challenge grade
Tough

Best time of year
All Year

