

# High Atlas Mountains Bike

Cycle the Sirwa Valley in Morocco



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## 3 day cycle through the breath-taking Sirwa Valley in Morocco

Considered a natural bridge between the High and Anti-Atlas , the Dejebel Sirwa boasts some of the most spectacular and amazing landscapes in Morocco.

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 dirt roads, and all the ingredients are there for a fantastic weekend mountain bike challenge! Morocco is a land of enduring fascination and enchantment. Starting under the watchful eye of the imposing Mount Toubkal, North Africa’s highest peak ,our weekend mountain bike challenge takes us deep in the heart of Morocco to the High Atlas Mountains, a real gem rising from the distant plains. High peaks and craggy ridges tower over deep gorges and isolated valleys dotted with oases of iridescent green where the land is cultivated by the local Berber people.



# Detailed itinerary

## Day 1: Depart London to Marrakech

Depart London for our flight to Marrakech. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

## Day 2: Marrakech to Sirwa Range 32km cycling

We leave early morning by minibus towards the Tizi n,Tichka Pass and drive south towards Tidili at 1800m. We mount our bikes and start a superb MTB traverse of the unknown Siroua Range after 34km biking we reach our camp at 2200m on a high plateau.

## Day 3: Siroua Range to Azib n'Aziwan 56km cycling

After a short flat part, we ride down the village of Ait Qalla, you can deduce from the amazed look of the villagers that not many travellers came around these areas! We attack our second serious climb of the journey to reach our camp overhanging a stunning boundless view from the Toubkal to the Mgoun Range. We camp at Azib n'Aziwan at 2200m after 56km biking.

## Day 4: Azib n'Aziwan to Marrakech 26km cycling

In between granite blocs, our day starts on a cross side single track dominating typical villages. After Amassine, the piste profile is mainly downhill. We will discover the cool life of the villages where the rare saffron spice grows. We meet our minibuses after 26km biking and transfer back to Marrakech (3hr drive). Tonight we celebrate our achievements in Marrakech.

## Day 5: Marrakech to London

We will have an early start as we head to the airport for our return flight to London.

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*This itinerary is complex and subject to change*

## Challenge grade

Tough

## Best time of year

March to July



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