



Morocco Mountaineer: winter sun rock & scrambling in the Anti- Atlas mountains

Adventurous yet accessible low-grade winter rock climbing and scrambling with fully qualified UK Mountaineering & Climbing Instructors. Bask in the sunshine and enjoy some fabulous mountain days, to the backdrop of the exotic yet friendly Moroccan culture.

Scheduled dates: 21st—28th November 2020

Private trips can be arranged anytime October-March



Outline itinerary (entirely flexible depending upon conditions and guest preferences)

Day 1 Fly to Agadir airport (guests to arrange flights individually for themselves). Meet instructor(s) and transfer to Tafraout. Settle into Hotel les Amandiers.

Day 2----Fling the shutters open and drink it in! After shopping for lunch and snacks we'll head to a crag and climb lots of pitches of straightforward rock to get us warmed up and used to the weather and rock. We'll also take the opportunity to look at fine-tuning any technical aspects that may help us later in the week e.g. abseiling, ropework, personal climbing etc.

Day 3---- How about the Tizgut Ridge—Tafraout's local equivalent of the Aonach Eagach?

Day 4---- How about driving around to the northern side of the massif and climbing the aptly-named Wild Country---V Diff, six pitches, three stars?! Wow!

Day 5---- A gentler day after two long ones?! Lots of options to go at: scrambles, single-pitch, multi-pitch, or perhaps some personal instruction on your own skills? Don't forget the carpet shops and souks!

Day 6---Perhaps we'll explore the fantastic scenery of Samazar and climb some great, easy multipitch routes fairly close to the road?

Day 7----A big finale? One option if we're fit and moving fast is Jebel el Kest, the area's highest mountain at 2375m and a fantastic long scramble/easy climb

Day 8---- Pack up and head back to Agadir to catch flights home.

Is it for me?

To get the most out of this week you are likely to be a regular hillwalker and scrambler, and have at least seconded some multi-pitch rock-climbing in the UK or elsewhere. You will have a sense of adventure, and be keen to experience and enjoy an exotic culture. You will have enough fitness to complete a typical British mountain day out e.g. in the Lake-District, where you might be out for 5+ hours, on consecutive days. Climbing high grades is not important; this week is about adventure and mountaineering, and we will not be climbing anything technically hard. If you can second UK Diff/V Diff grade, and enjoy long "classic" mountain rock/scramble days in the British mountains, you'll love this trip. You need to be aware that climbing in Morocco is potentially more serious than in the UK; there is no formal rescue available, and we need to be sensible & self-reliant. Although instruction will be given as appropriate, the emphasis on this trip is on guided mountain experiences, by qualified instructors who are used to the area.



Your instructors:

The trip will be led by Jonty Mills. Jonty holds the highest UK award for multi-pitch rock climbing and scrambling (Mountaineering & Climbing Instructor-MCI), as well as the International Mountain Leader award appropriate for international trekking. He is a full member of the UK Association of Mountaineering Instructors (AMI), and has visited Morocco on multiple occasions. Any additional instructors will be chosen for their similar qualifications, as well as being known personally to Jonty.

Your accommodation & food:

We will stay in the *Hotel les Amandiers* in Tafraout. This large, traditional hotel exudes atmosphere, is a very comfortable base, and is great value for money. There is a large sun

terrace and swimming pool, with amazing views of the surrounding mountains. WiFi is available, although sometimes temperamental! Importantly for most visiting climbers, it houses the only bar in town, and a cold beer is very welcome after a hot day on the crags or mountains!! Rooms are twin (shared with another guest on the trip, a single room may be available at a supplement) and on a bed and breakfast basis. There are plenty of options for eating out each night, giving us all a welcome opportunity to visit different places and enjoy the sights and sounds of this oasis town. Similarly, buying food for lunches and snacks is easy in town, but if you have specific items you like or need to eat then best to bring a supply from home if possible.

Cost:

£ 695 per person

What the cost includes:

-All instruction & guiding on a 1:2 instructor:client ratio, with a qualified Full Member of the Association of Mountaineering Instructors, as well as all logistical arrangements and organization for the trip.

-Use of all group technical equipment e.g. ropes, rack. Harnesses and helmets can be provided as required at no extra charge if needed. A full suggested kit list will be sent out upon booking.

What the cost does NOT include

-Flights to/from Agadir (plenty of flights, including with Easyjet from London Gatwick, and sometimes Manchester). **Please let us know your planned flight before booking, so we can ensure it is suitable.**

-Accommodation—we will organize this for the group at the [Hotel Les Amandiers](#), but you will pay for this separately at the hotel. Approximate cost per person per night for bed and breakfast in a twin room is £20. The hotel accepts Moroccan Dirhams, Euros, Dollars and British pounds sterling. Single rooms are also often available for a slightly higher rate.

-Personal travel insurance to cover rock climbing and mountaineering in Morocco. We recommend the [British Mountaineering Council insurance scheme](#). We will need to see evidence of this prior to departure.

-Transport---again, we will organize a hire car which the group can use, with the cost as well as fuel, being split between us at the end of the trip in Morocco. Your instructors are happy to do the driving though!

-Dinners--plenty of choice in Tafraout to suit all budgets, so we can try different places, although the Hotel les Amandiers food is good, plentiful and not expensive.

-Drinks, whether alcoholic or soft!

-Snacks/lunch food for the hill (again, easily bought in Tafraout)

Travel advice

Moroccans are generally very friendly, welcoming and the people of Tafrouit are becoming used to visiting climbers. However, this is still a predominantly Muslim, conservative society, where appropriate levels of behavior and dress (long sleeves and trousers) are expected, and where a “low-key” approach works best.

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