

Watercolor Workshop in Morocco

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WHAT? An 8-Day Watercolor Painting workshop in Morocco with **Marie Andersson Östersund AKVARELL**: Contact Marie : makvarell@gmail.com +46702776606 (art-related questions)

WHEN? 01 to 08 October 2023

HOW MUCH?

1350€ for Workshop Participants (painting and feedback from Marie)

1125€ for Accompanying Persons (no feedback from Marie, but beautiful views)

DEPOSITS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE:

350€ for Workshop Participants

125€ for Accompanying Persons

HOW TO PAY?

1. Fill in the registration form (available on the page of the event, under “BOOK THIS RETREAT” button.
2. Deposits are paid in advance via PayPal or Bank Transfer, within 48 hours from the reservation.
PAYPAL: tedrartyacinos@gmail.com
BANK TRANSFER:
Code SWIFT of the Banque Populaire: BCPOMAMC
Code IBAN: MA 101 553 21111 665 7072 000 4 36
3. The rest of the money can be paid once you are in Morocco.
Once deposit is paid, it is considered as a confirmation of your participation.

REFUNDS can happen:

1. Initiated by the participant, only if there are more than 90 days left before the workshop.
2. Initiated by the organizers, if the event is postponed and the participants choose not to attend on the new dates.
3. Initiated by the organizers if the event is canceled completely.

ANY QUESTIONS ON RESERVATIONS, PAYMENTS, OR ITINERARY?

Contact DAHMAN (Guide):

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INCLUDED:

FOR PARTICIPANTS - Workshop Trip 8 days / 7 nights:

- More than 30 hours of lessons spread over 8 days for a maximum group of 12 people
- Airport / Hotel transfers
- Air-conditioned 17-seater vehicle with a driver

- Officially licensed tourist guides
- Full-board accommodation, double rooms for couples (all rooms have a private bathroom)
- Tourist taxes to be paid on the site

FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS - Trip 8 days / 7 nights:

- Full-board accommodation, double rooms for couples (all rooms have a private bathroom)
- Airport / Hotel transfers
- Air-conditioned 17-seater vehicle with a driver
- Officially licensed tourist guides
- Tourist taxes to be paid on the site

NOT INCLUDED:

- Round-trip flights to Marrakesh
- Painting equipment
- Entrance fees to monuments
- On-site purchases.
- IF someone (in a couple) wants a single room, he should pay another 150 Euros

Dear student!

If you are a beginner or if you have been painting watercolor for a while and wants to explore and “paint” Morocco, this is the watercolor workshop trip for you!

Your teacher will be watercolor artist Marie Andersson from North of Sweden.

” Marie is a popular leader and she’s contributes to: nothing is impossible and everything is possible.”

We will switch between theory, demonstrations, painting along and practical moments. In our paintings we will create lights and shadows and practice how to lighten up the painting. First of all we will play with the colors but we will also practice how to compose a painting. We will go through the ground pillars in watercolor and focus on the individual needs.

Marie is also there to give feedback to you, but only if you want it yourself.

Tips 1: Bring your I-pad/ reading tablet or your mobile phone. When you find an inspirational motive that you want to paint it can sometimes be easier if you have a picture as support. Even though the focus is on plain air painting = outdoor painting.

Tips 2: You can bring a paper copy of from a photo with you. There is if you want to paint something special from back home and you need Marie’s support. Sometimes that is a good thing if you don’t get inspiration from the outdoor a certain day. That can happen and its rather common.

Tips 3: Bring a hat for the sun to shade your eyes and a small folding umbrella for the same reason. It can be difficult to see all the colors on your painting and palette in bright

sunlight.

ITINERARY:

Day 1

Arrival to Morocco - Transfer to the hotel.

Arrival in Marrakech at the Marrakech-Menara International Airport. you will be hosted by our professional guide and driver. after the meeting , the departure will take place towards a an exotic guest house inside the heart of the high atlas called Ouirgane. overnight and dinner at (Chez Momo) or similar

Day 2

Hollywood of Africa "Ait-Ben Haddou ":

Your day starts early with a picturesque sunrise before enjoying a special breakfast. As the sun begins to rise. this will be a full rocky desertic day scenery , on the road to Ait Ben-Haddou, (about 200 km from Marrakesh). taking the road which passes through the High Atlas mountain range. On our way we will drive through the Tizin'Tichka pass, at an altitude of more than 2200 m and which links the valley of the Tensift wadi in the north, to the Asif Ounila valley a semi-arid region in the southeast.

Dinner and overnight will take place in Ait-Ben Haddou (Riad Maktoub or similar)

Day 3

The Oasis (Skoura) :

After breakfast , you will enjoy a full day sketching and drawing this UNESCO's world heritage, Ait Ben Haddou, the most spectacular Kasbah in the south of Morocco and the iconic landscape immortalized in such films as, Lawrence of Arabia, Jesus of Nazareth, The Jewel of the Nile, The Living Daylights, The Sheltering Sky, Kundun, The Mummy, Gladiator, and Alexander the great, Here we will begin our first sketches of the kasbahs and Ksars buildings. Also, sketch the shaded alleys and along the wadi (river) .In the afternoon will leave Ait-ben-Haddou to arrive at one of the mesmerizing places called Skoura.

Night and dinner.

Day 4

Partridge Adventure:

Skoura "The Palm Grove": In the morning we will discover the splendor of the date palms and the sheltered fruit and olive trees that cover over than 27km square. The local population will warmly welcome you, adding to your feeling of well-being, all this under the heat from the Moroccan sun. The palm grove..... with its flora and its kasbahs, will provide many subjects for the second page of your travel journal. Among all of this you will have a botanical lesson in the Palme-groove.

Dinner and overnight at (Bassatine Skoura or similar)

Day 5

Amridile Kasbah & Potery :

After breakfast, you will start your day with an amazing ride on the Tok-Tok inside the oasis to visit the 17th century kasbah (Amridile) which used to be a fortress and a koranic school of the Naciri family, after lunch you will visit a pottery workshop and go back in time for a while.

dinner and overnight at (Bassatine Skoura or similar)

Day 6

High Atlas

we we'll head to Marrakech , enjoying the panoramic view of the palm grove and the scenic moon-like landscape with the beautiful contrast of the Berber villages and the mountains; an area that has been a popular location for Hollywood films, including The Last Temptation of Christ, Jewel of the Nile, and the Mummy.

Our journey will continue through the majestic Tizi n'Tichka Pass (2260m) over the High Atlas Mountains, before arriving at your accommodation in Marrakech.

in the afternoon you are free to relax at the riad or go discover the world-famous Jemaa el Fna Square, which houses an array of food, snake charmers, local musicians, and fortune-tellers.

There's nowhere on Earth like the Jemaa el Fna, the square at the heart of old Marrakesh. You will also walk through the souks and view hundreds of handicrafts.

Dinner and overnight at the riad

Day 7

Agafay day trip

After breakfast you will Enjoy and have the chance to explore amazing landscapes of the stone desert. Agafay desert is located just at 30 kilometers southwest of Marrakech between East Lake Lalla Takerkoust, South of the High Atlas mountains. we will spend our day in a luxury camp swimming,painting,riding camels for those who wish, and enjoying the view of the atlas mountains from this beautiful place .

Lunch in Agafay

overnight in Marrakech

Day 8

Farewell :

It is hard to say goodbye. But this is the farewell day, you can take advantage of this day to buy some souvenirs or gifts to remember this exceptional tour.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

ARRIVING TO MOROCCO:

Make sure you verify all the information yourself on your respective government website!

Travelers from the Canada and US only are required to have a valid US Passport – but it must NOT be due to expire within 6 months of your return flight.

Your flight destination will be Marrakesh Menara International Airport (RAK) / Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport. Royal Air Maroc is the only airline that has direct flights from the US to Morocco, from both JFK and Washington Dulles.

You can also book flights traveling through major European airports, as there are many connecting flights to Marrakesh through economy airlines such as Ryan Air, EasyJet, Iberia, etc. We've found that it is easier to find good connecting flights on the way to Marrakesh than on the return, but you can take the opportunity to end your trip with a day or two stops in Spain, France, Portugal, England....

Immunizations are not required or necessary.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Weather is predictably unpredictable so be sure to check on the estimated conditions the week before you travel. Even though Marrakesh can be quite warm by day, it is usually quite cooler at night so pack light clothes that you can layer. We recommend cotton pants, long skirts, wraps or large scarves over tank tops and tee shirts, and a sweater or light jacket for chilly nights.

Your most important fashion asset: comfortable shoes for traversing the Medina on sightseeing and shopping adventures!

Morocco is a Muslim country and women generally dress more modestly than in the US or Europe. Like elsewhere, dress codes are gradually becoming laxer and there is a lot of tolerance for tourists, but wearing more conservative clothing shows cultural respect, good taste, and common sense.

MONEY EXCHANGE:

The currency here is the Moroccan Dirham, and the exchange rate usually hovers these days around 10 dirhams/1 dollar. You CANNOT exchange for dirhams outside of Morocco, but there are several currency exchange booths in the airport when you exit Passport Control and there are some located all around the Medina. Larger stores and restaurants may take Euros, but it's best to have dirhams.

If you bring large bills (\$100) to exchange, be sure that they are newer bills with holograms. Otherwise, the bills will probably get rejected.

Another good option for getting dirhams is to use the ATM machines which are located around the medina. The exchange rate is a little better, especially if your bank or credit card doesn't add foreign transaction fees (for you to verify). Be sure to notify your bank of your foreign travel destination so they don't flag you for fraud. I also recommend that

you bring 2 or 3 cards – just in case you still get flagged and face a difficult situation (happens!)

GUEST HOUSE HAS:

- Free Wi-Fi access in all rooms and common areas
- Bedside Mineral Water
- Hair Dryers
- One-time complimentary laundry service for retreat weeks

YOU WILL NEED TO GET BEFORE THE TRIP:

- European plug adapters
- Electricity converters for hair appliances (cellphones and computers generally have built-in converters).