



Southern Morocco & Western Sahara

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Why Go?

The Souss Valley, where goats climb argan trees beneath the sun-baked Anti Atlas, draws a line across Morocco. South of this fertile valley, the pace of life in mountain villages and Saharan gateways is seductively slow, free from the hassles of mass tourism and modern existence.

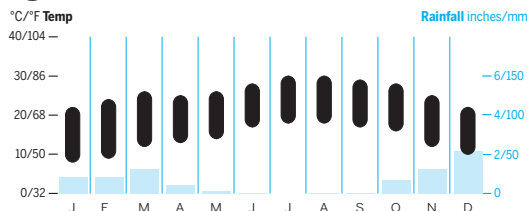
A sense of somewhere really fresh and undiscovered gusts through the region like the spring winds – and you'll want to savour it. On elegantly wrecked seafronts, sip a mint tea and gaze at the wild Atlantic coast. When trekking, mountain biking or driving through wrinkled Anti Atlas foothills, stop before the next oasis village. The silence is like cling film across your ears.

The locals, from Chleuh Berbers in the Souss to the Saharawi in the Western Sahara, seem determined to complement the landscapes. Their light robes flutter under desert skies, and their dark herds dot rocky hillsides.

Head south: you'll be surprised.

When to Go

Agadir



February

Trek the Anti Atlas and head to the southern Atlantic coast for winter sun.

March

See almond trees blossom, celebrated by Tafraoute's harvest festival.

November

Catch Taliouine's saffron festival and Immuizzer des Ida Outanane's olive harvest.



Southern Morocco & Western Sahara Highlights

- 1 Stroll past art-deco relics as a sea-spray sunset settles on **Sidi Ifni** (p392)
- 2 Trek, drive or cycle through the concertinaed granite foothills of the **Anti Atlas** (p378)
- 3 Explore green *palmerias* beneath ochre cliffs in the **Afella-Ighir** oasis (p381)

- 4 Stay in a traditional **Ameln Valley** (p383) Berber house
- 5 Commune with Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *Little Prince* at **Tarfaya** (p400)
- 6 Taste saffron and argan oil in **Taliouine** (p377)
- 7 Hang loose in **Mirleft** (p390), the coolest spot in the

south with fabulous beaches and hotels

- 8 Find prehistoric rock carvings around **Tata** (p383)
- 9 Meander up **Paradise Valley** (p372), an accessible part of the High Atlas
- 10 Ride killer waves or just enjoy the mix of locals and surfers at **Taghazout** (p371)