



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.

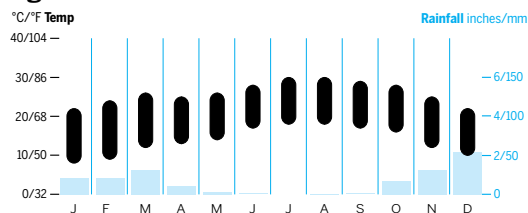
A sense of somewhere really fresh and undiscovered gusts through the region like the spring winds – and you'll want to savour it. On elegantly wrecked seafronts, sip a mint tea and gaze at the wild Atlantic Coast. When trekking, mountain biking or driving through wrinkled Anti Atlas foothills, stop before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

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



Feb Trek the Anti Atlas and hit the Atlantic Coast for winter sun and surf.

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

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



Southern Morocco & Western Sahara Highlights

- 1 Stroll past art-deco relics in seaside **Sidi Ifni** (p390)
- 2 Trek, drive or cycle through the **Anti Atlas** (p375)
- 3 Explore the oasis of **Afella-Ighir** (p380)
- 4 Visit traditional Berber houses and cycle around **Tafraoute** (p375)
- 5 Hit the souqs and squares in bustling **Taroudannt** (p369)
- 6 Meander up **Paradise Valley** (p368), an accessible part of the western High Atlas
- 7 Hang loose in the surf spots of **Mirleft** (p389) and **Taghazout** (p367)
- 8 Taste saffron and argan oil in **Taliouine** (p374)
- 9 Put your feet up on the Sahara's fringes in the **palmeriaie accommodation** (p394) around Goulmim
- 10 Shop for silver in **Tiznit medina** (p384)