

Beekeeping & Cultural Holiday in Morocco

with Lynne Ingram

30th April – 7th May 2019

- Enjoy sun, the exceptional menu of local healthy food, an exotic culture and environment at an award-winning, comfortable, sustainably-run traditional guest house in Taroudant, an ancient walled market town little visited by tourists and with shopper-friendly souks to which you may be introduced by one of our staff. More information about our meaningful holidays at www.holidays-with-heart.co.uk
- Based on a successful holiday that we have run before to raise funds for Bees Abroad, with extras
- Master beekeeper, Lynne Ingram, has been keeping bees for over 30 years. She is an experienced teacher, lecturer and BBKA examiner and assessor. Lynne fell in love with Morocco 7 years ago and has been working with beekeepers from the Atlas Beekeepers Cooperative near Taroudant since then. She is passionate about bees and loves to be able to share that passion with others
- Highlights of the trip include visiting Skoura oasis, where the reintroduction of the endangered Yellow Saharan Bee began, a visit to Inzerki, where the largest traditionally-built communal apiary has been restored in recent years as well as hands-on experience with the docile Yellow Bees and with various types of hives and habitats
- Set in the fertile Souss Valley, the source of an abundance of fruit and vegetables, Taroudant is close to the majestic High Atlas and the extraordinary Anti-Atlas (bordering the Sahara), all providing good habitats for bees
- Support of 8 charming English-speaking Moroccan staff experienced in running group holidays
- A wide choice of other authentic activities including option to support charitable projects
- Substantial pre-visit information and support from owner with 20 years' experience of Morocco
- A chance to buy some beautiful handcrafted items, food and other delights in the souks
- Explore the fascinating culture with the help of delightful guides; option to trek or laze in the sun
- Feel safe thanks to the care of the staff, good medical facilities (no compulsory vaccinations), safe water as well as the town being small, relaxed and friendly with few tourists. Good WiFi and mobile network. Short, inexpensive flight; road transfer with our own safe drivers. Compared with Europe, better value for money

"If only there were more places like this: a medina house run by locals offering a rare glimpse into Moroccan life. They offer skilled guides, exciting cultural experiences and delicious Moroccan meals."
Lonely Planet



Cost: Inexpensive flights (usually about £100 or less return) if booked early plus **£ 498** for: accommodation for 5 nights in Taroudant; 2 nights B&B in Skoura in twin/double rooms (limited singles will be possible for a £165 supplement); substantial breakfasts; 5 vegetarian evening meals in Taroudant (option of meat or fish for small supplement. Special diets catered for); excursions to Inzerki and the Atlas Cooperative; 3 day tour to Skoura Oasis in the desert; and transfers to and from Agadir airport. The holiday starts and ends on a Tuesday to take advantage of cheaper flights.

Optional activities include various cultural experiences including massage, souk visits, a tour of the town by horse-drawn taxi, all run by the amazingly knowledgeable guides. Activities here:

www.cecu.co.uk/activities Prices here: www.cecu.co.uk/price-list-2016-2017

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"I just want to tell you that the holiday was completely magical and LOVED EVERY MINUTE.! The staff were just amazing with nothing too much trouble and such fun." M. Collins Feb 2015



To reserve your place or make enquiries about the holiday, go to www.cecuc.co.uk/bookings We will then confirm availability of room(s) and supply you with the payment schedule which is split into 3 parts to make it easier to budget. It's essential to book early in order that we can give you the go-ahead to book flights as soon as they're published, about 9 months before departure (likely to be Easyjet from Gatwick or Ryanair from Manchester to Agadir, just 50 mins drive from us), and thus save money.

Provisional Itinerary

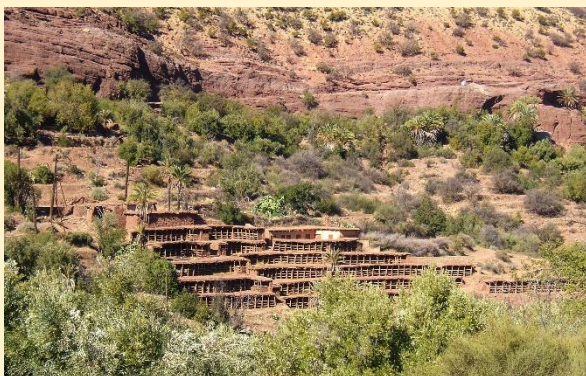
Day 1 Arrival & Introduction

Day 2 Morning: choice of cultural experiences (at extra cost). Afternoon visit to Atlas Cooperative to meet Youssef, the founder and to handle his bees and see traditional and modern hives

Day 3 Visit to Inzerki in the High Atlas Mountains to see the huge restored communal apiary (photo below)



Day 4 Drive through the Anti Atlas Mountains to Skoura Oasis. 4.5 hours' drive with stops en route at Taliouine, the saffron capital of Morocco. Option to divert to Ait Benhaddou, a remarkable fortified settlement & World Heritage Site



Day 5 Day at or near Sawadi an eco-hotel with a small farm in Skoura Oasis where the Yellow Saharan Bee project began. Remarkable earth buildings to see.

Day 6 Return to Taroudant. Stop en route at Tazenakt, the centre for carpet making in the Anti Atlas Mountains

Day 7 Choice of activities (at extra cost) or free time. **Day 8** Departure

Read our excellent reviews about our drivers, managers, guides and cooks [here](#) on Trip Advisor.

Reserve your place now with a £100 deposit at www.cecuc.co.uk/bookings

Early booking ensures a place on these extremely popular holidays as well as a cheap flight!

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