

Art and Cultural Holiday in Morocco

Sketching with Artist: Donna Maria Taylor 26 March- 2nd April 2019

The Venues Escape the British weather to enjoy sun, the **exceptional menu** of local healthy food, an exotic culture and environment at an award-winning, comfortable, sustainably-run traditional guest house for the first week which will be based 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. www.holidays-with-heart.co.uk Enjoying **the best winter climate in Morocco** due to its southerly setting in the fertile Souss Valley, the source of an abundance of fruit and vegetables, it lies between contrasting mountain landscapes: the majestic High Atlas and the extraordinary Anti-Atlas which border onto the Sahara.

The People Support of 8 charming English-speaking Moroccan staff experienced in running successful group holidays. The art tutor: Donna is a visual artist who works across a variety of mediums. She has over 25 years of teaching experience working with adults, and currently teaches a number of courses for York Learning including "Painting & Drawing", "Experimental Watercolours" and "Lino Printing". Read more about Donna at www.donnamariataylor.com

The Activities Donna keeps sketchbooks when she travels, so proposes that each student will have a hardback sketchbook to use as a journal and record of their trip. The materials will be simple - pens, pencils, watercolour pencils, watercolour or gouache paints and collaged materials. We have room to work indoors and practice and gain confidence with our materials before we go out on trips where we will be working around villages and in the landscape. For inspiration visit www.cecu.co.uk/art-holidays-morocco

Donna is my 'go to' tutor. The sort of tutor you always want around. She's dependable, but never at the expense of being innovative. She's well planned & organised, but highly creative. She can work in any medium you throw at her & with any group of people" Claire Douglas - Visual Arts Curriculum Manager, York Learning



"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

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 or choose to 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 and Morocco's record for safety. Good WiFi and mobile network. Short, inexpensive flight. Compared with Europe, better value for money

Cost: Flights from Manchester to Agadir about **£100 return if booked early** plus **£500** for: transfers to and from the designated flight to/from Agadir airport, accommodation for 7 nights in shared rooms at our guest house (no 1 on Trip Advisor); **single occupancy £120 supplement**), substantial breakfasts; evening meals (special diets catered for), 2 outings into the mountains by minibus, local outings on foot & Donna's tuition.



Booking & more information Please contact us to secure your place or ask about Morocco. Places on our holidays often go quickly and flight prices are much lower if booked well in advance. Please book your place at www.cecu.co.uk/bookings
We will confirm when flights may be booked. Email always the best method of contact: jane@holidays-with-heart.co.uk
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Provisional Itinerary

Day 1 - Travel & Orientation Day Fly to Agadir, arriving for supper.

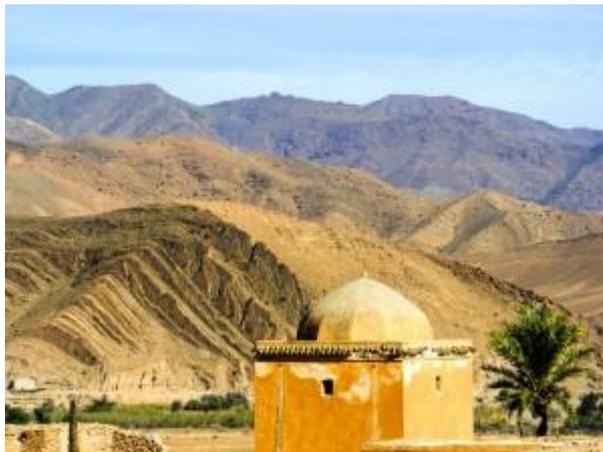
After collecting hold baggage (if you have any) go to get currency (NB this is the same rate as everywhere inside Morocco, vastly better than rates if you buy at home) – either use the bank booths or use your card to an ATM in the arrivals hall. You must do this BEFORE going out to meet the drivers outside the door of the airport. 50 minutes transfer time to Taroudant

Day 2 - On the roof terrace: painting and sketching workshop. Afternoon: **Orientation walk** of Taroudant and visit Palais Salam to draw.

Day 3 Excursion: Tiout Oasis with time to paint/ draw around the oasis and kasbah, visit to the **women's argan oil cooperative**



Day 4 - Taroudant . **Option** hammam “spa” treatment Moroccan style. **Option** to swim at the Olympic Pool on the edge of the town (entry fee very moderate) & **shop in the souks.**



Day 5 - Excursion: High Atlas around Afensou with painting and drawing. **Option** picnic.

Day 6 - Option: am visit to the **palace of Claudio Bravo**, the famous Chilean artist. Includes museum and gardens with lots of opportunities to sketch. Entry fee 200 Dh each plus shared cost of transport (15 mins' drive). **Option:** picnic. Pay bills for extras.

Day 7 - Excursion: Berber Villages with time to paint/ draw around the pottery & mosque and meet women in their homes. **Option** to have meal in Berber home with beautiful warm bread made in a wood fired oven.

Day 8 – Depart guest house late afternoon for 55-minute transfer to Agadir airport.

To see how delighted previous guests are about our holidays, please see our [reviews on Trip Advisor](#)

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