



La Maison Anglaise

• Garden Ecolodge •
Holidays with Heart

ADVENTURE IN THE ATLAS AND ON THE ATLANTIC COAST Photography Holiday with Mike Driscoll

19-26 January 2021

Join Mike & Barbara and our excellent staff to explore a variety of different scenery on the Atlantic coast, in the Anti Atlas & High Atlas Mountains and in the 2 fascinating contrasting walled towns of Taroudant & Essaouira. Option of circle dance with Barbara in our dance room for the last 4 days.

Tues 19th: Flight from Gatwick lands late morning at Agadir. After picking up your hold bags please get Moroccan dirhams either at an ATM or bank kiosks **before** leaving the airport. Our driver Rachid will greet you **outside the main doors**.

Tues 19th : Theme: Atlantic Coast A scenic trip mostly near the rocky and sandy shore with lots of stops en route (some can be visited on the return trip) including option of fishing port of Agadir (272 species landed here!), the view from the kasbah at Agadir; banana villages; scenic beaches along the rocky coast including places famous for surfing, the Cap Rhir lighthouse, and places where the characterful critically endangered (but not shy) Northern Bald Ibis may be seen (the Tamri National Park). Picnic can be supplied for the trip. Cost of extras shown here:

<https://cecu.co.uk/price-list/>



Overnight and dinner at a friendly traditional **Riad Chakir in the medina of Essaouira** (*illustrated below*).



Wed 20th: Theme: The Medina, Fishing & the Fortress the scenic fortifications built by the Portuguese and the harbour with its colourful boats, marquetry made from thuya wood, fabrics, the rocky coast and street life. Dinner not included – good choice of eateries by the port or in town. **Riad Chakir Essaouira B&B.**

Thurs 21st : Theme: Beach and Beyond A chance to explore the area south of the medina along the sandy beach south of town. Things of interest include: wind surfing, kite surfing, Jimi Hendrix's inspiration for "Castles in The Sand", horse and camel trekking, Eleanora's Falcon, a rare bird. Dinner not included – good choice of eateries by the port or in town.

Riad Chakir Essaouira B&B.

Fri 22nd: 4 hour trip to Taroudant with many photo opportunities (ones missed on the 13th)

Sat 23rd : Theme: Anti Atlas Mountains: Amegour oasis
Interesting variety of different scenes on this route including tufa deposits, charcoal making and more.

Sun 24th: Theme: Relaxing into Moroccan Life in the Ancient Walled Town of Taroudant. Option of hammam in the

morning for non-photographers. Early morning photos on the new roof terrace and after breakfast around the town walls with option of a drink and photography in the old palace, the Palais Salam



which has lovely gardens. Option of soup and salad lunch at house or lunch out at Chez Nada (roof top terrace with good views). **Option:** Afternoon photography in the souks and for non-photographers shopping. **Option:** 5.30 or near **Sunset Horse & Carriage taxi ride** with Nordine

Monday 25th Theme: High Atlas Mountains - Afensou

To see the best variety of scenery, you will be dropped off to walk, then be picked up at the other end (gorge, ancient olive groves, villages, fields and mountains).

Tues 26th: Farewells Leave after breakfast & packing. Under one hour journey to Agadir airport.

Cost includes: bed & breakfast for 7 nights, 5 evening meals (vegetarian meals for the first 4 nights with option of paying a supplement for meat & fish), guiding, 2 excursions into the mountains by minibus from your base in Taroudant, driver/guide on the 3 day/3 night tour & Mike's tuition.
£380 per person plus 2500 Moroccan dirhams (about £200) in twin or double rooms. **£140 single supplement.**

Cost excludes: travel insurance (required); flights (inexpensive flights may be booked with Easyjet from Gatwick- Agadir provided that you book soon after they are released which will be in April 2020) and tips.

