



La Maison Anglaise

• Garden Ecolodge •
Holidays with Heart

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

18-25 January 2021

Join Mike & Barbara and our excellent staff to explore a variety of different scenery in the Anti Atlas & High Atlas Mountains, the Atlantic coast and the 2 fascinating contrasting walled towns of Taroudant & Essaouira. Option of circle dance with Barbara in our dance room for the first 3 days.



Mon 18th: Flight from Gatwick lands evening 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. Under one-hour journey from Agadir airport to Taroudant

Tue 19th: 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).

Wed 20th: 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:** 5.30 or near Sunset Horse & Carriage taxi ride with Nordine.

Thu 21st: Theme: Anti Atlas Mountains: Amegour oasis Interesting variety of different scenes on this route including tufa deposits, charcoal making and more.



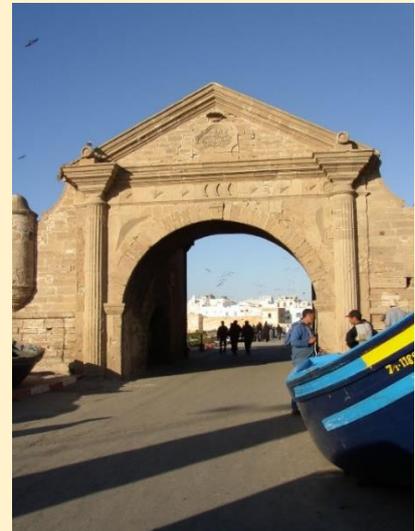


Fri 22nd: 4-hour trip to Essaouira with many photo opportunities. Overnight and dinner at a friendly traditional **Riad Chakir in the medina of Essaouira** (illustrated left).

Sat 23rd: 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.**

Sun 24th: 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.**



Mon 25th: Theme: Atlantic Coast - A scenic trip mostly near the rocky and sandy shore with lots of stops en route to the airport (evening flight), 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).



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.