

Beekeeping & Cultural Holiday in Morocco

with Lynne Ingram

20th – 28th April 2021

- Enjoy sun, the exceptional menu of local healthy food, an exotic culture and environment at an award-winning, comfortable, sustainably-run [La Maison Anglaise Ecolodge](#) 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. Based here for 5 days in heart of 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



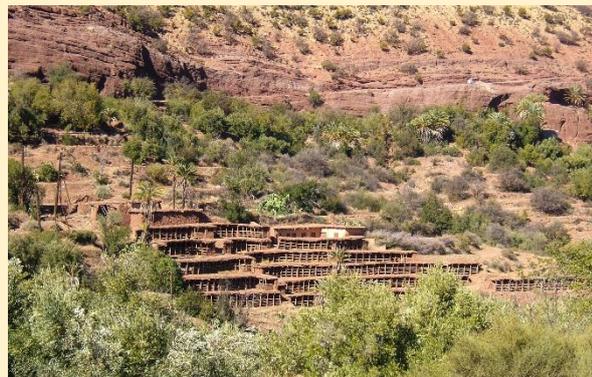
- 3 days at Ouirgane Ecolodge in the High Atlas Mountains
- More about our meaningful holidays at www.holidays-with-heart.co.uk
- Based on a successful holiday that we have run before to raise funds for Bees Abroad, with extras



- 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 8 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 learning about the reintroduction of the endangered Yellow Saharan Bee, a visit to the largest traditionally built communal apiary in

the World as well as hands-on experience with the docile Yellow Bees and with various types of hives and habitats

- 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 25 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.”

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Cost: £625 includes: accommodation for 5 nights in Taroudant; 3 nights B&B in Ouirgane Ecolodge in twin/double rooms (singles will be possible for a £155 supplement); substantial breakfasts; 5 vegetarian evening meals in Taroudant (option of meat or fish for small supplement. Special diets catered for); 3 meat or vegetarian meals at Ouirgane; excursions to Inzerki and the Atlas Cooperative; 4 day/3 night tour in the High Atlas with a spectacular journey over the Tiz N Test Pass; and transfers from Agadir airport at the start & back to Marrakech airport at the end.

Excludes: Inexpensive flights (usually about £100 or less return if booked early), travel insurance (must include cancellation cover), tips, lunches and any extra activities that you might like to choose (see below).

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. More about our Activities & Price List [here](#)

"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



Provisional Itinerary

Tue 20th Apr Fly Gatwick to Agadir (Easyjet) arrive in time for dinner. Stay 5 nights at La Maison Anglaise Ecolodge.

21st Introduction & a gentle day Optional visit to Hammam (steam baths). Optional visit to CLAUDIO BRAVO PALACE AND GARDENS - very popular with our clients.

22nd Trip to INZERKI claimed to be the world's biggest communal apiary

23rd Optional trip to HIGH ATLAS BERBER VILLAGES with Dounia - includes a beekeeping village. Option to visit souks



24th visit YOUSSEF of ATLAS COOPERATIVE to learn about the reintroduction of the YELLOW SAHARAN BEE. Handle his bees and see traditional and modern hives.

25th Travel to Ouirgane over the Tiz nTest Pass. Lunch at LA BELLE VUE café and walk nearby before lunch. Visit Tinmal mosque. Stay at Ouirgane Ecolodge at 1000 m in the High Atlas for 3 nights.

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26th Excursion to the Kik plateau at about 1800 metres where the alpine wildflowers are stunning due to the limestone substrate and the spring meltwaters excursion to Kik plateau. See local beekeepers.

27th Excursion to Imlil at 1800 metres - habitat includes orchards of walnut and apples mainly. At the foot of Mount Toubkal (4167 m)

28th Go home or spend 1 or more nights in Marrakech. Choice of flights home from Marrakech back to Gatwick (Easyjet) – daily, sometimes twice daily. We can book excellent accommodation in Marrakech for anyone wanting it.

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! 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.