

# Morocco MTB Tour

*Atlas Gorges and Jbel Saghro*

*8d, 7n, 5d Mtb*



**2016**

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### Description:

A fantastic journey in the foothills of the great Atlas Mountains! The crossing takes place in Roses Valley region known for its beautiful villages full of kasbahs. Spectacular tracks at our disposal and we will also pass by the famous gorges of Dades and Todra, which impress anyone by the size and magnificence.

The second part of this route goes to a great but unknown mountain, but even more spectacular for mountain biking - the Jbel Saghro with a passage over 2300m altitude! Almost at the end a succession of great outstanding Canyons and finally culminate the tour at the entry of the Sahara Desert region where we will reach its first dune!

### Strong points:

- 1) The fantastic Atlas Mountains
- 2) The rich Berber culture
- 3) Rose Valley and the Kasbahs
- 4) Riding by numerous canyons
- 5) Local Gastronomy - the Tajines
- 6) The Volcanic Mountain of Saghro
- 7) The Dunes and the Sahara desert



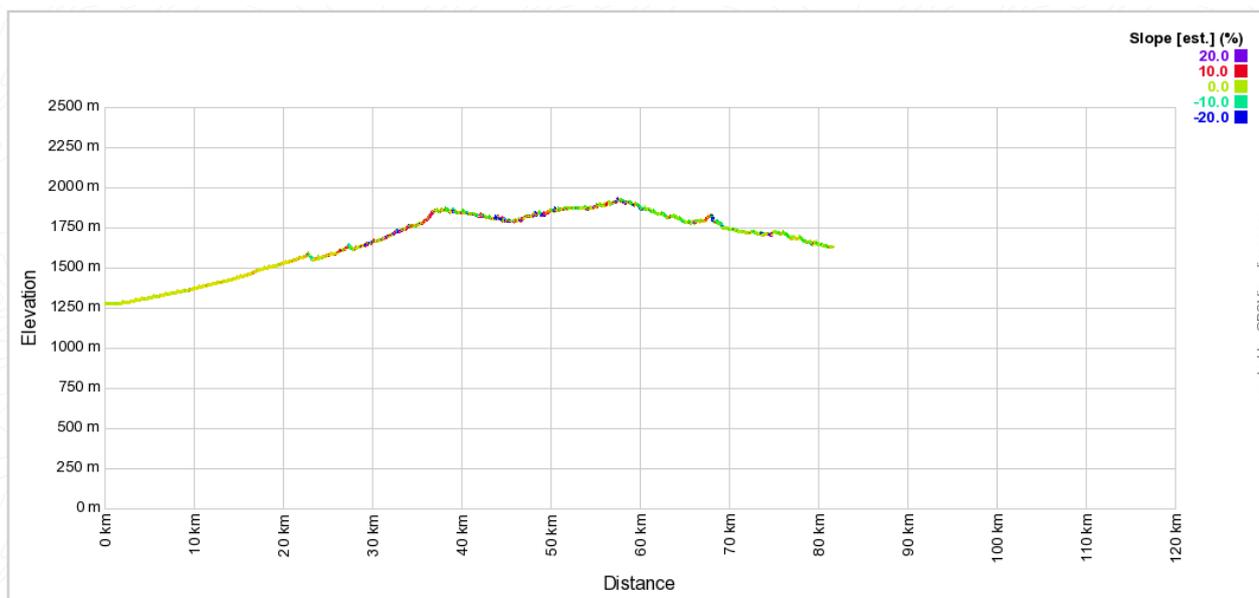
## Itinerary:

**D1: Arrival at Marrakesh airport / transfer to Skoura (Ouarzazate region - 5 to 6 hours transfer)**

**Lodging at a RIAD**

**D2: MTB from Skoura to Bou-Tharar (82km, 1300m)**

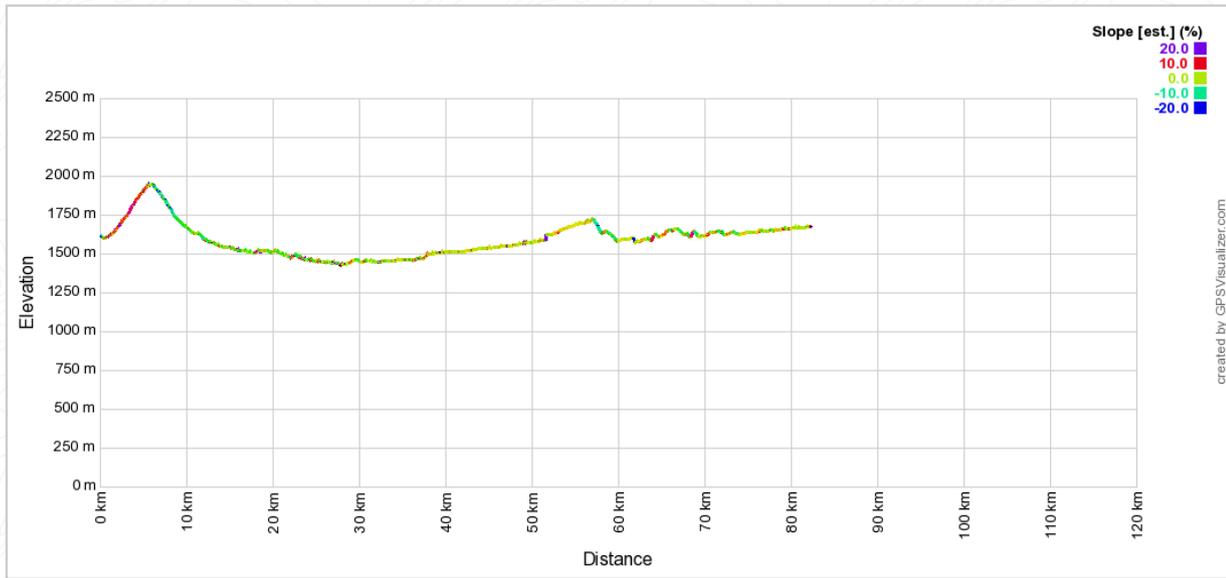
Skoura departure crossing the plateau towards the great Atlas Mountains! Passing through a spectacular gorge and towns lost in time. The views of the Atlas will accompany us during this first day. Later in the day we will enter the valley of the roses where we will stay in Bou-Tharar. Gite accommodation with room w/private bathroom



**D3: MTB from Bou-Thrar to the Dades Gorges (82km, +1300m)**

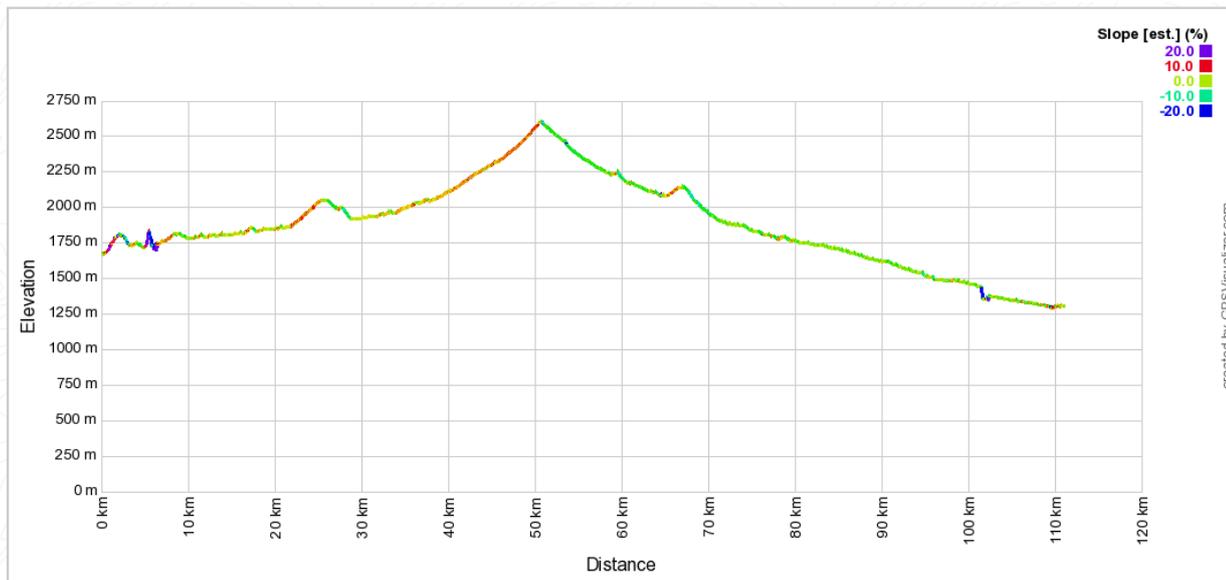
This day will start with a strong climb to a pass with close to 2000m from where you will get one of the best views over the Atlas range of Mountains!

Soon you will get to Kelaat M'Gouna village, the Moroccan capital of the rose, a flower with multiple virtues. A symbol of hospitality, the rose is given to guests before and after the meal. It is also a symbol of purity and serves also for ablutions when the flower has been distilled to produce rose water. The route continues by the green "Palmerie" till you get to Boulmane Dades where you will rest this day. Lodging at a Hotel / Kasbah



**D4: MTB from Dades Gorge to Todra Gorge (111km, +1800m or 65km, +600m)**

This could be the big day! If weather and road/trails permits we will cross a section of the Atlas Mountain passing at 2600m and then descend a huge downhill till the next valley and Gorge - the Todra! the Todra Gorge is recognized around the world as one of the most spectacular canyons. Lodging at a Hotel / Kasbah

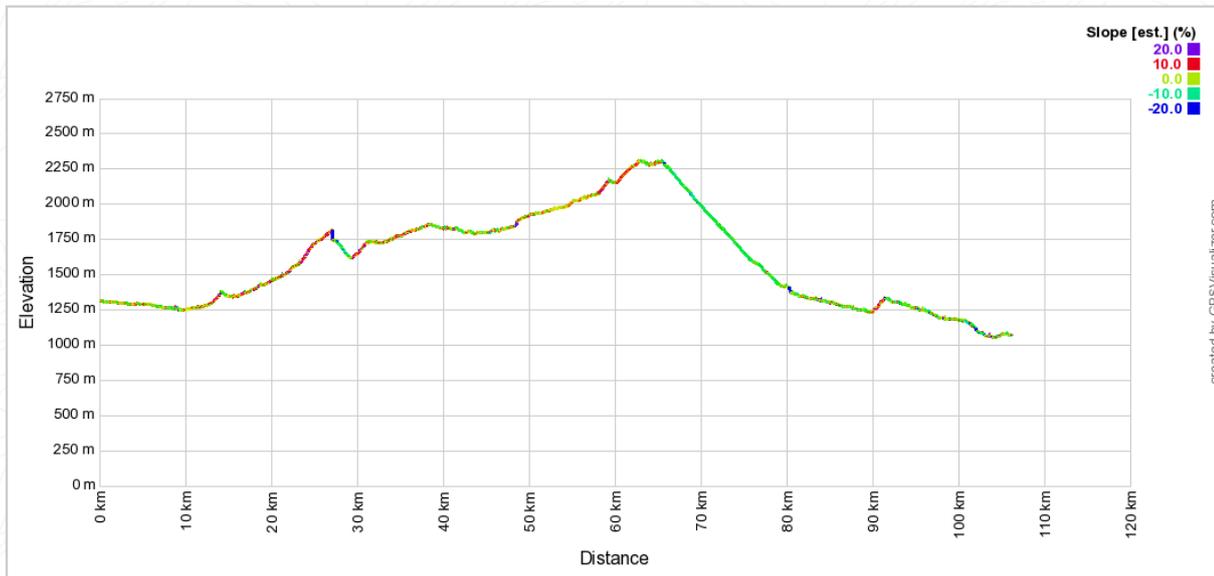


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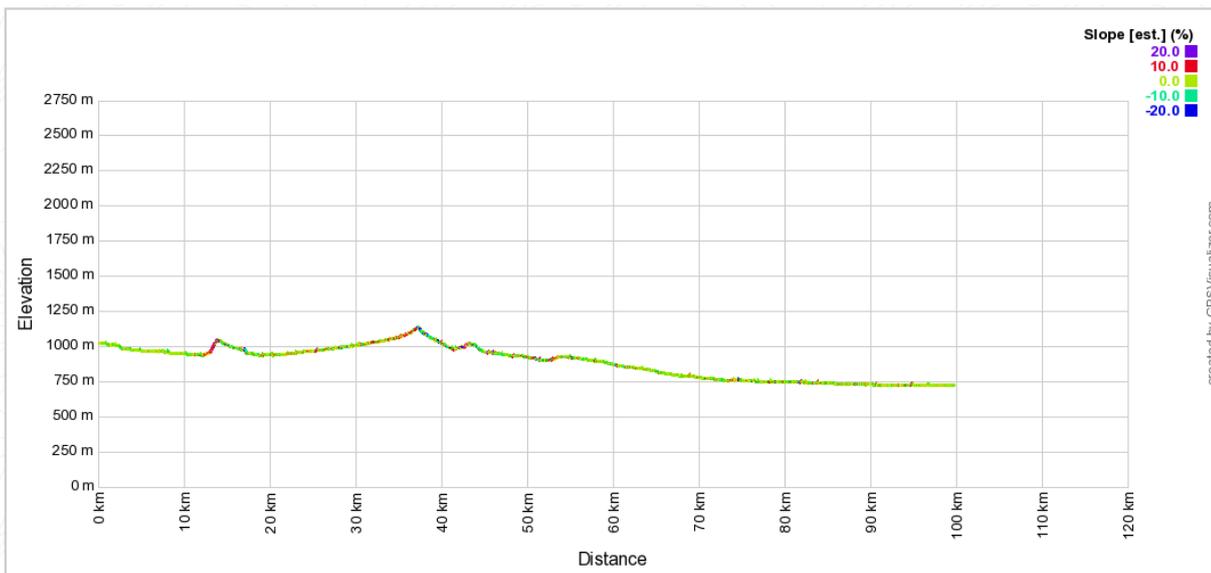
### D5: MTB from Tinerhir to N’Koub (106km, +950m)

This is one of the great days of the traverse! A long and challenging climb to conquer the volcanic massif Jbel Saghro! Superb landscapes around the massive and about 2300m it will be time to descend and a long and spectacular trail on the way to N’Koub, a city full of isolated Kasbahs! Accommodation in Kasbah.



### D6: MTB from N’Koub to the Desert (100km, +1000m)

A fantastic day riding through unknown trails and stunning canyons! This is the day we leave the mountains and ride towards the desert. Toward the end we will follow a few km of trails and single tracks in the palm groves to Zagora. Finally we will have a view of the first big dune of the desert and the arrival in Zagora where this fantastic adventure will end. Accommodation in Riyadh



**D7: Transfer to the airport and return**

**Technical Description:**

**Type: Guided Mountain Bike Traverse**

**Duration: 8 days/7 nights/5 days of MTB**

**Difficulty: Very Hard**

» 75% off-road

» Significant ascents



**Accommodation: Superior / Comfort – Riads, Kasbahs and one day in a Gite**

