



- *2000 km, 1 country, 9 days*
- *A minimal assistance motor rally - you create your own adventure!*
- *Vehicles: anything goes!*
- *Launch: Marrakesh, Morocco – 12 October 2019*
- *End: Marrakesh, Morocco – 20 October 2019*
- *Sign up deadline: 25 October 2019*

About

The Travel Scientists have carefully blended together unique travel scenarios with the challenge of a road rally, mixed in an array of adventure, wrapped it all in a journey into the unknown and then sprinkled it with some of the best parties you'll ever attend. During the Moroccan Escapade you'll explore the edges of the Sahara, sleep under the desert sky and sample some of the most delicious food you've ever had - all that in a wacky vehicle of your choice together with a bunch of lunatics just like yourself.

Contrary to many others, we don't just give you a t-shirt and some stickers for your car before roughly pointing you in the direction of the finish line. Quite the opposite, we take rallying to a whole new level with:

- A route, carefully tested and developed by our experts, to make sure you get the maximum amount of adventure, sights and landscapes, off the beaten path travelling and cultural experiences.
- An extensive road book to guide your way.
- A community of like-minded nutters to share your adventure with. Even though we might not be mother-henning you all day, sure we and your fellow teams will be found at the designated base hotel in the evenings, sharing stories and a beer or two.
- Our experts with dozens of rallies under their belt will accompany you during the whole trip and are essentially the go-to person for any needs. Not exactly a guide, but a friendly face there to help out when needed. While we encourage you to figure out your own adventure, the trip manager is there in case you need a local helping hand.

Where?

We'll celebrate the start of the Moroccan Escapade in Marrakesh, ancient city inspiring exotic tales, only to leave it quickly behind as we climb up and down the Atlas Mountains towards the western edge of the Sahara. Through Agadir we'll make our way back to Marrakesh after 1,250 miles of fun, challenge and adventure.

What?

The Moroccan Escapade is a 'minimal assistance' event. This means rather than handing it all to you on a plate we provide the tools you'll need to find your own adventure, equipping you with a framework from which to hang your personal discovery of unfamiliar places without spoiling the thrill of achievements by mothering you every mile of the trip. Drive anything you like, from an old fire truck to a hearse, just be sure you can make it to the finish.

Why?

If you want to bring back the excitement of adventure and discovery to your life, but not without sharing your experiences with a community and having the security of an organizer team in your back, the Moroccan Escapade is just made for you!



Route

Day 1, 12 October 2019. Marrakesh to Quarzazate.

Leaving Marrakech behind, we drive up winding roads crossing the imposing Atlas Mountains and after a stop in the famous movie location Ait Benhaddou we end up in Quarzazate.

Day 2, 13 October 2019. Quarzazate to Boumalne Dades.

We drive along the road of One Thousand Kasbahs through a valley dotted with small oases and countless of the ancient fortifications and reach Boumalne Dades through the Valley of Roses.

Day 3, 14 October 2019, Boumalne Dades to Erg Chebbi.

Passing through the Dades Valley and the Gorges du Todra, both unique formations over the millennia carved into the rock by rivers, we'll finally hit the sand dunes of Erg Chebbi.

Day 4, 15 October 2019, Rest day in Erg Chebbi.

After a night spent in a traditional Berber camp we can sleep in today, before we have a relaxing day quad biking, camel riding or just enjoying the sun.

Day 5, 16 October 2019, Erg Chebbi to Mhamid el Ghizlane.

Be ready for some off-road-action on the old Paris-Dakar piste on our way to Mhamid, the "End of the road" an ancient caravan stop and today a small oasis town, and further on to another Berber camp.

Day 6, 17 October 2019. Mhamid el Ghizlane to Tata.

Chances are, that the only oncoming traffic we'll meet today on the piste between Mhamid and Foum Zguid are some random stray camels. This day will test our navigation skill and our skills on sandy tracks as well as on rocky terrain.

Day 7, 18 October 2019. Tata to Taфраoute.

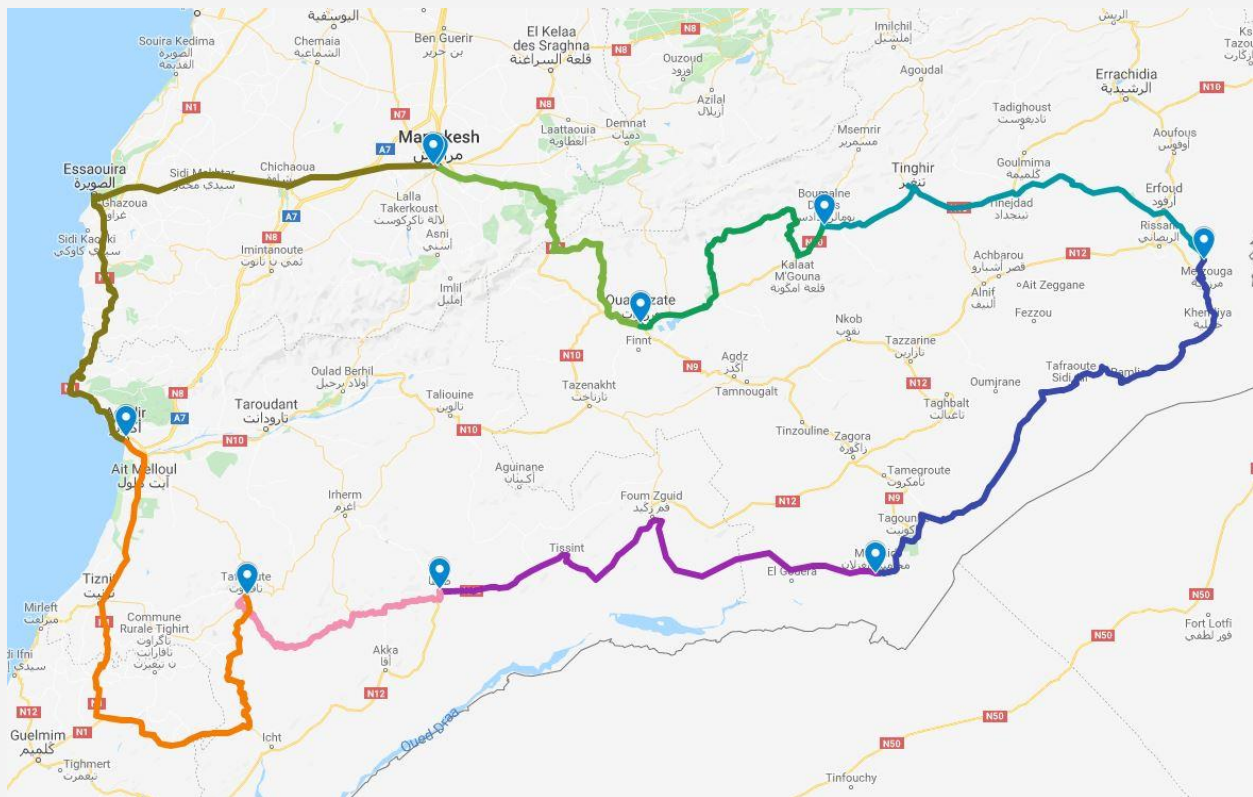
Also this day is packed with desert landscapes, while the Ait Mansour Gorge with its green oasis spreading out at the valley bottom is surely a special highlight.

Day 8, 19 October 2019. Taфраoute to Agadir.

A beach drive will lead us from the quiet desert to the buzzing city life of Agadir, which is said to be one of the country's most modern and progressive cities, while still embracing its Moroccan heritage and culture

Day 9, 20 October 2019. Agadir to Marrakesh.

We'll have some more time to explore Agadir, before we head off back to Marrakesh, where we'll finish an epic rally with what else than a great party.



Fees & Dates



Dates: 12 - 20 October 2019

Included	Basic Package €599 (per person)	Standard Package €1299 (per person)
Rally Gear	✓	✓
Event shirt and cap	✓	✓
Essential and hard to find maps	✓	✓
Kick-off and finish parties	✓	✓
Basic visa Assistance	✓	✓
Road maps (hard copies)	✗	✓
Hotel package	✗	✓



Vehicles

What are the Vehicle Rules?

Good news first: there are none!

Eccentric vehicle choices are positively encouraged and indeed the Moroccan Escapade is not about choosing the easy option. So whether it's a truck or a taxi, a Lada or Land Rover, a bus or a fire truck, if you bring it along we'll be only too happy to see it participate in the event.

After all, choosing a 20 year old rust bucket might be the safer choice, because the probability of finding a mechanic on the open road somewhere deep in the valleys of Morocco, who can fix any of those modern electronic fancies is close to zero.

Vehicle Purchasing

Purchasing a vehicle especially for the rally and selling it afterwards is a good option for everybody who wants to leave their luxury limousines in their safe garage. It can require substantial time and effort though, both prior to and after the event. The Travel Scientists can help facilitate your purchase of the desired vehicle. We can recommend models, equipment, dealers, and provide any additional advice you might need before purchasing your vehicle.

Travel Scientists

The [Travel Scientists](#) are the world's most gonzo adventure travel operator, whose mission is to create amazing thrills, unique experiences and a little drunken fun on the side. Not your usual travel operator, the maniacal travel research specialists have conjured up the most daring, inspiring and most memorable excursions still around in the modern world.

Why travel with us?

We might ham up the craziness, but we've been in the business for more than a decade and we've certainly got plenty of road trips under our belt and over a 1000 happy travelers who have shared adventures with us, most of them multiple times. We've been around since 2006 when we launched the first Rickshaw Challenge, which has earned a place in the Lonely Planet's 'World's Top 10 Greatest Adventures' in 2012.

One reason for our success is that we like to operate in manageable groups rather than get lost in hordes of participants. For us, travel is about community, so we want to foster that on our trips, where everyone knows each other's name and even after doing their own thing on the road we can all sit down and share adventures together over a beer.

We carefully scout out the routes so we can still find places where adventure still exists, bringing leisure and the freedom of independent traveling together, as well as a healthy dash of partying into the mix.

Our Rallies

- [The Rickshaw Challenge](#) – The race for the clinically insane, explore Southern India entirely from a rickshaw.
- [The India's Cup](#) - The great Indian run.
- [The Great Balkan Ride](#) – Explore the wild side of Europe.
- [The Central Asia Rally](#) – A thrilling road trip across the steppes of Central Asia, tracing the old Silk Road from Samarkand to the Pamir Mountains.
- [The Baltic Run](#) – An icy adventure into the Baltic States.
- [The Moroccan Escapade](#) - A desert adventure exploring the gateway to Africa.
- [The Wild West Challenge](#) – Giddy up and get your cowboy boots on for this race into the deserts of the US.



Custom Adventures

Do you want to join in with the fun of the Moroccan Escapade, but can't make the dates or you fancy tailoring the route or want to take in the sites at your own pace? No worries, the Travel Scientists can conjure up something from the depth of our labs just for you.

We can also set up a personalized rally for your company, which make excellent team building activities. You tell us where you want to go and what you want to do, and we can organize the rest for you.

Let us know the what, when, why, how, how much, we can take care of the rest. We're super flexible, so all you need to do is share your ideas and expectations and leave it up to us.

Contact Us

Interested in chatting more or have a query? Then drop us a line! We love to hear from people. If you have any questions, comments or proposals then let us know!

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