

ATLAS MOUNTAINS SELF GUIDED GRAVEL TOURS



ARGAN SPORTS
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THE ATLAS FOOTHILLS ESCAPE

3 Days | 210km | 2,750m Vertical Gain

THE JOURNEY Designed for the rider with limited time but a deep hunger for the mountains, this loop is a concentrated dose of Moroccan beauty. From the white stones of the Agafay Desert to the pine-scented foothills and high-alpine air, you will experience three distinct ecosystems in one powerful journey. Watch as the landscape transforms from terracotta dust to lush green valleys, passing through vibrant Berber hamlets where sheep graze in high meadows.



THE DAILY ODYSSEY

- **Day 1: The Stone Desert to the Lake** (60km | 850m Gain). Depart our shop for the "frozen dunes" of the Agafay. The track is a playground of white stone with the snow-capped Atlas on your horizon. Settle into our **favorite family-run lakeside hotel**; dinner is ready on the terrace upon arrival.
- **Day 2: The Mountain Traverse** (75km | 1,050m Gain). Climb into the juniper groves and pine forests. You'll cross hidden Berber plateaus where life follows the ancient rhythm of the seasons. Your sanctuary tonight is a **luxury mountain retreat** run by personal friends of our family who truly love bikers.
- **Day 3: The Victory Descent** (75km | 850m Gain). A celebratory final leg through bustling village squares as the mountain scenery softens back into the plains. Return to the shop for a final tea and transfer.

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FLIGHTS & COORDINATION

- **Arrival:** Land at **RAK** before **10:30 AM** Saturday for a midday tour start.
- **Departure:** Monday evening. Add the **Magical Marrakech City Tour (+€54)** for a final spin before your airport drop-off.

THE ARGAN SPORTS SYSTEM (AXS)

What is Included:

- **Accommodation:** Curated sanctuaries (Family-run hotels & Luxury retreats).
- **Meals:** **Breakfast and Dinner provided at every stop.** Dinner includes water and tea.
- **The Machine:** Rental of a **Giant Revolt 2** (Upgrade to carbon **Giant Revolt Advanced** for **€10/day**).
- **Support:** Expert GPS navigation files and 24/7 WhatsApp Concierge.
- **Transfers:** Private airport pickups and drops.

Options & Add-ons:

- **Gear:** Rack setup (**€10**) and waterproof panniers (**€40**) for the trip.
- **Souvenir: AXS Hydration Packs** (small backpacks with bladders) for **€40**—yours to keep.
- **The Riad:** A night in our private Riad near the shop (inc. dinner/breakfast) for **€90 for two.**

What to Wear & Bring:

- **Wear:** Padded cycling shorts, breathable jerseys, and stiff-soled shoes. Bring a windproof/waterproof layer for high-altitude descents.
- **Bring:** Your own **bidons (water bottles)**, sunscreen, and padded gloves. We provide the helmet, but feel free to bring your own for a perfect fit.

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What is Not Included:

- **Lunch:** On your own to allow for total freedom of pace.
- **Extras:** Alcoholic beverages and personal snacks

INVESTMENT

- **Shared Room: €595 per person**
- **Single Supplement: +€100 (€695 total)**

IS THIS EXPEDITION FOR YOU? This tour is designed for the **Active Weekender**. It is the perfect "taster" for those new to Moroccan gravel or for experienced riders with limited time. While the distances are manageable, you should be comfortable with 5–6 hours of riding per day on varied surfaces. If you enjoy a mix of rolling desert stone and lush mountain air without the extreme vertical gain of our longer expeditions, this escape is for you.