

31/12/2024 - 26/01/2025

**DEPARTURE JANUARY 1, 2025**

**MARRAKECH-DAKAR**

*2025*

BIKE EXPEDITION

SECOND EDITION  
NEW ROUTE

**MARRAKECH-DAKAR**

**MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025**

2600km gravel adventure  
between Morocco, Mauritania  
and Senegal

an incredible journey

in the footsteps of the most legendary Saharan route:  
mountains, gorges, deserts and coasts  
to the ultimate African destination

Intense and spectacular **gravel trip**  
from **Marrakech** to **Dakar**  
in the footsteps of the historic rally,  
through mountains, gorges, deserts and coasts:  
about **2,600 km** and **14,000m** positive elevation gain  
in **23 incredible days** pedaled between **Morocco**,  
**Mauritania** and **Senegal**, along an original track tested  
with stages to be defined in detail day by day



**MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025**

**An unforgettable experience**  
in which adventure, hard work and excitement  
combine in an out-of-the-ordinary venture,  
**discovering the incredible landscapes** and  
**cultures** and **traditions** of these three countries  
**in the most sincere and authentic way**  
and **at the ideal pace, that of the bicycle;**  
following a predetermined track,  
but deciding kilometers and elevation gain  
from day to day  
in an exciting and unique journey,  
**travel in its truest essence.**



## MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

### CALENDAR IN BRIEF

December 30/31, 2024 | meeting in Marrakech

**January 1, 2025** | **official departure**  
**Marrakech-Dakar 2025**

January 23, 2025 | arrival in Dakar

January 25, 2025 | flight from Dakar

January 26, 2025 | return to Europe

MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

**From Marrakech to Dakar  
on an unforgettable journey**

**Marrakech-Dakar is much more  
than a bike adventure:  
it is an exceptional journey,  
three totalizing weeks  
to be lived completely immersed  
in a dimension of authentic exploration.**

A long journey where adaptability, managing and overcoming fatigue, encountering different cultures, breathtaking landscapes and discovering unspoiled nature intertwine and give rise to deep and unforgettable emotions, conquering every day the wonder of a sunrise in the desert, an unexpected and boundless panorama at the end of a hard climb or the indescribable splendor of the brightest starry sky imaginable.



## TRAVEL INFO AT A GLANCE

Start from:	Marrakech, Morocco
Arrival in:	Dakar, Senegal
Countries crossed:	Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal
Pre raid briefing :	november 30 / december 1
Period:	december 31, 2024 – january 26, 2025
Start:	1st january
End of raid:	23 january
Return home/end of trip:	26 january
Cycling days:	23
Total days:	27
Total distance:	2600km
Total positive elev. gain:	14000m D+
Type of bike:	gravel
Travel mode:	bikepacking supported
Accommodation:	6 nights in facilities 19 nights in tent 1 night on the Iron Train
Type of support:	4x4 support vehicle for all the route with bags/materials transport ,mechanical assistance, dinner/ breakfast preparation

# MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025



Marrakech

Morocco

Senegal

Dakhia

Mauritania

Senegal

Dakar

## THE ROUTE

Mountains, canyons, deserts, boundless plains dotted with timeless Berber villages and nomadic encampments, unspoiled nature, the ocean, and more-all in an extraordinary biking experience.

You will cross incredible landscapes encountering very different conditions of terrain and climate; the roads will be sometimes perfect, sometimes dirt and rough.

At first it will be **Morocco**. Leaving **Marrakech** we will be greeted by **the Atlas**, with its rough beauty of rocks, boundless plateaus and spectacular gorges; then the first expanses of sand, dunes and oases of the **Sahara Desert**, with the significant temperature swings between the high daytime temperatures and the frigid nighttime temperatures, and the lashing storm winds making at times each pedal ride an almost nothing conquest. Arriving in El Ayun, a transfer will take you to the border.

As soon as you enter **Mauritania**, you will have the extraordinary experience of a night on the surreal "**Iron Train**", an incredible 500 km journey from Nouadhibou to Choum camped with bicycles in the timeless carriages of the world's longest freight train, a 3-km convoy connecting mines to Atlantic cities.

From Choum we will again continue among the **sandy tracks** in the exhilarating tracks of the **legendary rally**, traverse the beautiful wilderness of the protected area of the **Arguin Bank National Park**, and flank the **ocean coast** again, pedaling on the sands of the boundless Mauritanian beaches among golden dunes and very long waves.

Passing the capital Nouakchott we will reach **Senegal**, crossing the river of the same name, greeted by a culture that is still as different and fascinating as the others known along the journey. The landscape around will change again, in the shadow of the majestic Baobab trees nature will again become more lush and settlements more dense, until we reach **Dakar** at the conclusion of this epic crossing.



# MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025



## HOW YOU WILL TRAVEL


The stages will be determined day by day by the Tour leaders.

The expedition will be followed along the entire route by a 4x4 support vehicle for transporting participants' materials and setting up the overnight area, as well as preparing dinners and breakfasts.

Overnight stays will almost always be in tents, with some exceptions; when possible, sincere hospitality encountered along the way will be enjoyed. Good adaptability to group dynamics will also be essential; adaptation and management of physical and emotional fatigue will be key, and in this sense the group will be a valuable resource in the true spirit of this trip.

MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025





## MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

### PROGRAM

#### November 30

Pre-expedition gathering

Prior to the departure of the trip, a preparation meeting is scheduled on 11/30/2024 in Borgomanero (NO), at the Bikeadventures headquarters.

#### December 31

Meeting in Marrakech during the day. Afternoon briefing and bike preparation; followed by Berber New Year's Eve dinner. Overnight stay with breakfast

#### January 1

morning: official departure of the Marrakech-Dakar raid

The trip will run until January 23 following a tested original track, and the stages will be decided and adapted day by day by the Tour leaders according to conditions and needs. Throughout the trip, the expedition staff will be present with a 4x4 support vehicle to transport participants' equipment and set up the overnight area, as well as prepare meals (dinners and breakfasts).

Along the route you will almost always stay overnight in tents with a few exceptions (in Assa, Nouadhibou and Nouakchott, overnight in facilities; from Nouadhibou to Choum night on the Iron Train).

#### January 23

Arrival in Dakar. Dinner and overnight stay in hotel

#### January 24

Free day in Dakar.

Dinner/end of trip party. Overnight stay and breakfast.

#### January 25

Transfer to airport. Flight Dakar-Europe

#### January 26

Conclusion. Arrival home



## MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

### WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Dakar-Europe Flight
- Baggage medical insurance
- Transfers to and from Marrakech and Dakar airports.
- 4x4 car support with luggage transport /officina/ kitchen for the whole trip
- transfer El Ayun - Mauritania border
- Customs passage support
- Dinners and breakfasts prepared by staff throughout the trip
- Berber dinner at the end of the year
- 1 night accommodation in Lalla Takerkoust (Marrakech) with half board
- 1 night in Assa in a half-board accommodation
- 1 night in Nouadhibou in accommodation with half board
- 1 night in Nouakchott in accommodation with half board
- 2 nights in Dakar in accommodation with half board
- Final party in Dakar
- Exclusive original tracks
- Experienced Tour Leaders
- Mechanical service, support
- Official Duffel bag of the shipment (to be used compulsorily for logistical issues)
- Official shipping slopline shirt and sweatshirt
- Personalized bike setup consultation
- List of materials needed
- Dedicated WhatsApp group
- Pre-raid gathering on Nov.30/Dec. 1 with dinner/camping/aperitif

### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Europe-Marrakech Flight
- Lunches
- Extra drinks
- Snacks during the trip
- Customs fees (estimated about 150 euros per person)
- Cancellation insurance
- Expenses for possible early return
- Anything not specified in the "what is included" section

#### On request :

- Bike rental Cinelli Hobotleg Geo equipped for the trip  
Delivery directly to Marrakech | 500 euros

# MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025



## REGISTRATION

Price per person: 3490 euros

### To register:

Registration: 490 euros at the time of registration

Deposit: 1500 euros within November 01, 2024

Balance: 1500 euros by December 10, 2024

### INFOS/ REGISTRATIONS

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DEPARTURE JANUARY 1, 2025

# MARRAKECH-DAKAR

BIKE EXPEDITION

SHORT VERSION

MARRAKECH - EL AYOUN

1000km | 7000m D+

MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

## CALENDAR IN BRIEF

30/31 december 2024 | meeting in Marrakech

**January 1, 2025** | **official departure**  
Marrakech-Dakar 2025

January 09, 2025 | arrival in El Ayoun  
| transfer to Marrakech

January 11, 2025 | return to Europe

# MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

## SHORT VERSION TRAVEL INFO AT A GLANCE

Start from:	Marrakech, Morocco
Arrival in:	El Ayoun (Layoune), Morocco
Countries crossed:	Morocco
Pre raid briefing :	november 30 / december 1
Period:	december 31, 2024 – january 11, 2025
Start:	1st january
End of raid:	09 january
Return home/end of trip:	11 january
Cycling days:	9
Total days:	12
Total distance:	1000km
Total positive elev. gain:	7000m D+
Type of bike:	gravel
Travel mode:	bikepacking supported
Accommodation:	4 nights in facilities 7 nights in tent
Type of support:	4x4 support vehicle for all the route with bags/materials transport ,mechanical assistance, dinner/ breakfast preparation



## SHORT VERSION PROGRAM

### **November 30**

Pre-expedition gathering

Prior to the departure of the trip, a preparation meeting is scheduled on 11/30/2024 in Borgomanero (NO), at the Bikeadventures headquarters.

### **December 31**

Meeting in Marrakech during the day. Afternoon briefing and bike preparation; followed by Berber New Year's Eve dinner. Overnight stay with breakfast

### **January 1**

morning: official departure of the Marrakech-Dakar raid+short version

The short version of the trip will run on the same route of the Marrakech-Dakar until January 09 with arrival in El Ayoun (Layoune), following a tested original track, and the stages will be decided and adapted day by day by the Tour leaders according to conditions and needs. Throughout the trip, the expedition staff will be present with a 4x4 support vehicle to transport participants' equipment and set up the overnight area, as well as prepare meals (dinners and breakfasts).

Along the route you will almost always stay overnight in tents with one exception (in Assa, overnight in facilities)

### **January 09**

Arrival in El Ayoun. Transfer to Marrakech.

Overnight stay in Ryad in Marrakech, half board accomodation.

### **January 10**

Free day in Marrakech.

Overnight stay in Ryad (half board accomodation) and breakfast.

### **January 11**

Transfer to airport. Flight Marrakech-Milano



# MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

## SHORT VERSION

### WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Marrakech-Italy Flight
- Baggage medical insurance
- Transfers to and from Marrakech airport
- 4x4 car support with luggage transport /officina/ kitchen for the whole trip
- transfer El Ayun - Marrakech
- Dinners and breakfasts prepared by staff throughout the trip
- Berber dinner at the end of the year
- 1 night accommodation in Lalla Takerkoust (Marrakech) with half board
- 1 night in Assa in a half-board accommodation
- 2 nights in Marrakech in Ryad with half board accomodation
- Exclusive original tracks
- Experienced Tour Leaders
- Mechanical service, support
- Official Duffel bag of the shipment (to be used compulsorily for logistical issues)
- Official shipping slopline shirt and sweatshirt
- Personalized bike setup consultation
- List of materials needed
- Dedicated WhatsApp group
- Pre-raid gathering on Nov.30/Dec. 1 with dinner/camping/aperitif

### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Europe-Marrakech Flight
- Lunches
- Extra drinks
- Snacks during the trip
- Cancellation insurance
- Expenses for possible early return
- Anything not specified in the "what is included" section

#### On request :

- Bike rental Cinelli Hobootleg Geo equipped for the trip  
Delivery directly to Marrakech | 300 euros

# MARRAKECH-DAKAR 2025

## SHORT VERSION REGISTRATION

Price per person: **2800 euros**

### To register:

800 euros at the time of registration

Balance 2000 euros by november 25, 2024

### INFOS/ REGISTRATIONS

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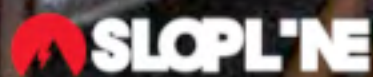
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