



Ouarzazate
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OUARZAZATE: THE EPIC FILM

Like so many routes for the nomad invasion, Ouarzazate staked out at where the roads from Draa, Dades and Ziz meet: a desert setting and a chance for a peaceful intermission on the big screen.



REASONS TO GO

- To experience the desert
- Change of scenery, relaxation and entertainment
- Contrasting landscapes
- Incredible architectural and natural heritage
- Hot and sunny weather all year round
- Travel with the family, with friends or by yourself



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- Ideal geographic location, many excursions around the city.
- It is especially magnificent in the spring: flowering pink and white laurels, wadis covered in flowering plants and palm trees.
- Most children love bivouacking with the family (October to May).
- Temperatures vary greatly in winter: bring light clothing for sunny days and warm items for the cooler nights.
- A kasbah is a fortress built out of adobe (a mixture of earth and straw) and a ksar is a fortified village containing several kasbahs.

THE BEST REASONS TO GO

Unforgettable places:

- **The Taourirt Kasbah:** ancient palace listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- **The souks:** regional products, Berber rugs, dates, roses, pottery, spices, jewellery, etc.

- **Tour of the film studios**, where *Lawrence of Arabia* was filmed and *Asterix and Obelix*-hundreds of international productions have been filmed in Ouarzazate. New: make a film with your family and friends.



Heritage and Culture:

- **The Tifoutoute Kasbah**, 7 km west of the city, storks love its towers, it offers a beautiful panorama of the valley, the date grove and the Ouarzazate wadi.
- **The Ait Benhaddou Ksar**, dates back to the 11th century and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Traditional and folk festivals**: great opportunities to discover the real southern culture. Do not miss the Rose Fair in Kelaâ M'Gouna in May.

Excursions and Activities:

- **Draa Valley** on the way to **Zagora** is a first glimpse of the southern dunes: M'hamid, for a night of desert bivouacking.
- **Dades Valley** or the "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs" offers spectacular landscapes, the valley of roses in the gorges of Dades and Todra.
- Plan at least two nights for a camel caravan (*méharée*) in the **Merzouga dunes**.
- Hiking and trekking in the **Jebel Sarho Mountains**, and rock climbing along the **Todra** canyon.
- **Skoura**, 40 km east of Ouarzazate with its magnificent date grove.



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature en °C	17	20	23	27	31	36	40	38	33	27	21	16

