



Sing it from the Rooftops...Perform from the Kasbah du Toubkal

It's wonderful that you are getting together and playing together. The last couple of years have been quite a time for our young musicians - consigned to playing alone on zoom, missing out on live performances and tours, and missing out on the chance to bond.

This year we want to reward commitment and determination, and to give you all something extra special to look forward to...the chance, in 2023/24... to play and sing together from the rooftops... at the Kasbah du Toubkal, Morocco's premier Mountain Retreat. The chance to really come together as a group... and to experience hearing your sound travelling and reverberating around the High Atlas Mountains under clear open skies... to an audience... of the entire valley. Discover Ltd are delighted to be offering a free student place on every Music Tour in 2023 and 2024 for you to either award to your best or most committed young musician, or to reduce the cost for one or all.



A High Atlas Music Retreat, the chance to bond as a group, perform, and enrich the colours in your musical palettes

You may choose to be based solely in the Mountains at either our Kasbah du Toubkal or Dar Imlil, both 1 ½ hours from Marrakech (3 hrs from the U.K) for a 5 day High Atlas Music Retreat - culminating in a performance from the Kasbah's rooftops before the whole valley, and local families invited to watch and listen in the garden. A unique and special chance for your group to bond and practice with the acoustics and scenery of the mountains as a stunning backdrop. Both venues have plenty of roof terrace space and a variety of covered and uncovered outdoor and indoor spaces and courtyards for sectional practice, relaxed evening sessions, star gazing and performance. Both venues can be rented exclusively. If you chose to, there are many lovely and inspirational opportunities to collaborate with local children and families or youth groups (e.g. Education for all) and local musicians (singing and drumming is part of life in the High Atlas)...and of course... there are plenty of stunning walks and treks to be done in the region.



What Students say about their tours with Discover Ltd -
'Different, challenging, rewarding, fascinating - and above all, fun'
Paul Bowman, Cambridge University
'The best week of my life'
6th Former, Queen Elizabeth Grammar, Derbyshire



Marrakech, Essaouria and further afield

You may choose to include more centres, performing in a variety of locations. Discover has been specialists in taking school and youth groups further a field for over 40 years and have insight into the needs of young musicians and their instruments.

Both Marrakech and Essaouria (a renowned harbour town on the Atlantic coast, home to the Gnaoua Music Festival, and a to vibrant jazz scene) provide excitement and tranquillity in equal measures with an array of small and large uniquely beautiful and exciting indoor and outdoor venues and an abundance of musical influences.

You may choose to safely store your instruments for day or two and set off on an adventure together to the desert or climb Mount Toubkal the Highest Mountain in North Africa... the possibilities are endless—we tailor your trip to you.



See this video made by a Polish T.V. company to get a feel for the Kasbah, its location and links with local area:

<https://vimeo.com/219814629>

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We are also delighted to hear from adult Choral Societies and ensembles and are very happy to discuss your requirements.

With prices starting from £422 excluding airfare, all trips include: accommodation and transfers within Morocco; all meals from evening meal on Day 1 to Breakfast on Departure Day; and every group has the assistance of a concert tour manager who will meet you at the airport and is on hand with you throughout to deal with practicalities and make arrangements for you, so that you can concentrate on your group and the music.





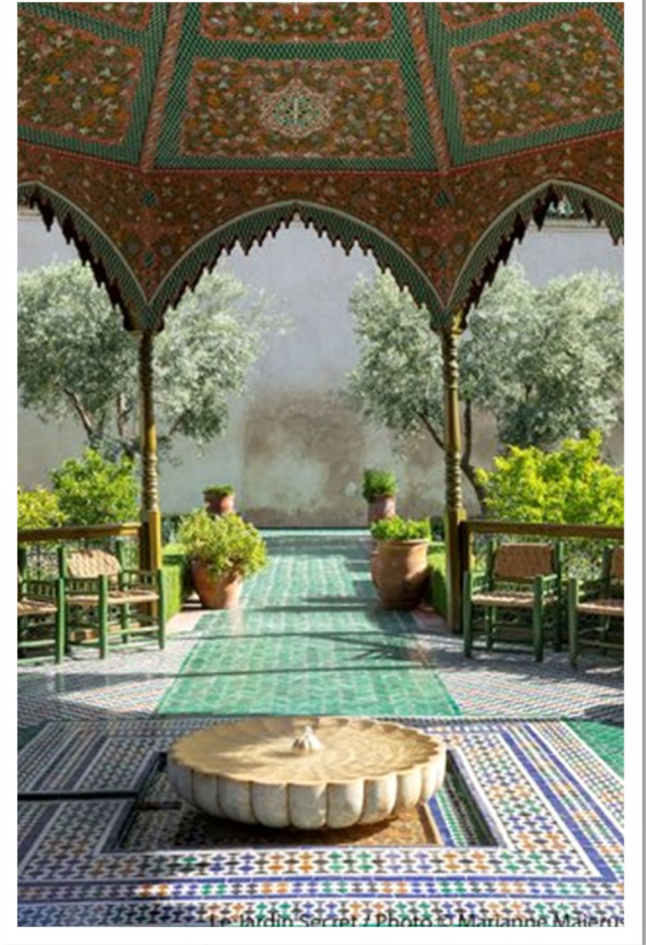
Suggestions and Performance Venues

Link Your Settings to Your Repertoire and to Your Group

The High Atlas, Marrakech and Essaouira (on the Atlantic coast) are home to an abundance of beautiful and unique indoor and outdoor spaces that are spectacular backdrops to performances, whether they're dramatic or gently contemplative.

The great variety of possible venues means you can have real fun linking your setting to your repertoire and to the character and size of your group: From our Kasbah du Toubkal in the High Atlas to countless stunning Riads in Marrakech and Essaouira - which provide the best of both worlds, with central open courtyards surrounded by tiered covered galleries with open and semi covered rooftop terraces; from cannon lined Ramparts overlooking the sea in Essaouira to shady ornate pergolas in tranquil gardens in Marrakech; from a variety of town squares...exciting and bustling or smaller, more reflective and shady... to the impressive 12 Century Menara Gardens with its Pavilion flanked by the High Atlas... to The Theatre Royal in Marrakech, designed by Charles Boccara — depending on the make up of your group the Theatre's wide open spaces to the front may allow just the right backdrop...and for some, it may be more fitting to play one of the stages inside. Or, perhaps you'd like to explore the jazz scene in Essaouira, maybe drop in at D'Jazy, or instead you might want to stroll along the beach to see the castle in the sand that local legend has it, inspired Jimmy Hendrix...

Tell us about your group and we will match you to venues and create a tour or performance retreat that is just right for you.



Suggested 5 Day Itinerary High Atlas Music Retreat

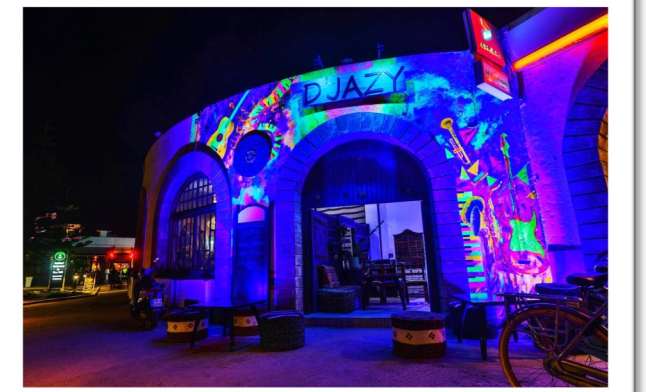


Day 1 Arrive Marrakech and transfer to the High Atlas, settle in and explore or take in the scenery. Opportunities for practice or stargazing in the evening.

Days 2 and 3 plenty of opportunity to practice and to explore the local area. Dependant on your needs, possible to: explore the local villages and really get a feel for the area, have a go at haggling and visit the cafés; take a short or long guided trek with a picnic prepared for you enroute, or lunch in your accommodation; chance to collaborate with local musicians or youth groups and families...or use the time and space to devote yourselves to sectional and full group practice and workshops).

Day 4 Free time and practice with a late afternoon or early evening concert at the Kasbah du Toubkal

Day 5 Depart for home. Depending on the flight time you may wish to stay and relax in the mountains until departing for the airport or head to Marrakech and take a horse drawn carriage and walking tour of the Medina and souks before going on to the airport...or...you may wish to give a lunchtime or afternoon concert in Marrakech.



Anima, one of North America's Leading Children and Youth Coral Organisations, and the Girls from Asni's Education for All Boarding House.



Our tours are particularly suitable for choral musicians and those with instruments that are hand held or carried on their back. This allows for the most flexibility and freedom.



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