MOROCCO

AKRICH

Community, Jewish cemetery & sacred tomb. Tree nursery.

Half-Day Excursion from Marrakech

Learn more about Akrich.
Part of the House of Life Initiative.
Sample Agenda

10:00 AM  Meet at the HAF office or your location and travel to Akrich (Tameslouht municipality, Al Haouz province)

10:45 AM  Visit the Akrich community tree nursery that is adjacent to a 700-year-old Jewish cemetery and the tomb of Rabbi Raphael Hacohen; meet Abderrahim Beddah, the nursery caretaker

11:30 AM  Walk or drive to the Achbarou Women's Carpet-making Cooperative

11:45 AM  Arrive at Achbarou cooperative, meet its members, and learn about carpet-making

Optional lunch for groups

12:30 PM  Depart Achbarou for Marrakech

01:00 PM  Arrive in Marrakech

Sample Base Cost

$250/minibus  Round-trip transportation for 20 passengers

$250  HAF guided tour + Translation

$16/person  Lunch at Achbarou Women's Cooperative

Moroccan tea, Moroccan salad, Moroccan-style chicken, homemade bread, fresh fruit, and water

Traditional welcome of dates and milk

$500  Recommended donation to cover administrative costs and support tree-planting
We've been visited by...

People from all over the world and groups from the University of Virginia, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, University of Kingston, Yeshiva University, Cadi Ayyad University, the Experience Dakira Conference, Israel Is, Off the Beaten Track, national and foreign public officials, national and international civil society and corporate groups...and many more!

Leaving the shrine, we left the region’s past behind and returned to the present to enjoy a special tea session with friends. We called it “having a cup of identity” because the tea was accompanied by a fundamental question, which was, “What does identity mean to you personally?”

NOUreddine El Bahri
Student, Cadi Ayyad University

These women have been making rugs for generations. Rugs are made to memorialize emotions, stories, and love. When the women see the rugs, they remember something of the past. Moroccan women make rugs to pass on to their families. When their sons or daughters marry, a rug is made for them to signify the new stage in their lives. Behind the design of the rugs, there is a message. Every shape and every design has a meaning.

Kelsey Cashman
Student, University of Virginia
The High Atlas Foundation is a Moroccan association and a U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2000 by former Peace Corps Volunteers committed to furthering sustainable development. HAF supports Moroccan communities to take action in implementing human development initiatives and promotes organic agriculture, water solutions, women’s empowerment, youth development, education, and culture.

Since 2011, HAF has had Consultancy Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.