

Chinguetti & Oases Tour

Two days in the Adrar: the UNESCO city of Chinguetti, ancient manuscript libraries, rock art and the palm oases of Mheirith and Terjit.

DURATION	START & FINISH	TRANSPORT	REGION
2 days / 1 night	Nouakchott	Private 4x4	Adrar

About the Tour

Chinguetti, founded in the 13th century, grew into a vital hub for trans-Saharan trade and Islamic scholarship. Known as the seventh holy city of Islam, it is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site that preserves centuries of culture, knowledge and desert architecture.

On this tour, you will explore the Old Town with its traditional dry-stone houses and carved wooden doors, see the Friday Mosque with its ostrich-egg minaret, and step inside the ancient manuscript libraries. On the return journey, you will visit ancient rock art and two of the Adrar's most beautiful oases.

The tour is fully customised to your preferences and led by knowledgeable local guides.

Highlights

- ◆ Chinguetti, a 13th-century UNESCO World Heritage city
- ◆ The Friday Mosque and its ostrich-egg minaret
- ◆ Ancient manuscript libraries on law, astronomy and medicine
- ◆ The historic Old Town of stone houses and carved doors
- ◆ Sunset over the Saharan sand dunes
- ◆ Agrou Amogjar rock paintings
- ◆ Mheirith Oasis and the natural springs of Terjit

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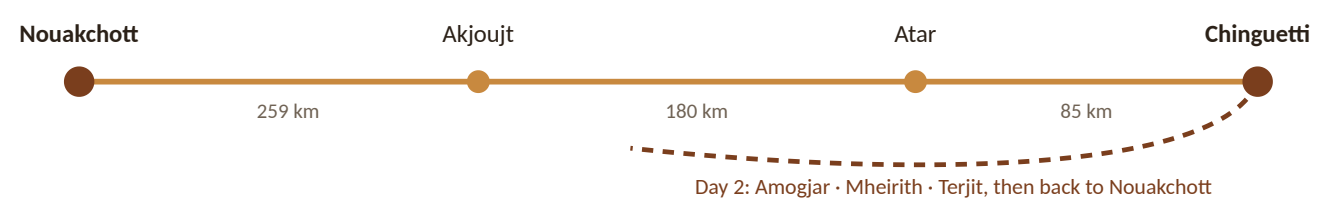
From €400 per person

For 2 or more travellers

€750 solo traveller

Private tour, dates on request

Day by Day



Day 1

Nouakchott to Chinguetti

Morning: the drive north	
7:30 AM	Depart Nouakchott
10:30 AM	Tea break in Akjoujt, 15 minutes (259 km)
10:45 AM	Continue towards Atar
Afternoon: Atar and arrival in Chinguetti	
1:30 PM	Arrive in Atar for lunch (180 km)
2:30 PM	Depart for Chinguetti
4:00 PM	Arrive in Chinguetti and check in at the hotel (85 km)
Late afternoon: discover Chinguetti	
4:30 PM	Visit an ancient library and the old mosque
5:30 PM	Watch the sunset over the sand dunes
Evening	
7:00 PM	Return to the hotel for dinner and rest

Day 2

Chinguetti to Nouakchott via the Oases

8:00 AM	After breakfast, depart from Chinguetti
9:00 AM	Agrou Amogjar rock paintings, 20-minute visit (45 km, 1 hour on unpaved road)
9:20 AM	Drive to Mheirith Oasis (40 km, 1 hour on unpaved road)
10:20 AM	Mheirith Oasis, 20-minute visit
10:40 AM	Drive to Terjit Oasis (20 km, 30 minutes on unpaved road)
11:10 AM	Terjit Oasis: visit the springs, then lunch in the oasis
12:30 PM	Leave Terjit and drive back to Nouakchott (417 km, about 5 hours on paved road)
5:35 PM	Arrive back in Nouakchott

Before You Travel

Driving Distances

Day 1

Nouakchott to Akjoujt	259 km
Akjoujt to Atar	180 km
Atar to Chinguetti	85 km
Total	524 km

Day 2

Chinguetti to Amogjar (unpaved)	45 km · 1 h
Amogjar to Mheirith (unpaved)	40 km · 1 h
Mheirith to Terjit (unpaved)	20 km · 30 min
Terjit to Nouakchott (paved)	417 km · 5 h
Total	522 km

Travel Tips

- ◆ Pack light, loose clothing that covers shoulders and knees
- ◆ Bring a hat, sunglasses and sun cream
- ◆ Wear comfortable shoes for sand and stone streets

The Price Includes

- ✓ 4x4 vehicle and fuel
- ✓ Driver
- ✓ Guide
- ✓ Accommodation in Chinguetti (Eden Hotel)
- ✓ Entrance fees to the sites visited, including the libraries

Best Time to Travel

The most comfortable season runs from November to March, with pleasant days and cool desert nights. In summer, temperatures often exceed 40°C, so the schedule is adapted, for example by exploring the Old Town early in the morning.

- ◆ Non-Muslim visitors view the Friday Mosque from outside
- ◆ Always ask permission before photographing people

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