



MAURITANIAN BEST TOURS

Adrar Mauritania Tour

Explore the Sahara — Ouadane, Chinguetti & the Richat Structure

4 Days · €750pp (2+ Pax) / €1,350pp (Solo)

The Adrar Mauritania Tour is a four-day itinerary into the desert interior of Mauritania. It takes in ancient UNESCO-listed cities, notable geological formations, and the Sahara's characteristic silence. The route travels from Nouakchott to Atar, Ouadane, Chinguetti, and back via the Mhairith Oasis and Terjit Canyon.

Tour Highlights

- **Transfer to the Desert Gateway:** The tour begins with a drive from Nouakchott to Atar, an oasis town and the principal gateway to the desert, known for its traditional hospitality.
- **Historic Trading Centres and the Eye of the Sahara:** A visit to Ouadane, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and former trading post, followed by the Richat Structure, a geological formation known as the Eye of the Sahara.
- **Desert Dunes and Historic Libraries:** A 4x4 crossing of the dunes at the Oasis of Tanouchert, followed by a visit to Chinguetti, a UNESCO-listed city known for its manuscript libraries and historic mosque.
- **Desert Oases:** The itinerary concludes at Mhairith Oasis and the palm-filled canyon of Terjit, where a natural spring allows for swimming.

Daily Program

Day 1 — Nouakchott – Akjoujt – Atar

Departure from Nouakchott with an optional stop at the central market for banking or supplies. Overland transit north via Akjoujt, with a traditional tea stop, continuing to Atar (approx. 440 km / 6 hours total driving). Afternoon check-in at **Hôtel Étoile du Nord**, followed by a guided walk through Atar's market and central mosque, and a short excursion to the 11th-century Almoravid ruins at Azougui. Dinner and overnight in Atar.

Day 2 — Atar – Amogjar – Richat – Ouadane

Departure from Atar on unpaved desert tracks toward Ouadane (approx. 200 km / 3 hours). En route, a stop at Amogjar Pass to view prehistoric rock shelters and petroglyphs, followed by a panoramic viewpoint over the Richat Structure (Eye of the Sahara). Lunch and check-in at **Auberge El Ghalawiya** in Ouadane, with an afternoon tour of the 12th-century fortified ksar. Dinner and overnight in Ouadane.

Day 3 — Chinguetti Cultural Discovery

Departure from Ouadane across the Erg sand dunes, with a stop at the nomadic outpost of Tanouchert Oasis. Arrival in Chinguetti, the seventh holiest city in Islamic tradition, with check-in at **Auberge Eden** and a guided walk to the mosque and manuscript libraries. Afternoon leisure time among the Erg Chinguetti dunes. Dinner and overnight in Chinguetti.

Day 4 — Chinguetti to Nouakchott (via Mherith & Terjit)

Check-out from Chinguetti and return journey toward the coast, with stops at Mherith Oasis and Terjit Canyon, where guests may swim in the natural spring. Lunch in the canyon, followed by the final highway

transfer back to Nouakchott (approx. 510 km), arriving in the early evening.

Pricing

Package	Price per person
Group (2+ travellers)	€750
Solo traveller	€1,350

Duration: 4 days / 3 nights · Minimum group size: 1

Travel Arrangements

Expedition Inclusions

- Licensed bilingual guides and certified desert drivers
- Private air-conditioned 4x4 vehicles, fuel, and permits
- Premier regional accommodation per the scheduled itinerary
- Full-board meal plan and bottled mineral water
- All UNESCO site fees, entry passes, and taxes

Program Exclusions

- International airfare, airport tariffs, and entry visas
- Personal medical, evacuation, and trip insurance
- Boutique purchases, laundry, and unlisted ancillary services

This Adrar Mauritania Tour combines desert travel with cultural and geological points of interest across the Adrar region.

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