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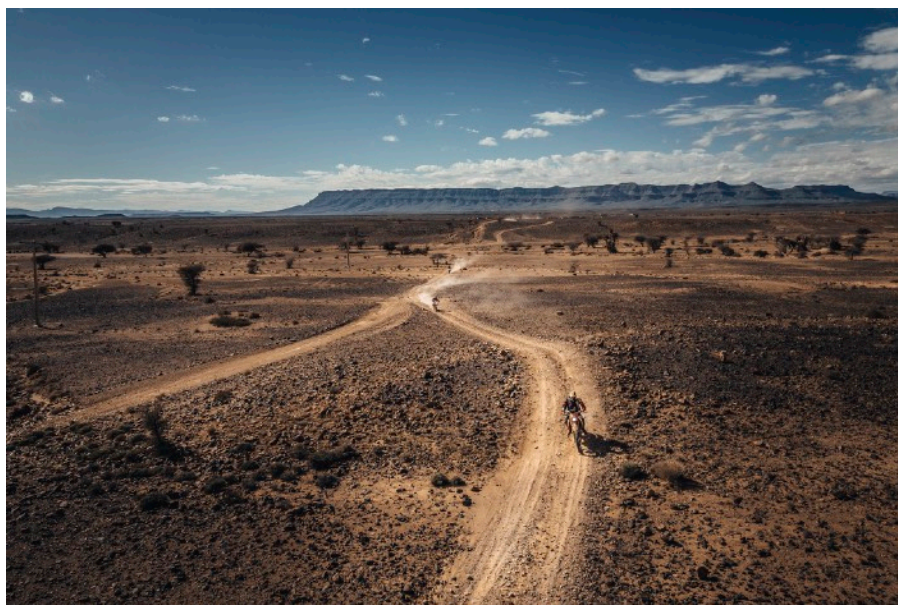
**Morocco**  
**1500**

The 2025 version of the Morocco 1500 is a 7 day, 1500 km, on **or** off road riding adventure through the best that Morocco has to offer. Starting in Morocco's oldest city, Fes and finishing in the hustle and bustle of Marrakech, you'll be crossing high mountain passes, riding through incredible valleys, through historic regions, in the shadows of sand dunes and across incredible desert landscapes during the day. Of an evening, you will be staying in quality accommodation and eating some fantastic food, making each day one that you'll struggle to forget, on and off the bike.

With two categories, 'Tarmac' for those who wish to stay on road and 'Trail' for those that want a little more dirt under their tyres. Both promise 1500km of some of the most incredible on and off-road adventure riding that Morocco has to offer, this is the goal of the Morocco 1500.

The **Tarmac** edition includes highlights such as the Tizi n'Tichka pass over the Atlas Mountains, visiting Dades and Todra gorges, riding through the Ziz valley, visiting Khenifra and its ski resort, the famous site of Gara Medouar, and much more... All whilst experiencing some stunning and incredibly varied tarmac riding with stunning views views virtually a constant!

The **Trail** edition promises some of the best off road riding that Morocco has to offer, from high mountain passes with snowy peaks as a backdrop, the loamy pine forest of Khenifra, vast wide open pistes towards Erfoud and Mhamid, along with the sands of Ouzina and Chigaga. The Sahara is an amazing place to ride off road, with no one day on the Morocco 1500 being like the next!



## Morocco 1500 FAQs

Over the next few pages, this document and the information it contains should help to answer any questions that you have about the 2025 Morocco 1500, whether the **Trail** or **Tarmac** edition...

### When is it?

October 11th to 19th 2025

### When do I need to be there and how many days will I be riding?

All participants need to be in Fes by early afternoon on the 11th October. Your first days riding is the 12th, last day is on the 18th, seven days riding total. You are free to leave Morocco, from Marrakech, on the 19th October.

### Where does it start and where can I fly into?

The event starts in Fes, Morocco's oldest city and a beautiful place to explore, so if you have the time, getting into Fes earlier than needed would be a great use of it! Fes has its own international airport, 'Fes-Saïss' with good connections to both Europe and the US.

### Where does it finish and where can I fly home from?

The event finishes in Marrakech, one of Morocco's largest cities. 'Marrakech Menara Airport' is one of the busiest in Morocco and offers plenty of options, many of them direct, for riders coming from the UK and Europe, along with good connections for those flying in from the United States. There's around five flights a day to London alone!

### What kind of terrain will I be encountering?

For **Tarmac** edition riders, you will be crossing high altitude mountain passes, riding through desert landscapes where sand blows across the road, through incredible valleys following riverbeds, switchback asphalt that winds through the hills, and just about everything in between. You will be 'on-road' for the entirety of the trip, but some of the roads are not what we're used to in the UK, with the tarmac being more broken, often dusty and requiring you to pay attention at all times! Plus the mandatory camel crossings!

Those riding the **Trail** edition will soon realise why Morocco is a mecca for the off road motorcyclist. Fast, open, flowing desert piste, to boulder strewn river beds, sandy tracks and the amazing dunes of southern Morocco. Throughout all this you'll be criss-crossing, and following in part some historic Paris-Dakar routes as you cross the Sahara desert. This isn't an extreme challenge, but the riding will reward those that are confident trail riders!

### Where will we be staying?

The accommodation will be in quality hotels, chosen by ourselves throughout. Standard packages are based on riders sharing a room, with a single room option available. Single room options are very limited due to the nature of the accommodation that we'll be staying in.



### **Is food included?**

Yes. Included within your entry fee is breakfast, lunch and dinner on each riding day, breakfast and dinner will take place at our chosen accommodation and lunch will either take place at a regrouping restaurant/cafe on the road, or at a beautiful remote checkpoint.

### **How many nights accommodation are included?**

A total of eight nights accommodation are included, your first night of included accommodation is on the 11th, the last on the 18th. We have a discounted add-on for those planning on arriving in Fes on the 10th.

### **If we're moving every day do we have to carry our own luggage?**

Not at all, the Desert Rose team will take care of the transportation of your luggage from location to location each day, leaving you to ride without any panniers or large bags weighing you down!

### **Is there any competition?**

No, the **Morocco 1500**, both **Tarmac** and **Trail**, is a non-competitive adventure raid. There will be checkpoints during the riding days to ensure a level of safety and to ensure everyone is staying on track and on time, but there is no racing or any other element of competition.

### **How do we navigate?**

All navigation is done via GPS. These files are produced by us and will be uploaded on to your device at the start of the event itself. They will be in a .gpx file format, and the choice of GPS unit you use to navigate is totally free. Each rider needs their own GPS device capable of displaying and navigating by .GPX files.

### **Is the route different from the 2024 edition?**

Completely. For 2025 whilst the start and finish locations will be familiar, we have an all new route for those taking part. Highlights include the Khenifra forest early on in the event, the remote region of Mhamid, the famous Gara Medouoar, the dunes of Chigaga, and gorges of the lower atlas mountains.

### **How do you know where we are?**

During registration in Fes, each participant in the *Morocco 1500* will be provided with GPS/Satellite tracking device, this beams a signal almost constantly to our support team whilst you're out riding on the trail, so we know your location constantly through the event.

### **Is there a medical and recovery team?**

Should something go wrong, we have a capable medical and first aid team on hand, along with a bike recovery team on the event to look after you and get your bike back to the next bivouac.



### **What kind of bike should I bring?**

If you're riding the off-road route, then we'd generally advise a lighter 'enduro' or 'trail' type bike, simply because these bikes are more fun, easier to ride and therefore often make the overall experience more enjoyable. However, any bike that is happy being ridden off road, including larger adventure bikes and that you're happy riding on a variety of surfaces is suitable for the **Morocco 1500**. If you're wanting to complete all the sand and dune sections though, we advise sticking to a lighter weight machine.

If you're riding the on-road route, then pretty much any bike is suitable! High speeds aren't necessary for the roads we will be riding on though, with the majority of Morocco having a 100km/h speed limit, something with a more upright riding position, a bike that lets you take in the sights and that is fun to ride at moderate speeds would be ideal. The condition of the tarmac can vary quite a bit through the 7 days, so much the same advice as for those riding off road, make sure it's something that you're comfortable riding in all sorts of conditions.

### **Are there rental bikes available?**

Yes, absolutely. For **Trail** riders, Desert Rose have their own fleet of Beta enduro bikes available for rental, more information on these is in the **Trail Edition** information pack.

For **Tarmac** riders we have been working with Eagle Rider Marrakech who have a fleet of Harley Davidson models available for rental. From the adventurous Pan America, to the super luxurious Ultra Glide, prices start from £110 per day.

### **How much deposit do I need to pay to reserve my place?**

The deposit for all package options is £750, this is required to reserve your place on the '24 edition of the Morocco 1500. The only exception are for the **Trail** riders requiring a Desert Rose Rental bike, where an additional £250 deposit is required. The deposits are non-refundable as we rely heavily on these to be able to make all the arrangements necessary to run a fantastic event!

### **When is the balance of payment due?**

The balance of payment is due by the 31st August, 2025. All participants will be invoiced in the weeks leading up to this.

### **Sounds amazing, how do I sign up?**

Get in touch with one of the Desert Rose team, letting us know which category you'll be wanting to enter, and we'll arrange to take payment of the deposit to secure your place on the event! Over the next months we'll keep you updated with information, and look forward to seeing you in Marrakech in October!

