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Marokko Maatwerk Reizen takes you to the real African playground

Is the end of your bucket list in sight yet? No worries. In this new series we introduce travel agencies who offer bucket list worthy experiences. What about a custom made trip to Morocco with [Marokko Maatwerk Reizen](#) (Morocco Tailor-made Travels)?

“This country has the most varied landscape in North-Africa. Literally every two hours a totally different, spectacular view unfolds in front of your eyes. That’s unheard of in every other country north of the Sahara”, says Marco, founder of [Marokko Maatwerk](#). His eyes light up when he talks about the vast deserts, impressive mountains and wonderful oases Morocco has to offer.



On- and off-road traveling

With [Marokko Maatwerk](#) Marco takes people on both physically and mentally exhilarating trips around his playground. The most of his website is filled with motorbike and 4WD adventures. But even camels, quads, mountain bikes, a real rally car, and – hold tight – hot air balloon and helicopter tours are part of his repertoire. Or would you like to go on a raft, paint, swim, cook or meditate? The list of possibilities is infinite. Every trip is custom made and Marco would never take the same route, “because there is always a new breathtaking spot to be visited, right?”



During our talk [Marco](#), warm-hearted as he is, regularly drops beautiful, almost philosophical quotes: “Travelling can be moving, slowing down, sitting still and coming home. For me, travelling is about appreciating differences, learning that these differences are merely superficial. That below the surface we are all the same. It’s about sharing, connecting, getting to know yourself by meeting others and being taken by surprise.”



A nomad at heart

I sense he’s one of those real curious minds we like at the Bohemian birds headquarters. [Marokko Maatwerk](#) is his raison d’etre. It is, in his own words, a reflection of himself. With his true Moroccan adventures he is always looking to abandon the beaten track, literally and figuratively. Like he seemed to have been doing all his life.

Being a nomad at heart he quit his studies and roamed for 7 years around Southern Europe and North Africa. It was in the eighties when he earned a living as a chef, outdoor sports instructor, tour leader, market seller and teacher. Then one day, 30 years ago, he was in Gibraltar. He saw Africa in the distance. “There it was, vast and at the same time so close. . . like you could grab it with your hands.” Intensely fascinated, he took the ferry and travelled down south hitch-hiking, by bus, private car and motorcycle. After that he worked as a tour leader in Morocco for three years.



Marco settled down as a teacher and stand-up comedian in the Netherlands. But Morocco kept calling. He spent all his free time over there. “Imagine vintage Peugeots and Mercedes cars loaded with people, stuff, goats, chickens getting off the tarmac. ‘Can I go with you? Can I use my little car on this track?’ ‘Of course, come my friend!’ He even found his way through the desert in a two wheel drive car and drove to Dakar in an oldie.

A few years ago Marco decided to follow his heart. Again. ‘Like he always does’. That’s when [Marokko Maatwerk](#) originated out of his fascination for travel, the desert and Morocco. “I figured that with about 30 years of Morocco experience I am able to design and guide travel experiences one would never forget.”

Bucket list

I wonder what is on the bucket list of an adventurer like Marco. "First of all: I want to explore more desert roads and regions with my son. And also, as cliché as it may sound: I'm looking forward to see people having the trip of a lifetime. Experience the landscape together, the genuinely nice people, the food and share the moments where they are amazed by the beauty of Morocco. The scents, colors and the gastronomic surprises. The 1000 and 1 night traditions in a magical decor of date palms and clay castles." Right, that sounds bucket list worthy indeed!

Around the time I am interviewing [Mister Marokko Maatwerk](#), he is preparing for his next journey: an off-road trip with motorbikes and several Land cruiser 4-wheeldrives through moonlike scenery. "I wish you welcome someday my friend, Merhaban!" he says smiling. Well, i guess we have a deal! This short talk with him has an uplifting effect on me. I can only imagine what it is like to have him as a tour guide in the country where he got snapped up.

Did you get inspired too? Look at [his website](#) or contact Marco [here](#).

