



how to reach tiwadou



private car

from marrakech direction essaouira (the way crosses the gare du train in marrakech) up to chichaoua, and from here on the left to agadir - 273 km, heavy trafic and mountain road, around 4h

from agadir direction inezgane-ait melloul-ait baha to reach tafraout - 130 km, mountain road, around 3h

from tafraout to tiwadou either in 4x4 or with specific peugeot (private taxi) - 47 km, around 2h30' in 4x4 or in private taxi - cost of the private taxi around 500dh a/r

public transports

from the gare routiere of marrakech bab doukkala by bus to inezgane (or to agadir, and public taxi from agadir to inezgane, 6dh 30min): several buses all day long - around 70dh, around 5h, meal stop

from inezgane to tiznit with public taxi - cost 23dh, around 1h

from tiznit to tafraout by either bus or public taxi (taxi is advisable, since buses are pretty rare, slower and the gare routiere in tiznit is on the opposite with respect to the taxi parking) - around 60dh, around 4h (bus), 3h (taxi), by bus meal stop

from tafraout to tiwadou by public minibus or on foot – 47 km, 18dh and 3h by minibus, two days on foot

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Fírst Cultural Festíval of Tíwadou

"together to improve the future of our children"

April 16th-21st, 2007



tiwadou, anti atlas



47km far away from tafraout, in the anti atlas, among palm tree oasis, pink granitic rocks and blooming almond trees, mohamed sahnoun, a native berber living in tiwadou, is one of the founders of the association tiwadou for rural development

the great majority of the population is berber, tribe of ammeln, and some families are descendants from central africa slaves

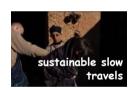
the scholarization rate is very high (99%), despite the isolation of the region, and this is due to the presence of a primary school in each village; but after the primary school, the only alternative to go on studying is to move to tafraout or another town, and therefore live in a college: the rich families can afford the college, but for the great majority this is not viable

for girls, besides economic issues there are also social issues, since fathers and brothers prefer their girls to stay home rather then expose them to the risks of living in a college, far away from the family; and therefore they use to help the women in the house keeping activities, to prepare the argan oil in the traditional way, to tissue carpets and broderies, and to tailor diellaba

the primary school *essaadiyine* of tiwadou hosts 122 children, and it is split into three sections located in the surrounding villages; on the road between tiwadou and souk el hadd issi there is the new both feminine and masculine college designed by mohamed









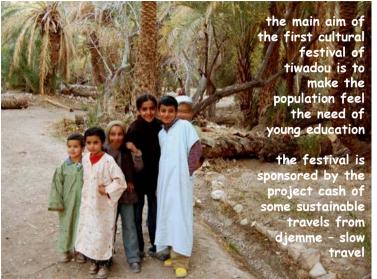














first cultural festival tiwadou





program

april. 16th- monday opening ceremony local artisanat expo

april, 17th - tuesday sport (athletics): competitions tiwadou - tempuilcht

april, 18th - wednesday arts (design): graphic arts competitions culture: cultural competition tiwadou - temauilcht

april, 19th - thursday

environment: clean-up in the valley and garbage collection

april, 20th - friday sport (football): final match tiwadou-temquilcht culture: competition on coran reading

april, 21st - saturday final ceremony distribution of prizes for winners and loosers folklore and theatre pieces on the topic of rural life



