

Drive to Tata – April 10, 2021 – Tafraoute to Tazalaght to Ait Ballou to Imitek to Tata, Morocco

Our original plan was to drive through Tata, but Tata ended up being a destination not a waypoint on the map for us. What we didn't know until later is Booking.com doesn't show any lodging within a two-hour drive of Tata. No matter what the Lonely Planet says about Tata, not many tourists end up here – yours truly did.

Enough about Tata.

It was the drive we thought would be interesting and it was a fascinating drive. This area is a combination of the Anti-Atlas mountains and Sahara plains. For the most part it was a good two-lane highway. We only drove on compacted dirt for maybe an hour. At times I was doing 80 km/50 mph but for the most part was driving about 60 km/35 mph.



There is nothing subtle about the countryside. It is rugged.



The villages are few and far between and for the most part off the main road.



This portion of the road was paved and even had shoulder striping.



Wildflowers were in bloom and we stopped several times to look more closely at colorful blooms.





My favorite wildflower of the day.







Still a paved road, two lanes but a little narrower but then we have seen maybe two other vehicles in the last three hours.



The vistas are long in this part of Morocco.



The upheaval causing the waves in the mountains was a constant source of conversation for Nancy and me.



After this arid drive we deserved the three beers we split when we found a hotel in Tata.