



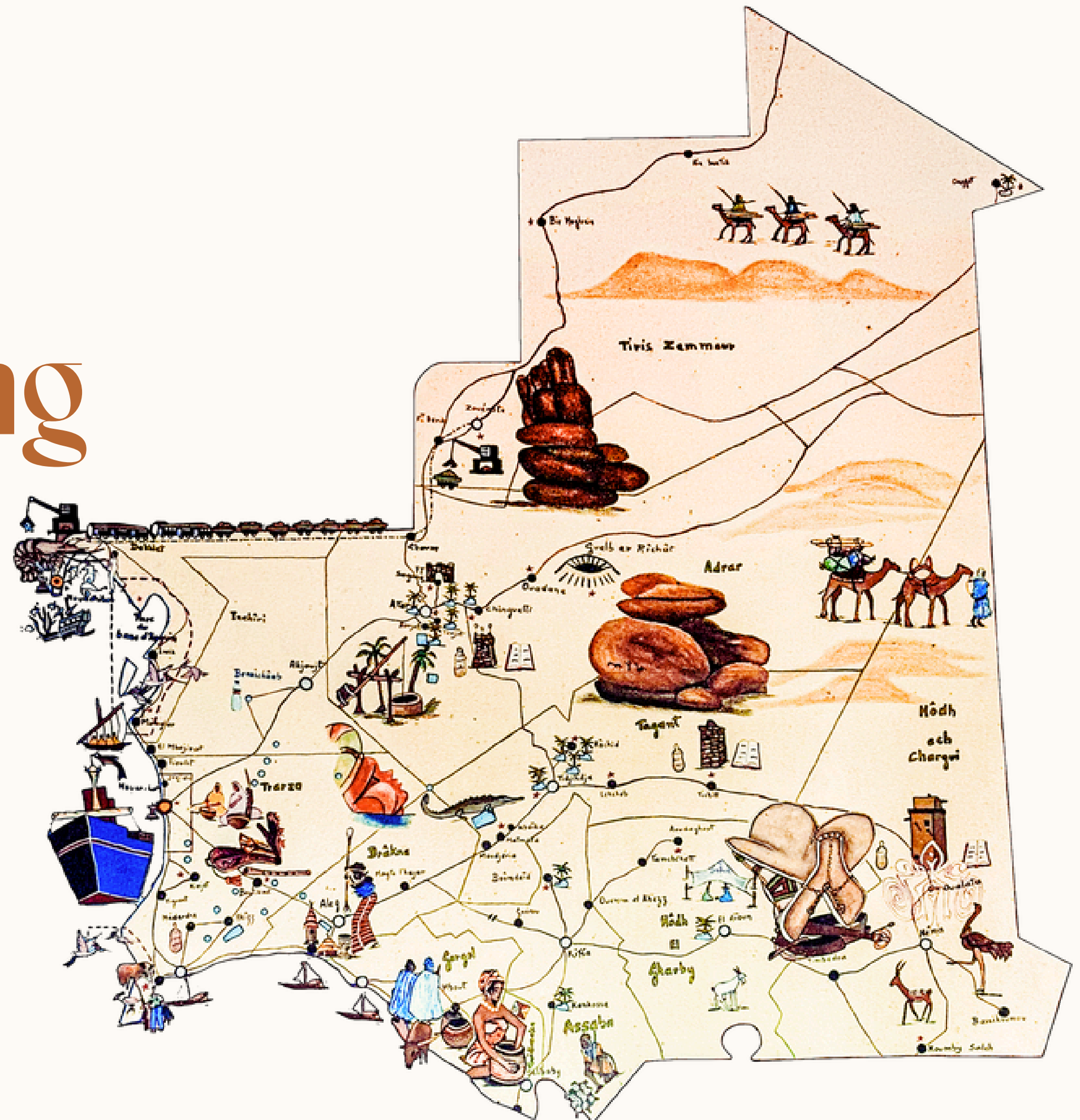
Mauritania Rising

Mauritania is a land of rich culture and timeless traditions. From ancient desert cities to vibrant nomadic life, it offers travelers an authentic experience that feels untouched by mass tourism. In 2026, with new hotels and travel options, Mauritania is opening up like never before — making it a true hidden gem for curious explorers.



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What's New / What's Next

Luxury Lodging Boom

Mauritania is getting its first high-end desert lodges and hotels, offering comfort.

Adventure Tourism Evolution

Riding the Iron Ore Train, camel treks, and dune trips make Mauritania one of the world's last true adventure destinations.

Improved Accessibility

New e-Visa and more flight options are making Mauritania much easier to visit.

Heritage & Culture Spotlight

Ancient towns like Chinguetti and Ouadane are being restored and opened up with more cultural events.

Natural Wonders & Conservation

From Banc d'Arguin's birdlife to Sahara oases, Mauritania's nature is getting more global attention.





Boutique hotels

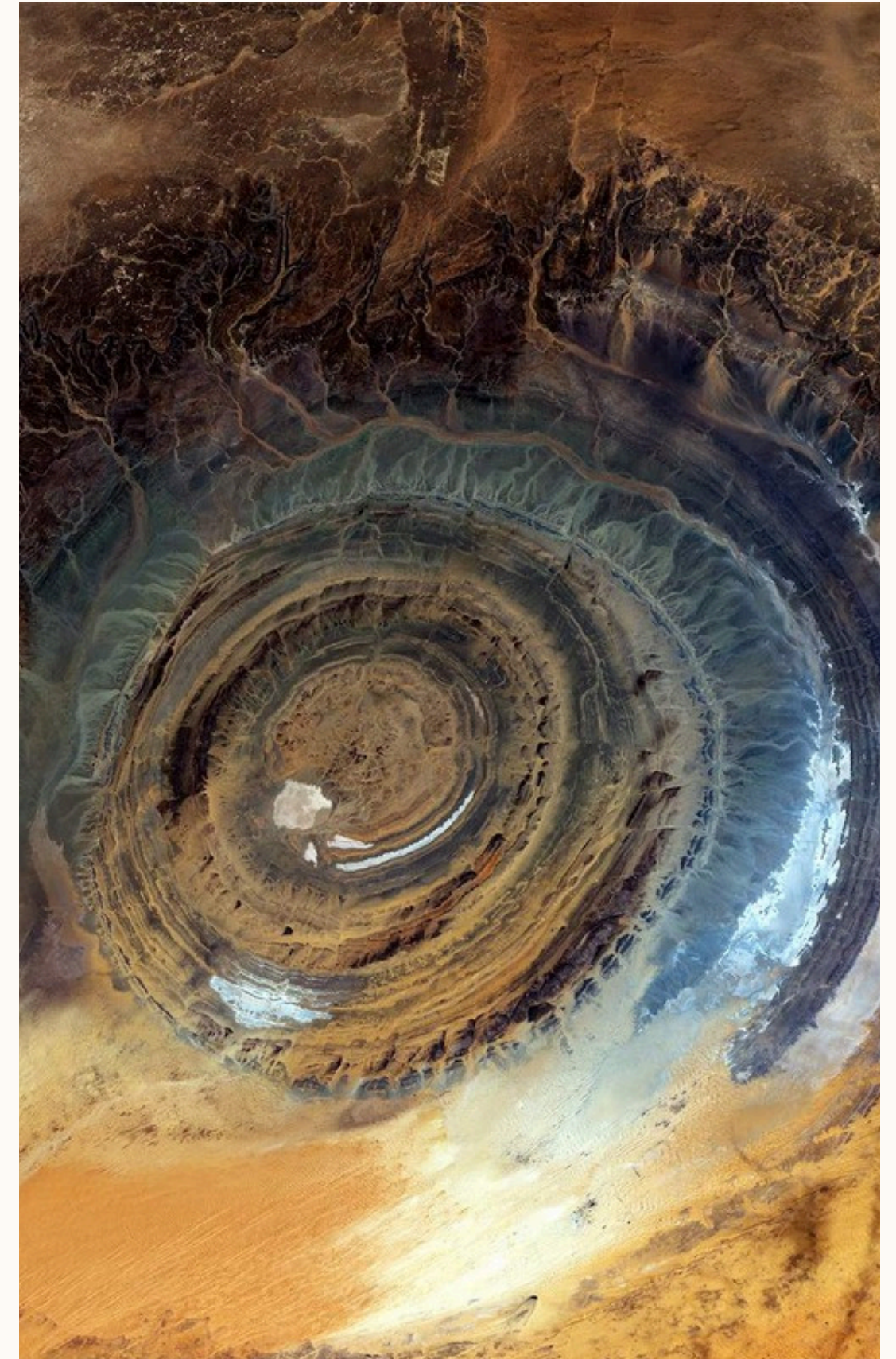
Global chains are moving in. Marriott's Africa expansion includes Mauritania; a Sheraton hotel in Nouakchott is slated to open in late 2025

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Cultural & nature attractions

Mauritania's heritage and wilderness are being packaged for travelers. New itineraries link World Heritage sites (the ancient Saharan ksour of Chinguetti, Ouadane, Tichitt, Oualata and Banc d'Arguin NP) with unique desert experiences.

Examples: sunrise camels in Adrar dunes, libraries of Chinguetti's old mosques; colonial-era miner towns; and coastal bird-watching on 700 km-long beaches. (Natural wonders like the Ben Amira rock monolith and the Richat "Eye" structure are also promoted on these routes



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Adventure tourism draws

Mauritania's Iron Ore Train itself is a bucket-list adventure – travelers can ride atop or inside the 2.5 km-long cargo train across the Sahara.

Expanding desert routes (now more comfortable thanks to rail improvements allow 4×4 safaris over vast Adrar dunes to sites like the Ben Amera monolith and the "Richat" (Eye of the Sahara).

Coastal adventures include the otherworldly ship graveyard at Nouadhibou and wildlife excursions in Banc d'Arguin's dunes (a UNESCO site famed for flamingos, pelicans and other migratory birds).

These experiences cater to both high-octane explorers and luxury nature tourism.

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Tourism milestones

Mauritania has been actively promoting itself on the world stage. At Spain's FITUR 2025 travel fair, the Mauritania delegation drew thousands of industry visitors – with meetings yielding new agreements with airlines, tour operators and investors



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