

Mount Toubkal Trek

8 Days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



Hike to the summit of Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa, on this wonderful trek through Morocco's rugged High Atlas Mountains. Combine enchanting Marrakech, with spectacular scenery, magnificent high passes, beautiful lakes and enchanting Berber villages, on this memorable 8 day trekking holiday.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Climbing to the summit of Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in Morocco and North Africa
- Taking in the incredible panoramic views from the summit across the High Atlas Mountains, Jebel Sahro and the magnificent Sahara Desert
- Trekking across the backbone of the High Atlas and over magnificent passes
- Trekking through a wonderful region of valleys and rocky peaks criss-crossing through picturesque Berber villages
- Camping beside cobalt-blue Lake Ifni in the spectacular High Atlas Mountains
- Exploring Marrakech and the UNESCO-listed Djemaa el Fna

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- 2 nights simple hotels, 1 night gite/hostel and 4 nights camping
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and 8
- A full service on the 5 day trek including food and all equipment (excluding personal equipment)
- Escorted by a English speaking local tour leader
- All land transport involved in the itinerary
- Half day Sightseeing tour of Marrakech with an English speaking guide
- Group size - Minimum: 6 Maximum: 12

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Marrakech



Upon arrival at Marrakech airport you'll be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore Marrakech. Perhaps head to Djemaa el Fna, the city's vibrant main square, wander around the souks and see the iconic Koutobia Mosque. Tonight you'll meet your tour leader and the rest of the group for dinner at the hotel. **Overnight - Marrakech (D)**

Day 2 : Trek over the Tiz N'Aaadi



Marrakech - Foussarou. This morning we bid farewell to Marrakech and drive into the foothills of the Atlas Mountains to Ouakaimeden, which is Morocco's most popular ski resort. Here we'll stop for a picnic lunch, admire the mountain views and meet our trek team. Then we begin our trek, setting off on a steady ascent to the top of the first pass, the Tiz N'Aaadi (2980m.). We stop to enjoy the views before trek downhill to our camp at Foussarou (2500m) which faces the Berber village of Tacheddirt. Tonight after

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we'll enjoy dinner before settling down for our first exciting night under canvas! **Overnight - Foussarou (camping)** (B, L, D)

Day 3 : Cross the Tizi-n-Likemt



Foussarou - Tizi-n-Ourai. After breakfast we begin our ascent (3 - 4 hrs) to the summit of the Tizi-n-Likemt Pass (3550m), passing multi coloured hillsides and rocky peaks en route, with the lush green valley below. It's a challenging trek to the top of pass but it's worth it for the wonderful panoramic views. After a break for photos we descend south to the grazing area of Azib Likemt (2550m), where we have lunch and can cool off our weary feet in the stream. After lunch we continue hiking through a narrow and rocky valley and camp on a high meadow beneath the Tizi-n-Ourai (3109m). **Overnight - Tizi-n-Ourai (camping)** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Lake Ifni in the Central Atlas



Tizi-n-Ourai - Lake Ifni. We begin the day with a short hike up to the Tizi-n-Ourai Pass where we can see the summit of Mount Toubkal, Morocco's highest mountain. We trek through several small villages down to the valley floor where we stop for lunch. This afternoon we climb steadily through a picturesque valley to reach Lake Ifni, after traversing high above the north side of the lake. We set up camp at the

western end of Lake Ifni which is the biggest lake in the central part of the Atlas. **Overnight - Lake Ifni (camping)** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Trek to Toubkal Basecamp



Lake Ifni - Toubkal Basecamp. Today we hike up to Toubkal Basecamp, climbing above the lake and following the upper valley of the Assif a Moursaine and on to the Tizi-n-Ouanoums, one of the most spectacular pass crossings in the Atlas. At an altitude of 3650m, this spectacular rocky pass is located between the two highest peaks in the Atlas - Toubkal and Ouanoukrim. From the top of the pass we hike down into the upper part of the valley of the Mizan River and arrive at the Neltner Refuge, aka Toubkal Basecamp. The refuge is always a hive of activity with trekkers using it as a base before they set off to the summit of Toubkal. We set up camp here and prepare for tomorrow's hike to the summit. **Overnight - Toubkal Basecamp (camping)** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Toubkal Summit Day



Toubkal Basecamp - Ait Souka. Today we climb to the summit of Mt Toubkal (4167m), North Africa's highest peak! After an early breakfast, we set off on a steep ascent, winding our way eastwards, above basecamp across rugged paths and boulders. Next we pass between two peaks to reach a high basin and continue upwards to reach a ridge-

line where the views are superb. After we climbed for 3 to 4 hours, we reach the summit of Toubkal! There will be plenty of time to take those all important summit photos and enjoy the breathtaking views of the High Atlas peaks, with the Anti Atlas to the north-east and the Sahara visible to the south.

The descent to the hut takes approximately 2 hrs, and we arrive just in time for lunch. In the afternoon we walk back down to our overnight accommodation in the village Ait Souka where we stay in a welcoming gite. **Overnight - Ait Souka** (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Drive to Marrakech



Ait Souka - Marrakech. It's just a short walk down to Imllil this morning, where we meet our transport and drive back to Marrakech. This afternoon we'll enjoy a brief sightseeing tour of the city with a local guide. Early this evening we will check out Djemaa-el-Fna, the legendary main square full of acrobats, snake charmers, juice sellers and various al fresco restaurants. We have our final dinner tonight in a local restaurant to round off our Moroccan adventure. **Overnight - Marrakech** (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Marrakech



Arrangements end after breakfast today and there is a complimentary transfer to the airport. (B)

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PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room/tent. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who would like their own room/tent and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. Please note that single rooms are not available for the night in Ait Souka where we stay in dormitories. No Compulsory Single Supplement - If you are happy to share a room/ tent with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Please DO NOT book flights until we have contacted you to confirm your booking and informed you that the tour is guaranteed to run.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
25 May	USD 675	USD 855
08 Jun	USD 675	USD 855
22 Jun	USD 675	USD 855
10 Aug	USD 675	USD 855
07 Sep	USD 675	USD 855
21 Sep	USD 675	USD 855

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
23 May	USD 675	USD 855
06 Jun	USD 675	USD 855
20 Jun	USD 675	USD 855
08 Aug	USD 675	USD 855
05 Sep	USD 675	USD 855
19 Sep	USD 675	USD 855

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