



#### We like...

- A great trek in the Moroccan Atlas Mountains
- Trekking to the summit of highest peak in North Africa
- Travelling through the Sahara Desert on camel back and sleep under the stars at our desert camp
- Wondering through the Kasbahs of ancient cities and explore the magical Marrakech
- Visiting an ancient fortified city where numerous Hollywood movies where filmed

### Trip Facts Rating

Maximum elevation: 4,167 m / 13,671ft Steepness ▲△△△

Location: Morocco – Atlas Mountains Fitness 🔺 🛦 🛆

Climbing season: Spring, autumn

Duration: 11 days

Group Size: 1 - 10 people

Type of Trek: Rock – Snow



### **Price**

€1,200 • Deposit: 30% at booking

Per Person • Balance: 70% one month before the departure date

Included	Excluded
<ul> <li>All arrival and departure transfer services to and from airport</li> <li>Transport between cities during the trek</li> <li>Transport of up to 1 duffle bag of a maximum total weight of 20 kgs during the trek</li> <li>Accommodation at good quality guesthouses (bed &amp; breakfast) on a double basis (single option at extra cost) – six nights</li> <li>Accommodation in refuge / tents during the climb (two nights)</li> <li>Accommodation in nomads' tent during Sahara Desert trip (one night)</li> <li>Mule to carry the luggage</li> <li>Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) except while in Marrakech</li> <li>All fees required by the local regulations</li> <li>Licensed experienced local trekking guide speaking good English</li> <li>First aid medical kit</li> <li>Sleeping mat</li> <li>Camel ride</li> <li>Trekking Certificate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tips for trekking guides and staff (between 10% and 15% of the cost of the trip)</li> <li>Dinner, lunch during stay in Marrakech</li> <li>Extras in hotels (bar bills, laundry, additional nights)</li> <li>Internet access during the trek</li> <li>Personal trekking equipment (see gear list)</li> <li>Personal medical, travel &amp; evacuation insurance (mandatory)</li> <li>International airfare</li> </ul>



### **Trek Itinerary**

Day	Program
1	Arrival to Marrakech Airport
	Airport pick-up and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Hotel (0466 m / 1,528 ft)
2	Marrakech – Oughald – Ousertik (B, L, D)
	We depart our hotel early and travel (1.25hours) to Imi Ouglad village (1,300m / 4,265m). Here you will meet your mule and muleteer.
	The first day we will walk to Tizi L'bour (1,500m / 4,921ft) and then onto Imsker village (1,300m / 4,265ft). From here we will walk up to Ousertik valley where we will spend the night in a local village Gite (2,200m / 7,217ft)
3	Gliz – Oukaimeden – Tizi 'n Addi - Tacheddirt, (B, L, D)
	After breakfast, we will walk from Gliz village to Oukaimeden (premiere ski resort 2,500m / 8,202ft). We move higher on to Tizi 'n Addi (3,000m / 9,842ft). We will spend the night in the highest village in the Atlas mountains (2,300m / 7,545ft)
4	Tacheddirt – Tizi n Tamatert – Imlil (B, L, D)
	Today involves a crossing of the famous Imnane valley. One of the ost famous valleys in the Toubkal massive. We will head up the valley towards Tizi n Tamatert (2,300m / 7,545ft), before descending down to Imlil (1,780m / 5,840ft). Overnight in Imlil
5	Imlil – Sidi Chamharoush – Toubkal Refuge (B, L, D)
	After breakfast we begin our trek, heading along the Mizane valley towards the village of Aremd. Built on a moraine spur overlooking the valley floor, Aremd is the largest village in the valley and provides an interesting mix of traditional terraced farming and gites. Continuing east and crossing the flood plain our route takes us along mule tracks and up into the high rocky cliffs above the valley. Crossing the river, we eventually come to the pastoral shrine of Sidi Chamarouch. From here the trail continues to climb steadily, snaking and zigzagging its way to the Toubkal Refuge (3,206m / 10,518ft) where we spend the night.
6	Toubkal Refuge – Toubkal Summit – Imlil (B, L, D)
	Up early for the climb the highest peak in north Africa, Mt Toubkal (4,167m / 13,671ft). Our route takes us up the south cirque. The walking is relatively straightforward, but the scree and altitude will make the going difficult in parts. However, the views along the way make the journey more than worthwhile. Cresting the ridge line, we find ourselves on the plateau, from where it is a short walk to the summit. There are wonderful views over the Atlas Range and the Sahara Desert. Retracing our steps, we make our way down past the refuge and the well-worn path back to Imlil. This is a fairly



	long day with 8-9 hours of trekking, involving 900m / 2,952ft up then almost 2,500m / 8,202ft back down to Imlil for the night.
7	Imlil – Dades Gorge via Ait Benhaddou Kasbah (B, L, D)
	We depart Imlil early and head out over the Atlas Mountains, enjoying the magnificent views of the surrounding countryside below and we visit the Kasbah (fortified dwellings that house families and their livestock) of Ait Benhaddou. This is an ancient fortified city containing countless kasbahs and has been the subject of numerous Hollywood movies (The Mummy, Gladiator, Alexander, Lawrence of Arabia). After our lunch, we drive further to the valley of Roses. We will also visit the Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou before continuing along the route of the Dades valley until we reach our guesthouse where we will stay for the night. The guesthouse has private ensuite rooms and an evening meal and breakfast are included.
8	Dades Gorges – Erg Chebbi via Todghra Gorges (B, L, D)
	Breakfast at the hotel, then we continue our journey along the Dades valley visiting the Todra Gorge before making our way to the dunes of Erg Chebbi. Here we meet our camels who will take us for a camel ride into the dunes to our Desert camp. The camel trek will be prior to sunset, so that you may enjoy the sun setting over the landscape from the top of the dunes. Once we arrive at desert camp, we are greeted with a cup of delicious hot minty tea and spend the evening under the stars, on the dunes and beside the warmth of the fireside. We enjoy a locally cooked meal of tangine or couscous (vegetarians are catered for with vegetable tangine), and have a drum party. The camp has toilet facilities. Those that wish to can sleep directly under the stars, but there are bivouacs for everyone.
9	Auberge – Marrakech (B, L)
	Wake up early, just prior to the most beautiful sunrise. We will have breakfast at the camp site before riding our camels back to Auberge. Then we begin our long journey through the stony desert and over the Atlas mountains back to Marrakech via Tichka pass. There are plenty of stops for photos and exploring as we return to Marrakech. The usual arrival time is between 17:00hrs and 18:00hrs.
10	Visit of Marrakech (B)
	Guided visit of Marrakech. Night at the Riad hotel.
11	Transfer to Airport (B)

The itinerary is indicative and is subject to changes according to weather and mountain conditions as well as other circumstances that the trekking guide will deem necessary for the safety and / or success of the expedition.

B: Breakfast included, L: Lunch included, D: Dinner included



#### **Accommodation & Food**

- Ensuite in all guesthouses (Gites)
- Rooms in guesthouses are twin rooms (2 single beds)
- Tents are for two people both during the trek and in the Sahara.
- Breakfast is continental with bread, jam, olives, cheese, cornflakes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and orange juice
- Lunch will be salad and traditional Tagine with meat or chicken, ball meat and Couscous, Tuna, Lentils, Desert
- Dinner is similar to lunch as above
- Vegetarian option is available
- Snacks such as biscuits and popcorn will be provided

#### **Notes**

- Bring all luggage with you from Marrakech for duration of trip
- Best travel bag is a duffle bag
- 25-30L rucksack is recommended for trekking during the day

### **Gallery**

















