

# Mount Toubkal Trek

Morocco, summit Mount Toubkal in the Atlas Mountains



Ultimate Challenges

T: 020 3642 9830  
events@theultimatetravelcompany.co.uk  
www.ultimatechallenges.co.uk

# Mount Toubkal Trek

Trek to the summit of North Africa's highest peak, standing at 4,167m

In and around the foothills of Toubkal are numerous villages that have remained largely unaffected by the changes that have taken place in Morocco's lowland country and cities in the past few decades. With their traditional architecture intact, these villages cling to the side of mountains, seemingly carved into the rock in layers of terraces that appear to defy gravity. It is through this glorious unchanged panorama that we trek to the summit of Toubkal, or as it is locally known Adrar'n'dem – Mountain of Mountains.

The first European ascent of Toubkal was made in 1923, until which time the High Atlas had been hardly penetrated by western climbers – they were largely unmapped and the indigenous Berber people violently repelled all attempts to open up 'their' mountains. Luckily your reception will be somewhat more peaceful and welcoming!



# Detailed itinerary

## **Sunday: Depart London to Marrakech**

Depart London to Marrakech. On arrival we will meet our guides and be transferred to our hotel in Marrakech. Briefing tonight about the challenge ahead.

## **Monday: Marrakech to Azib n'Tamsoult (5 hours trekking)**

In the morning we will be met by our guides and transferred south to Imlil where our trek starts at 1740m. We will cross the village of Imlil then we head west to climb the Tizi-n-Mezzik. On the top of the pass at 2450m we will have our first flavour of the amazing views of the Atlas Mountains. After a rewarding picnic lunch we begin another climb, this time towards our first camp at Azib n'Tamsoult.

## **Tuesday: Azib n'Tamsoult to Mount Toubkal Base Camp (6-7hrs trekking)**

Today involves a fairly steep climb out of the Azzaden Valley to the Toubkal refuge over the Aguelzim mountain pass at 3,600m. Lunch will be taken with spectacular views over the Atlas Mountain range. We will then continue to our camp below the Toubkal Hut (3,200m) where Base Camp will be established in preparation for the climb to the summit the following day.

## **Wednesday: Mount Toubkal Ascent (9-11hrs trekking)**

This morning we have an early start as we head towards the summit of Toubkal (4,167m) to enjoy the superb panoramic views before the heat increases. The trekking becomes steeper and more rugged as we climb higher, the views become ever more stunning. We return to Base Camp by the same route and stay here for a second night.

## **Thursday: Toubkal Base Camp - Marrakech (4-5hrs trekking)**

We retrace our steps and follow the same route down the mountain to Imlil. From here we will transfer back to Marrakech. Once we have checked into our rooms we will have time to explore the vibrant souks in the Medina (old town) and do a spot of shopping. Overnight in hotel.

## **Friday: Free day Marrakech**

This morning we will enjoy a tour of the famous Majorelle Gardens, a two and half acre botanical garden and artist's landscape in Marrakech. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy Marrakech. Celebration dinner tonight.

## **Saturday: Free day Marrakech**

## **Sunday: Marrakech to London**

We will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the airport for our flight back to London.

*© Ultimate Challenges Itinerary complex and subject to change*

### **Grade**

Moderate to Tough

### **Best time of year**

June to October

