

Mount Toubkal Trek

Morocco, summit Mount Toubkal in the Atlas Mountains



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Trek to the summit of North Africa's highest peak, standing at 4167m

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 on our way 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!

Once you have conquered Mt Toubkal, you will trek to the remote village of Tizi Oussem, where you will spend a full day working on a community project in the local village school.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London to Marrakech

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Day 2: Marrakech – Mount Toubkal Base Camp (6- 8hrs trekking)

After an early breakfast and our trek briefing, we transfer to Imlil (1650m) our start point of the trek. Here we will meet our muleteers and support crew and begin our trek. The trek climbs quickly to the village of Aremd (1900m), and then follows the course of the Assif and Tafklast River through numerous small hamlets towards the sanctuary of Sidi Chamarouch (2310m). From Sidi Chamarouch, there is a further 1000 metres of steepening ascent before you reach the Toubkal Hut (3200m) where base camp will be established in preparation for the climb to the summit the following day.

Day 3: Mount Toubkal Ascent (9-11hrs trekking)

This morning we have an early start as we head towards the summit of Toubkal (4167m) 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.

Day 4: Toubkal Base Camp - Tizi Oussems (6-7 hrs trekking)

After breaking camp, we will climb the Tizi Aguelzim 3650m from where we can enjoy the last view of the Mount Toubkal. We will then start a long descent towards Azib n'Tamssoult for lunch. The rest of the day is mainly easy downhill towards our camp below the village of Tizi Oussems.

Day 5: Tizi Oussems

After breakfast at camp we head into the village school and participate in a community project (painting the school classrooms). After a days hard work, we have dinner in the village. Overnight camp.



Detailed itinerary cont.

Day 6: Tizi - Oussem Marrakech

We say our farewells to the children and villagers and start our climb over Tizi Mzik (2450m), before slowly making our descent to reach of finish line at Imlil, where our Berber adventure ends. From here its approx 1h30hr transfer back to Marrakech and our hotel in town. Tonight we celebrate our achievements with a traditional Moroccan dinner in the famous Medina. Overnight at 3* Hotel.

Day 7: Marrakech to London

Free time in Marrakech. Late afternoon transfer to the airport for flight back to London.

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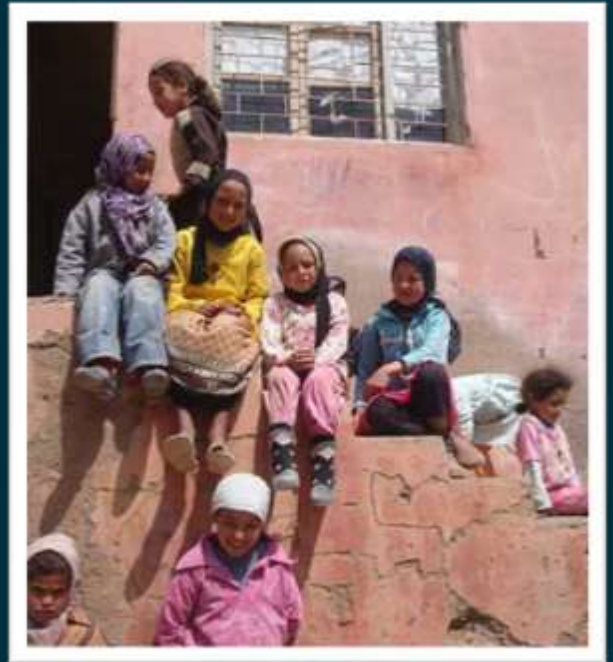
Itinerary complex and subject to change

Grade

Moderate to Tough

Best time of year

June to October



Breakdown – Mount Toubkal Trek with school project

What is included

- International return flights from London
- Internal road transfers
- All food
- Celebratory dinner in Marrakech
- Shared twin accommodation in hotels or tents
- Drinking water on challenge
- UK Doctor/leader
- Local leaders and support staff

What is not included

- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for local staff
- Personal expenses
- School project donation, paints or equipment