

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!



Detailed itinerary

6 September: Depart London to Marrakech

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7 September: Marrakech to 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.

8 September: 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.

9 September: Toubkal Base Camp to Marrakech (4-5 hrs 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 before our gala dinner. Overnight in hotel.

10 September: Marrakech to London

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

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Itinerary complex and subject to change*

Grade

Moderate to Tough

Best time of year

June to October

