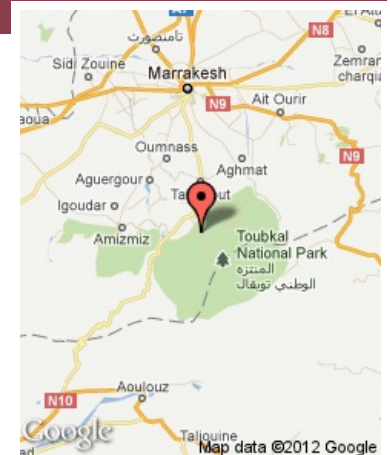


Climb Mount Toubkal



Highlights

Climb Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in Northern Africa on a stunning three day route via the Azzaden Valley. **NOTE: This trek is not available from November through to the end of April when the Aguelzim pass becomes impassable. (Please see our advice on [trekking in the Atlas Mountains in winter](#) for the treks and Toubkal climbs that we do offer from November-April)**

Mount Toubkal is the second highest peak in Africa and the highest in North Africa. At an altitude of 4,167m and surrounded by towering sister peaks, climbing **Toubkal** is a fantastically rewarding challenge. Outside the winter months the ascent of Toubkal isn't technical so as long as you are reasonably fit you stand a decent chance of making it to the top. Located just a short distance from Marrakech, Toubkal can be climbed easily on a two day trip from the bustling City.

Trek out of the busy Imilil Valley into the peace of the Azzaden Valley, where any traffic jams are usually of the four-legged mountain goat variety. It is a picturesque valley with lush river banks. You'll pass by the waterfalls at Ighouliden and on the next day tackle a steep climb up the scree to the Aguelzim Mountain pass at 3,560m which offers stunning views over the Atlas Range. The big draw is then of course tackling Toubkal (4,165m) itself, expect an early start and sunrise over the Mountains and Sahara Desert!

If you would like us to arrange your entire stay in Morocco, including airport transfers, a night in a local Berber guest house in Imilil and 2 nights staying in a boutique riad after your trek, please select the Trek & Accommodation Package in the drop down box at the bottom of this page.

Is it for me?

This is one of our favourite short treks in the Atlas Mountains, but it isn't just about climbing Toubkal. The Azzaden Valley is stunning and the pass at Aguelzim is an incredibly rewarding challenge. It is a fairly demanding trek, with two primary steep climbs, up the scree slope to Aguelzim Pass and of course from the Toubkal refuge up to the peak. Toubkal is a strenuous climb, and you will need to be fit, it is though a moderate trek rather than a technical climb so you needn't be a hardened mountaineer.

The accommodation is basic, camping or dorm rooms in mountain huts, so don't come expecting luxury!

Accommodation

On trek, you will be staying at two mountain huts, Lipeney and Toubkal. Both are simple trekkers hostels offering dorm rooms and camping with communal facilities. Where possible we try to camp. Food-wise, the services of a cook are included in the price of this tour so all your meals will be rustled up for you. Expect hearty quantities of excellent food, with Moroccan salads and delicious tagines rustled up for you by your chef.

Our Atlas treks include all meals. Your cook will prepare traditional simple Moroccan meals. Lunch usually consists of a large salad, bread and a tagine followed by fruit (taken at a picturesque picnic spot), dinner usually consists of soup, tagine and bread. Breakfast is a simple spread of fresh bread and jams. Without exception, copious amounts of mint tea are served throughout the day both at meal-times and during the trek. Salad and fruit is washed in sterilised water and bottled drinking water is available to buy throughout the treks.

To keep the cost of your trek down to a minimum, we use local grand

Prices from

208 GBP (3 days) per person

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taxis for your transfers between Marrakech and Imlil. These taxis are Mercedes and licensed by the Government. It is sensible to take note of the taxi license number so that if you forget any of your belongings in the taxi, or you are not happy with the driving, then your driver will be traceable. When being met at the airport, your driver will be holding a Tourdust sign. When being met at the riad, the driver will meet you at your riad and walk you to the taxi. Because cars are restricted in the medina in the afternoons and evenings, on your return journey back to your Marrakech accommodation you should

call ahead to your riad to ask them to send someone to meet you, as your driver will not be able to walk you to the riad.

Boutique Marrakech Package

Treat yourself to a stay in a stylish, boutique riad in Marrakech and let us take care of your entire trip to Morocco. The optional package adds return airport transfers, a night before your trek in a simple Imlil guesthouse and then two nights after the trek in a boutique Marrakech Riad.

Your first night will be in a family run guest house in the pretty mountain town of Imlil. The guest house has a roof terrace with lovely views and a small communal area downstairs for colder nights. Rooms are simple, but clean with en-suite facilities. Dinner is included in your stay. Here are some pictures of the guest house:



After your trek, you'll stay two nights in a boutique riad in the heart of Marrakech's ancient medina.

Marrakech's medina is chock a block full of riads - traditional buildings built around a courtyard which have been converted into boutique accommodation. Located mostly in the winding derbs that branch off from the small market streets, these hidden oases provide a calm antidote to the lively souks. Don't be misled by their less than salubrious exteriors, riads tend to be upmarket, often luxurious affairs.

Staying in one of four riads, all owned and renovated by a British couple, you can expect stylish and elegant accommodation, a welcome oasis to the hustle and bustle of the medina. Your riad will have a maximum of six bedrooms, all of which have their own unique and individual style. All rooms are ensuite with air conditioning with thoughtful features such as an i-pod docking station. In addition, all rooms have a safe and wifi. The rooms all look out onto the central courtyard and there are several communal areas including a lovely roof terrace decked out with sun loungers and a lounge with an open fire, tv and a honesty box bar. In the courtyard you will find a small plunge pool where you can soak your hot and weary feet after pounding the souks all day. No children under the age of 12 are permitted to stay at the riads, guaranteeing a calm and relaxing experience.



Breakfast is included in your stay and can be taken in the courtyard or on the roof terrace. Your breakfast consists of pastries, breads, jams, fresh juice and your choice of tea or coffee. The offering each day is different and it is all beautifully presented.

Dinner can be arranged at your riad. This needs to be booked in advance, as all meals are prepared daily. The three course meal will be enjoyed by candlelight either on the roof terrace or on the patio and is prepared using the freshest in-season products.

Itinerary

Please note itineraries are provided for guidance only and are subject to change if the weather or other factors change.

THREE DAY SUMMER TOUBKAL TREK VIA THE AZZADEN VALLEY

The perfect Toubkal trek - this avoids the crowds on the main path from Imlil to Toubkal by trekking up through the beautiful Azzaden Valley and then over a dramatic pass to the Toubkal Refuge - the perfect approach.

Day 1: After your transfer from Marrakech to Imlil (1,780m), you will set off on a 6 hour trek out of the Imlil Valley and into the Azzadene Valley. Along the way you will pass Tizi N'Mzik at 2,450m, the refuge at Azib n'Tansoult and the Ighouliden waterfalls. Overnight in the Lipeney mountain refuge at 3,000m

Day 2: Today involves a fairly stiff climb out of the Azzadene Valley to the Toubkal Refuge over the Aguelzim Mountain pass at 3,560m. Lunch will be taken with spectacular views over the Atlas Mountain Range. Overnight in the Toubkal Refuge (Niltner Hut) where you'll likely be sharing a bunk room with other trekkers tackling Toubkal early the next morning

Day 3: Up early for the climb up Toubkal (4,167m) from where, clouds allowing, you'll have wonderful views over the Atlas Range and the Sahara Desert then a long way back 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 up then almost 2,500m back down to Imlil! You will normally be dropped off at around 5.00pm in Marrakech.

TREK & BOUTIQUE MARRAKECH PACKAGE

Day 1: Arrival

You will be picked up by a local taxi from Marrakech airport and transferred to the small town of Imlil in the Atlas Mountains. You will be staying in a family run guest house and will enjoy a traditional Moroccan dinner on the roof terrace (weather permitting)

Day 2: Imlil - Lipeney Hut

You will set off on a 6 hour trek out of the Imlil Valley and into the Azzadene Valley. Along the way you will pass Tizi N'Mzik at 2,450m, the refuge at Azib n'Tansoult and the Ighouliden waterfalls. Overnight in the Lipeney mountain refuge at 3,000m

Day 3: Lipeney Hut - Toubkal Refuge Today involves a fairly stiff climb out of the Azzadene Valley to the Toubkal Refuge over the Aguelzim Mountain pass at 3,560m. Lunch will be taken with spectacular views over the Atlas Mountain Range. Overnight in the Toubkal Refuge (Niltner Hut) where you'll likely be sharing a bunk room with other trekkers tackling Toubkal early the next morning

Day 4: Ascent of Toubkal Up early for the climb up Toubkal (4,167m) from where, clouds allowing, you'll have wonderful views over the Atlas Range and the Sahara Desert then a long way back 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 up then almost 2,500m back down to Imlil! You will normally be dropped off at your riad around 5.00pm in Marrakech.

Day 5: Marrakech

A day at leisure to explore the sites and souks of Marrakech. You can see [here](#) for ideas of what to do and see.

Day 6: Departure

You will be transported back to the airport in time to catch your flight home.

Details

Getting there

Flying from the UK... Marrakech has an international airport (RAK) which is serviced by several airlines flying direct from the UK. The airport is about six kilometres outside the city centre and you can catch a taxi into the medina, or arrange a transfer through your riad.

From the South East:

Gatwick: Easy Jet, British Airways and Thomson

Heathrow: Bmi

Luton: Ryanair

Stansted: Ryanair

From the Midlands:

East Midlands: Ryanair

From the North:

Manchester: Easy jet and Thomson both have several departures a week.

From within Morocco.... If you are planning on visiting Fes before or after your trip, there is an excellent train service linking the two cities. Your tour guide can help you buy tickets at the station.

If you are planning to visit Essaouira, there are regular buses between the two cities - it takes about three hours and costs around £10

Joining Instructions... You will be picked up by local taxi from your hotel in Marrakech at 9.00am on the morning of your departure. If your flight arrives in Marrakech around 9.00 you can be picked up from the airport instead. Please remember to let us know where you are staying so that we can confirm these instructions. The tour normally finishes on the last day at around 5.00pm with a drop off in Marrakech. Pick up and drop off times can be adapted to meet incoming / outgoing flights.

Price includes

Price is per person and includes transfers to and from Marrakech, tour guide, cook, all meals, mules to carry your bags and accommodation in a Berber village or camping. There is a minimum group size of two people, if there is only one person on the trek, then a single supplement will of 153 Euros will be charged.

When is best

The best time to climb Toubkal is during the late spring (May onwards, when the snow has melted) and autumn (Sep - October). Having said that climbing is perfectly possible in the height of summer, but with the heat, most of the trekking will be done in the mornings!

Comfort level

Down to earth (hostels, camping, huts)

Experience required

A reasonable level of fitness and interest is all that is needed

Travellers should bring

You will be sent a full kit list, along with all of your pre-departure information, once we have received your booking.

Reviews (9)

Reviews of this experience

“ My partner Luke and I enjoyed the trek immensely. Both Mohammed the guide and Mohammed the muleteer/cook were warm, hospitable, knowledgeable and helpful. Both were very well equipped to guide us through the 3 days. The food was nourishing and delicious! I looked forward to every meal! During the summit climb, there was still ice on the mountain and unfortunately I had forgotten my gloves....Mohammed was so kind as to lend me his gloves for as long as I required them. The taxi transfers were fluid and we experienced no problems at all with the timings. I would highly recommend this trek to anyone looking for a bit of challenge at a good pace. ”

Angela Santos reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ The trip was better than we could have hoped for. Dan & I are UK Mountain Leaders, so we weren't sure how necessary a guide was. The answer was very. Abdul was knowledgeable about geology, plants and animals, but the discussions we had about middle eastern politics and religion were the most revealing. We could have done this trip on our own and spent a little less money, but the company and the food (amazing - not a ration pack or supernoodle in sight) made us glad that we had chosen to book through Tourdust. ”

Chris Billington reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ A tough but rewarding challenge with spectacular views of the Atlas Mountains with its many waterfalls and lush green valleys. Make sure you wear good walking boots for this hike, and carry poles for the descent from the peak. ”

Laura Page reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ I had a great experience and would rate it 5/5. The whole trip went very smoothly and I really enjoyed the trek and my guide and muleteer Hassan and Rasheed. The conditions were still quite bad on the mountain because of the late winter but I always felt safe. It was also great to meet lots of people from different backgrounds and nationalities at the refuge. ”

DanDelaney reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ Overall we had a fantastic time doing the Mt Toubkal trek. The climb is casual (no climbing

gear/ropes required) however it is not for the light hearted. It was fairly heavy going, very long uphill walks for 4-5 hours on loose rocks and snow. If you aren't used to trekking then you may find this difficult. Altitude sickness is a definite possibility and sore legs are almost guaranteed. The accommodation is very basic and not very pleasant (cold water, dirty, too many people in each room so no sleep at all). The ascent to the summit is tough, very steep, and difficult in the snow. The reward is amazing views, the summit of Jebel Toubkal was excellent and we had an overwhelming feeling of satisfaction and achievement. Our guide was very experienced, helpful and we would recommend him to anyone. ”

Darren Isbell reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ Clare and I had a fantastic break in morocco. The trek was a real highlight. ”

Andrew Larter reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ The experience was very enjoyable. The climb was tough, but worth it. The guide was very competent, albeit a little quiet. Fantastic experience, great views, well worth the trek to the top. ”

matrekker reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ Yes I would highly recommend for those with a hardy sense of adventure - Toubkal climb itself is a little more challenging than maybe is made clear, and I am an experienced walker. Hostel was very basic, which is fine as long as travellers are aware from the outset. Need to remind travellers to take passport numbers for hostel registration - add to kit list. Also, tips are appreciated by guides/taxi drivers at end - it is part of African culture.

I have to say that our mountain guide was fantastic. He was friendly and very knowledgeable. The food prepared for us was excellent and substantial. We were really well looked after all of the time. The taxi service to/from Marrakech was very efficient. The arrangements went exactly as planned from start to finish, so we had nothing to worry about, other than ensuring we kept going on the climb. Watching the sun rise across the Atlas mountains was breathtaking, an experience that will last with us for some time. ”

Pierre reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal

“ Mohamed is simply the best guide with whom I have walked in Morocco... (Conde Nast Traveller Magazine, Dec 2007) ”

CondeNastTraveller reviewing Climb Mount Toubkal