

TREKKING, MOUNTAINEERING, TOURISM

TOUBKAL & SÁHARA – 5 DAYS

Toubkal & Erg Chebbi: North Africa's highest
summit and night on dunes



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Five intense days between the majestic Mount Toubkal (4,167 m) and the Sahara Desert: adventure, Berber culture and contrasting landscapes, from green valleys to golden dunes under starry skies.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY,
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER



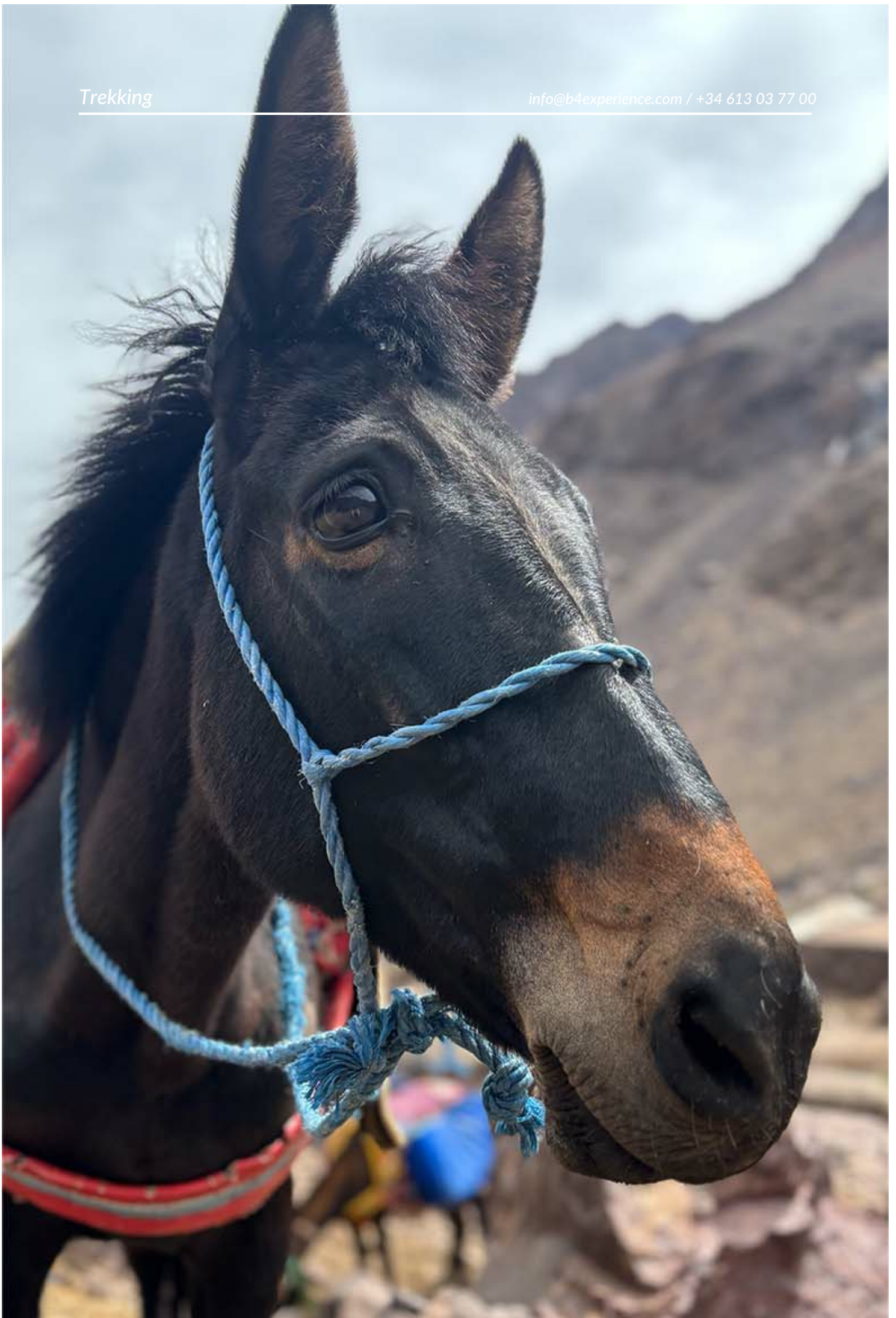
PRICE

From 500€ /person

Group discounts

Trekking

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Highlights

- TOUBKAL + SAHARA: SUMMIT OF THE ATLAS AND MERZOUGA DUNES
- TREK THROUGH MIZANE VALLEY TO THE TOUBKAL REFUGE
- SCENIC TIZI N'TICHKA PASS CROSSING AND VISIT TO AIT BENHADDOU
- CAMEL RIDE AND STARRY-NIGHT CAMP AT ERG CHEBBI DUNES

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
4	Standard	01 Sep 2025 - 31 Dec 2026	5	530€
2	Standard	01 Sep 2025 - 31 Dec 2026	5	590€

Travel only with your family or friends.

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Open groups

Share the experience with other travelers

Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
✕ No open group events available, only private groups					

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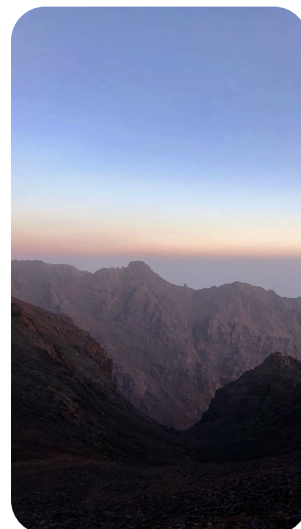


Included

- Pick-up and return to Marrakech in a private vehicle (minibus or 4x4)
- Local mountain guide during the trek + English-speaking guide-driver during the desert section
- Mule drivers and cook during the trek in the Atlas Mountains
- All meals during the trek (breakfast, lunch and dinner) + dinners and breakfasts during the desert section
- Accommodation: 1 night in a mountain refuge (winter) or tent (summer), 1 night in a hotel in the Dades Valley and 1 night in a Berber camp in the desert.
- Camel ride to the camp in Erg Chebbi.

Not Included

- International flights (we can arrange them)
- Travel, cancellation or rescue insurance (we can arrange them)
- Sleeping bag (you can rent it onsite)
- Crampons and ice axe (in winter)
- Meals not specified (lunches on desert days)
- Drinks
- Tips for guides, drivers and mule drivers
- Anything not included in the 'INCLUDED' section



Itinerary

DAY 1: MARRAKECH – IMLIL – TOUBKAL REFUGE

Pick-up at your hotel in Marrakech. After a transfer to the small village of Imlil, we begin the trek. We walk through the Mizane Valley, passing first through the village of Aremd and then the sanctuary of Sidi Chamarouch. We continue eastward, crossing floodplains, and follow mule tracks that ascend to the rocky cliffs above the valley. After crossing the river, we arrive at the sanctuary of Sidi Chamarouch, a stopping point for both tourists and pilgrims. From here, the trail continues to climb steadily, zigzagging until it reaches the snow line and the Toubkal Refuge (3,206 m), where we will spend the night.

Accommodation: Mountain hut. Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 2: TOUBKAL SUMMIT (4,167 m) AND DESCENT TO IMLIL

Early in the morning, we begin the ascent to Jebel Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa. The route follows the southern cirque, crossing the stream just above the refuge. Although the route does not present any technical difficulties, the gravel slope and altitude make the effort considerable. Along the way, the views are spectacular. From the summit, you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views in all directions: the Marrakech plain to the north, the High Atlas, the Anti-Atlas and, to the south, the Sahara Desert. After reaching the summit, we descend along the same path back to Imlil, where we spend the night in a guesthouse.

Accommodation: Guesthouse Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 3: IMLIL – TIZI N'TICHKA – AIT BENHADDOU – DADES VALLEY

After breakfast, we leave Imlil and cross the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass in the High Atlas. We pass through numerous Berber villages, and once in the desert area, we will see oases next to rivers and arid hills dotted with ancient kasbahs. After lunch, we continue towards the Valley of Roses, with beautiful views of the Dades Valley, known as the 'valley of a thousand kasbahs'. En route, there is the option to visit the kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

DAY 4: DADES – TODRA GORGES – MERZOUGA (ERG CHEBBI)

We have breakfast and head to the Todra Gorge, where we make a brief stop to explore the canyon. Then we continue on to the Erg Chebbi dunes in Merzouga. We arrive around 4 p.m., and after a short rest, we ride camels into the dunes. We will spend the night in authentic Berber tents, enjoying a stunning sunset and a traditional dinner.

Accommodation: Camp in nomad tents in the desert

Meals: Breakfast and dinner.

DAY 5: DESERT – RETURN TO MARRAKECH

We wake up early to watch the sunrise over the dunes. After breakfast at the camp, we return by camel to the lodge. From there, we begin the long journey back to Marrakech, crossing the Tizi n'Tichka pass again.

Meals: breakfast.

OTHER PROGRAMMES: Toubkal & Sáhara – 6 days

We offer a similar itinerary with the added benefit of an extra day in the desert (Toubkal 2 days + Desert 4 days). You'll spend one night in the beautiful village of Ait Benhaddou and return to Marrakesh at a more relaxed pace.

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DAY 2: TOUBKAL SUMMIT (4,167 m) AND DESCENT TO IMLIL

DAY 3: IMLIL – TIZI N'TICHKA – DADES VALLEY

DAY 4: DADES – TODRA GORGES – MERZOUGA (ERG CHEBBI)

DAY 5: DESERT – AIT BENHADDOU

DAY 6: AIT BENHADDOU - MARRAKECH

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial deposit: to secure your place, an initial payment of 30% of the total cost of the trip is required at the time of booking.

Final payment: the remaining amount, equivalent to 70% of the total, must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

Extras: additional travel costs, such as insurance, flights or other optional services, must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation insurance: the customer may take out travel cancellation insurance in order to obtain a refund of the total amount paid (according to the terms and conditions).

The end user may cancel the trip they have booked and are entitled to a refund of the amounts paid, except for the penalties indicated, but must also pay the Agency the amounts indicated below once the trip has been confirmed. If the trip does not take place because the minimum number of places required has not been reached, the customer may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the booking.

Cancellation policy 3:

Full refund up to 24 hours after purchase.

Up to 60 days before the trip, 100% refund of the trip amount.

Up to 45 days before the trip, 50% refund of the trip amount.

For periods shorter than those described in the cancellation policy, the amount already paid will not be refunded.

*A €250 administration fee will be applied.

*No cancellation fees will be paid for reservations that have already been issued. If there are other non-refundable expenses that have already been issued, these will also not be paid and will be deducted from the amount to be paid.

*The cancellation fee for issued flights is 100% of the amount.

Packing List

Luggage

- Take a sturdy kit bag in which to store your spare clothing, sleeping bag and equipment. Make sure everything is wrapped in waterproof liners. This will be carried by a mule from Imlil to the mountain hut
- Take a 15 - 25L day pack in which to carry provisions for the day. Water and food, sunglasses, camera, jacket etc . Make sure your rucksack has a waterproof liner
- Sleeping bag, 3 or 4 season.

Feet

- Boots: a good pair of light weight summer walking shoes/boots.
- In Winter a good pair of hiking boots.
- Socks: take several pairs of standard walking socks and a spare pair of warm mountaineering socks to be kept in reserve for summit-day. A fresh, dry pair of socks are much warmer than a pair you've been wearing for a couple of days
- Blister plasters (Compede is best)
- Crampons and ice axe in Winter time (approx half November till beginning of May)

Legs

- A pair of good quality walking trousers, such as the Haglofs Rugged Mountain Pant will do the trick
- Shorts are not really acceptable for local religious and cultural reasons, trousers with zippered-vents will help keep you cool
- Waterproof over trousers
- Underwear, avoid cotton underwear as this get wet with sweat and chaff. Take two or three pairs made from wicking material

Body

- Base layer shirts x 2 (one of which should have long sleeves)
- Mid-layer fleece
- Heavy outer fleece jacket. Alternatively, it might be worth having a look at one of the one of the new Primaloft insulated jackets (such as a Rab Generator Jacket) as an alternative to a heavy weight fleece. They tend to be warmer and less bulky than the equivalent fleece jacket. They're windproof and water resistant too
- In summer, you will probably be warm enough

Hands

- A pair of woolen gloves for cooler days (Winter time)
- A pair of thermal gloves for summit day (Winter time)

Head

- Warm hat (Winter time)
- Sunglasses
- Sun hat

Other

- Head torch and spare batteries – useful for early starts and late finishes (and night time trips to the toilet)
- Sun protection (including for lips)
- Platypus type drinking system
- 2 season sleeping bag the huts can get cold, even in summer. In Winter 4 season sleeping bag.
- Wash-bag and toiletries: antibacterial hand wash (essential), toilet paper, a packet of travel fresh wipes/ baby wipes, soap, toothbrush/ tooth paste, sanitary towels. Don't forget to take ear plugs in case your hut partner snores!
- Towel
- First aid kit: antiseptic cream, blister plasters, headache tablets, Immodium, rehydration sachets, selection of plasters, throat pastilles
- Trekking poles (optional)
- Book
- Camera, batteries (make sure you take a spare fully charged battery)
- Spare laces
- Whistle
- Copy or picture of your travel insurance document
- Passport

Rental equipment list

Prices are per person / per day

- Sleeping bag : 5 Euros
- Walking poles : 3 Euros
- Boots : 5 Euros
- Jacket : 5 Euros
- Trouser : 5 Euros
- Head torch : 3 Euros

wearing a base-layer and a mid-weight fleece.
However, it is unwise to trek in the mountains
without being prepared for cold weather, take a thick
fleece too

- Gore-Tex Jacket

- Crampons : 5 Euros
- Ice axe : 3 Euros

FAQs

What is the technical and physical level of the tour?

To climb Toubkal, you must be able to tackle a 1,200 m elevation gain in one day. There are no technical sections, although crampons and, optionally, cross-country skis may be required in winter; the route is made more difficult by the altitude than by the terrain.

Is it mandatory to climb Toubkal with a guide?

Yes. Moroccan regulations require you to hire an accredited local guide, and there are checks at the base of the mountain to verify this, so you will not be able to access it independently.

When is the best time to climb it?

From May to October, the mountain is usually free of snow and temperatures are milder. In winter and much of spring, snow settles at 2,000 m, which means winter equipment and a more demanding experience.

How do I get from Marrakech to the start of the trek?

On day 1, you will be picked up at 8:00 a.m. at your riad/hotel in Marrakech. In 1 hour and 30 minutes by private vehicle, you will reach Imlil (1,780 m) to begin the hike to the refuge.

Who transports my luggage and how much should I carry?

The mules carry your large bag to the refuge, so you only walk with a light backpack containing water, a windbreaker and a camera; the rest will be waiting for you when you arrive. The mule can carry a maximum of 15 kg per person.

Is it necessary to bring a sleeping bag?

Yes, it is necessary. It is also possible to rent a sleeping bag at the destination.

Are there showers in the hut?

Yes, the hut has showers. You will also find blankets, a basic toilet and limited power sockets.

What is the accommodation like?

Accommodation varies: mountain hut, guesthouse in Imlil, hotel in Dades and nomad camp in the dunes. You can also add nights in riads in Marrakech if you wish. If you need help finding a riad/hotel, please let us know.



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