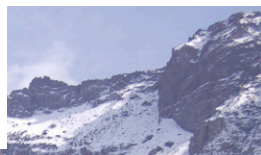


Arthur Rank Hospice Charity – Mount Toubkal Trek 2026



ACTIVITY	ACCOMMODATION	CHALLENGE FACTORS	CHALLENGE FACTORS	DURATION:	GRADE
Trek	Camping	Altitude	Terrain	5 days	

The High Atlas Mountains run south-west through Morocco. They are remote, barren and absolutely stunning. Our challenge is to climb their highest peak – and the highest in North Africa: Mount Toubkal, at 4167m.

Our ascent is tough, steep and rocky, and the effects of being at altitude add to the challenge. However, the magnificent views from the summit – reaching across to the Sahara Desert – and our sense of achievement more than compensate for our efforts.

We also witness the local way of life as we pass through colourful villages, where Berbers farm in the river valleys and herd goats and sheep in the mountains. The ancient city of Marrakech, with its labyrinthine streets and intriguing souks, provides the perfect contrast.

This trip generates around **86 kg of CO₂ per person**. Because of our commitment to responsible travel, **we offset 100% of these emissions**, including flights booked with us

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly London to Marrakech

On arrival we transfer the short distance to our hotel, then have a trip briefing before a good night's rest!

Night hotel.

(Dinner dependent on flight arrival time)

Day 2: Marrakech – Imlil – Refuge Camp

After an early breakfast we load up and drive into the mountains to the small village of Imlil (1740m), where we meet our guides and mules, and set off! Our route takes us uphill through walnut groves, emerging into a flood plain which gives us a brief respite from the climbing. Our path then rises again through a winding valley into remote mountains; the views are beautiful. We pass through the tiny hamlet of Sidi Chamharouch (2200m), which has grown up around a Muslim shrine, then zig-zag more steeply into the valley. It's then not long before we arrive at camp, below the refuge at the base of Toubkal.

Drive approx 2 hours; trek approx 10km / 6-8 hours; height gain 1460m

Night camp (3200m).

Day 3: Toubkal Summit

Our summit beckons: Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa at 4167m. We rise early, to allow plenty of time for our ascent, and after a good energy-boosting breakfast we set off. It's cold on the mountain this early in the morning but the exercise warms us nicely! Armed with head-torches, we trek along well-trodden rocky boulder-strewn tracks that twist their way up the mountain. We stop to admire the sunrise illuminating the spectacular landscapes around us as we ascend. We gain altitude steadily as we climb up slowly through a hanging valley with dramatic landscapes all around us; there are some steep shale sections here and we may start to find some snow underfoot. We come to a col with fabulous views; we can see the Sahara Desert from here. We can also see the last section of the climb ahead of us, with tantalising views of the summit. This last hour is tough, but then we are standing at the summit – a real achievement. We have enough time to savour the sensation of being on top of North Africa's highest summit, before we descend the same way, zig-zagging quite steeply and then crossing the large rocks and boulders of the lower section. We can see the refuge and our tents from quite high up, and feel euphoric as we return to it. We have time to relax with a mint tea, enjoying the views from camp.

Night camp (3200m).

Trek approx 8km / 6-8 hours; height gain / loss 967m

Day 4: Refuge Camp - Imlili - Marrakech

After breakfast we trek downhill, back to Imlil, admiring the landscapes of this beautiful hanging valley. Our legs are tired and we take it easy, but the tracks should feel much easier than they did on the way up! On arrival in the village we have lunch, then meet our transport and head back to the buzzing city of Marrakech. We have time to explore the fascinating Jma El Fnaa, the main square, with its food stalls, snake charmers and musicians, and haggle for souvenirs in the fascinating souks – a real contrast to our remote mountains paths and a memorable way to end our adventure! We meet again in the evening for a slap-up dinner to celebrate our achievements.

Night hotel.

Trek approx 10km / 5-7 hours; height loss 1460m; drive approx 2 hours

Day 5: Fly Marrakech to London

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to London.

(Lunch not included)

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ARTHUR RANK HOSPICE FUNDRAISING ASK:

Registration Fee is £199 and then you can choose from the following fundraising options:

Fundraising Option: Commit to fundraise £1,800 or more. (£900 of this will cover the remaining cost of the trip) .

Self Funder: Pay £900 (to cover the cost of the trip) and commit to fundraise an additional £900 and 100% of the money you raise will go to the Charity.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London to Marrakech
- All known airline taxes
- Transport and transfers as part of itinerary
- All accommodation on twinshare basis (hotels and camping)
- Group camping equipment (including sleeping mats)
- All meals except where specified
- Discover Adventure crew (number dependant on group size)
- Local guides & cooks, mules, muleteers and drivers
- Vehicle support and back-up equipment
- Entry to any sites visited as part of the itinerary
- We offset 100% of the carbon emissions from your trip, including flights booked with us

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Sleeping bag
- Any meals specified 'not included' in the itinerary
- Personal spending money, souvenirs, drinks and tips for the local guides/support crew
- Fees for any optional sites, attractions or activities
- Any applicable surcharges as per Terms and Conditions

CHALLENGE INFORMATION

DETAILED INFORMATION

Trip Safety

Your safety, and that of the rest of the group, is our highest priority. Our trips are designed and planned with safety in mind. Your crew will be equipped with appropriate communication devices (eg phones, radios), medical kit and other safety apparatus appropriate to the destination. Our leaders always have access to our 24-hour emergency UK back-up. They are responsible for safety on the trip, and will make any changes to the itinerary they deem necessary, should local conditions dictate. Pre-trip administration - such as medical questionnaires and travel insurance as appropriate - is all done with your safety in mind.

PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGE

Clothing & Kit

We plan our trips around the optimal weather conditions, but could still be exposed to bad weather at any time. It is vital you are prepared for all conditions. We provide you with a detailed packing kit-list on registration, with plenty of information, and we are always available if you need advice.

Cancelling your booking

In the unfortunate circumstance that you need to cancel your booking, we would ask that you notify us in writing either by email or post. Your cancellation will be considered effective from the date the notice is received. Registration, administration and amendment fees are non refundable and, depending on your payment option and how close it is to your challenge departure date, you may be liable for a cancellation charge.

Full details of all cancellation charges may be found in the Terms and Conditions of booking.

Passenger Portal

We have a Passenger Portal which will give you more details of the challenge itself. It also enables you to see any outstanding information we need, the countdown to your challenge departure, see your outstanding balance, make payments and update your contact details. You can access this via the following link - [Passenger Portal Log in](#).



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