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Morocco Eclipse Trek – Full

ACTIVITY	ACCOMMODATION	CHALLENGE FACTORS	DURATION:	GRADE
Trek	Hotel	Hot	8 days	

Join us in northern Morocco, on a unique trekking adventure to experience a total solar eclipse!

The beautiful Rif Mountains – Morocco's northernmost chain of mountains – will be our backdrop to this exciting week of trekking. Influenced by their proximity to the Mediterranean, the mountain slopes are a verdant green compared to the taller, more barren, High Atlas. Our trek takes in deep gorges and stunning rock formations, tumbling waterfalls and traditional villages. Mid-trek, with only remote villages in the area, we'll be in the perfect position to experience almost five minutes of day-time darkness when the Moon obscures the Sun.

While the heat will undoubtedly add to the challenge, we stay in hotels and gites overnight for more comfort. We'll have plenty of time to explore the captivating 'Blue City' of Chefchaouen, known for its photogenic blue-washed buildings and fascinating old Medina. With time on the coast and in historic Tetouan as well, this trip is an unforgettable combination of fulfilling trekking, cultural discovery, and the power of nature.

This challenge is now full but we're pleased to announce a second departure has been confirmed. To secure your place, click here:

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly London to Tetouan

On arrival, we transfer the short distance to our hotel. Tetouan, like other northern Moroccan cities, is heavily influenced by Andalusian culture; if you've been to other parts of Morocco, you'll see the difference immediately in its architecture. We anticipate a late arrival time, and will save the exploring for later! Night hotel.

Day 2: Tetouan – Chefchaouen

After an early breakfast, we drive out of the city and ascend gradually into the Rif Mountains, whetting our appetites for the scenery to come! We pass lush green foothills, olive groves and farmland dotted with small villages, with fascinating scenes of local life. Before long we reach the famous 'Blue City' of Chefchaouen, with its striking blue buildings, nestling at the foot of two rugged peaks. We have the rest of the day to explore, with a guided city tour of the beautiful Medina and its narrow streets. Later, we can hike the short distance (approx. 20-30 minutes) to the Spanish Mosque, perched on a hilltop; the views over Chefchaouen are spectacular, and this is a great way to acclimatise to the heat. Night hotel (564m).

Drive approx. 1.5 hours

Day 3: Chefchaouen – Talassemtane

We start early, trekking from the town up into Talassemtane National Park, a vast region of limestone peaks, cliffs and gorges, cloaked in forest. The firs and cedars in this unique area of Morocco are some of the rarest in the world, and this protected habitat is home to wide diversity of wildlife, including species endemic to the Rif Mountains. We follow a stony trail onto the lower slopes of Jebel Tissouka, which gives us wonderful views back down to Chefchaouen and across to the fertile agricultural landscapes of the Oued Laou Valley. As we follow our well-maintained trail, we pass small villages with traditional houses, and arrive at our accommodation. Today's hike eases you in relatively gently, and you should have plenty of time this afternoon to explore the nearby village and gain insight into the culture of the local Jbala people. Night gite / guesthouse (820m).

Trek approx. 4-5 hours

Day 4: Talassemtane – Afeska

We trek deeper into the mountains today, through tracts of forest, with tall junipers and firs. There are plenty of open hillsides too, with far-reaching views over the rugged cliffs and peaks. En route we pass occasional isolated villages and cultivated land, discovering more about the people inhabiting these mountains. The Jbala culture is a blend of indigenous Berber and Andalucian, and their rural lifestyle is quite different to other Berber villages in the High Atlas and Sahara regions. After a long section of gradual uphill, we end the day with a gentle descent to the tiny village of Afeska. Night gite / guesthouse (1200m).

Trek approx. 5-6 hours

Day 5: Afeska – Total Eclipse – Akchour – Chefchaouen

Today is a real highlight, and not just because of the eclipse – the scenery is jaw-droppingly impressive too! Our route takes us further into the mountains, beneath the gorge walls that tower above the crystal-clear River Farda. We'll stop and rest at a good place to observe the Solar Eclipse – we are in the narrow path of totality, where the Moon completely covers the Sun. Being miles from any artificial light pollution, you can expect to see the Sun's corona (glasses provided) and the 'sunset' colours on the horizon. Continuing on, we come to the spectacular rock formation of *Pont de Dieu* (God's Bridge), a 25m-high natural arch formed by water erosion over thousands of years. It's position, amidst vertical red limestone cliffs and clear turquoise pools, makes this a highlight of the trek. We continue on to the *cascades* – the waterfalls of Akchour – on an undulating path, but should have time to relax at the falls before meeting our vehicles and driving back to Chefchaouen. Night hotel (564m).

Trek approx. 5-6 hours; Drive approx. 1 hour

Day 6: Chefchaouen – Jebel Sfihat Telje – Chefchaouen

This morning, we head back to Mount Tissouka and hike all the way to its summit. One of the peaks dominating Chefchaouen, this is a demanding end to our adventure, but our legs should be used to this terrain now, and we take it easy. The trail leads us from the green foothills above the town into rugged, rocky terrain – it's a huge achievement when we get to the top! The views are spectacular – reaching over the National Park and as far as the Atlantic Coast. From Tissouka (2122m), we can follow a ridge to the slightly-lower Jebel Sfihat Telje (2033m), treating us to more unforgettable views, and then we descend to the town once more. You're free to explore Chefchaouen with any time (and energy!) you have remaining – shop for handicraft souvenirs, or sit in a café with a mint tea and watch the world go by – before meeting again for dinner. Night hotel (564m).

Trek approx. 5-7 hours

Day 7: Chefchaouen – Oued Laou – Tetouan

Today we leave the mountains behind, and drive north through the Oued Laou Valley. The twisting road follows the river, with dramatic scenery of craggy cliffs and lush green mountain-slopes giving way to fertile farmland and fruit orchards. We may have time for a short leg-stretcher of a hike in this scenic valley. We finally reach the small, tranquil town of Oued Laou, situated where the river meets the Atlantic Ocean – a wonderful contrast to the landscapes we've become accustomed to. Fishing-boats pull up on the long sandy beach, and the promenade is lined with simple fish restaurants – where we'll enjoy lunch. There may be time for a celebratory dip in the pristine sea, before heading back to Tetouan. Tonight we'll gather for a slap-up dinner to mark all our achievements in this fabulous week in Morocco. Night hotel.

Trek approx. 1-2 hours

Day 8: Fly Tetouan to London

This morning we can enjoy a guided tour of Tetouan's Medina – less touristed than Chefchaouen's, this small-yet-complete walled city has UNESCO World Heritage status, and is highly authentic. Enjoy the Andalusian architecture and art as you wander – it's more reminiscent of Seville and Granada than cities such as Marrakech. Depending on flight times, there may be more time to explore independently before we transfer to the airport for

our flight back to London.

(Lunch and Dinner not included)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flight from London to Morocco
- All known airline taxes
- Accommodation on twinshare basis in hotels, dorm-style in gites
- All meals except where specified
- Discover Adventure crew (number dependant on group size)
- Local guides, drivers and cook
- All back-up equipment
- Solar eclipse viewing glasses
- Vehicle transfers
- Guided walking tours of Chefchaouen and Tetouan
- **We offset 100% of the carbon emissions from your trip, including flights booked with us**

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Any meals specified 'not included'
- 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

GRADE | ORANGE

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The grade is determined by factors such as terrain, distance, climate, altitude, etc. Each colour grade has a **spectrum** which reflects the difficulty of these factors. Trip duration, accommodation and living conditions are also taken into account. Some sections will feel more challenging than others, but the grade reflects the overall trip. Unusual weather conditions can also have a significant impact.

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Trip grading explained

CHALLENGE INFORMATION

DETAILED INFORMATION

Leaders & Trip Support

Your trip will be led by experienced Discover Adventure leaders. Our leaders are selected for their experience in harsh wilderness environments, knowledge of travel in remote areas, friendliness and approachability, sense of humour and ability to safely and effectively deal with any situation that arises. They are also trained in expedition first aid. You are in very safe hands with a Discover Adventure leader. Usually leaders are based in the UK or other English-speaking countries and lead for us regularly throughout the year in many different countries. In some instances, trips are led by in-country guides with a wealth of knowledge about the region; they have been trained by us to provide the level of support expected on a Discover Adventure trip.

Trip Doctor

An expedition doctor or medic accompanies the group (dependent on group size.) Their role is to look after the well-being of the whole group and deal with any medical incidents. They help the crew to ensure the trip runs smoothly, and encourage you when things get tough. The total number of crew looking after you will depend on the final size of your group.

Local Support Crew

Our local support crew is made up of local guides, assisted by drivers, porters, cooks and other support staff, depending on the type of trip. Local guides know the area well, and are a great source of knowledge about local customs and lifestyles. Not all support crew will speak English well, but are very friendly and approachable. The Discover Adventure crew work closely with the local crew to ensure your trip runs smoothly and safely.

Your leader will arrange a collection of tips for the local support crew at the end of your trek, and you will be provided with a guideline amount in advance. Tipping is not obligatory, but once you see how hard they work on your behalf you will be happy to donate something! All our local crew are paid wages, but bear in mind that the average wage in many countries may be less than you would spend on an average night out.

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.

Flight Information

Group flights usually leave from London Heathrow or Gatwick on scheduled airlines and are booked through Discover Adventure Ltd under ATOL licence 5636. By travelling with Discover Adventure you are protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your journey may involve a transit en route; details of route and flight times will be confirmed several months before departure. We do not always use the same airline for each destination; if you wish to know the probable carrier and flight times, please call for details. You will usually receive confirmed flight details several months before departure. Our itineraries are always based on current flight schedules and are therefore subject to change by the airline. If you prefer to book your own flights please ask us for a land-only cost.

Accommodation

We stay in a variety of hotels/lodges ranging from quite simple, friendly guesthouse-style to more international-style hotels in larger towns or cities. Standards are generally good, in great locations, but there may be a night or two where facilities are more basic, as you'd expect in very remote, untouristed or rural areas.

Roomshare Arrangements

Our trips are sold on a shared accommodation basis. Some nights are usually twin-share. On some nights we are likely to sleep in more communal rooms such as dormitories, huts, local homestays, etc., depending on the trip, and you may be sharing with a larger number of participants or the whole group; this type of accommodation cannot always be single-sex.
You can tell us if you are travelling with someone else on the trip when you book or within your passenger portal, and we will do all we can to accommodate this request. It is important that each person completes the room share request on their bookings. For customers booking and travelling together, including same-sex couples, a double bed can be requested if available.
If you're not familiar with anyone in the group, rest assured, we always pair you with someone of the same gender (as per the information you provided when booking, or passport markers), and a similar age where possible. We're actively working to improve our system's gender restrictions to be more inclusive, and we've recently made significant strides in this area. If you identify differently from the gender marker on your passport and would like to discuss this before booking, please feel free to reach out to us.

Single Supplements

In most standard hotels, we can usually offer a limited number of single rooms. This is upon request, on a first-come, first-served basis, and additional charges apply. In more communal accommodation, single rooms are rarely an option. We do not charge a single supplement if you are a solo traveller in a shared room.

Food & Dietary Requirements

The food provided is plentiful, often local in style and freshly-cooked, and will give you plenty of energy. Sometimes we enjoy a buffet-style lunch-stop, other times we might have packed lunches. On some trips we stop at small local restaurants. Dinners are generally eaten at our accommodation each evening. In some regions there may be less variety

than you are used to, and in others fresh meat or produce can be harder to come by. Any meals not included are listed in the itinerary and are generally on travel / free days, giving you the opportunity to explore and try other culinary experiences! There is always something to suit different budgets.

Being vegetarian or having other dietary requirements is not usually a problem provided you let us know well in advance. Please do not expect as much variety as you would have access to at home – we may be in very rural or remote areas, or among people of a different culture who may not understand your requirements, however willing they are to help. If you know there are plenty of foods you cannot eat we strongly recommend you bring extra snacks from home so you can top up your energy supply. Please feel free to ask us for advice.

Luggage

Your luggage, food, water and equipment is transported for you from one night-stop to the next. If there is easy road access this is done by vehicle; if not porters, mules or even camels might carry your bags, depending on the terrain.

Space is limited and hard-sided luggage is not suitable, so it is essential that your kit is packed in a soft bag, rucksack or expedition kitbag. Ask us about our specially-designed low-cost kitbags if you don't have one already. You should also bring a small daypack to carry for items needed during the day as you will not have access to your main luggage until the evening.

PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGE

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Fitness Levels

This is designed to be a challenge, and it is vital that you train sufficiently for it. We will supply you with a thorough training guide once you have registered. We expect all participants to train hard in advance, but we respect everyone's limits and do not expect everyone to maintain the same pace. Inadequate training is likely to have an impact not just on your chances of completing the challenge, but enjoying it too - and we want you to have the time of your life!

Our challenges attract people of all levels of experience, fitness and ability as well as all ages and backgrounds. We design our challenges so that everyone can go at their own pace: this is not a race. If you have concerns about your fitness or if you have reduced mobility please do contact us for a confidential chat about whether this challenge is appropriate for you.

For logistical and safety reasons we sometimes need to re-group, so the front-runners may find themselves waiting for the slower ones. Please relax, and remember that this is a team effort that enables people to achieve their personal goals and earn sponsorship.

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.

Passport & Visa / Vaccinations

Entry requirements vary depending on your destination and nationality. It is your responsibility to ensure your passport is valid, and any visas are obtained in good time. Check the FCO's advice on entry requirements for your destination to be sure. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to apply for your visa; we will provide you will all necessary information 6 weeks prior to depature to assist with your application.

Your routine UK schedule of vaccinations should be up-to-date (especially tetanus). We recommend you check the NaTHNaC Travel Health Pro website for further details. You should always check with a GP or travel clinic for up-to-date travel health advice as it does change.

Foreign Travel Advice

For the latest travel advice from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office including security and local laws, plus passport and visa information, check www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is compulsory on all of our challenges outside of the UK; we strongly suggest that you arrange insurance cover as soon as your booking with us is confirmed, or as soon as you're able to purchase some, and at least 8 months prior to travel. Should you need to cancel prior to departure, you will need insurance to cover the costs involved (registration fee and any trip costs depending on cancellation date).

We all hope never to need it, and thankfully most of the time we don't, but on those rare occasions when you do, you want

it to cover you as best it can. Whilst it's a fairly boring admin task relating to your trip of a lifetime, it is really important you ensure that you have adequate cover for the type of challenge you are taking part in as well as medical emergencies, evacuation and repatriation, so make sure you're happy with the level of cover. There are lots of suppliers out there, with a wide range in levels of cover; generally speaking, you get what you pay for! Get and pay for the right level of cover and then you can go on your adventure not having to worry about the what-if's. For more details click here.

Once your travel insurance is arranged, just remember to let us know the policy number and 24-hr medical emergency phone number provided by your insurers.

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.

Group Size

Your booking is part of a group challenge, and the tour costs and fundraising targets listed on our website are based on a minimum number of participants which is shown on the challenge Our typical groups run with approximately 15-25 participants; however you may find your group is smaller or larger than this.

We will confirm at least 12 weeks prior to departure that your challenge is guaranteed to run. Occasionally it may be possible to still run the challenge with less than the minimum numbers, subject to a small group supplement. If we think a small group supplement may be necessary, we will discuss this with you as soon as possible, usually 5 months before your departure date.

Minimum numbers and groups sizes may vary on Bespoke Charity challenges. If you are booked onto a bespoke challenge please contact your charity for full details.

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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Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

Please note: This document was downloaded on 13 Nov 2026, and the challenge is subject to change.