



Trek through the beautiful Moroccan landscape to the highest peak in North Africa...

Mt Toubkal



Trip outline

The highest peak in the Atlas Mountains, North Africa, and the Arab World - Mt Toubkal sits at 4,167m above the town of Aremd and offers unsurpassed panoramas of Morocco and the incredible Atlas Mountains.

Touch down into Marrakech, Morocco's Red City. The city is well known for its colourful markets, bustling souqs and the Jemaa el-Fna (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Spend the day wandering amongst the buzzing crowds surrounded by aromatic spices and exotic fruits, before embarking on your journey into mountains.

Just a stone's throw away from Marrakech is the High Atlas Mountains, home to picturesque and tranquil Berber villages and North Africa's highest peak, Mt Toubkal.

Our trek heads through the beautiful valleys and passes of the Atlas Mountains to the peak for the most amazing views of the whole of North Africa and the Sahara Desert.

Highlights of the trip include...

- Climb the highest peak in North Africa at 4,167m
- Experience the hospitality of the Berber's in the Atlas Mountains
- 360-degree views of the Atlas Mountains and across the Sahara Desert from the summit of Mt Toubkal
- Indulge in incredible local cuisine, like rustic tagines and hand-picked olives
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Jemaa el-Fnaa and the thriving souqs of Marrakech
- Comfortable paced itinerary and an amazing summit success!

Flights depart from the UK and arrive in Marrakesh (Morocco) at the Menara Airport where a private transfer will take us direct to our hotel in Marrakesh for a nights' accommodation. You then have a full day to explore the wonderful sights and sounds of Marrakesh, exploring the culture and visiting the markets, palaces and incredible religious sights. We'll have time to refresh ourselves in Marrakesh indulging in fresh mint teas and mouth-watering tagines before our adventure into the High Atlas starts.

The following day we begin our trek in Imlil and hike to the Tizi-n-Mezzik mountain



pass at 2,489m. From here we lunch in the Juniper Forests and walk down the valley of Azzaden to the village of Tamssoult at 2,250m. The next day we trek out of the Azzadene Valley to the Toubkal mountain hut via the Ighouliden waterfalls and over the Aguelzim Mountain pass at 3,560m. On the summit day we ascent the peak in the morning - Mt Toubkal offers spectacular views across Morocco and on to the Sarah Dessert and gives an amazing sense of achievement to reach the peak. The rest of the day is set aside for the descent down Mt Toubkal and back to Imlil for a transfer to Marrakesh.

The trekking route that we use is designed for everyone to achieve the goal of reaching the peak



and you do not need to be extremely fit to undertake the trip as you will be walking at a steady pace carrying only a day bag with personal items and water. This is an assisted trek therefore the porters will transport the group equipment making your day bag manageable and lighter in weight. The group is led by a fully qualified and experienced English speaking Mountain Guide assisted by porters and cooks. Throughout the entire trip you will be very well looked after from the moment that you land in Morocco to your final day and departure.

Private Trip dates

We can operate our private treks for any given departure date and for any group size making this option ideal for family and friendship groups who wish to trek together.

The very best time to trek Mt Toubkal is April, May and June or September and October as the weather is perfect.

We can arrange trips in July and August if preferred just be prepared for hotter temperatures.

We are happy to edit the itinerary to suit your preferences and please let us know if you wish to extend the trip in any way.

Outline Itinerary

Day 1

Fly from the UK to Marrakesh, Morocco. Your flight will arrive late evening and a private transfer will take you to the hotel for check-in and a nights' accommodation.

Day 2

After breakfast we will have a full day to tour Marrakesh taking in the sights and sounds of this incredible city. Night in the Marrakesh hotel.





Day 3 Marrakech - Imlil - Azib n Tamsoult

After a hearty breakfast our trek element will begin with the guides arriving at the hotel to collect the team and transfer from Marrakech to the Atlas Mountains. This is around 1hr 30mins drive to Imlil (1,740m). The first part of the trek hikes to the Tizi-n-Mezzik mountain pass at 2,489m where there is a magical view of the entire Imlil area and Azzaden valley. Lunch will be in the Juniper forests and is fully

prepared by our chef. After a leisurely lunch we then walk down the valley of Azzaden to the village of Tamssoult at 2,250m for dinner and our overnight accommodation (5 hours trekking).

Day 4: Azib n Tamsoult - Agelzim Mountain pass - Toubkal Base camp Today starts with a trek out of the Azzadene Valley to the Toubkal mountain hut via Ighouliden waterfalls and over the Aguelzim Mountain pass at 3,560m. Lunch will be taken with spectacular views over the Atlas Mountain Range. Dinner and overnight accommodation is in the Toubkal mountain hut (6 hours trekking).



Day 5: Toubkal base camp - Toubkal Summit - Toubkal base camp - Imlil - Marrakech Today is the day that we head to the summit! We have an early start for the trek to the peak of Mt Toubkal (4,167m) where you'll have wonderful views over the Atlas Range and the Sahara Desert. After the team summit we then head back past the Toubkal mountain hut and trek down to Imlil. This is a fairly long day with 8 hours of trekking, involving 900m up then almost 2,500m back down to Imlil! You will then be back in Marrakech at around 5pm for a nights' accommodation.

Day 6

The morning is free to relax and then we have a private transfer to Marrakesh Airport and return flight back to the UK. Breakfast is included.

Food

During the hotel stay breakfast is included. During the trek we provide breakfast, lunch and dinner as detailed in the trip itinerary. The food is excellent, plentiful and varied and prepared to a very high standard. We cater very well for vegetarians and for all special dietary requirements.

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Clothing and Equipment

- Clothing for Marrakesh city
- Walking clothing and sturdy boots
- Personnel First Aid kit
- Lightweight waterproof jacket and over-trousers
- Water bottle
- 'Hold all' or rucksack at around 50-80 litres in size
- Sleeping bag
- Lightweight day bag to carry on the trek
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Torch and batteries
- Towel & personal toiletries

VISA's and passports

UK passport holders do not need to apply for a VISA to enter Morocco but please ensure that your passport has a minimum of 6 months before expiry.



Costs and payment structure

The cost of the trip is **£1,495**. There is a £250 trip deposit (non-refundable or transferable) to book your place and the remaining balance is paid in instalments. The price is **all inclusive***; covering accommodation, flights, transfers, guides, porters and cooks + all food throughout your expedition. *The only costs **not included** are travel insurance, tips, lunch and dinner in Marrakesh.

The trip payments are structured into manageable instalments and there can be flexibility on these payment dates if arranged in advanced so you can pay larger amounts but less often or we can tailor a payment structure to suit you.

Trip deposit (at time of booking)	£250
Flight payment – minimum of 6 weeks after deposit	£500
Interim payment 12 weeks prior to departure	£400
Balance payment 4 weeks prior to departure	£345

What's included?

All our expeditions are as 'all inclusive' as practically possible this means that the cost covers all the accommodation with breakfast, flights, transfers, guides, porters and cooks. We include all food throughout your expedition (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) but it's always good to bring a few extra treats items like nuts, dried fruit, energy bars and chocolate.

The only costs **not included** are travel insurance and during the hotel stays - lunch, dinner and drinks.

Trip organiser The Mt Toubkal trip is organised by Jonathan Reilly the company director of the British Expedition Company. Our worldwide treks and expeditions have been running since 2001 and all provide a fantastic experience. We are a fully ATOL protected company (licence number 10222). Each group is led by a fully qualified experienced Guide assisted by porters and cooks.

How to reserve your place on the trip

To book a place on the trip please return the reservation form with a £250 trip deposit (this is non-refundable) to Jonathan Reilly, British Expedition Company, Meriden House, Park Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6LF. Or via email at info@thebec.co.uk

Our HSBC business bank account details are;

Account Name: TheBEC Limited,

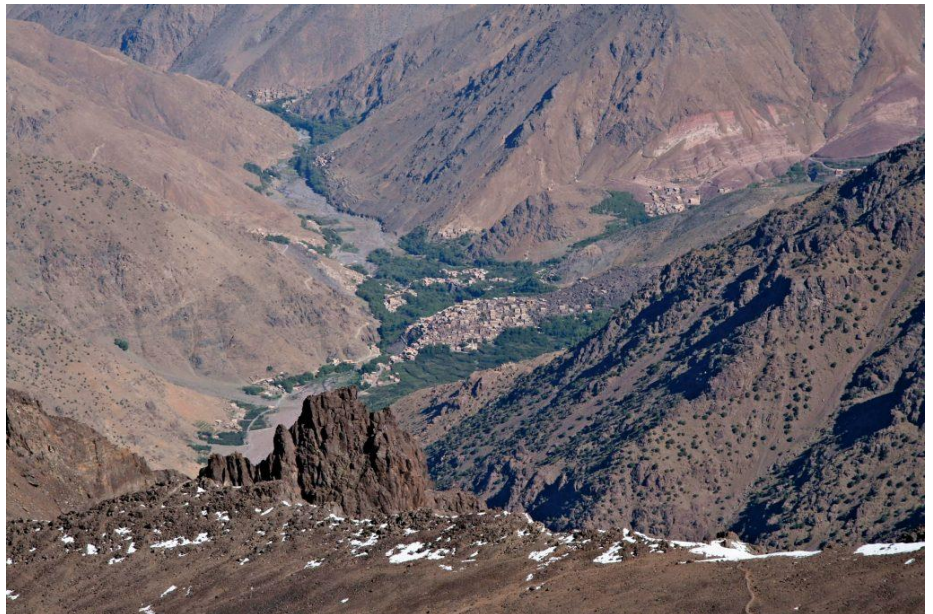
Account Number: 62049414

Sort code: 40-40-14

Reference: **Your Name** (this is very important as we can link the payment with your reservation form)

On advancement of deposit for a booking on any of our trips or expeditions the deposit acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the below booking conditions and agrees to be bound by them.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this trip or would like any further information then please email Info@thebec.co.uk or call Jonathan on 01747 871564.



Reservation form follows on the next page



British Expedition Company

Reservation Form

Please fill in and email **or** print off and post to:

Jonathan Reilly, British Expedition Company,
Meriden House, Park Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire SP3 6LF.

Full Name This must be exactly as is appears on your passport	Mr / Mrs / Miss / Other _____ First name: _____ Middle names (if applicable) _____ Surname _____	
Date of Birth		
Home Address		
Phone - Land line		
Phone - Mobile		
Email address 1 Email address 2		
Nationality		
Which Expedition and trip date do you prefer?	Expedition	
	Trip date	
Passport details	Passport number	
	Passport expiry	
Any special food requirements?		

Next of Kin / Emergency Contact

Name	
Relationship	
Address	
Telephone number (Land and Mobile)	

Sharing contact information

Your privacy is important. With your permission we would like to share your contact details in the departure information. This is so all team members can contact each other prior to departure.

Your details will **only** be shared with other clients on the same trip as yourself.

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Please tick this box to confirm that you give permission for your year of birth, email address and mobile number to be shared with the other clients on your trip.

Medical Details

Know allergies to food/medication/insects etc...

Do you have any specific medical conditions that we need to be aware of when you are away on expeditions?

Please give any additional information concerning your health that you think is necessary for us to know, especially in the case of an emergency.

Questionnaire

1. Briefly describe your reasons for wanting to attend the trip

2. Where did you find out about the trip?

3. Which description below best matches your level of fitness? (Tick or highlight)

- ☐ Very good level of fitness
- ☐ Quite strong level of fitness
- ☐ Normal fitness level e.g. can do a day walk in hills with a small rucksack
- ☐ Need to improve my fitness

4. Briefly describe your camping and walking experience...

Booking Conditions and Specific Information

All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. Please see our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate

The British Expedition Company recognises that hill walking, trekking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

1. All bookings are made with The British Expedition Company whose office is Meriden House, Park Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6LF, UK. Registered company number: 6957339

2. All our package expeditions are ATOL protected and our ATOL number from the Civil Aviation Authority is 10222.



Your Financial Protection

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable)."

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme."

3. The terms and conditions of all agreements made with the Company shall be subject to, and governed by, English Law.

4. In order to make a booking, complete and sign the Booking Form and post it to The British Expedition Company with your deposit. Unless the trip is full you will receive confirmation of booking and further details.

5. It is important to be aware that once your deposit/installments are paid, should you wish to cancel at any time thereafter, these are non-refundable/transferable. In addition the cancellation penalties detailed below will be applied. It is strongly recommended that you have suitable cancellation insurance coverage from the time of booking. It is a condition of the booking that clients follow the agreed payment plan to ensure that flights and permits can be purchased by the company at the appropriate time. The company has a right to cancel the booking if the client fails to pay the installment within 14 days of the agreed payment date (in this instance no refunds will be issued) or charge additional fees up to 10% of the total trip cost - this is at the discretion of the company.

6. Cancellation of a trip by the BEC will entitle you to a part refund unless cancellation has been forced by unforeseen government (or similar) intervention in which case costs incurred by the Company will be subtracted from any refund due. No other compensation will be allowable.

7. Cancellation of bookings must be notified in writing. The trip deposit is non-refundable as are 100% of all installment and balance payments.

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8. Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the planned itinerary, it must be realised that in this type of adventurous travel, changes to the itinerary may occur for which the Company accepts no responsibility, however caused. The BEC will make every effort to inform you of any change. Your final itinerary may differ in respect of the places where you stay overnight. In particular it may be necessary to alter your itinerary at short notice due to adverse weather, mountain conditions, client or leader illness, road conditions, or to operating conditions imposed by owners and operators of accommodation, facilities, aircraft, vessels and other forms of transport. Should such conditions involve clients in extra costs such as accommodation, transportation and meals, such costs should be borne by the client.

9. The BEC cannot be held responsible for any missed connecting transport.

10. The Expedition Guides will do their utmost to ensure that any problems are solved for the benefit of the group as a whole. Signing the booking form signifies your acceptance of the Guides authority to make decisions affecting the group or individuals. For instance, he/she may require an individual to leave the group if he/she believes that person's health is at risk, if an illegal act is committed, or their behaviour becomes detrimental to the safety, enjoyment or well-being of the group. Should the Guide take such action, that person would not be entitled to any refund.

11. Please understand that there are certain hazards involved in climbing and trekking, which you must accept at your own risk. The Company will not be liable for any illness, injury or death sustained during an expedition, or course, nor will it be liable for any uninsured losses of your property.

12. The Company cannot be made liable for the consequences of strikes, industrial action, wars, riots, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, or other untoward occurrences.

13. It is a condition of booking, that you are adequately covered by insurance prior to departure, which must cover the cost of repatriation and evacuation if you become too ill to continue. Failure to provide a copy will result in the cancellation of your expedition.

14. Trip prices are based on an exchange rate of US\$1.40 (1.20 Euro) - UK£1 and operating costs at the time of booking. The Company reserves the right to levy fuel and/or currency surcharges following currency fluctuations or operating costs beyond our control. We sincerely hope that surcharges will not be necessary, but in the unlikely event that they are, you may cancel your booking without penalty if the surcharge amounts to more than 10% of the cost of the trip.

15. Any air travel that is part of any trip is subject to the conditions as stipulated by the airline concerned and liability is limited in accordance with International Convention.

16. If the UK Foreign Office does not issue advice against travel, and you decide not to travel on the basis of a perceived threat or hazard, howsoever formed, will be interpreted as a voluntary cancellation and the charges set out in booking condition 8 applied.

17. Non-UK Nationals should consult their own government for advice on travel to the destination country and all countries transited en route.

18. Having made every effort to ensure correctness of the trip details and booklets we cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies, errors or omissions.

19. The Company can use photographs supplied by its Guides or members of the expedition for future marketing and publishing without further permission from those featured on the images. I also give my permission for my contact details to be shared with other clients booked on the same departure.

20. On advancement of deposit for a booking on any of our trips or expeditions the deposit acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above booking conditions and agrees to be bound by them.