

# Toubkal Trail, Morocco

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## Day 1

Arrive at Marrakesh airport and transfer to Terres D'Amanar (45 minutes drive).

Depending on your arrival time you may have a chance to meet the horses. Dinner & overnight in Terres d'Amanar.

This exciting horse trail takes you through the High Atlas Mountains and close to the towering flanks of Jbel (Mount) Toubkal, at 4,167m the highest mountain in North Africa. These stunning mountains and valleys are a world apart from the bustle of Marrakesh and it is a place of peace and seclusion. Here you will see people, villages and a way of life which is unchanged for centuries.

This is the most challenging of all the Moroccan trails because it involves a lot of climbing and some of it on foot. You need to have good physical strength but will be rewarded by spectacular mountain scenery.



The following is the proposed itinerary but please note that changes are possible due to weather and local conditions. On occasions the trail may also run in reverse.

## Day 2

The horses will be tacked up so that everyone has a chance to try out their horse and the guide can check everyone is safe. After the ride briefing and equipment double check the ride sets off.

This first day will take you along a trail and through the foothills of the Atlas Mountains until you reach the camping place next to Tatult village.

(c. 3.5 hours riding)



## Day 3

Continue riding on the trail before climbing up a path in the direction of the N'Kik plateau. From there you will have spectacular views towards the Amizmiz Valley and the Takerkoust Lake.

After Tizi N'Ousaud pass you stop for a picnic break.

In the afternoon you climb down the trail and follow a path across a forest of thuya & green oaks until you reach your camping spot by the village Tassa Wourgane Saline.

(c. 5.5 hours riding)

## Day 4

Today you ride across Tassa Ouirgane valley and enjoy the fresh air by Azzadne Oued (river) with its pretty Berber villages. Picnic by the river in Azerfssane. The afternoon will be spent in Azzadne valley along mountain paths before you take the trail to Tiziane village.



Overnight in a lodge (c. 5 hours riding)

Day 5

This morning you climb in the direction of Tizi N'Oudide pass (at 2,100m). Then you ride down to Matate village overlooking Gheghaya valley. Enjoy a picnic by the river in Aguerssiwale.

In the afternoon you and your horses climb again to Aguerssiwale pass and then along the superb D'Imrane valley with its little villages nestled at the foot of the mountains.



Camp in Ounskra (c. 6 hours riding)

Day 6

Today you will reach Tizi N'Addi (3,100m) which will offer a wonderful view over the High Atlas and the Toubkal Summit (at 4,167m, the highest one in North Africa). You then ride through the Oukaïmeden plateau which is a winter sport resort and have your picnic right after the Tizi 'N Ouka pass (2,800m).



In the afternoon, ride down the trail overlooking the Haouz plain until you reach Tiselit, where the camp will be set up.

(c. 5.5 hours riding)

Day 7

Your last day riding will take you to the village of Asni through a forest of oaks & junipers. Have your picnic in the shade of the Alep pine trees at the foot of Djebel Choucht.

In the afternoon you enjoy the last canthers of the trail as you ride back to Terres d'Amanar.



Dinner and overnight at Terres d'Amanar.

(c. 4 hours riding)

Day 8

Terres d'Amanar to Airport

You are transferred to the airport for your flight. Depending on your flight time a visit of Marrakesh can be arranged (extra cost).

## Accommodation

Accommodation on the first and last night at Terres D'Amanar is in a comfortable lodge room designed like a Berber village.



During the ride you stay in two person dome tents with a porch at each end for baggage. You may have a tent to yourself. Foam mattresses are supplied but you will need to bring a sleeping bag and camping pillow. Normally everyone helps with the setting up of the sleeping tents.



There is a large mess tent for eating and relaxing and also a shower tent and a chemical loo. There is a separate shower tent and you are provided with a large bucket of hot water for showering.



The support vehicle normally meets you for lunch and goes ahead to set up camp.

When staying in hotels, there is no single supplement if you are willing to share. If you wish to guarantee a single room, there is a single supplement.