TREKKING IN STYLE

IN THE HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS OF MOROCCO

5 NIGHTS IN THE MOUNTAINS AND 2 NIGHTS IN MARRAKECH



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TREKKING IN STYLE is a new concept in trekking that allows visitors to stay in luxury accommodation without all of the hardships traditionally associated with trips to this spectacular region. Our Trekking in Style package also provides each couple with their own personal mountain guide who will be on hand for the duration of your stay to help with planning treks. You can choose to walk as little or as much as you like! Combine your visit to the mountains with a stay in the exotic city of Marrakech, the fabled red city, which has been a magnet for travellers for centuries.

For the first part of the trip guests will stay on a full board basis in our luxury accommodation at The Kasbah du Toubkal in the trailhead village of Imlil (just 40 miles from Marrakech, but seemingly a thousand miles from the hubbub of the city!), and also in our Trekking Lodge in the remote Azzaden Valley where peace and tranquility prevail. All trekking is fully supported with a mule and muleteer to carry your luggage whenever required.

"HOW MANY MOUNTAIN REFUGES in the Alps offer rose water to sprinkle on your hands and face after a hard day's hike? If that and other traditional Berber touches sound tempting, then look no further... than the Kasbah du Toubkal's recently opened four-bedroomed lodge." *Tala Skari, TIME Magazine*

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Return journey from Marrakech to Imlil by private transfer for two people sharing a room on a full board basis in the High Atlas Mountains, then two nights in Marrakech on a bed and breakfast basis (excluding flights and insurance):

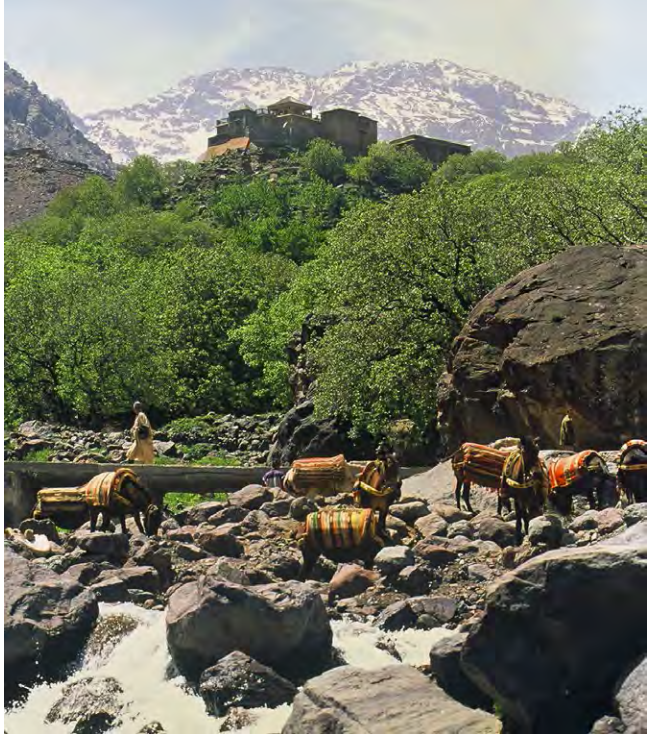
1199 euro per person

882 euro single supplement

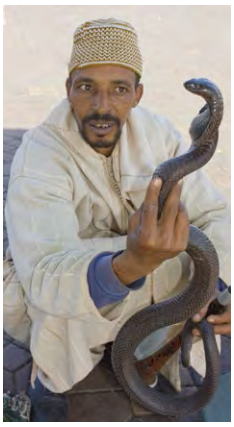












The High Atlas Mountains

The High Atlas Mountains, which dominate the skyline to the south of Marrakech, have always played an important role for the city, not least with regard to commerce. Whilst Marrakech is in itself a fascinating city, a whole new experience awaits those who venture south into the mountains.

With several peaks above 4000 metres, the Western High Atlas is part of a larger chain of mountains that spreads from the Atlantic Coast in the west to Tunisia in the east. The mountains are home to the indigenous Berber people who have inhabited Morocco for at least 5000 years. The Berbers live in small clusters of earthen adobe houses which cling precipitously to mountainsides and are often only accessible by mule or foot.

Our treks take us from the village of Imlil along footpaths and mule tracks which mount through the lush, irrigated terraces, apple orchards and walnut groves to other villages where you will have a glimpse into a way of life that has barely changed for centuries, and where traditional values and hospitality have been largely unaffected by the outside world.

Marrakech

Marrakech is a fascinating city that has long since been high on the list of places to visit by the discerning traveller. It comprises the ancient *medina* (old town) and the new town of Guéliz, with its neighboring suburbs, which play host to modern restaurants, fast-food chains and big brand stores.



Marrakech is built around the 12th century Koutoubia Mosque whose beautiful minaret dominates the skyline and can be seen from almost every approach to the city. Any visit to Marrakech must include a visit to the medina and its colourful *souk* (marketplace) where you can barter for carpets, leather goods, jewellery, lanterns and spices. Another must-see is the legendary Djemaa el-Fna, the busiest and most famous square in Africa, where snake charmers, storytellers, acrobats, medicine men and musicians compete for your attention.

There are several places to visit including the Majorelle Gardens owned by the late Yves Saint Laurent, the Menara Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, the medieval Medersa Ben Youssef (Koranic university) and the Musée de Marrakech.

Accommodation in Marrakech is on a bed and breakfast basis, giving you the opportunity to dine at some of the superb restaurants available in the city.

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Day 1

Private transfer from Marrakech Menara Airport or your accommodation in Marrakech to Imlil (approximately 90 minutes) where you will meet your personal mountain guide and have the opportunity to discuss your preferences for walks and treks. Depending on your arrival time, there will be the option of an introductory walk in the area. Dinner and ensuite accommodation at the Kasbah du Toubkal.

Day 2

A day to relax and enjoy free time in the Imlil area, or a chance to explore the Imlil valley with your personal mountain guide. This can be separate morning and afternoon walks or one full day walk. Alternatively, you may wish to venture further afield to an outlying valley. A picnic lunch will be provided if required or lunch will be served at the Kasbah du Toubkal. Dinner and ensuite accommodation at the Kasbah du Toubkal.

Day 3

A supported trek of 3-4 hours' duration* with guide, mule and muleteer to our remote trekking lodge in the Azzaden Valley, a beautiful setting barely touched by the modern way of life. A picnic lunch en route with dinner and luxury accommodation at Azzaden Trekking Lodge is provided. You may wish to enjoy a relaxing *hammam* (steam bath) on arrival.

Day 4

After breakfast, a day to explore the stunning Azzaden Valley with your personal mountain guide. There are several treks of varying lengths to choose from. You may choose a moderate walk amongst the villages of the Azzaden Valley or a taxing 7-hour circular route passing the Lepiney refuge hut and the Tizi n'Tzikert col at 2930 metres, or indeed anything in between. Other options of a similar length include the slightly easier and very beautiful 7-hour circular walk passing the cols Tizi n'Teouti at 2450 metres and Tizi n'Tougdalt at 2700 metres. A picnic lunch en route will be provided on full day walks, otherwise lunch will be served at the Lodge. Dinner and luxury accommodation at Azzaden Trekking Lodge.















Day 5

After breakfast, depart Azzaden Trekking Lodge and trek back to Imlil via a route of your choice with your personal mountain guide. A picnic lunch en route will be provided. Dinner and ensuite accommodation at the Kasbah du Toubkal.

Day 6

After breakfast, depart Imlil and return by private transfer to Marrakech where you will check in at your 4* hotel or luxury riad (a traditional Moroccan house with an interior garden or courtyard). Accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis, giving you the opportunity to dine at some of the superb restaurants that Marrakech offers.

Day 7

After breakfast the day is free for you to explore the fascinating and vibrant city of Marrakech. Luxury accommodation at your hotel or riad is provided.

Day 8

After breakfast, depart your hotel or riad by private transfer to Marrakech Menara Airport for your departure.

Included in the price...

- Private transfer from Marrakech to Imlil and return journey to your 4* hotel or riad in Marrakech.
- Private transfer to Marrakech Menara Airport for your departure.
- The services of a qualified guide and muleteer for the duration of your stay in the mountains.
- All food and soft drinks on a full board basis during your stay in the High Atlas Mountains and on a bed and breakfast basis during your stay in Marrakech. (Please feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish.)
- The use of a private hammam when staying at all accommodation in the mountains.
- All taxes include a 5% levy to the Village Association (further details on request).
- All accommodation approximately 1800 metres above sea level.

NOT INCLUDED: Alcoholic beverages, tips, personal shopping, travel and medical insurances

PLEASE NOTE: Rooms at the Kasbah are based on our “standard ensuite rooms”, however our superior and deluxe rooms are available on request at extra cost.

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