

Total Solar Eclipse Tour Trek - 29 Jul - 5 Aug 2027

Group 3 (Start/Finish in Tangier)

29 Jul 2027

Arrive Tangier, Overnight

This journey starts in **Tangier**, where you can either fly in or take the ferry from Spain. We will collect you from either the airport or harbour. You will then be transferred to your hotel for the night.

You may have time to wander around the centre of this bustling port city, with its rich multicultural heritage, blending Moroccan, Spanish, and French influences across its historic medina.

Maybe head for the **Grand and Petit Socco's**, two historic, bustling squares that serving as focal points for culture, commerce, and social life.

Overnight accommodation: Hotel/Riad Tangiers

Meals: None

30 Jul

Tangiers to Chefchaouen

After breakfast, we take the longer (but more scenic) coastal route from Tangier to **Chefchaouen**. It will take most of the morning and allows a visit to **Tetouan** and the medina. There are also some well-preserved Roman remains nearby. Onto **Chefchaouen**, a 'blue washed' town nestled in the **Rif Mountains**. It is a photographer's dream. Wander its maze of cobalt alleyways, artisan shops and quiet squares, where mountain air, slow rhythms and striking colour create one of North Africa's most enchanting escapes.

Road journey: 3 - 4 hrs

Overnight accommodation: Hotel/Riad Chefchaouen

Meals: Breakfast

31 Jul

Trek Chefchaouen - Affaska

The trek starts today towards the village of **Mechkralla**, past the Spanish mosque and rises to see the whole of Chefchaouen from the viewpoint. The route continues to the village of **Tissouka**, perhaps stopping for some tea in a Berber house. The hospitality amongst the **Berber culture** is well known and should you get the opportunity, it is highly recommended. Climb to the **Tizi Mandu** for a picnic lunch (well earned!) and onwards through the pine forest to the village of **Affaska**.

Trek time/ascent: approx 6 hrs/600m

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gite

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

1 Aug

Affaska - Akshour

The route remains in the forest at the start of today, along the mule tracks with the peaks of **Lajraa** and **Tissouka** on either side. The route then reaches the **Farda river** and continues onto the **Anou Gorges**. It isn't long before you arrive at a natural archway of red rock, known as '**Gods Bridge**'. There will be a natural break here for some photos before continuing and finishing at the village of **Ouslaf** and the **Lac D Akshour**.

Trek time/ascent: approx 5 hrs/700m

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gite

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

2 Aug

ECLIPSE DAY

Akshour - Talambote - Beni Malaa

It's an early rise in order to ascend to the high vantage point close to the village of Talambote is a relaxed one. The sun will be in the upper-eastern/south-eastern sky at an angle of approx 39-49° above the horizon (for totality).

There will be tea and snacks as the **Total Solar Eclipse** unwinds to its conclusion.

The partial Eclipse starts at 0740 hrs GMT. Totality starts at 0845 hrs GMT.

Be aware that Morocco is currently on GMT +1, adjusting its hours through the summer (the same as the UK). It is understood that from Sep 2026, Morocco will not do this going forward therefore in the summer of 2027, they will remain on GMT.

At over 6 mins (max), it is the **longest totality** on land for 25 years. In Morocco, **totality will last around 4 mins 45 secs**. It is an incredibly long time to witness this wonderful natural event.

Protective Eclipse glasses are provided.

Once the Eclipse is complete, the trek continues following the winding track through fields and orchards, passing several villages including **Tajiniatre** and **Tamsasnoute**, before arriving at **Beni Malaa**.

Trek time/ascent: approx 6 hrs/800m

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gite

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

3 Aug

Beni Malaa - Oued Laos

This final trekking day is through part of the **Talasemtane National Park**, through oak forests and finally descending towards the **Mediterranean coast**, with some great views. The going is easier today, joining the **Laou wadi**, trekking through the wheat fields before finally reaching the road by the coast.

Trek time/ascent: approx 6-7 hrs

Overnight accommodation: Hotel/Apartment on the coast

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

4 Aug

Transfer to Tangier

After breakfast, it's a morning transfer back along the coast road to Tangier. It is another chance to stretch your legs and to explore the city by day and night.

The **Grand Socco** borders the Medina, and is a popular starting point to explore the labyrinth of streets of the Medina.

The **Petit Socco** is within it.

Maybe pre-book a Hammam from the first visit. They are certainly an experience.

Or head for the Kasbah area with its extensive views over the city.

The public beaches are huge, with long promenades.

Overnight accommodation: Hotel/Riad Tangier

Meals: Breakfast

5 Aug

Depart

Transfer(s) to respective airport/harbour.

Meals: Breakfast