

Total Solar Eclipse Tour Trek - 28 Jul - 4 Aug 2027

Group 2 (Start/Finish in Fes)

28 Jul 2027 **Arrive Fes, Transfer to Azrou (Nr Ifrane)**

On arrival in Fes, we will collect you and transfer you to your hotel in Azrou. At an altitude of around 1200m, and gateway to the Ifrane National Park, the town features buildings with pitched roofs of green-glazed tiles, a reflection of the heavy winter snowfalls. The cooler temperatures will be welcomed here.

Transfer time: Approx 90 mins

Overnight accommodation: Hotel Ifrane

Meals: None

29 Jul **Start Trek - Azrou to Cedre Moudmane**

After breakfast, the trek leads directly out of Azrou, and climbs eastward up the limestone escarpment. The first 5 km walk is up through oak scrub and arid plants. See the cliffs of La Falaise then the trail flattens out along these massive limestone cliffs. Trek through the Cèdre Gouraud Forest: a high-altitude plateau dominated by big cedar trees. This area is famous for wild Barbary macaque monkeys.

The trek continues through the forest to the area of the Moudmane Park, where we descend to a simple gîte in the nearby valley (this may involve a short drive).

Trek time/distance: 5 hrs/15km

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gîte

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (packed) & Dinner

30 Jul **Moudmane - Ben Smim Volcanic Plateau**

There is a complete change of scenery today. From the towering Cèdre canopy, the trail climbs onto the stark landscape of the Ben Smim volcanic plateau. There are expansive views but with that, comes exposure to the elements. The wind and sun could be strong.

To give you the best view of this volcanic area, we climb Jbel Hebri (otherwise known as 'Cone Hill'). Standing out like a sore thumb (2092m), it is an unmistakable part of the landscape. It's a short ascent but a relentless one!

Descend to the village past an area of small springs, mainly on dirt tracks and smaller paths.

The night is in a simple Gîte.

Trek time/distance: approx 5 hrs/14km

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gîte

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (packed) & Dinner

31 Jul **Plateau to Ifrane, transfer to Fes**

A change of landscape once again as you follow the woodland paths of the 'Monkey trail', before reaching Ras El Ma spring and the parks of Ifrane. The rugged paths eventually give way to paved parkways before you reach Ifrane.

Often referred to as 'little Switzerland', Ifrane is a unique mountain resort town that sits at about 1600m in altitude.

With alpine architecture, clean streets and manicured gardens, its cooler temperatures will be welcomed.

Take a well earned rest and lunch before relaxing in the air conditioned minibus to Fes.

Depending on the arrival time, there maybe time to freshen up and explore parts of city close to the hotel.

Trek time/distance: 4 hrs/13 km

Transfer time: Approx 80 mins

Overnight accommodation: Hotel Fes

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (packed)

1 Aug	Explore Fes, transfer to Chefchaouen The morning is dedicated to allowing you to explore Fes, known for its souks, the open air tanneries and Palaces of the old medina. Maybe start your day at the Bab Boujloud (the Blue Gate), the iconic entry way to the old city. This will lead you into the labyrinth of alleyways of the Medina, perhaps best done (conveniently) in the early part of the morning (before midday) when the number of people there increases. If you have time, try to get an overview of the open air tanneries, they have been operating like this since the 11th century. Meet the transport at the agreed time/place for the transfer to Chefchaouen. Perhaps take the opportunity in the cool of the evening to explore the blue washing town before the excitement of the Eclipse in the morning. Road transfer time: 2.5 hrs Overnight accommodation: Hotel Chefchaouen Meals: Breakfast
2 Aug	Total Solar Eclipse Day A potential early rise to ensure we get in place on the elevated position above Chefchaouen. This will have unobstructed views of the Rif mountains, and of course the Eclipse (weather permitting). Given the exposed nature of the viewing of a strong sun, ensure that you have good protection with you. Clothing that will protect you from sunburn as well as sunscreen and plenty of water. 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 event is over, return to Chefchaouen to board the transport to Tangier. En route, approx 45 mins out of Chefchaouen, and if there is time, it's possible to trek out to see God's Bridge, a massive natural archway of red rock, the top of which is around 100m tall, with pools below. The Akshour waterfalls are also in this area but it's doubtful there is enough time to do both. Transfer to Tangier. Depending on your arrival time, you may have time to explore some of the city. Road transfer time: 2.5 hrs Overnight accommodation: Hotel Tangier Meals: Breakfast & Lunch
3 Aug	Explore Tangier, transfer to Fes You have the morning 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. The Kasbah area has extensive views over the city, and the public beaches are huge, with long promenades. At an agreed time, you will be transferred to Fes. Road transfer time: 4 hrs Overnight accommodation: Hotel Fes Meals: Breakfast
4 Aug	Depart Transfer(s) to airport. Meals: Breakfast

What the Price Includes

- Return transfers from Fes airport
- All accommodation, twin share or single as per your booking (except the 2 nights in Gites)
- All meals in accordance with the itinerary
- Services of a local Moroccan Guide and portorage throughout the trek
- Luggage portorage on trek
- 3 day trek in the Middle Atlas Mountains
- Private air-conditioned vehicle/driver for all land transfers involved in the itinerary

What the Price Does Not Include

- International flights
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Entry into sights unless stated
- Optional trips and sightseeing tours not stated in the itinerary
- Guide and Crew gratuities