

Total Solar Eclipse Tour Trek - 27 Jul - 4 Aug 2027

Group 4 (Start/Finish in Casablanca)

27 Jul 2027**Arrive Casablanca, Transfer to Hotel**

On arrival in Casablanca, we will collect you and transfer you to your hotel (it doesn't matter what time you arrive). Depending on your time of arrival you may have time to explore some of the city. You will be returning here at the end of the tour.

Overnight accommodation: Hotel Val de Anfa or similar

Meals: None

28 Jul**Transfer to Ifrane, via Volubilis**

Our journey today passes Meknes to visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis (journey time ~3.30 hrs)

Volubilis is a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site, functioning as the Roman Empire's most remote southwestern outpost. Dating back to the 3rd century BC, this ancient city thrived on exporting grain and olive oil. Today, its majestic grey limestone ruins stretch across a scenic hillside. Iconic architectural landmarks include the towering Basilica, the civic Forum, and the grand Arch of Caracalla. Volubilis is globally celebrated for its exceptional, intact floor mosaics - such as the Labours of Hercules - which remarkably remain in their original positions inside ancient patrician villas, offering a vivid window into Roman antiquity. Ticket price ~ MAD100 (US\$10), not included.

We move on, past Fes to Ifrane ('little Switzerland') (~2 hrs journey time). 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 from the heat of the Plains.

Transfer time: Casablanca to Volubilis ~ 3.30hrs ~2 hrs Volubilis to Ifrane

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Overnight accommodation: Hotel Ifrane

Meals: Breakfast

29 Jul**Start Trek - Ifrane to the Plateau**

A gentle start to the trekking through the dense woodland following part of the paths of the 'Monkey trail', past Ras El Ma spring to the National Parks of Ifrane. The route continues onto the plateau of Ben Smim (~1600m). This a very peaceful area in a protected Park within the Middle Atlas.

It is estimated that 25 - 30% of the world's population of the Barbary Macaque Monkeys live here. They are protected.

If you see Cedar trees, the Monkeys won't be far away!

Your accommodation is a simple mountain Gite.

Trek time/distance: 4 hrs/13km

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gite

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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

The route today includes the short climb to 'Cone Hill'. There are great views from the top, and with it an element of exposure to the elements. Slowly but surely you will leave the higher open volcanic plateau and descend into Cedar and Oak forest. You will eventually drop into a more populated farmland terrain.

The night is in a simple Gite.

Trek time/distance: approx 5 hrs/14km

Overnight accommodation: Mountain Gite

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

31 Jul	Moudame to Azrou va Cedar Gourand, transfer to Fes A great day to finish this phase. Ascend gradually along well trodden paths through Oak tress, which eventually give way to the majestic Atlas Cedar trees (Cedar Gourand forest). This is a welcoming cool, peaceful and heavily shaded area. There are plenty of Monkeys in this area! You will see the cliffs of La Falaise as you descend to the town of Azrou. From here, it's into the air-conditioned minibus for the transfer to Fes. Trek time/distance: 5 hrs/15 km Transfer time: Up to 2 hrs Overnight accommodation: Hotel Fes Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
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 short walk into the mountains to camp for the night. Road transfer time: 2.5 hrs Overnight accommodation: Camp Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
2 Aug	Total Solar Eclipse Day A potential early rise to ensure we get in place on the elevated position for the Eclipse. 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, the afternoon is spent exploring the waterfalls of Akshour and/or God's Bridge. This is flexible. God's Bridge, is 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. 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 Casablanca (Al Boraq Bullet Train) You have the morning to wander around the centre of this bustling port city (Tangier), 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 board Morocco's Bullet train (the Al Boraq) for the 2.10 hr journey to Casablanca. This is an extremely efficient, and fun way to travel between the two cities. It'll whisk you from city centre to city centre, travelling along the Atlantic Plains, past farmland and through the hills of Northern Morocco. Train transfer time: 2.10 hrs Overnight accommodation: Hotel Casablanca Meals: Breakfast
4 Aug	Depart Transfer(s) to airport. Meals: Breakfast Inclusions and Exclusions are below



What the Price Includes

- Return transfers from Casablanca airport
- All accommodation, twin share basis (except in Mountain Gites, see below)
- Meals in accordance with the above itinerary (8 x breakfasts, 4 x lunches, 3 x dinners)
- An experienced, licensed, English speaking local Guide
- Luggage portage
- Camping tents, sleeping mats and all facilities required to camp for the night (not sleeping bags)
- Mule and Muleteers to support camping phase
- Private air-conditioned vehicle/driver for all land transfers involved in the itinerary
- Train ticket Tangier - Casablanca on the Al Boraq train (2nd class)

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