

MOROCCO

SAHARA TREK

Trip Grade: Moderate
Group Size: Min 10



The Sahara desert stretches 4800km from east to west. Its landscape varies from a stony flat expanse to perfect wind-blown sand dunes, broken only by the occasional oasis. The feeling of space and utter remoteness is awesome. With proud Berbers as our guides and a small caravan of camels to carry our supplies, we trek 100km through this varied and stunning landscape.

A free day exploring the sights and souks of Marrakech provides a real contrast to our week's challenge, and a great way to celebrate our achievement!



"I enjoyed the whole trip so much that on the morning after arriving home I booked another one!"
- Anne, 2006



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ITINERARY

- DAY 1: Depart London for Ouarzazate, transfer to hotel
- DAY 2: Drive to M'hamid and the start of our trek; head off into dunes
- DAY 3: Trekking amongst small dunes and tamarisk trees, following the Jebel Bani
- DAY 4: A mixture of stony plateau and soft sand with camp overlooking the dunes
- DAY 5: A morning of rough hamada; lunch under a lone tree and onto camp
- DAY 6: Scale the heights of Chegaga, the largest dune in the region
- DAY 7: Cross the Iriki Saltpan, through acacia trees and shimmering heat
- DAY 8: Sunrise walk ends trek, drive to Marrakech for big celebration
- DAY 9: Free day to explore Marrakech
- Day 10: Depart Marrakech for London

WHAT'S IT REALLY LIKE?

- Terrain varies from firm desert floor to soft sand and loose rocky ground
- Some steep, strenuous ascents of sand-dunes
- Trek average 6-7 hours each day
- Heat can be intense and adds to challenge; cold at night
- Basic facilities in camp; wells provide shower facilities some nights



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