

**2014 MOROCCO FAMILY TREK  
 Itinerary**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Sun June 29	Marrakesh	Arrive to Marrakesh Free day to explore Welcome dinner	Airport pick-up Lunch on own Group Welcome dinner Overnight hotel Marrakesh
Mon June 30	Marrakesh – Essaouira	Orientation meeting Transfer to Essaouira Visit orphanage for welcome ceremony and games	Group lunch Group dinner  Overnight hotel Essaouira
Tues July 1	Essaouira	Work day at orphanage	Group lunch Dinner on own Overnight hotel Essaouira
Wed July 2	Essaouira	Free morning to sightsee or enjoy the beach Evening party with the children at the orphanage	Lunch on own Dinner at the orphanage  Overnight hotel Essaouira
Thurs July 3	Essaouira – Marrakesh	Field trip with the children at the orphanage Transfer to Marrakesh Pre-trek meeting and packing	Group lunch Group dinner  Overnight hotel Marrakesh
Friday July 4	Marrakesh – Agersioual- Tizian	Transfer from Marrakesh to Agersioual, meet the team; guide, cook and muleteers, then set off on first day which will be an acclimatisation trek in the Ouirgane National Park. The terrain here is gentler with copper green soil and juniper trees. We will spend the night in a traditional Berber village in a gite (family house). Approx. 4-5 hrs, 7 mi/11 km.	All meals included on trek               Overnight gite in Tizian
Sat July 5	Tizian – Azzaden Valley	After breakfast we'll head up and out of the valley and traverse over to the stunning Azzaden Valley. The views open up with a rushing mountain stream surrounded by walnut groves leading up towards Toubkal and her sister peaks at the head of the Valley. Approx. 7 hrs, 6 mi/10 km.	                     Overnight gite or camping
Sun July 6	Azzaden Valley – Toubkal refuge	Stiff climb out of the Azzaden Valley to the Toubkal Refuge past the Ighouliden waterfalls and over the Aguelzim Mountain pass at 11,680 ft (3,560m). We will stop for lunch at a spectacular viewpoint over the Atlas Mountain Range and then continue climbing to the Toubkal Refuge (Neltner Hut) at 10,500ft (3,200m). Approx. 7 hours, 6 mi/10 km.	                     Overnight Toubkal refuge
Mon July 7	Refuge – Toubkal	Early in the morning we make our attempt	

	summit – Imlil	on the summit of Jebel Toukbal 13,671 ft/4,167m, the highest peak in Northern Africa. Our route takes us up the south cirque, crossing the stream above the refuge. The walking is relatively straightforward, but the scree and the altitude will make the going quite difficult in parts. From the summit you'll have wonderful views over the Atlas Range and the Sahara Desert. We will retrace our steps down the mountain to the Toubkal Refuge where we will have lunch and continue our descent for another 4 hours to the town of Imlil, 5800 ft/1780m. Approx. 10 hrs, 16 mi/26 km. Elevation gain: 2,952 ft/900m Elevation loss: 7875 ft/2400m	Overnight guesthouse Imlil
Tues July 8	Imlil – Ait Ben Haddou – Zagora desert	Depart Imlil and travel by bus over the Atlas mountains to the Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou where we will have time to wander this famous uninhabited town where movies such as Gladiator were filmed. After lunch, we continue along the Drâa valley to reach our destination of Zagora where we meet our camels and begin our 1.5 hr trek into the dunes to our desert camp in the dunes of Nakhla.	Overnight in tent in the desert
Wed July 9	Zagora desert – Marrakesh	After a traditional Berber breakfast, just prior to sunrise, we will have a camel ride for 1.5 hr to explore the area further before heading back to Zagora. We will then travel by bus through the Draa valley and over the Atlas mountains to return to Marrakesh.	Group farewell dinner  Overnight hotel Marrakesh
Thurs July 10	Flights	Depart for home	Airport drop off