

# Morocco

Nestled in Northwest Africa, Morocco lies surrounded by the breathtaking Atlas Mountains which separate the country from the rest of the continent. Immerse yourself in its rich culture, trek through magnificent mountain scenery, dramatic gorges and picturesque Berber villages or head into the Sahara and camel trek across the majestic dunes of Erg Chebbi. Get involved in rewarding project work with a rural community and enjoy exploring the vibrant souks of Essaouira and Marrakech with their storytellers, dancers, musicians and enticing food.



The best time to go: All year round, but October-April is best.

## Terrain

Morocco offers a huge variety of terrain, including mountains, forest, desert, gorges, rivers, valleys and coast.

## Climate

A subtropical climate, cooled by breezes from the coast. Inland, the temperatures can be extreme, averaging 38°C in summer. In mountainous areas it can be below 0°C.

## Language

The main language of Morocco is Darija (Moroccan Arabic), but you will also hear many Berber dialects, as well as French.

## Time zone

GMT +1

## Accommodation

Typical accommodation includes hotels, homestays, gites and tents.

## Explore

On arrival, you'll head to Marrakech, home to a world-famous maze of historic souks and the busiest square in Africa. Here you can find your feet and get used to the sights, smells and sounds of this bustling and vibrant city.



"This whole experience was just a whirlwind and I would do anything to do it again. The experience was so rewarding and amazing. I would definitely say to anybody: go for it, take the leap of faith and do it, you will not forget it."

Austin, Challenger



## Challenge yourself

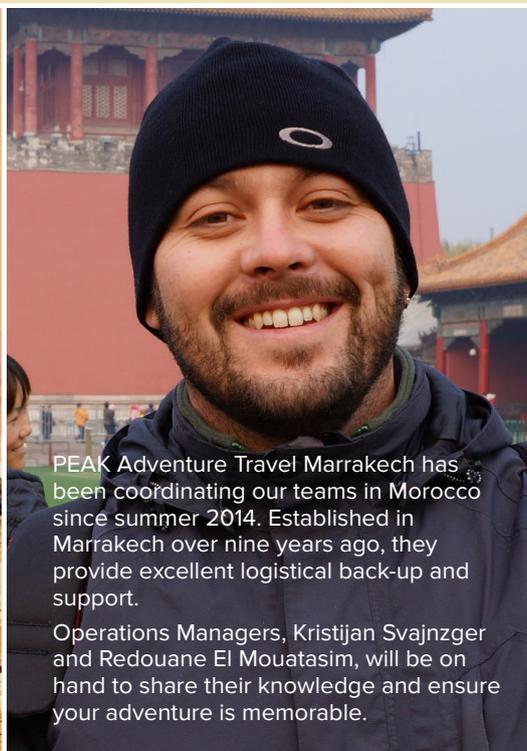
The High Atlas Mountains in Morocco give you the chance to experience a great diversity of environments, including snow-capped mountains, green pastures and breathtaking gorges. Your team might choose to climb to an altitude of 4,167m to the summit of Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa. Alternatively, you could trek on horseback along Morocco's rugged Atlantic coast.



Our teams have been undertaking project work at a women and children's centre since 2014. So far, teams have renovated the playground, planted trees and vegetables and installed a new water pump. This has resulted in a safer play area for the children, access to potable water and functioning toilet and shower facilities.

## Contribute

Projects in Morocco are based in local communities and there is plenty of opportunity for cultural interaction and getting involved in worthwhile tasks. Past projects include renovating schools and community centres, refurbishing sanitation facilities and classrooms, building pathways and installing irrigation systems.



PEAK Adventure Travel Marrakech has been coordinating our teams in Morocco since summer 2014. Established in Marrakech over nine years ago, they provide excellent logistical back-up and support.

Operations Managers, Kristijan Svajnzer and Redouane El Mouatasim, will be on hand to share their knowledge and ensure your adventure is memorable.

## Chill out

Head into the world's largest desert, the Sahara, to camel trek across the majestic dunes of Erg Chebbi. You'll camp overnight in a Bedouin tent and enjoy some traditional hospitality as you watch the sun set over the desert. Alternatively you may wish to take part in a cycling tour, haggle for souvenirs in the souks, or simply kick back and relax at the beach in the coastal town of Essaouira.

