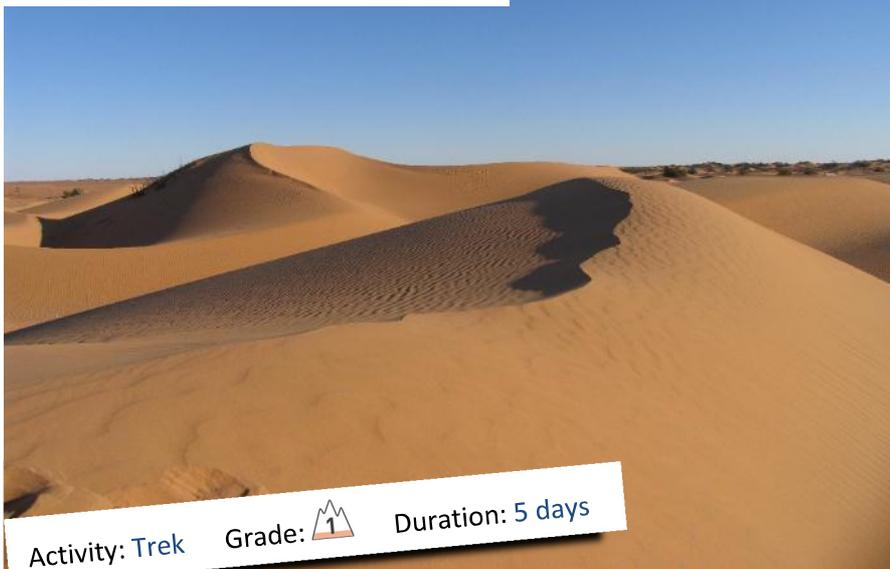


Morocco

Saharan Mini Adventure



Activity: **Trek** Grade:  Duration: **5 days**

A challenging trek against the backdrop of the awe-inspiring Sahara Desert, this short but adventurous trip offers a bite-sized desert experience.

From flat desert floor scattered with ancient fossils, to perfect wind-blown sand-dunes, this trek is diverse and demanding. The vast, unforgiving desert is a truly beautiful place to discover, while the incredible star-strewn night skies are unforgettable, especially with a new moon – and in February 2017 we have the added excitement of a lunar eclipse!

Accompanied by Berber guides and a small caravan of camels, our remote night-camps with camp-fires and Berber singing are often a real highlight of the trip!



Challenge Grading

Our trips are graded from Challenging (Grade 1) to Extreme (Grade 5).

This trek is graded **Challenging (1)**. Main challenges lie in the intense heat, and the terrain, particularly soft sand dunes, which can be very tiring.

Many factors influence the Challenge Grading, such as terrain, distances, climate, living conditions, etc. The grade reflects the overall trip; some days are likely to feel more challenging than others. Unusual weather conditions also have a significant impact, and not all people are tested by the same aspects.

Our grading levels are intended as a guide, but span a broad spectrum; trips within the same grade will still vary in the level of challenge provided.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Fly London to Ouarzazate

Pronounced 'Wazzazat', this busy town on the edge of the desert, famous for its film studios, lies just south of the High Atlas Mountains. We transfer the short distance to our hotel. Night hotel.

Day 2: Ouarzazate – Tazerzine – Camp

After an early breakfast, we load our gear into the waiting vehicles and set off for the desert. Our drive takes us over the low mountains of the beautiful Jebel Sarhro and then east, passing the small town of Nekob en-route to characterful Tazerzine, a small oasis town. On arrival at our start point, we have lunch while the cameleers load up the camels, then set off through beautiful landscapes of palm trees and small sand dunes. We make camp at the edge of the dunes for the night, enjoying the stunning night skies. Night camp.

Drive approx. 3 hours; trek approx. 3 hours

Day 3: Desert Trek

The full colour of the landscape erupts as the sun rises. Hot coffee and a good breakfast set us up for a good day's trek. We break camp, load the camels and head



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Trekking Information

We are travelling through remote desert and small oasis towns. We trek over stony, firm desert floor (hamada), dry river beds and loose, soft (and in places steep) sand dunes.

You will trek approx. 40km overall. Distances can vary over time because of the natural movement of the dunes. Distances are misleading in this type of terrain, and it's more useful when training to think about the hours you need to walk for! This trek is achievable for most people provided they train well in advance. We will supply you with a thorough training guide when you have registered.

Accommodation & Food

We camp in large tents for 6-8 people, though sleeping out under the stars is highly recommended! Water is scarce for obvious reasons, and therefore reserved for drinking; wet-wipes are useful for washing! We use good hotels in Ouarzazate; rooms are twin-share. Meals are included except where specified in the itinerary. The food is great, very varied, and plentiful. Please let us know any dietary requirements well in advance.

Weather

Days are usually clear and sunny, and it can get very hot. Nights are colder, with the temperature dropping noticeably as soon as the sun sets. There may even be frost on the tents some mornings. It can rain in this part of the desert, though it is not common. Average temperatures range from 8 – 30°C (Nov – March)

Detailed Itinerary (cont)

off along a dry river, passing through small oases and low sand dunes. The views around us are amazing, with the colourful Jebel Sarhro mountains to the north, and the startling greenery of the palmery threading its way back towards Tazerine. Leaving the river bed behind, we head out into the desert hills, walking through sand dunes. We pass occasional small tamarisk trees that manage to flourish in this harsh environment, providing a little shade. Continuing through the small dunes, we come to our camp in a sheltered spot among the hills. Night camp.

Trek approx. 6-8 hours

Day 4: Camp – Taghbalt – Ouarzazate

After another amazing night under the stars we set off on the last section of the route, continuing through the low hills until we emerge in open desert, with inspiring views of the barren mountains around us. The terrain becomes firmer underfoot as we walk over *hamada*, or desert floor, until we reach the small, remote town of Taghbalt. We meet our waiting transport and return to Ouarzazate for an evening of celebrations. Night hotel.

(Dinner not included)

Trek approx. 4 hours; drive approx. 3 hours

Day 5: Depart Ouarzazate for London

An early transfer takes us to the airport, and we fly home.

Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

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For details of our Marrakech Riad extension (adds 2 days min) please contact us.

Crew & Trip Support

Your trip will be led by experienced Discover Adventure leaders. They are chosen for their experience and knowledge, friendliness and approachability, sense of humour and ability to safely and effectively deal with any situation that arises. They are also trained in expedition first-aid. You are in very safe hands with a Discover Adventure leader. An expedition doctor or medic also accompanies trips unless run below minimum group size.

Our local support crew is made up of a friendly team of local guides, drivers, cooks and cameleers, who work closely with the Discover Adventure crew to ensure your trip runs smoothly and safely.

On trek, all luggage, food, water and camping equipment is carried by camels accompanied by cameleers, and some land-rovers.



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Saharan Mini Adventure 2017 - 2018

2017 Dates	2018 Dates
9 - 13 Feb	16 - 20 Feb
3 - 7 Nov	2 - 6 Nov

Pricing Information

All costs are based on a minimum of 15 participants. Please refer to our website for latest prices and offers.

	REGISTRATION FEE Payable on registration	FUNDRAISING TARGET Payable 10 weeks prior to trip departure	TRIP COST Payable 8 weeks prior to trip departure
FUNDRAISING OPTION	Paid to Discover Adventure to secure your place on the trip. This is applicable to all payment options and is non-refundable .	You commit to raise the fundraising target . Your chosen charity will retain 50% of this target plus any additional fundraising you achieve.	Paid by your charity providing they have received all of the Fundraising Target
	£99.00	From £1550.00	N/A
PART - PAYMENT OPTION	Paid to Discover Adventure to secure your place on the trip. This is applicable to all payment options and is non-refundable .	Your contribution (Part Payment Trip Cost) to the trip cost gives you a lower fundraising target. You commit to raise this target and your chosen charity will retain 50% of this target plus any additional fundraising you achieve.	Set contribution (Part Payment Trip Cost) paid by you at this time . Remaining costs paid by your chosen charity, providing they have received all of the Fundraising Target
	£99.00	From £1050.00	From £250.00
SELF PAYMENT OPTION	Paid to Discover Adventure to secure your place on the trip. This is applicable to all payment options and is non-refundable .	Raise as much as you can and 100% of your donations will go to your chosen charity	Paid by you
	£99.00	N/A	From £775.00

What's Included

- All transport from London to Ouarzazate return
- All meals except where specified, accommodation & camping equipment
- Discover Adventure leaders; doctor with group of 15+ participants; local guides & cooks, camels, cameleers & drivers
- Vehicle support and back-up equipment
- Entry to any sites visited as part of the itinerary
- Airline taxes

What's Excluded

- One meal as specified in itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending money, souvenirs and drinks
- Tips for the local guides and support crew
- Inbound airport departure tax (no tax applied at time of writing)
- Fees for any optional sites, attractions or activities
- Any applicable surcharges as per Terms and Conditions