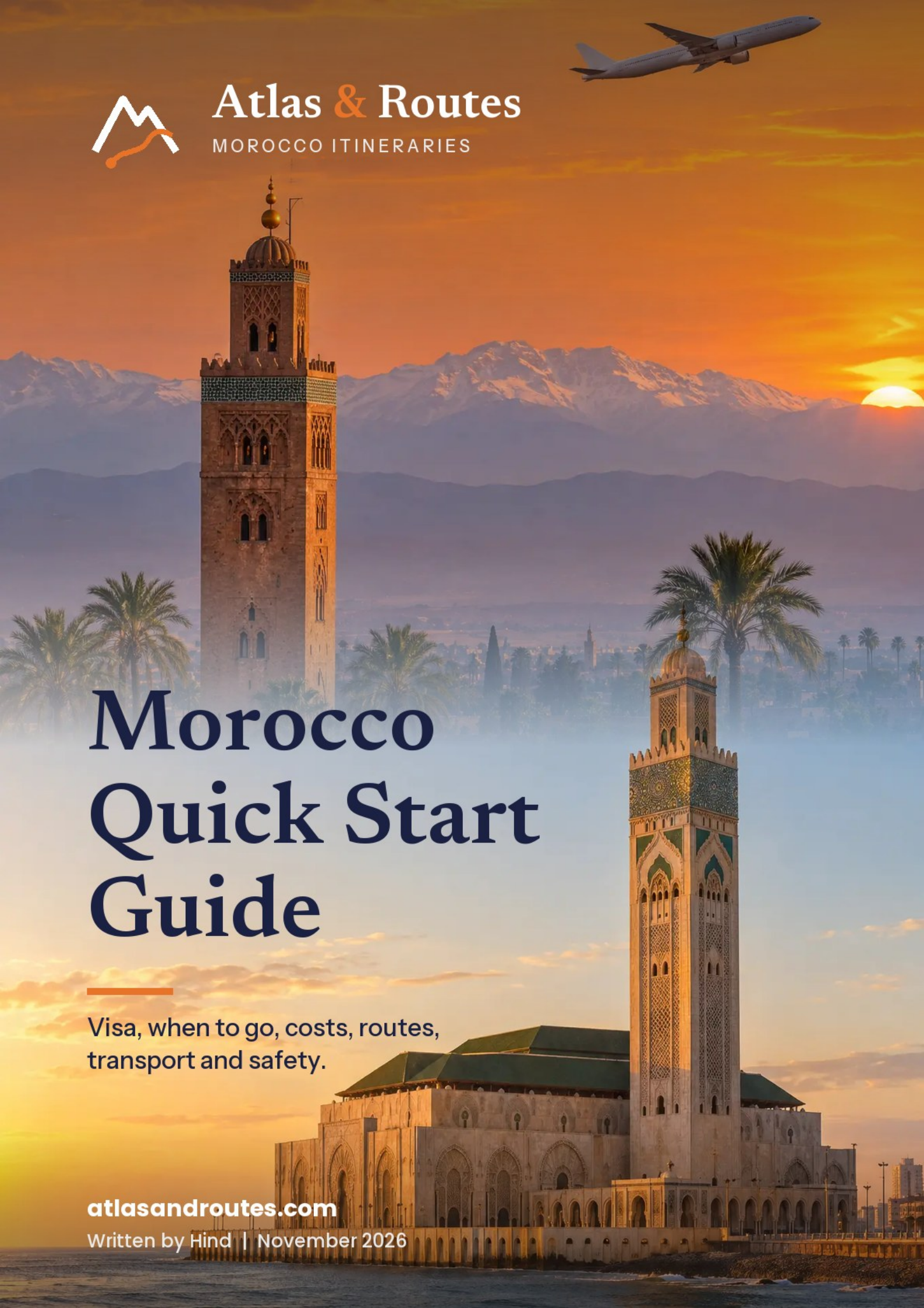

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Morocco Visa Requirements: Who Needs One and What to Expect

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Most visitors from the UK, the EU, the USA, Canada and Australia do not need a visa for tourism, but the details depend on your passport. This guide uses Morocco's official checker and the UK government's entry advice. For the trip itself see the Morocco itinerary.

Sources checked 2026-10-23: Morocco's official eligibility checker and e-visa pages on acces-maroc.ma, and the UK government's entry requirements page for Morocco (gov.uk). Rules change, so check the checker for your own passport in the week you fly.

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The short version

On the official checker at acces-maroc.ma, we entered an ordinary passport, tourism as the purpose and no other visa. For France (standing in for EU and Schengen countries), the UK, the USA, Canada and Australia, the answer was the same: no visa and no AEVM travel authorization needed. If your passport is from another country, run the checker yourself, because the result depends on your nationality.

For stays, the UK government says you can visit without a visa for up to 90 days for tourism. We found no Moroccan page that states it directly, so confirm the figure for your passport.

Who needs what

Situation	What the official sources say
Passport from a country with a visa-free tourist stay	No visa. Stay up to 90 days per the UK government.
Nationality that needs an AEVM	Apply for the electronic travel authorization on acces-maroc.ma before you fly. We found no fee on that page.
Nationality that needs a visa	Apply for the e-visa on acces-maroc.ma. Standard: 770 MAD, 3 business days. Express: 1,100 MAD, 1 business day. Single entry, up to 30 days.

The AEVM and the e-visa are two different things. The AEVM is an electronic travel authorization for some visa-exempt nationalities. The e-visa is for nationalities that need a visa.

Passport rules

- **Validity.** The UK government says your passport must have an expiry date at least 3 months after you arrive. The US State Department advises 6 months, and Canadian advice we found says 6 months beyond departure. These are advice from the travelers' own governments, so six months is the safe choice. Your airline may enforce its own rule.
- **ID cards.** Bring a passport, not only a national ID card. We found no official page on ID cards, so check with your airline.
- **Damaged passports.** The UK government warns that damaged passports have led to refused entry.
- **Entry stamp.** The UK government says border officials should stamp your passport on arrival, and that some travelers had trouble leaving without one. Check that you have the stamp.
- **No return ticket rule found.** The UK page does not list a return ticket or proof of funds as an entry requirement. Immigration can still ask where you are staying, so keep your first booking handy.



Staying longer than 90 days

The UK government says longer stays need an extension from a Moroccan police station. Canadian advice says to contact the foreigners' section at your local police station at least 15 days before the 90 days run out. Overstays are treated seriously: the US State Department says

that after more than 90 days without an extension you must appear before a judge before you can leave, and may be fined. Plan your exit date before you arrive.



Money rules at the border

The dirham is a closed currency. The US State Department says foreign currency worth 15,000 MAD or more must be declared on arrival, cash above 50,000 MAD must be documented to be exported, and exporting dirhams is prohibited. Moroccan press reports have quoted other figures, so confirm with customs. The currency guide has the rates and the details.

Arriving by ferry

The same entry rules apply at the ports. See the Tangier to Spain ferry guide for the crossings.



Applying for an AEVM

If the official checker says your nationality needs an AEVM (Autorisation Electronique de Voyage au Maroc), the process on acces-maroc.ma is: check your eligibility, create an account, fill in the application with an ID photo, your ID or residence card and the identity page of your passport, submit it, then follow the status (in progress, waiting for more documents, or refused). The portal lists a few exceptions, including holders of a valid Moroccan residence permit, travelers in airport or port transit who do not leave the terminal, and people married to a Moroccan national, who must carry proof on arrival. We found no AEVM fee on that page, so check the portal for the cost.

Before you go

Run the checker again in the week you fly, since it is the official tool. Keep your passport, your first accommodation booking and, if you applied for one, the confirmation of your AEVM or e-visa on your phone and on paper. The checker, the AEVM page and the e-visa page are all on acces-maroc.ma, the official portal of Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a visa for Morocco as a UK, US, Canadian, EU or Australian traveler?

Not for tourism, according to Morocco's official checker at acces-maroc.ma, checked 2026-10-23.

How long can I stay in Morocco without a visa?

Up to 90 days per the UK government. Confirm for your passport.

How long must my passport be valid?

At least 3 months after arrival per the UK government. The US State Department advises 6 months.

How much is the Morocco e-visa?

770 MAD standard or 1,100 MAD express, for the nationalities that need one.

Do I need travel insurance to enter Morocco?

We found no official page requiring it for entry. See the insurance guide.

Sources

- UK government travel advice for Morocco
- Government of Canada travel advice for Morocco
- US State Department Morocco travel advisory
- Morocco e-visa and visa checker

Last checked: 24 October 2026. Operators update fares and times often. Check their site for the current price before booking.

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WHEN TO GO · GUIDE

Best Time to Visit Morocco

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The best month depends on the trip you are planning: cities, desert, coast or winter sun. This guide uses the official monthly averages, not opinions, to match the months to each kind of trip.

Source for every temperature and rain figure below: World Weather Information Service (WMO), worldweather.wmo.int, monthly averages for 1991-2020 supplied by Morocco's national weather service, checked 2026-10-23. Month-by-month tables for eight cities are in our Morocco weather guide. We found no official source for crowds or hotel prices by month, so this guide does not make claims about them.

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The short answer



For a trip built around cities such as Marrakech and Fes, the milder shoulder months are March to May and October to November. The desert is most comfortable from about October to April, with cold nights. The Atlantic coast and Agadir are the mildest places all year. Summer is hot inland. The detail follows.

Marrakech and Fes

Marrakech averages a daily high of 25.7 C in April, 29.4 C in May, 28.5 C in October and 23.1 C in November. July reaches 37.7 C and August 37.4 C, with almost no rain (2.2 mm in July). Winter days are mild (19.1 C in January) but nights fall to 5.9 C.

Fes is a little cooler in spring (22 C in April, 26.4 C in May) and wetter in winter, with 60.1 mm in January and 65.6 mm in November, against 25 mm and 29.8 mm in Marrakech. Summer highs reach 35.1 C.

The Sahara and the south



The official tables include Ouarzazate and Errachidia, the nearest stations to the desert routes. Errachidia is in the same region as Merzouga but is not Merzouga, which sits deeper in the desert and may be more extreme.

- Errachidia in July: a 39.5 C average high and a 25.8 C average low.
- Errachidia in January: a 15.9 C high and a 2 C low.
- Errachidia in March: a 22.1 C high, 8.8 C low. In October: 26.8 C high, 14.2 C low. In November: 20.6 C high, 7.7 C low.
- Ouarzazate in January: 17.3 C high and 1.8 C low.

So from November to February, days are mild and nights are cold. In July and August, daytime highs are close to 40 C. See our Sahara desert tour guide and the Merzouga guide.

The Atlantic coast and the north

Casablanca's average highs run from 17.6 C in January to 26.7 C in August. Rabat's go from 17.4 C to 27.8 C. Tangier is cooler in winter (16.8 C in January) and reaches 29.7 C in August. All three have a wet season: Tangier averages 116.9 mm in November and 114.3 mm in December, Rabat 94.3 mm in November. Summer is nearly dry (0.4 mm in July in Rabat). Essaouira, Chefchaouen and Tetouan are not in the official dataset.

Agadir for winter sun



Agadir's average high stays between 21.1 C and 27 C all year. In December it is 22.1 C, in January 21.1 C and in February 22 C, with lows of 10.1, 8.4 and 10.2 C. Rain is limited: 47.4 mm in December and 31.6 mm in January. See the Agadir travel guide.

Four places, month by month

Each cell shows the average high in C, the average low in C and the rain in mm for the month, from the same WMO tables. Errachidia stands in for the desert and is not Merzouga itself.

Month	Marrakech	Errachidia (desert)	Casablanca (coast)	Agadir
Jan	19.1 / 5.9 / 25	15.9 / 2 / 10	17.6 / 8.9 / 63.9	21.1 / 8.4 / 31.6
Feb	20.7 / 7.6 / 25.7	18.2 / 4.6 / 12.6	18.1 / 9.7 / 49.7	22 / 10.2 / 28.6
Mar	23.6 / 10.3 / 35.3	22.1 / 8.8 / 14	19.7 / 11.6 / 42.5	23.4 / 12.3 / 31.3

Month	Marrakech	Errachidia (desert)	Casablanca (coast)	Agadir
Apr	25.7 / 12.4 / 26.3	26.1 / 13 / 9.4	20.6 / 13.3 / 33.5	23.2 / 14.1 / 13.8
May	29.4 / 15.2 / 10.3	30.3 / 17.3 / 8.7	22.7 / 16 / 13.6	24.2 / 15.9 / 5.4
Jun	33.6 / 17.9 / 3.1	35.4 / 22 / 5.6	24.6 / 18.7 / 2.5	25.6 / 18.1 / 0.8
Jul	37.7 / 20.6 / 2.2	39.5 / 25.8 / 3.1	26.1 / 20.5 / 0.5	26.7 / 19.2 / 0.2
Aug	37.4 / 21.1 / 4.7	38.2 / 24.9 / 6.3	26.7 / 21 / 0.4	27 / 19.5 / 3.1
Sep	32.5 / 18.6 / 15.2	32.9 / 19.9 / 18.2	25.8 / 19.5 / 11.7	26.1 / 18.6 / 3.7
Oct	28.5 / 15.7 / 19.1	26.8 / 14.2 / 23.7	24.3 / 16.8 / 45.3	26.1 / 16.7 / 21.2
Nov	23.1 / 10.7 / 29.8	20.6 / 7.7 / 16.3	21 / 12.8 / 82.5	24.1 / 12.9 / 42.3
Dec	20.2 / 7.3 / 24.2	16.7 / 3.5 / 8	18.9 / 10.5 / 64.1	22.1 / 10.1 / 47.4

Read across a row to compare, for example April: 25.7 C and 26.3 mm in Marrakech against 26.1 C and 9.4 mm in Errachidia. The full eight-city tables are in the Morocco weather guide.

A rough plan by trip type

Trip	Months that fit the official averages	Watch for
Marrakech and Fes city trip	March to May, October to November	summer highs of 35 C or more
Sahara and desert camp	October to April	nights near 2 C in January
Atlantic coast and Rabat	May to September	wet winters, with Rabat at 94.3 mm in November
Winter sun in Agadir	November to March	a daily high around 21 to 24 C, cooler nights

These are our reading of the averages, not an official recommendation. Ramadan, school holidays and local events change opening hours and demand, and we found no official source for them, so check dates for your own trip. For a trip in December, see Morocco in December, and for what to pack, the packing list.

What averages cannot tell you

A monthly average hides the spread. Marrakech averages 37.7 C in July, which means some days are hotter and some cooler, and the desert can swing by about 14 C between a January afternoon and a January night in Errachidia (15.9 C high, 2 C low). Pack for the range, not the average, and check a forecast a few days before you fly.

Ramadan moves about 11 days earlier each year on the Gregorian calendar, and its dates are announced by the Moroccan authorities, so check them for your travel month. We found no official source on how it changes crowds, but opening hours of restaurants and sights can be shorter during the day.

Frequently asked questions

What is the best month to visit Morocco?

It depends on the trip. For Marrakech, April and October have highs of 25.7 C and 28.5 C on the official averages.

Is Morocco too hot in summer?

Inland, yes for many people: July averages 37.7 C in Marrakech and 39.5 C in Errachidia. The coast is cooler, with Casablanca at 26.1 C in July.

When is the desert comfortable?

From about October to April the daytime averages are mild, but January nights drop to 2 C in Errachidia.

What is the best month for the coast?

May to September fits Rabat, Casablanca and Tangier on the averages, while Agadir stays mild all year.

Is winter a good time to go?

For Agadir and the desert days, yes: Agadir averages 21.1 C in January. Expect cold nights inland and the wettest months on the northern coast.

Does Ramadan change the best time to go?

It can change opening hours and daytime restaurant service. Check the dates for your trip.

Where can I find the monthly tables?

In our Morocco weather guide, with eight cities.

Sources checked

Checked on 27 October 2026.

- WMO World Weather Information Service, monthly averages 1991 to 2020 supplied by Morocco's national weather service (checked 23 October 2026)
- Plan tables and the "month by month" table are our reading of those averages, not an official recommendation

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Morocco Travel Costs: How Much Does a Trip to Morocco Cost?

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These are the Morocco prices we could confirm on official booking and ticket sites in October 2026, in dirhams and euros. For the rest of your budget see the currency guide and the transport guide.

Sources checked 2026-10-22 and 2026-10-23: oncf-voyages.ma, ctm.ma, supratours.ma, dfds.com and balearia.com (searches for Wednesday 4 November 2026, 1 adult, 2nd class where relevant), the Ministry of Culture's ticket portal, the Hassan II Mosque foundation, tickets.jardinmajorelle.com, ONDA's taxi pages, ALSA, the Casablanca and Rabat tram sites and acces-maroc.ma. EUR figures use Bank Al-Maghrib's reference rate of 22 October 2026 (1 EUR = 10.9953 MAD), and prices change, so check before you book. We do not give hotel or food budgets here, because we found no official price source for them.

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Trains (2nd class, one way)



Route	MAD	EUR
Casa Voyageurs to Marrakech	120 to 135	10.9 to 12.3
Marrakech to Fes	260	23.6
Casa Voyageurs to Fes	59 to 130	5.4 to 11.8
Casa Voyageurs to Rabat Ville	40 to 50	3.6 to 4.5
Tangier to Casa Voyageurs (Al Boraq)	190 to 225	17.3 to 20.5

Route	MAD	EUR
Casa Voyageurs to Mohammed V airport	60	5.5
Fes to Meknes	22 to 35	2.0 to 3.2

Most Al Boraq departures showed limited seats, so book ahead if your dates are fixed. Details are in the Casablanca to Marrakech and Marrakech to Fes train guides.

Coaches



Route	MAD	EUR
Marrakech to Essaouira (Supratours or CTM)	100 to 125	9.1 to 11.4
Marrakech to Agadir (CTM or Supratours)	135 to 170	12.3 to 15.5
Agadir to Essaouira (CTM)	105 to 110	9.5 to 10.0
Fes to Chefchaouen (CTM)	145	13.2
Tangier to Chefchaouen (CTM)	85	7.7
Tangier to Tetouan (CTM)	30 to 35	2.7 to 3.2
Agadir to Tiznit (CTM)	40 to 50	3.6 to 4.5

Ferries from Spain (one way, foot passenger)

Tarifa to Tangier Ville with Balearia was 38 EUR, Algeciras to Tanger Med with Balearia 33 EUR and with DFDS 36 EUR. With one car the totals were 178.50 to 205 EUR. See the ferry guide.

Airport taxis (ONDA fixed or advised fares)

Airport and destination	MAD	EUR
Agadir Al Massira to Agadir	200	18.2
Agadir Al Massira to Taghazout	300	27.3
Tangier Ibn Battouta to Tangier city (day)	100	9.1
Tangier Ibn Battouta to Tangier train station (day)	120	10.9
Essaouira-Mogador to Essaouira (advised)	150	13.6
Fes-Saiss to Fes	120	10.9

Marrakech airport taxi fares are posted at the taxi station and not published online, so we give no figure. See the airport guide.

City transport

Ticket	MAD	EUR
Rabat-Sale tram, single ticket	7	0.6
Casablanca tram, single ticket (official site)	8	0.7
ALSA Agadir airport shuttle, one way	50	4.5
ALSA line L32 Agadir to Taghazout	5.50 to 7.50	0.5 to 0.7

Entry tickets (foreign adult)



Site	MAD	EUR
Bahia Palace, Saadian Tombs, El Badi Palace	100 each	9.1
Jardin Majorelle only	170	15.5
All three Majorelle sites	330	30.0
Hassan II Mosque guided visit	140	12.7
Skala du Port, Essaouira	60	5.5
Qasba of Chefchaouen	80	7.3
Dar Sanaa, Tetouan	60	5.5
Tamuda archaeological site	80	7.3

Visa fees

Most visitors from the UK, the EU, the USA, Canada and Australia need no visa for tourism, according to Morocco's official checker. For nationalities that do, the e-visa costs 770 MAD (70.0 EUR) standard or 1,100 MAD (100.0 EUR) express. See the visa guide.

A sample route, added up

To show how the numbers combine, here is a one-way loop from Casablanca through Marrakech, Fes and Chefchaouen to Tangier and back to Casablanca, using only fares and tickets from the tables above (2nd class trains, foreign adult, 1 person).

Item	MAD	EUR
Casa Voyageurs to Marrakech (train)	120 to 135	10.9 to 12.3
Marrakech to Fes (train)	260	23.6
Fes to Chefchaouen (CTM coach)	145	13.2
Chefchaouen to Tangier (CTM coach)	85	7.7
Tangier to Casa Voyageurs (Al Boraq)	190 to 225	17.3 to 20.5
Bahia Palace, Saadian Tombs and El Badi Palace (100 each)	300	27.3
Jardin Majorelle only	170	15.5
Qasba of Chefchaouen	80	7.3
Total, per adult	**1,350 to 1,400**	**122.8 to 127.3**

That is about 800 to 850 MAD for transport and 550 MAD for the five tickets listed, so 1,350 to 1,400 MAD in total (about 123 to 127 EUR at the Bank Al-Maghrib rate). It leaves out airport transfers, local taxis, hotels, food and tours, because we have no official price for those. Train fares are dynamic on the ONCF site, so the same seat can cost more on another date.

What we could not verify

Hotel and riad rates, restaurant prices, guide fees, tour prices and bargaining ranges have no official source, so we have not listed them. Our currency guide has conversions and tipping norms, and the itinerary shows how these costs add up on a route.

Frequently asked questions

How much does the train from Casablanca to Marrakech cost?

120 to 135 DH in 2nd class on the date we searched. ONCF prices are dynamic, so check your date.

How much is the Hassan II Mosque?

140 DH for a foreign adult on the guided visit.

Is there a fixed taxi fare from Agadir airport?

Yes, ONDA lists 200 DH for Agadir and 300 DH for Taghazout.

How much is the ferry from Spain?

Tarifa to Tangier Ville was 38 EUR with Balearia, and Algeciras to Tanger Med 33 EUR with Balearia and 36 EUR with DFDS, for a foot passenger one way.

What does a transport and sights budget look like for a 5-stop route?

About 1,350 to 1,400 MAD per adult for the sample route above, excluding hotels, food and local taxis.

Do I need a visa?

Most visitors from the UK, the EU, the USA, Canada and Australia need none for tourism, according to Morocco's official checker. Others pay 770 MAD (70 EUR) for the standard e-visa.

What is the exchange rate?

1 EUR was 10.9953 MAD on 22 October 2026 (Bank Al-Maghrib).

Sources checked

Checked on 27 October 2026.

- ONCF (oncf-voyages.ma), CTM (ctm.ma), Supratours, ALSA, DFDS and Balearia, searches for 4 November 2026, 1 adult
- ONDA, the Moroccan airports authority, taxi fares
- Jardin Majorelle official tickets; the Ministry of Culture ticket portal; the Hassan II Mosque Foundation
- Bank Al-Maghrib, reference rate of 22 October 2026
- Morocco e-visa and visa checker (acces-maroc.ma)
- The sample route total is our own sum of the figures above

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The Perfect Morocco Itinerary: How to Spend 7–14 Days

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A route built on the transport we could check, with fares and times from official operator sites (ONCF, CTM, Supratours, checked October 2026 for 4 November 2026). Fares are “from” prices that move with demand, so check current price before you book.

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One week

- **Marrakech, 3 nights.** The medina of Marrakech has been on the UNESCO list since 1985, and Jemaa el-Fna is separately listed as intangible heritage (2001). Add Ouzoud, Ourika or Essaouira as a day trip.
- **Marrakech to Fes by train, 2 nights.** About 7 hours, 14 direct trains each way, 260 MAD in 2nd class and 350 MAD in 1st (see the train guide). The medina of Fes (UNESCO since 1981) is the biggest reason to make the trip.
- **Fes to Chefchaouen by CTM, 1 night.** Four departures a day (08:00, 11:00, 12:45, 16:30), 4 h 10 to 4 h 50, flat 145 MAD. Supratours also runs it, but it takes 6 h 32 and costs 255 to 275 MAD, so take CTM.
- **Chefchaouen to Tangier.** CTM has five departures, 85 MAD, about 2.5 hours. Supratours is 60 MAD but has only two (06:00 and 16:00).

One week, added up

Leg	Time	Fare
Marrakech to Fes (train, 2nd class)	about 7 hours	260 MAD
Fes to Chefchaouen (CTM)	4 h 10 to 4 h 50	145 MAD
Chefchaouen to Tangier (CTM)	about 2.5 hours	85 MAD
Total, one way, 3 legs	about 13 h 40 to 14 h 20	490 MAD

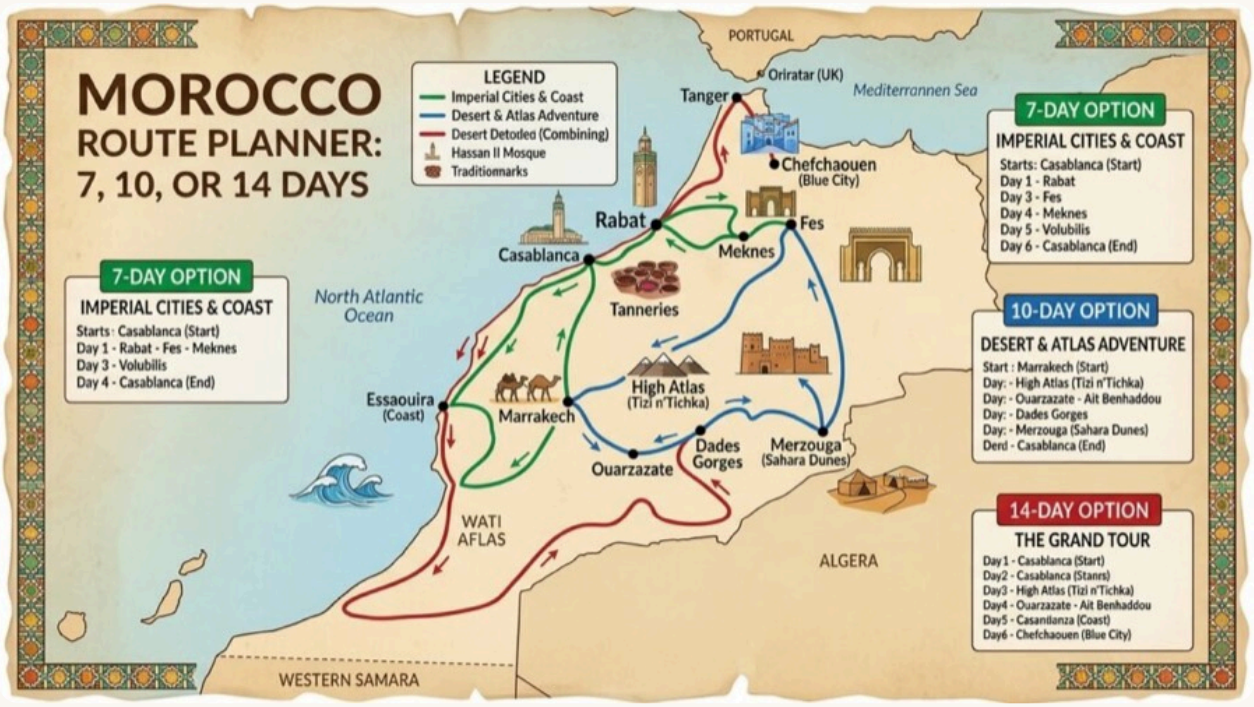
Transport for the one-week route is 490 MAD for 3 legs (our sum, 2nd class and CTM fares for 4 November 2026), about 44.6 EUR at 10.9953 MAD per EUR. That is fares only: hotels, food, entries and the return from Tangier are extra. The total travel time is our sum of the published journey times.



Ten days

Add the coast and one more city to the week above.

- **Marrakech to Essaouira.** Supratours runs six direct coaches (100 to 125 MAD, 3 hours). CTM has one at 08:30 for 105 MAD. The medina of Essaouira has been UNESCO listed since 2001.
- **Essaouira to Agadir or Taghazout** if you want surf. Marrakech to Agadir takes about 3.5 hours for 135 to 170 MAD, with 11 Supratours departures a day.
- **Fes to Meknes** is the cheapest and most frequent train we found, 34 to 39 minutes for 22 to 35 MAD. It makes an easy half day.
- **Casablanca** works as a first or last night, because the train from Casa Voyageurs to Marrakech costs about 120 to 135 MAD in 2nd class and takes under 3 hours. Rabat to Fes is 75 to 105 MAD, about 3 hours.



Two weeks

The tourism board's visitmorocco.com suggests two circuits: Imperial Cities (7 days: Marrakesh, Rabat, Fez, Meknes) and a Great Tour of Morocco over two weeks. It has no 10-day circuit, so the plan above is ours. For two weeks, add Rabat and the desert, and fit the legs below.

- **Marrakech to Rabat:** a direct train, about 4 hours, 125 to 165 MAD in 2nd class.
- **Rabat to Fes:** about 3 hours, 75 to 105 MAD.
- **Tangier to Casablanca:** the Al Boraq fast train takes 2 h 17 and costs 190 to 245 MAD in 2nd class, direct.
- **Tangier to Rabat:** no direct train. One change, 1 h 39 to 1 h 54, 120 to 150 MAD.
- **Casablanca to Essaouira:** CTM, 205 to 220 MAD, 6 to 8 hours, first coach 07:30 and last 16:45, so it is better to go from Marrakech.
- **South of Marrakech:** CTM to Zagora is 190 MAD (2 departures), to Taroudant 165 MAD (1 departure) and to Tiznit 170 to 180 MAD (12 departures).

These are fares from the operators' booking sites for 4 November 2026, and we only saw departures up to midday for some trains, so check the last departure.

Adding the desert

Merzouga is quoted at 9 to 10 hours from Marrakech on paved roads, so a 3-day tour is the minimum. Chigaga needs 3 to 4 days because of the off-road leg. Put the desert at the start or end of the trip, not in the middle, and read the Merzouga vs Chigaga guide before you pay a deposit. If you go alone, Supratours runs one overnight bus, 14:35 to 06:00, for 450 MAD, and another from Fes at 20:30 arriving 06:00 (9 h 30), so you can enter from one city and leave from the other.



Coach fares at a glance

Route	Operator	Price	Time
Marrakech to Essaouira	Supratours / CTM	100 to 125 / 105 MAD	about 3 h
Marrakech to Agadir	Supratours / CTM	135 to 170 MAD	2 h 50 to 3 h 40
Fes to Chefchaouen	CTM	145 MAD	about 4 h 10
Chefchaouen to Tangier	CTM / Supratours	85 / 60 MAD	about 2.5 h

Markoub lists cheaper fares on some routes (Marrakech to Ouarzazate 50 MAD, Agadir to Essaouira 50 MAD, against 105 to 110 MAD on CTM) without naming the operator.

Check before you go

Coach and train timetables change, and Marrakech city buses changed operator in December 2025. The ONCF timetable we read for Marrakech to Fes was a works-period grid, so confirm it. Use ctm.ma, supratours.ma and oncf-voyages.ma.

The downside: Fes to Tangier by coach plus the ferry makes for a long last day.

Frequently asked questions

How many days do I need in Morocco?

Seven days cover Marrakech, Fes and Chefchaouen, and ten days add the coast.

How much does the one-week route cost in transport?

490 MAD for three legs (Marrakech to Fes by train, then CTM to Chefchaouen and Tangier), by our sum of fares for 4 November 2026.

Is there a train from Marrakech to Fes?

Yes, about 7 hours, 14 direct trains each way, 260 MAD in 2nd class and 350 MAD in 1st.

How do I get to Chefchaouen?

By CTM from Fes (145 MAD, 4 h 10 to 4 h 50) or from Tangier (85 MAD). There is no train.

Can I add the desert?

Yes, but Merzouga needs a 3-day tour at minimum, and Chigaga 3 to 4 days.

What does the tourism board suggest?

visitmorocco.com lists an Imperial Cities circuit (7 days) and a Great Tour over two weeks. It has no 10-day circuit, so ours is our own plan.

Sources checked

Checked on 27 October 2026.

- ONCF, CTM and Supratours booking sites, checked October 2026 for 4 November 2026
- visitmorocco.com (official tourism board circuits)
- UNESCO World Heritage List (Marrakesh 1985, Fes 1981, Essaouira 2001)

- Bank Al-Maghrib reference rate of 22 October 2026
- Totals are our own sums of the published fares and times

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GETTING AROUND · GUIDE

Getting Around Morocco: Trains, Buses, Taxis and Driving

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Morocco is easy to cross by train, coach and ferry once you know which one fits each leg. This guide gives the times and prices we found on the official booking sites, route by route. For a full plan see the Morocco itinerary and, for budgets, the Morocco travel cost guide.

Sources checked 2026-10-22 and 2026-10-23: live searches on oncf-voyages.ma, supratours.ma, ctm.ma, dfds.com and balearia.com for Wednesday 4 November 2026 (1 adult, 2nd class). These are starting-from prices that change by date and demand, so check the current fare before you book.

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Quick answer by route

Route	Best option	Time	Price seen
Tangier to Casablanca	Al Boraq train	2h17	190 to 225 DH
Casablanca to Rabat	Train	about 1h	40 to 50 DH
Casablanca to Marrakech	Train	2h54	120 to 135 DH
Marrakech to Fes	Train	about 7h	260 DH
Marrakech to Essaouira	Supratours coach	3h	100 to 125 DH
Marrakech to Agadir	CTM or Supratours coach	2h50 to 3h45	135 to 170 DH
Fes to Chefchaouen	CTM coach	4h10 to 4h50	145 DH
Tangier to Chefchaouen	CTM coach	2h15 to 2h35	85 DH

Trains

The ONCF network covers the spine of the country: Tangier, Kenitra, Rabat, Casablanca, then Marrakech or Fes. Al Boraq, the fast train between Tangier and Casablanca, ran hourly on our search and most departures showed limited seats. The ordinary Al Atlas trains on the other lines are slower, though they run often.



Some pairs are close to a flat price. Marrakech to Fes was 260 DH in 2nd class on nearly every departure. Others move a lot. Casablanca to Fes was 59 to 130 DH depending on the train, and Tangier to Casablanca showed 1st class from 199 to 365 DH. Do not assume 1st class always costs more. Details for the two busiest lines are in the Casablanca to Marrakech train guide and the Marrakech to Fes train guide.

One practical catch: the same city can have two stations. In Casablanca, check that your ticket says Casa Voyageurs.

Buses and coaches

Two companies matter for visitors. CTM is independent. Supratours is ONCF's coach subsidiary, so its coaches connect with the train network.

On Marrakech to Agadir we saw 9 CTM departures (135 to 170 DH, 2h50 to 3h30) and 11 Supratours departures (135 to 150 DH, about 3h30 to 3h45). On Marrakech to Essaouira, Supratours ran 6 coaches a day at 100 to 125 DH, while CTM showed a single 08:30 at 105 DH.

Fes to Chefchaouen is the one to choose carefully. CTM had 4 departures at a flat 145 DH, taking 4h10 to 4h50. Supratours had two a day at 255 to 275 DH and 6h32. Book the CTM.



Places the train does not reach

There is no train to Essaouira, Agadir or Chefchaouen. ONCF's site will still sell you the trip as one ticket, with a train leg followed by a coach. On our search, Casablanca to Essaouira was 220 to 235 DH (6h17 to 6h54 in total), Casablanca to Agadir 255 to 270 DH (about 6h50) and Casablanca to Chefchaouen 265 DH (5h07, two departures a day). That is useful when you are coming from the airport, less so when you start in Marrakech, where a direct coach is simpler.

Ferries from Spain

The ferry business has moved. DFDS, which absorbed FRS, now lists only Algeciras to Tanger Med: 30 minutes, 36 EUR on foot, 205 EUR with a car on the day we checked. Balearia sails the same route for 33 EUR on foot and 178.50 EUR with a car. The Tarifa to Tangier Ville crossing is now Balearia's fast ferry, about an hour, 38 EUR on foot, four sailings from 09:00 to 21:00. Tangier Med is a separate port outside Tangier city, so confirm which port you land at. More in the Tangier to Spain ferry guide.

Taxis in cities

Petit taxis are the small city cabs, one colour per city, for rides inside town. Ask for the meter (the compteur). If the driver refuses, agree the price before you get in. We did not find an official tariff table online, so we do not quote fares here. For the airport run in Marrakech, see the airport to medina guide.

Grand taxis are shared cars between nearby towns, usually paid per seat. Agree the fare before you leave, and confirm whether you pay for a seat or the whole car.



Driving yourself

A rental car makes sense on the coast south of Essaouira and for desert routes, and less inside a medina city, where parking is hard. The long Sahara drives are covered in the Marrakech to Merzouga road trip and the Morocco road trip guide.

Frequently asked questions

What is the best way to get around Morocco?

Trains between Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech and Fes, coaches for Essaouira, Agadir and Chefchaouen, petit taxis inside cities.

Is there a train to Essaouira, Agadir or Chefchaouen?

No. ONCF sells a train plus coach ticket, but the last leg is by road.

How long is the Al Boraq train from Tangier to Casablanca?

2h17 on the direct train, with hourly departures on the date we searched.

CTM or Supratours?

CTM is independent, Supratours belongs to ONCF. Compare the fare and time for your route, because they differ, especially from Fes to Chefchaouen.

How much is the ferry from Spain to Tangier?

On the day we checked, 33 to 38 EUR on foot, depending on the route and company.

Sources

- ONCF (train timetables and fares)
- CTM (coach timetables and fares)
- Supratours (coach timetables and fares)
- DFDS ferries
- Balearia ferries

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STAYING SAFE · GUIDE

Is Morocco Safe? A Practical Safety Guide

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The way to answer this is to read the official advice. This guide summarizes what the UK, US and Canadian governments say about terrorism, crime, laws, the outdoors and emergencies, with the dates of their pages.

Sources checked 2026-10-23: the UK government's Morocco travel advice on gov.uk (still current on 23 October 2026, last updated 19 August 2026), the US State Department's Morocco advisory (Level 2 issued 4 September 2026) and the Canadian government's Morocco page (updated 26 May 2026). We report what these pages say and do not add our own risk ratings. Check the pages again before you travel, because advisories change.

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The advisory levels



Government	Position
United States	Level 2, “Exercise increased caution”, because of terrorism
Canada	“Exercise a high degree of caution”, with regional advisories
United Kingdom	detailed advice on terrorism, crime, laws and activities, no single level given in the pages we read

Canada advises against all travel within 30 km west of the Berm in Western Sahara and within 20 km of the Algerian border, and against non-essential travel to Western Sahara.

Terrorism and protests

The UK page says the threat from terrorism is high globally and names transport hubs, tourist sites, government buildings, crowded places and Western-linked businesses as possible targets in Morocco. The US page advises staying aware of your surroundings and alert in tourist spots, and enrolling in its STEP alert program. Canada gives one concrete example: in December 2018, two Scandinavian tourists were found dead in a mountain area about 10 km from Imlil, which Moroccan authorities described as a terrorist act. It advises not hiking alone in remote mountain regions. The UK page adds that protests mostly happen in large cities and can turn into clashes, so avoid gatherings.

Crime and scams



All three governments name medinas, markets, parks and beaches as the places for petty crime such as pickpocketing and bag snatching. The UK page also mentions drive-by motorcycle theft and aggressive begging near ATMs. It says occasional violent crime, including knife attacks, has affected tourists, and Canada says that knives have been used in robberies and advises not to resist. Both warn about card and ATM fraud: cover the PIN pad, avoid unusual card readers and use ATMs in banks or public places.

The UK page warns about bogus guides in medinas and says to check an official badge and local authority permission before using one. Canada advises hiring only official guides recommended by hotels, travel agencies or local tourist authorities.

Alcohol, drugs and other laws

- **Methanol.** The UK page says alcoholic drinks containing methanol have caused deaths and serious illness in Morocco, and that you cannot detect methanol by taste or smell.
- **Alcohol** is legal only in licensed venues, and drinking in the street or elsewhere can lead to arrest (UK page).
- **Drugs.** The UK page says to expect a long jail sentence and heavy fines, including for cannabis and including when merely transiting.
- **Drones.** The UK page says you need advance permission from the Directorate General for Civil Aviation. Canada says drones and surveillance equipment are prohibited and will be confiscated on entry.
- **Photography.** Do not photograph palaces, diplomatic missions or government buildings (US page), and ask permission before photographing people, especially children (UK page).
- **Relationships.** Same-sex relations are illegal, and public affection can lead to prosecution. The UK page says the rule on unmarried couples sharing a hotel room does not generally apply to visiting foreigners in popular tourist areas, but hotels may still refuse.
- **Religion.** The UK page says it is illegal to try to convert a Muslim, with up to 3 years in prison.
- **Ramadan.** The UK page says Ramadan 2027 starts around 7 February. Eating, drinking and smoking in public in daylight may offend.

Women travelers

The UK page suggests loose clothing that covers the arms, legs and chest. We found no further official guidance specific to women travelers.

Outdoors, roads and natural hazards



- **Hiking and adventure activities.** The UK page says providers may not meet UK safety standards, and that some insurance policies will not cover these activities. It advises researching trails, hiring a professional guide and taking insurance that covers your plans. Balloon flights should be booked only through licensed operators, and quad bikers should always wear a helmet.
- **Desert and mountains.** Canada advises official guides only, a four-wheel drive for off-road routes and carrying water and supplies.
- **Beaches.** Many have limited or no lifeguard cover and strong currents. Do not swim in dams or rivers, where mud and steep slopes can trap people.
- **Weather and quakes.** The UK page says the 2023 earthquake killed almost 3,000 people and that minor earthquakes occur. Flash floods are a risk in winter near rivers and in the mountains.
- **Driving.** The UK page says you need both the 1968 International Driving Permit and your licence, and a green card from your insurer. Canada advises against driving at night and says national roads can be narrow and congested.
- **Taxis.** The UK page says ride-share apps may be unregulated, and to agree a fare or check the meter.

Emergency numbers and insurance

The UK page lists ambulance and fire 150, police 190 and gendarmerie 177. Keep your insurer's assistance number offline too. Our insurance guide covers what the governments advise. For entry rules see the visa guide.

Frequently asked questions

Is Morocco safe for tourists?

The US rates Morocco Level 2 and Canada advises a high degree of caution, mainly because of terrorism and crime in tourist areas. Read the advice for your own country before you go.

What is the main crime risk?

Petty theft in medinas, markets and beaches, per all three governments.

Can I drink alcohol in Morocco?

Only in licensed venues, per the UK page, which also warns about methanol in drinks.

Can I fly a drone?

Not without prior permission, per the UK page. Canada says drones are confiscated on entry.

What are the emergency numbers?

150 for ambulance and fire, 190 for police and 177 for the gendarmerie, per gov.uk.

Sources

- UK government travel advice for Morocco
- Government of Canada travel advice for Morocco
- US State Department Morocco travel advisory

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