

## Category 1: Hospitality & Welcoming Guests

Proverb (English)	Proverb (Darija/Arabic)	Meaning / Context
"Guests are mercy."	<i>Dyaf rahma</i>	Visitors bring blessings to the home. It reflects the deep value Moroccans place on hosting.
"The words of a guest are like rain in summer."	<i>Klam dyaf bhal chta fsif</i>	Rain in summer is rare and precious; this implies a guest's presence (and feedback) is highly valued and refreshing.
"The guest brings his stomach with him."	<i>Dyaf kayjib kerchou m3ah</i>	Meaning you don't need to stress too much; the guest's needs are simple, and God provides the food.
"Welcome! (Our house is your house)"	<i>Mrahba!</i>	The universal greeting. "Mrahba bik" isn't just "hello," it is an invitation to enter and be at ease.

## Category 2: Travel, Adventure & Discovery

Proverb (English)	Proverb (Darija/Arabic)	Meaning / Context
"Travel, and you will know."	<i>Safer ta'raf</i>	You can't truly know someone or a culture until you travel with them or to them.
"He who does not travel does not know the value of men."	<i>Li ma safer ma 3ref</i>	Travel is the ultimate education; without it, your understanding of humanity is limited.
"Traveling gives you a home in a thousand strange places."	(Quote by Ibn Battuta)	While technically a quote from the famous Moroccan scholar, it is widely used as a proverb capturing the warmth of finding belonging everywhere.

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"Drop by drop, the river rises."	<i>Nouta b nouta kayhmel lwad</i>	Encourages taking things slow. Perfect for hiking blogs or describing the slow pace of life.

### Category 3: Food & Social Life

Proverb (English)	Proverb (Darija/Arabic)	Meaning / Context
"If your friend is honey, don't lick him all up."	<i>Ila kan sahbek 3sel, matla3soush kolo</i>	Don't take advantage of a kind friend. A great lesson on balance and respect in relationships.
"Stir the water and the thirsty might show up."	<i>Herrek lma iban l3atchan</i>	Take initiative! If you start something (like a gathering or a project), the right people will come.
"The eye eats before the mouth."	<i>L'3in kata kul qbel l'fem</i>	Presentation matters. This is why Moroccan tagines and salads are arranged so beautifully.
"One hand cannot clap."	<i>Yed wa7da makat sefaqsh</i>	Emphasis on community and collaboration. You need others to celebrate or succeed.
"The neighbor, then the house."	<i>Al jar thumma ddar</i>	Choose your neighbors before you choose your house. Highlights the importance of community over material luxury.

### Category 4: Wisdom, Patience & Beauty

Proverb (English)	Proverb (Darija/Arabic)	Meaning / Context
"Patience is the key to relief."	<i>Sber mifta7 lfaraj</i>	Good things come to those who wait. Essential for tourists adjusting to "Moroccan time."
"Waking up early is bought with gold."	<i>Fyaq bekri b dhab mechri</i>	Similar to "the early bird catches the worm," but emphasizes the <i>value</i> of the morning hours.
"Strike the iron while it is hot."	<i>Dreb l-7did ma 7eddo skhoun</i>	Seize the opportunity immediately.
"Every beetle is a gazelle in the eyes of its mother."	<i>Qerd f 3in mou ghzal</i>	A charming way to describe unconditional love or subjective beauty.

Here is a collection of quotes and proverbs attributed to **famous Moroccan scholars, kings, and writers** spanning from the 14th century to the present day.

These are perfect for adding authority and historical depth to your blogs (e.g., "*As the great traveler Ibn Battuta once said...*").

When quoting Ibn Battuta or Ibn Khaldun, adopt a tone of reverence and historical weight. When quoting Tahar Ben Jelloun or Mernissi, use a more poetic, modern, and reflective tone.

## The Travelers & Historians (14th Century)

*Best for: Intro paragraphs, travel philosophy, and history sections.*

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"Traveling—it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."	Arabic (Translated)	Ibn Battuta (World's greatest pre-modern traveler)	Perfect for summing up the "magic" of a trip to Morocco. Use it to encourage reviews or travel

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<b>"Traveling gives you a home in a thousand strange places, then leaves you a stranger in your own land."</b>	<i>Arabic (Translated)</i>	<b>Ibn Battuta</b>	Use this for articles about "slow travel" or connecting deeply with locals (homestays).
<b>"He who does not travel does not know the value of men."</b>	<i>Li ma safer ma 3ref (Arabic)</i>	<b>Ibn Khaldun</b> (Father of Sociology)	Use this when discussing the friendliness of Moroccan people and cultural exchange.
<b>"The past resembles the future more than one drop of water resembles another."</b>	<i>Arabic (Translated)</i>	<b>Ibn Khaldun</b>	Great for articles about <b>Fes or Marrakech Medinas</b> , emphasizing how traditions have remained unchanged for centuries.

## The Modern Voices (20th - 21st Century)

*Best for: Culture, art, women's travel, and modern Moroccan identity.*

Quote (English)	Original / Language	Author	Context for Tourism Blog
<b>"Real friendship, like real poetry, is extremely rare—and precious as a pearl."</b>	<i>L'amitié... est précieuse comme une perle (French)</i>	<b>Tahar Ben Jelloun</b> (Award-winning writer)	meaningful for blogs about meeting locals, guides, or the lasting bonds formed during travel.
<b>"Dignity is to have a dream, a strong one, which gives you a vision, a world where you have a place."</b>	<i>English/French</i>	<b>Fatima Mernissi</b> (Sociologist & Feminist Icon)	Inspiring quote for "Transformational Travel" or retreats (yoga/wellness) in Morocco.

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<b>"Beauty is in the skin! Take care of it, oil it, clean it... and you'll feel like a queen."</b>	<i>English</i>	<b>Fatima Mernissi</b>	Perfect for blogs about <b>Hammams, Argan oil, and Spa experiences.</b>
<b>"In Morocco, it's possible to see the Atlantic and the Mediterranean at the same time."</b>	<i>French (Translated)</i>	<b>Tahar Ben Jelloun</b>	A literal and poetic quote excellent for promoting <b>Tangier</b> or the Northern coast.
<b>"I want to build this mosque on the water, because God's throne is on the water."</b>	<i>Arabic (Translated)</i>	<b>King Hassan II</b>	The definitive quote to use when writing about the <b>Hassan II Mosque</b> in Casablanca.

### Timeless Wisdom (Andalusian & Classical Roots)

*Best for: Describing architecture, gardens, and the "vibe" of Morocco.*

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<b>"Be diligent, for nothing one achieves lasts forever."</b>	<i>French/Arabic Context</i>	<b>Tahar Ben Jelloun</b>	A gentle reminder to enjoy the moment. Good for sunset descriptions in the Sahara.
<b>"Every door in Morocco leads to a new mystery."</b>	<i>Common Literary Saying</i>	<b>Various Authors</b>	Often attributed to travel writers describing the <b>Medinas</b> (narrow streets with hidden palaces inside).
<b>"Instruction in youth is like carving in stone."</b>	<i>Al 'ilm fi sighar ka naqch 'ala hajar</i>	<b>Classical Arabic Wisdom</b>	Use this for blogs about <b>craft workshops</b> (pottery/zellige) where skills are passed down through generations.