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1. Geographical location

Casablanca is sited in the Chawiya Plain, which in history has been the breadbasket of Morocco. It is one of the largest financial centers on the African continent and the Port of Casablanca is one of the largest artificial ports in the world. Situated in the central-western part of the country on the Atlantic Ocean, Casablanca serves as the naval base for the Royal Moroccan Navy.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

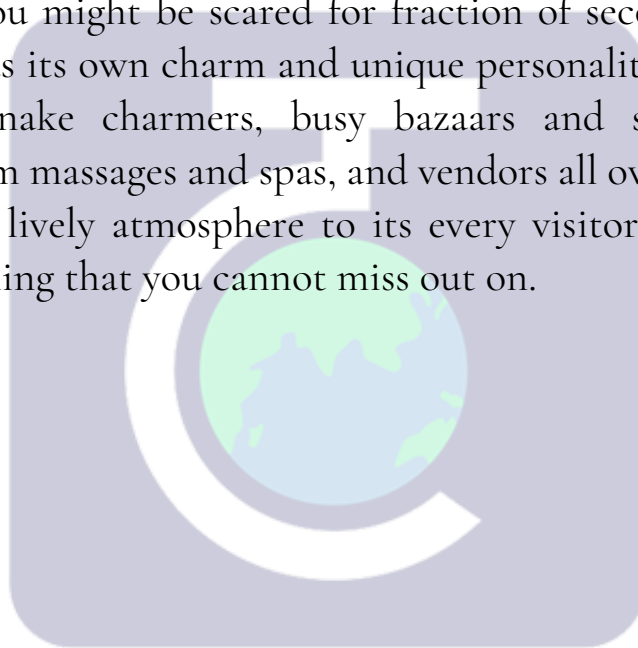
The Neighboring Cities Of Casablanca Are Rabat With An Approximate Distance Of 90 Kilometers, Khenifra With A Distance Of 195 Kilometers, Safi With An Approximate Distance Of 210 Kilometers And Marrakesh With An Approximate Distance Of 220 Kilometers.



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3. Significance

Being Morocco's chief port, Casablanca is the largest financial centre of the African continent. Casablanca is home to main industrial zone of the Kingdom of Morocco, and all the leading Moroccan and international corporations have their headquarters in the coastal city. From a tourist front also, Casablanca will never fail to boggle you with its perfect blend of the contemporary world and the traditional world. You might be scared for fraction of seconds, on arrival. But, trust me! The city has its own charm and unique personality. The city is tangled and baffled with snake charmers, busy bazaars and souks, exotic music, rejuvenating hammam massages and spas, and vendors all over the place. The city offers a vibrant and lively atmosphere to its every visitor and the nightlife in Casablanca is something that you cannot miss out on.

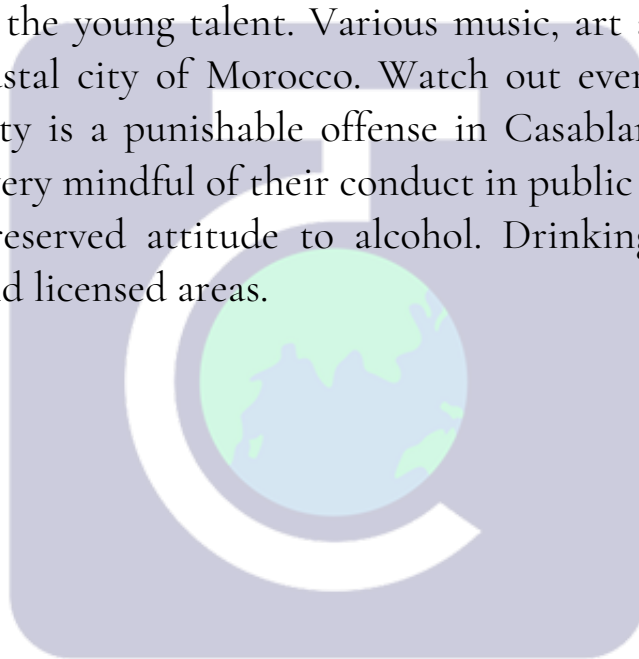


4. History

The history of the city of Casablanca has witnessed many political and cultural changes. It has been administered by Berber, Roman, Portuguese, Arab, Spanish, British, French and Moroccan regimes. Being a port city in the region, it holds a significant position in the history of the city. Until the 5th century, Berbers established the Port of Anfa and continued their operations at the port. By the 8th century, Anfa was taken over by the Berber Kingdom of Barghawata, followed by the Amoravids in the 11th century. Another Berber dynasty, the Merinids utilized the port as a vital one, leading to restoration of the significance of the town. It was destroyed by the Portuguese in 1468 AD and in the 16th century, a fortress was built there. In 1770, Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah, built the Medina and it is said that the Spanish aided the construction. Casablanca grew through trade with Europe in the 19th century, only until the French conquered the city at the beginning of the 20th century. Casablanca boasts some of the most extraordinary art deco architecture in the world, which were built back then, under the French rule. In 1956, Morocco gained independence from France and the coastal city has grown into the financial centre of the Kingdom of Morocco.

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To experience the true taste of the local culture, visit the souks in the medina (old and ancient city, surrounded by walls). People in Casablanca are very warm and hospitable. If you happen to have a conversation with the owners of the stalls, they may invite you for a cup of tea, typically a mint tea. Casablanca is a very vibrant city which observes many events all year round. The city leaves no stone unturned to unleash the young talent. Various music, art and dance events are organized in the coastal city of Morocco. Watch out event calendar for more details. Homosexuality is a punishable offense in Casablanca. Gay and lesbian travelers need to be very mindful of their conduct in public areas. Also, people of Casablanca have a reserved attitude to alcohol. Drinking is allowed only at certain designated and licensed areas.



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Casablanca is home to copious iron ore and coal. The other natural resources found in the city are manganese, lead, salt and phosphate. Pounded by Atlantic waves, the coastal city serves some mouthwatering seafood, which is worth every penny!



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Hassan II Mosque**

Located closed to the sea, Hassan II Mosque was designed by an architect named Michel Pinseau and is the largest mosque in the country. Built in 1993, the minaret stands tall at 210 meters and has a laser at the pinnacle which dazzles at night and is directed towards the Mecca. There is a guided tour of the mosque for non-Muslim visitors.

Address : Casablanca 20000, Morocco

Zipcode : 20000

Location : 33.6086342, -7.632555000000025

Contact : +212 621-241398

Website : <http://www.mosquee-hassan2.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : vers sbata bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 120 MAD Students: 60 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Muslims: Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs Non-Muslims: Daily: 09:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Museum of Moroccan Judaism

A Jewish museum in an Islamic world; isn't that strange? Judaism has been known to Morocco for several centuries now and Casablanca is home to the exemplary Judaism Museum exhibiting their rich history, culture and lifestyle. Also known as the Moroccan Jewish Museum, it has a very different history dedicated to the entire life of the Jews in the country. Do visit the museum if you want to know more about the past and current lifestyle of the Jewish community.

Address : 81 rue Chasseur Jules Gros, Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5526788, -7.639135099999976

Contact : +212 5229-94940

Website : <http://casajewishmuseum.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : L'Oasis railway station

Entry Fee : 25 MAD per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Cathedral Casablanca

Cathedral Casablanca was built 85 years ago, under the reign of Catholic France. Neglected for a long period of time, the cathedral was used as a school after Morocco's independence in 1956, and then as a culture center. Designed by a French architect named Paul Tournon, the structure is famous for its intricate work. Located in Old Casablanca, the cathedral also hosts exhibitions and fairs.

Address : Parc de la Ligue Arabe, Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5917486, -7.624279399999978

Contact : +212 661-365954

Nearest Public Transport : Station tramway place Mohamed V train station

Entry Fee : 20 MAD per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Musée de la Fondation Abderrahman slaoui

Dedicated to Moroccan jewelry and décor, Musee Abderrahman Slaoui is a unique art gallery opened in 2012. The museum is known to display an extensive collection of antique jewelry and vintage posters made by well-known artists of Morocco. The museum is named after a famous treasure hunter, Abderrahman Slaoui.

Address : 12, Rue Du Parc, Casablanca 20070, Morocco

Zipcode : 20070

Location : 33.592437299999999, -7.622579399999995

Contact : +212 5222-06217

Website : <http://www.musee-as.ma/>

Nearest Public Transport : Station tramway place Mohamed V train station

Entry Fee : Adults: 30 MAD Students: 10 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Phare de El Hank

Located on the coastline of Casablanca, Phare d'el Hank also known as the El Hank Lighthouse is a 51-meter-high tower designed by Albert Laprade. Built in 1920, you can reach the top of the lighthouse by climbing its 250 steps. The jaw-dropping view of the entire city from this elevation makes it worth the ascend.

Address : Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca 20000, Morocco

Zipcode : 20000

Location : 33.6100088, -7.654745600000069

Nearest Public Transport : Terminus tramway Ain Diab train station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : 410 MAD per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Stade El Arbi Zaouli

Location : 33.5973921, -7.546727000000033

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Stade Père Jeco

Zipcode : 0

Location : 33.5575451, -7.651759299999981

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. The Old Medina

Old Medina is a small town in Casablanca depicting the sheer beauty of traditional Moroccan crafts. Visit this town to experience the dazzling beauty of the city.

Address : North-west corner of Place des Nation Unies, Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Zipcode : 20320

Location : 33.6024, -7.620999999999981

Contact : +212 634-234709

Nearest Public Transport : Casa-Port railway station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Royal Palace

The King of Morocco and his family reside in the Royal Palace. Unlike the Buckingham Palace, the general public isn't allowed to enter the premises. The palace is secured heavily and has seen many famous personalities visit the palace as guests of the king. Even though there are restrictions on public access, the

Royal Palace is a famous site in the city.

Address : Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Zipcode : 20320

Location : 33.58033870000001, -7.605457300000012

Contact : +212 687-944043

Nearest Public Transport : mers sultan train station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Place Mohammed V

The major highlight of the country's commercial capital, Place Mohammed V is very popular amongst the tourists visiting Casablanca. The fountain and the statue of Marshal Lyautey by Francois Cogne are what draw the attention of the visitors. The fountain was erected in 1976 and offers fountain shows set to Arab, European and Asian music at certain times of the day. Tourists and locals can stroll around in the public garden which lies to the east of the Place Mohammed V.

Address : Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Zipcode : 20250

Location : 33.5935, -7.605800000000045

Nearest Public Transport : Station tramway place Mohamed V train station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Mahkama du Pacha

Located in the city center, Mahkama Du Pacha is a courthouse built in the 1900s known for its classic Moorish influence. It may be difficult or impossible to enter the building. Regardless of that, it is a great place to click few pictures, focusing on some impressive architecture.

Address : Appt Quartier Romandie, Casablanca 20000, Morocco

Zipcode : 20000

Location : 33.578555, -7.606551999999965

Contact : +212 5376-74013

Nearest Public Transport : Mers Sultan train station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Casablanca Twin Tower

Situated in the center of the city in the Maarif district, the Casablanca Twin Center is a complex that comprises of 2 skyscrapers with 28 floors each. The West and the East Tower have offices, shops, a five-star hotel and a mall. The main architect of this structure was a Spanish genius, Ricardo Bofill Levi assisted by a Moroccan, Elie Mouyal.

Address : Boulevard Al Massira Al Khadra, Maarif, Morocco

Location : 33.58660869999999, -7.6323919999999982

Nearest Public Transport : Avenue Hassan II train station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Plage Ain Diab

Located in the Anfa district, Plage Ain Diab is an ideal beach for a picnic and a relaxing time with your family. There are a number of stalls on the beach which serve traditional Moroccan mint tea.

Address : Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5861628, -7.689406100000042

Nearest Public Transport : Terminus tramway Ain Diab train station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Avenue Hassan II

Avenue Hassan II in Casablanca offers you an unmatched variety of fixed price shops.

Address : Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Zipcode : 20320

Location : 33.5883292, -7.620807499999955

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Maarif Area

To shop for luxurious products, visit the Maarif area of the city. It offers high-end brands like Prada, Zara and other famous fashion boutiques.

Address : Morocco, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Zipcode : 20250

Location : 33.5671722, -7.627970099999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Morocco Mall

Morocco Mall is the second largest shopping mall in Africa and offers you the best of labels, exclusive brands, stores, an IMAX theatre and several other activities to compliment your shopping expedition.

Address : Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5758954, -7.706820999999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Marché Central

Visit Marche Central for some fabulous Moroccan-style souvenirs, seafood and handicrafts.

Address : Rue Allal Ben Abdellah, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Zipcode : 20250

Location : 33.5951057, -7.611826500000006

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Anfaplace Shopping Center

AnfaPlace is an urban shopping center located on the seaside of the city. The

shopping center houses over 80 brands of leisure, catering, fashion and services.

Address : 20000, Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca, Morocco

Zipcode : 20000

Location : 33.59816, -7.664660199999957

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Casablanca is not really a city which will leave adrenaline junkies flabbergasted. Regardless of that one can enjoy horseback riding, camel riding and surfing at crystal clear beaches of the coastal city of Morocco. Also, the mall in the city offers a plethora of entertaining games and sports.

- **Horseback riding / Camel Riding -**

Address : Plage Ain Diab, Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5861628,-7.6894061

Nearest Public Transport : Terminus tramway Ain Diab train station

Entry Fees : 50 MAD

Open / Close Time : Daily- Open 24hrs

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

- **Surfing -**

Address : Boulevard de l'Ocean Atlantique, Sindibad, Morocco

Location : 33.5839463999999,-7.6926075999999

Contact No : +212 662-100436

Website : <http://www.casasurfhouse.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminus tramway ain diab train station

Entry Fees : 150 MAD

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Casablanca's most popular sports are Football and Golf. The coastal city is home to two well renowned football clubs, Wydad Casablanca and Raja Casablanca. These two popular clubs have given the country, some of the best players like Salaheddine Bassir, Abdelmajid Dolmy, Aziz Bouderbala, Baddou Zaki and Nouredine Naybet. Following are some of the most important stadiums in Casablanca:

- **Stade Mohammed V:**

Address : Rue Al Azrak Ahmed, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.58279529999999,-7.64672280000000205

Contact No : +212 634-602690

- **Wydad Athletic Club - Stade Larbi Ben Barek (Philip):**

Address : Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.5956029,-7.6081696999999962

Contact No : +212 670-392954

Website : <http://www.wydad.com/>

- **Complexe Sportif Al Amal:**

Address : Complexe Al Amal, Quartiers des Sports Beausejour, Boulevard Al Abtal, Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5556678,-7.648368699999992

Contact No : +212 5229-81266

Website : <http://frmt.ma/frmt/>

10. Spas and relaxation

Every trip to Morocco is incomplete without indulging in rejuvenating hammam massages. Many 5-star hotels provide spa services, which is open for outsiders too.

- **Hammam Istanbul:**

Address : 88 Rue 8, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.566732,-7.654056999999966

Contact No : +212 5223-93921

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Istanbul-Hammam-Spa/1408757959339171>

- **KINESPA:**

Address : Angle Rue Langdoc et rue de luverne (Rue de sebt), quartier des hopitaux, Casablanca 20000, Morocco

Location : 33.5806368,-7.616961299999957

Contact No : +212 5222-70124

Website : <http://kinespa.ma/>

- **Wang Thai Spa:**

Address : angle rue Acharif al Idrissi et rue Quadi Lass, Maarif 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.5840207,-7.643524599999978

Contact No : +212 5222-57541

Website : <http://www.massage-thai-casablanca.com/>

- **Hammam Ziani:**

Address : ex Boulevard d'Alsace, Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Location : 33.5857898,-7.612506199999984

Contact No : +212 5223-19695

Website : <http://www.ammamziani.ma/>

- **Hamam Solidarité Féminine:**

Address : 4 Rue Ahmed Chowki, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.5785533,-7.628328499999952

Contact No : +212 5222-58452

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hammam-Solidarite-Feminine/1431181293859857>

- **Yoga Shala:**

Address : 96 boulevard de la grande corniche, Ain Diab, 2eme etage, Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.58577620000001,-7.679136100000051

Contact No : +212 5227-96951

Website : <http://www.yogashalacenter.com/>

- **Esthetique Spa Tazi:**

Address : 18 Angle Rue Lalande Quartier Des Hopitaux, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.575682,-7.617134999999962

Contact No : +212 5228-61865

Website : <http://www.esthetique-spa.ma/>

- **Gaïa Spa:**

Address : 12 Boulevard Mohamed Abdou, Residence South Palm, Palmier Du Sud, Casablanca 20340, Morocco

Location : 33.583336,-7.627502999999933

Contact No : +212 5222-51424

Website : <http://www.gaiaspa.ma/accueil>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Coptic Christmas

Casablanca celebrates Coptic Christmas in the beginning of January.

Al Hijra

Al Hijra, the Islamic New Year, is observed as the day when Mohmmmed travelled from Mecca to Medina.

Coptic Easter

Coptic Easter, one of the most important festival in the Coptic calendar, is observed in the month of March.

International Videos Arts Festival

International Videos Arts Festival, an annual event, witnesses a weeklong celebrations in the coast city. Artists from across the globe gather in the city to showcase their artistic skills.

Jazzablanca Festival

Jazzablanca Festival, an annual event, is celebrated between the

month of April and May. Famed artists from across the globe like John Lee Hooker, Al Jarreau and Diane Reeves perform in the grand fiesta.

Labor Day

Labor Day is observed on May 1st every year.

Ceramic festival

Ceramic festival is an annual event, which is organized in between the months of May and June.

Boulevard des Jeunes Musiciens

Boulevard des Jeunes Musiciens is a four day event, organized annually in the coastal city, which provides a platform to the budding musicians to exhibit their talent.

Festival of Casablanca

Festival of Casablanca, an annual event, is celebrated with tremendous gaiety by the people of Casablanca. This festival witnesses a week long celebrations in Casablanca.

Allegiance Day

Allegiance Day is celebrated on

**August 14th every year.
King and People's Revolution
Day**

**Every year, August 20th is
observed as King and People's
Revolution Day
Birthday of King Mohammed VI**

**Birthday of King Mohammed VI
is celebrated on August 21 every
year.
Ramadan**

**Ramadan is observed in the
ninth month of Islamic calendar
and is a month of fasting when
Muslims don't eat from dawn to
dusk.**

Contemporary Dance Festival

**Contemporary Dance Festival is
an annual event organized in
Casablanca, which provides a
platform to the dance performers
from across the country to
unleash their talents.**

Anniversary of the Green March

**November 6th is observed as the
Anniversary of the Green March.
Independence Day**

Morocco's Independence Day is

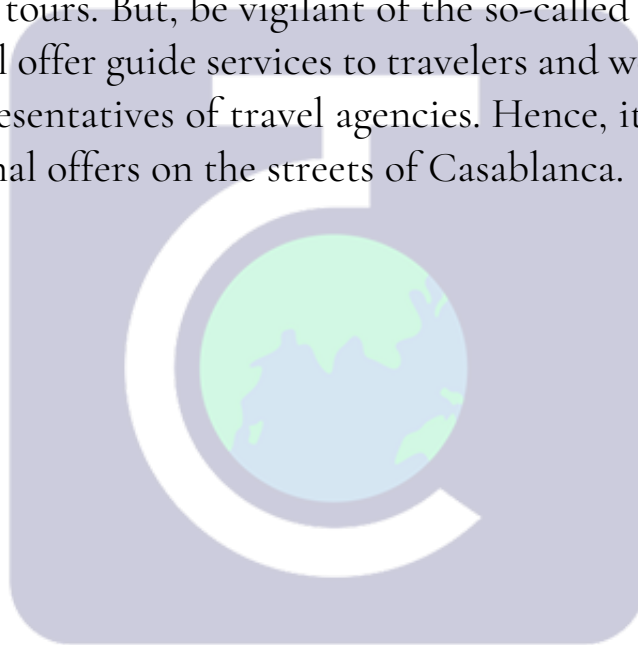
**celebrated on November 18th
every year.**



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12. Key local guides and tours

Casablanca can be explored with or without a guide. But, it is advisable to hire an amiable local guide when reconnoitering the medinas, mosques and minarets of this coastal capital. Hassan II Mosque is the momentous building of Casablanca. To have enhance your knowledge of this modern masterpiece, hire a local guide. The guides charge you at a reasonable price starting from 150.00 dirhams and some tip for package tours. But, be vigilant of the so-called “guides” on the street of Casablanca. They’ll offer guide services to travelers and would charge you more than the official representatives of travel agencies. Hence, it’s always advisable to refuse these obsessional offers on the streets of Casablanca.



13. Transportation hubs

Airport: Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport is sited in Nouasseur which is a suburb 30 kilometers south-east of Casablanca. You can either hail a taxi or board a train from the airport to get into the city of Casablanca. The station is situated in the basement of terminal 1 and you need to take the train to/from Casa Voyageurs station. A second class ticket would cost you around 40 MAD and there is one train every hour departing from the station and the last one departs at 10:00pm. Casa Voyageurs is the third stop from the airport. You can reach to the city of Casablanca via taxi also. To get a taxi at airport, reach the taxi rank which is located at Level 0 of Terminal 1. The taxi would take around 40 minutes to reach the city and would cost you around 250 – 300 MAD.

Railway Station: Casa Voyageurs Railway Station is a station in the centre of Casablanca. Being the principal station of Casablanca, it is an important hub connecting numerous main lines of Moroccan railway network. It has 8 platforms. Together with Casa Voyaguers Railway Station, Casa Port Railway Station is a major station of Casablanca. The train is accessible by taxi and a station on Casablanca Tramway line 1 is about 900 meters away, in the Place des Nations Unies.

Bus Station: CTM is a bus ticket agency in the city of Casablanca and has a bus networks throughout the country. CTM coaches (intercity buses) run from the Gare Routiere Ouled Ziane in downtown Casablanca.

Casablanca Tramway: The Casablanca Tramway is a low floor system in Casablanca, connecting Sidi Moumen in the east with Ain Diab in the west. More lines are being planned.

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14. Transportation cost

Trams: The Casablanca Tramway is a 31 kilometers long line linking some of main neighborhoods of the city which includes 48 stop stations. Operation hours of trams in Casablanca are 06:00hours to 22:30hours. A rechargeable ticket of tram costs 7 MAD for the first time (you pay 1 MAD to get the Tram card), and a one way trip costs 6 MAD, regardless of the distance. In every 10 minutes, a tram passes by the tram station.

Taxi: Most likely, you'll find two types of taxis in Casablanca; the Grand taxis and the Petit taxis. The Grand taxis are larger cars of beige/cream colored, often a Mercedes which don't use the taximeter, whereas the Petit taxis are smaller cars of red color, often a Fiat Uno, Peugeot or other similar types. The petit taxis never entertain more than 3 customers, whereas the Grand taxis act like local buses and squeezes more than 6 passengers inside the car. The minimum fare for the Petit taxis is 7 MAD and 5 MAD for the Grand Taxis. You would be asked to pay 5 MAD in the start of the trip. Expect a 50% surcharge to the total fare after 20:00hours.

Bus: Exploring the city via bus is the cheapest option in the city of Casablanca. CTM is the best and safest company for arriving and departing Casablanca. Companies like Hana Bus which provide intracity services are in pathetic and disastrous state. It would cost you around 4 MAD for a ride in bus.

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

Pickpockets are regular passengers on local buses of the city of Casablanca. Prefer exploring the city via taxi, cab or a tram as the buses are not in good state. Large suitcases are allowed in the buses but refrain yourself from travelling via same because additional fee around 10 – 20 MAD is charged per luggage. It is advisable, to carry a backpack whilst exploring the city. Always keep an eye on your luggage.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

Moroccan cuisine is a typical mix of Arabic, Mediterranean, Andalusian and most importantly, Berber cuisine with a little influence of European and Subsaharian. Tagines define Moroccan cuisine. In the city of Casablanca, tagines, couscous and the traditional pastries are a must try.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

When spending a vacation in Casablanca, it's important you dine on authentic Maghreb cuisine to experience the true flavor of Morocco. Casablanca being relatively a westernized city has plenty of fine-dining options, offering Spanish, Indian and even Chinese cuisine. The most vibrant restaurants and pubs are sited in Boulevard de la Corniche in the city.

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- **Restaurant du port de peche:**

Address : Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Location : 33.6015362,-7.614513999

Contact No : +212 5223-18561

- **Restaurant La Fibule:**

Address : Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca 20013, Morocco

Location : 30.920465099,-6.915539099

Contact No : +212 658-389271

- **Pâtisserie Bennis:**

Address : 2, Rue Fkih El Gabbas, Casablanca 20100, Morocco

Location : 33.5780976,-7.605556699

Contact No : +212 5223-03025

Open / Close Time : Daily- 09:00hours to 20:00hours

- **La Bodega de Casablanca:**

Address : 129, Rue Allal Ben Abdellah, Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Location : 33.59537,-7.611673999

Contact No : +212 5225-41842

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 12:00hours-16:00hours and 19:00hours-01:00hours Sunday: 19:00hours-01:00hours

- **La Sqala:**

Address : Boulevard des Almohades, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.602897999,-7.619122000

Contact No : +212 5222-60960

Open / Close Time : Daily- 08:00hours-23:00hours

- **Rick's Café:**

Address : 248 Boulevard Sour Jdid, Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Location : 33.6051918,-7.620436100

Contact No : +212 5222-74207

Website : <http://www.rickscafe.ma/>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 12:00hrs-15:00hrs and 18:30hrs-01:00hrs

- **Blend Gourmet Burger:**

Address : 9 rue Theophile Gauthier, Casablanca 20320, Morocco

Location : 33.588733,-7.631860599

Contact No : +212 5224-91122

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/blendgourmetburger>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 12:00hrs-15:00hrs and 19:00hrs-22:30hrs Saturday and Sunday: 12:30hrs-16:00hrs and 20:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Black House:**

Address : Hyatt Regency Casablanca Hotel, Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.5962319,-7.618280899

Contact No : +212 5224-31234

- **ILOLI:**

Address : 33 rue Najib Mahfoud Quartier Gauthier, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.590518999,-7.634466999

Contact No : +212 608-866633

Website : <http://www.iloli-restaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday: 12:30hrs-15:00hrs and 19:30hrs-23:30hrs Sunday and Monday: Closed

- **Irish Pub:**

Address : Avenue Hassan Souktani, Casablanca 20250, Morocco

Location : 33.5925443,-7.629926800

Open / Close Time : Daily- 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Le Pilotis:**

Address : Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca, Morocco

Location : 33.5967789,-7.672612100

Contact No : +212 5227-98427

Website : <http://www.tahitibeachclub.ma/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 12:00hrs-16:00hrs and 19:30hrs-23:30hrs Saturday and Sunday: 12:00hrs-16:30hrs and 19:30hrs-23:30hrs

- **Tula comida latina:**

Address : 8, Rue Isli, Quartier Racine, Casablanca 20000, Morocco

Location : 33.590148,-7.636416999

Contact No : +212 5223-60776

Website : <http://www.tulacomidalatina.com/>

Open / Close Time : Saturday to Thursday: 12:00hrs-23:00hrs Friday: 16:00hrs-23:00hrs



Index**18. Average meal cost**

Economical meal: 40.00 MAD – 60.00 MAD Mid-segment restaurant: 80.00 MAD - 100.00 MAD for lunch and 120.00 MAD - 150.00 MAD for dinner Luxury dining: 250.00 MAD - 400.00 MAD



Index**19. Shopping**

Casablanca is eminent for its dark and fragrant medinas teeming with spices, traditional pastries and handmade goods. Buy leather goods, craft ware and superb carpets from the souks, which are generally of good quality and inexpensive. Be vigilant of not being tricked by the seller, especially in the Old Medina, with the maneuvers of replacing inferior goods for the actual goods bought. Souks and street markets can be sited at various locations across the city and suburbs.



20. Tourist benefits

On most goods and services in Morocco, 20% is the standard rate of Value Added Tax which is charged. At retail stores, the price is inclusive of VAT. If a tourist makes a purchase of \$50.00 or more at a gift store that has an agreement with the VAT authorities of Morocco, then by filling a tax invoice at the store and getting it stamped, tourist is eligible to claim VAT refund at the airport before departure. All he need to do is represent the form and goods at the airport. Don't pack these gift items in your luggage and keep it in your hand luggage. Also, a tourist is exempted from VAT tax on tourist services like hotel accommodation and meals, if he pays with foreign currency.



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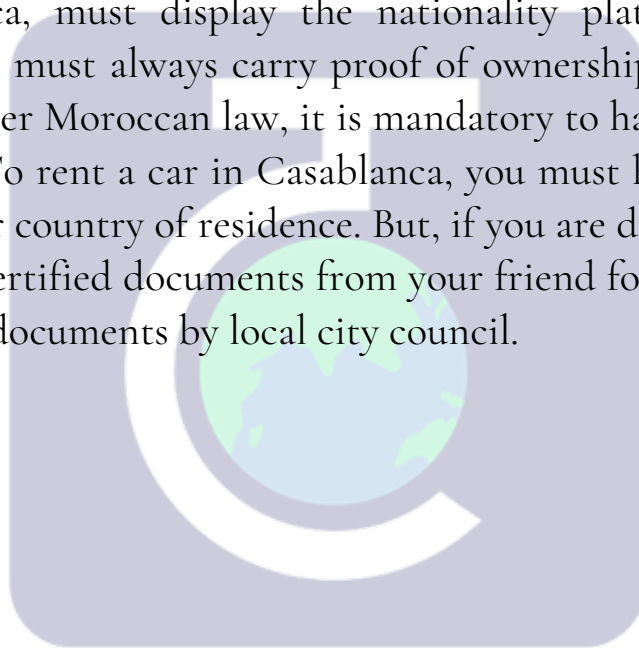
21. Essential local apps

Download your personal travel advisor in your phone, in the form of Casablanca City Guide, whilst exploring the city of Casablanca. It is a totally free app which renders up to date data about the city. Download Uber to book a cab or a taxi and get a ride to your destination in minutes. To notify your Facebook friends if something goes wrong, download Yalahwy and your friends will mobilize to come at your rescue.



22. Driving

Driving in Casablanca may not be a good experience for you if you are from a country where drivers abide by the traffic rules and make sure of disciplined driving. Seldom people in Casablanca follow the traffic rules and driving here may be hazardous to your health because the roads are not well maintained in the city and people drive haphazardly. Every vehicle from another country, which is driven in Casablanca, must display the nationality plate of its country of registration, and you must always carry proof of ownership of a private vehicle while driving it. As per Moroccan law, it is mandatory to have a Green Card as a proof of insurance. To rent a car in Casablanca, you must have a driving license which is valid in your country of residence. But, if you are driving a local car, you need a writing and certified documents from your friend for driving his car. You need to stamp these documents by local city council.



23. Travel essentials

When travelling to Morocco, make sure that you pack a travel adaptor or portable charger. Egypt uses two pronged, rounded plugs with the standard voltage of 220 V. The power sockets are of type C/F. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. As per the theory obligatory in Morocco, you need to carry your official ID at all the times.



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Index**25. Local currency**

Moroccan Dirham is the official currency of Morocco. It is denoted as MAD or Dhs. The Moroccan Dirham comprises of 100 centimes. 1USD= 9.77 Moroccan Dirham.

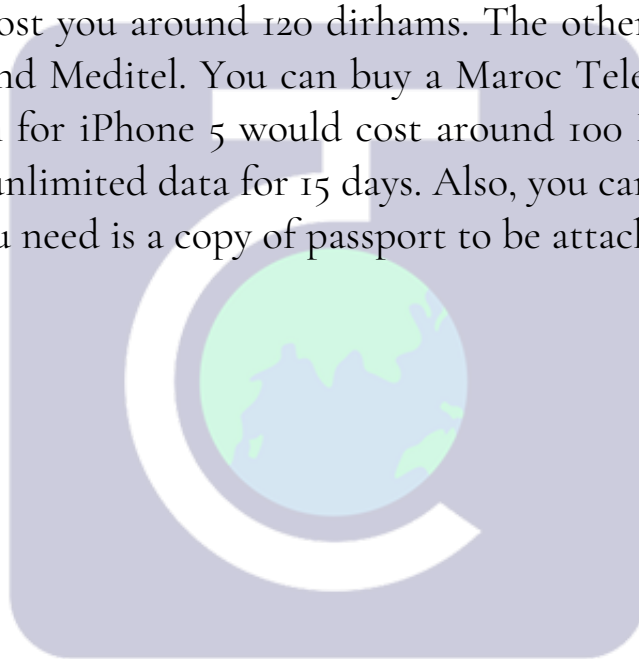


26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Authorized banks and Bureau de Change remain the best source of exchanging currency. Nonetheless, one can change currency at hotels too. Also, for convenience, private exchange agencies are located at several areas downtown and in the suburbs. The exchange rate remains constant everywhere. For currency exchange in Casablanca, get some new “home currency”, as torn notes and notes with pen marks are not eligible for exchange. No commission is charged for currency exchange. Also, being a close currency, you can't get dirhams into the country. You need to exchange currency on arrival. ATMs are in abundance in the city. They accept all major card types. Recheck with your bank for information regarding the commission on withdrawal of money. Every time you swipe card in different bank's ATM, a fee up to 5% or more is charged. 3000 dirhams is the cash withdrawal limit for a day. At major tourist spots, credit cards are accepted. But, the extent of their acceptance and the types accepted varies. It is advisable to inform your card provider of your travel plans. Working days for banks in Casablanca are from Sunday to Friday. On Saturday, banks remain closed. Typical banking hours of banks are from 08:15hrs to 15:45hrs.

27. Staying connected

Be careful while using your “home sim” in Casablanca as there is very little regulation on pricing, and telecommunication companies tend to charge hyper-inflated prices. INWI is one of the largest telecommunication companies in Morocco. In the airport arrival hall, the company has a booth, where you can purchase a sim card for your unlocked phone. One GB data, 3 hours of local calls and 1000 texts will cost you around 120 dirhams. The other two main providers are Maroc telecom and Meditel. You can buy a Maroc Telecom 3G card for 250 MAD and a nanosim for iPhone 5 would cost around 100 MAD. It offers you a few phone calls and unlimited data for 15 days. Also, you can buy a Meditel kiosk at the airport. All you need is a copy of passport to be attached with the contract for documentation.



28. Time Zone

Morocco time zone: Western European Time Zone (UTC+00:00).



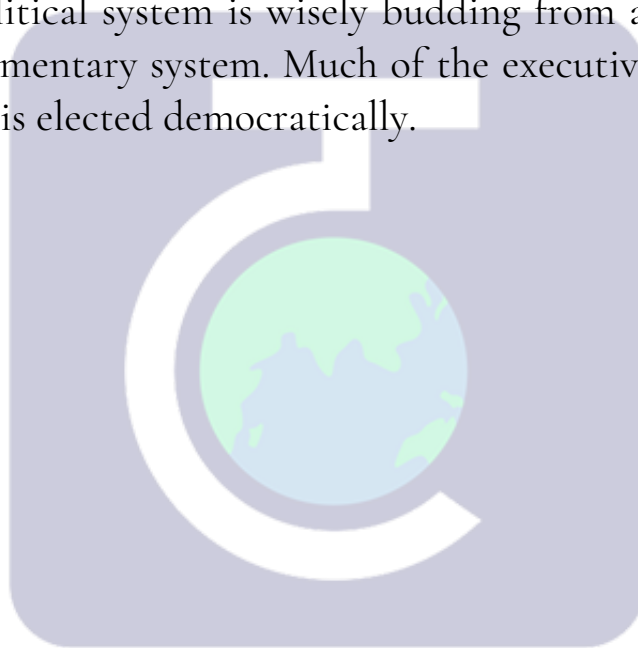
Index**29. Languages**

The official language in Casablanca is Classical Arabic and Moroccan Arabic (known as Darija). The city's main unofficial language is French, which is spoken by apparently every merchant, taxi driver and kid. Moroccan's proficiency for English and other popular languages deserves a bow.



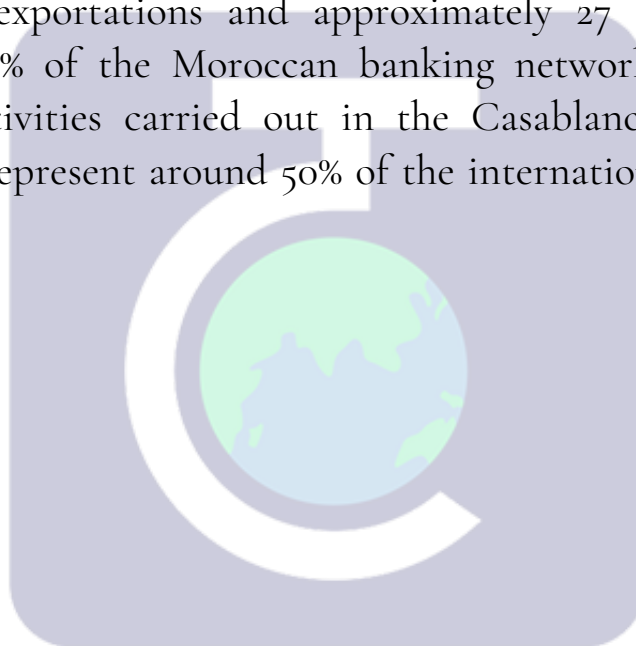
30. Political Scenario

Morocco is a constitutional monarchy with an elected parliament. During parliamentary election in November 2011, the moderate Islamist Justice and Development Party (PJD) lived the unquestionable victory by doubling the number of seats since 2007. Mohammed VI came to power after his father, King Hassan II's death in 1999. His approach is more democratic and liberal unlike his father. Morocco's political system is wisely budding from a strongly centralized monarchy to a parliamentary system. Much of the executive power lies with the king, but parliament is elected democratically.



31. Economic Scenario

The Grand Casablanca, the, locomotive of the development of the Moroccan economy, attracts 32% of the country's production units and 56% of industrial labor. The region operates by utilizing 30% of the national electricity production and contributes to 44% of the industrial production of the kingdom of Morocco with 93 billion Moroccan dirhams. The Grand Casablanca backs around 33% of national industrial exportations and approximately 27 billion of Moroccan dirhams. Around 30% of the Moroccan banking network is concentrated in Casablanca. The activities carried out in the Casablanca and Mohammedia seaports vigorously represent around 50% of the international commercial flows of Morocco.



Index**32. Religious belief**

Religious practices of people in Casablanca involve a syncretism of Islam and traditional folk beliefs. Majority of people living in Casablanca are Muslims and the vast majority of Muslims are Sunni belonging to Maliki School of jurisprudence. Christianity is worshipped as the second largest religion in Casablanca and it is existent in the country before the arrival of Islam.



33. Visa requirements

Every visitor apart from British, Canadian, other EU and USA nationals require an entry VISA to enter the diverse country, Morocco. All nationals mentioned before, don't need a VISA for the purpose of tourism for up to 90 days as travelers are issued with a 90-day stamp on arrival. If you are planning a stay for more than 90 days then a resident permit is required, and police department of your residential area in Morocco would issue the same. But, every visitor including the nationals mentioned before, need a passport valid for the duration of stay in Morocco. No additional period of validity beyond this is required. Ensure that your passport isn't damaged and it is stamped when you enter the country. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.

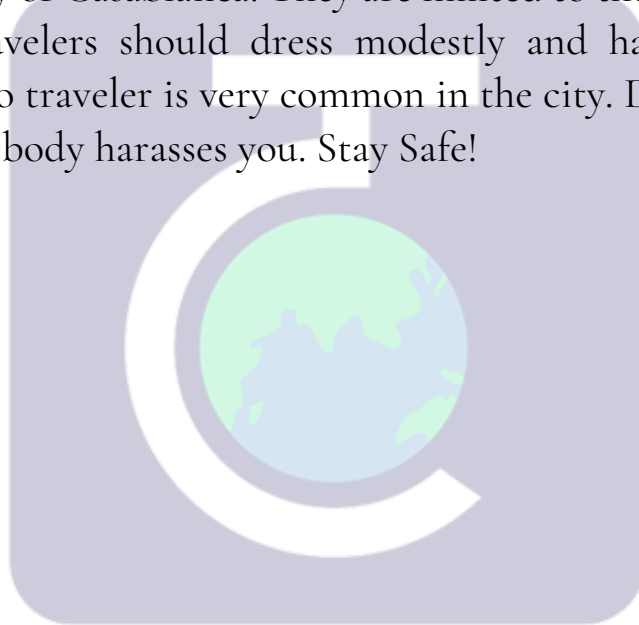
Index**34. Essential vaccination**

Every traveler should be up-to-date on routine vaccinations before every trip. These vaccinations include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine and your yearly flu shot. No specific inoculations are required before your trip to Casablanca. Malaria exists but only in rural areas of Chefchaouen Province, where there is a very limited risk; here insect protection measures are a must.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Casablanca is relatively a safe space than other Moroccan cities. By following common sense safety precautions, you can alleviate 99% of problems in the city of Casablanca. The north of the city comprises of all the tourist attractions, whereas very few maps display the southern end of this rambling megalopolis. Don't travel alone at night and especially in the southern part of the city. Seldom do we meet faux guides in the city of Casablanca. They are limited to the area around the Old Medina. Women travelers should dress modestly and harassing the tourists, especially woman solo traveler is very common in the city. Don't travel alone and inform police if somebody harasses you. Stay Safe!



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

To know more about foreign embassy consulates in Morocco, click here
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/morocc>



37. Accessibility

Being a flat city, it is easy for “differently-abled” to get around in the city of Casablanca. The world renowned Hassan II mosque is accessible by all people, regardless of their ability levels. The tramway network in the city of Casablanca links together the city and features low floors, making it easier for the people with sight impairment to enter the trams.



Index**38. Emergencies**

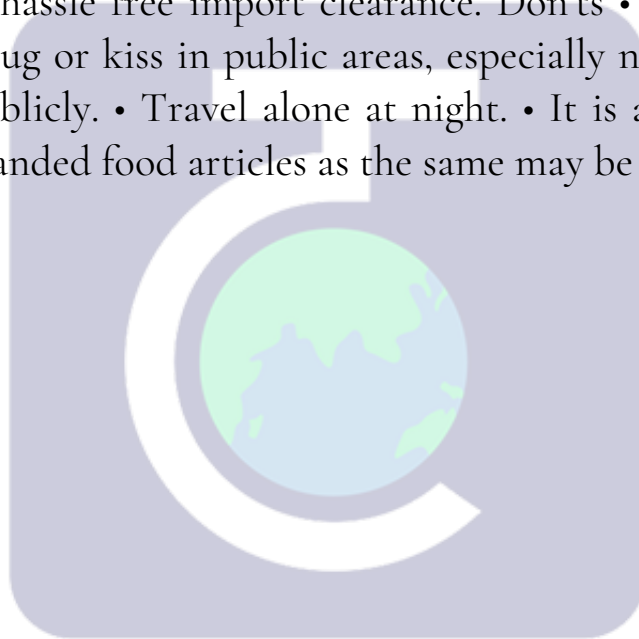
- Hospitals Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Zaid Hospital NOTE: All health insurances and travel insurances are accepted here. Hospital Children Ibnou Rochd NOTE: All health insurances and travel insurances are accepted here.
- Dial 19 to reach out to police in Casablanca.
- Dial 15 for ambulance or fire brigade.



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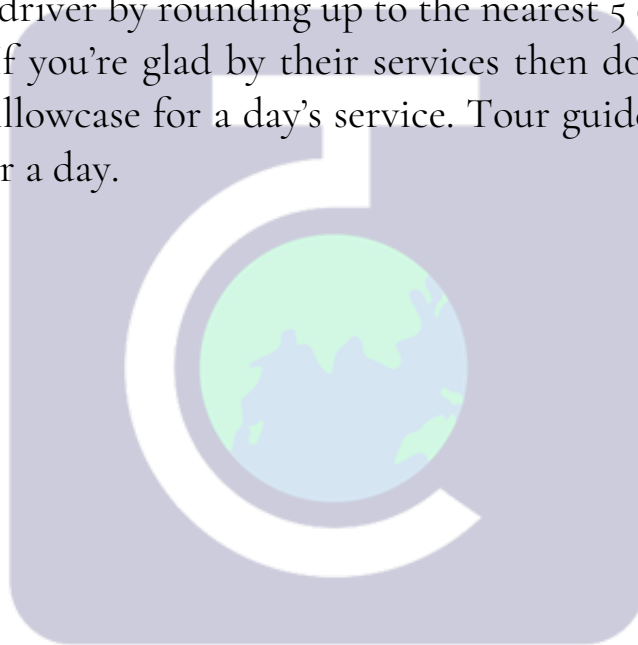
39. Do's and Don'ts

Dos • Haggle for the best price in Casablanca. • Carry minimum cash and valuable items whilst exploring the city. • Always keep an eye on your luggage when moving places. • Drink fresh orange juice and mint tea. • Spend some time in rejuvenating your body by hammam massage. • Spend some time at Plage Ain Diab. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Don'ts • Wear short skirts or indecent clothes. • Hug or kiss in public areas, especially near religious places. • Drink and smoke publicly. • Travel alone at night. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



40.Tipping basics

It is not a compulsion to tip in the city of Casablanca. Moroccans themselves leave a few dirhams on a dinner bill of 150 dirhams. In the tourist areas, many of the high-class restaurants will add 10% to the bill, therefore check your bill. If you aren't satisfied with the services rendered then don't tip. On contrary, if you receive great services then give more than 10% of the bill. If you hail a meter-run taxi then tip the taxi driver by rounding up to the nearest 5 dirhams. Hotel maids are paid below par. If you're glad by their services then don't forget to place 15 dirhams inside the pillowcase for a day's service. Tour guides are expected to tip around 25 dirhams for a day.



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41.Pet info

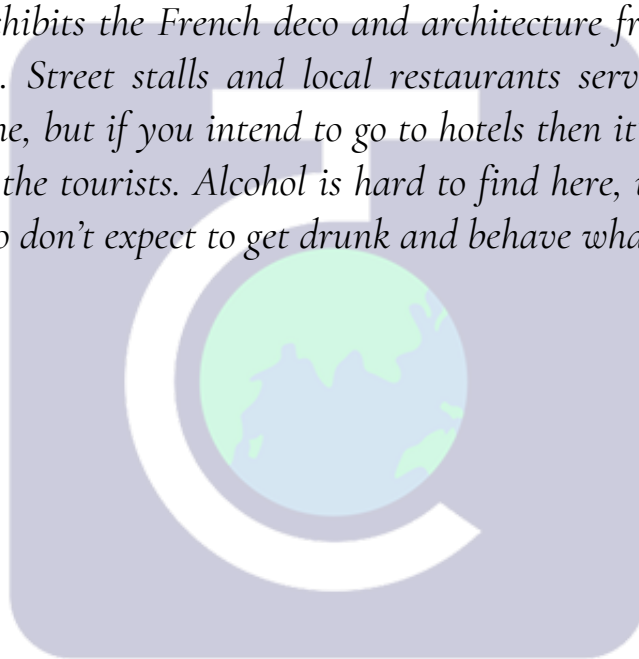
There are a number of hotels in Casablanca that allow you to get your pet along. If your pet meets the following requirement then Morocco won't quarantine your pet:

- **Pet Microchip:** It is recommended that your pets should be micro chipped with an ISO 11784/11785 pet microchip that has 15-digits and is non-encrypted or should have an identification tag before they are separated from you. Always register your contact information when travelling with pets, so that it is easy to identify your pet.
- **Vaccinations:** Your pet cat or dog must be inoculated for rabies between 30 days and 3 months prior to entry into the country.
- **Veterinary Certificate for Morocco:** If you're travelling from the United States or Canada, a USDA (or CFIA) licensed veterinarian should complete a Veterinary Certificate for Morocco within 15 days of travel for endorsement by the USDA or CFIA. For other nationals, the Governing Authority of the respective country is responsible for the import and export of animals, and endorsing the forms by the Moroccan Embassy in the respective country. This needs to be done within 3 days of entering the country. A copy of the Rabies Certificate should be presented for endorsement along with the forms. Post this, it must be sent to the nearest consulate of Morocco with a check for \$33.0 and a postage paid return envelope. Hence, your pet passport for your dog or cat to enter the country is complete.
- Before entering Casablanca, ensure that your dog or cat is treated with any internal or external parasite infections.

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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

In the 10th century, the Berber fishermen found the modern city of Casablanca and subsequently it was converted into a strategic port called Anfa by the Phoenicians, Romans and the Merenids. Being the largest city of the kingdom of Morocco, the coastal city boasts the world's largest artificial port but it offers no ferry services. The highlight of the city is the landmark building, Hassan II Mosque. Most of the visits in the city are into the museums, which exhibits the French deco and architecture from the French reign in the history of the city. Street stalls and local restaurants serve economical food and defines Moroccan cuisine, but if you intend to go to hotels then it's not such a bargain as they are meant to aim the tourists. Alcohol is hard to find here, usually only in licensed bars and restaurants, so don't expect to get drunk and behave whatever way you want to!



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