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1. Geographical location

One of the major cities of the Kingdom of Morocco, Marrakesh is the capital city of the mid-southern region of Marrakesh-Safi. It is the fourth largest city in the country, after Casablanca, Fez and Tangier.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

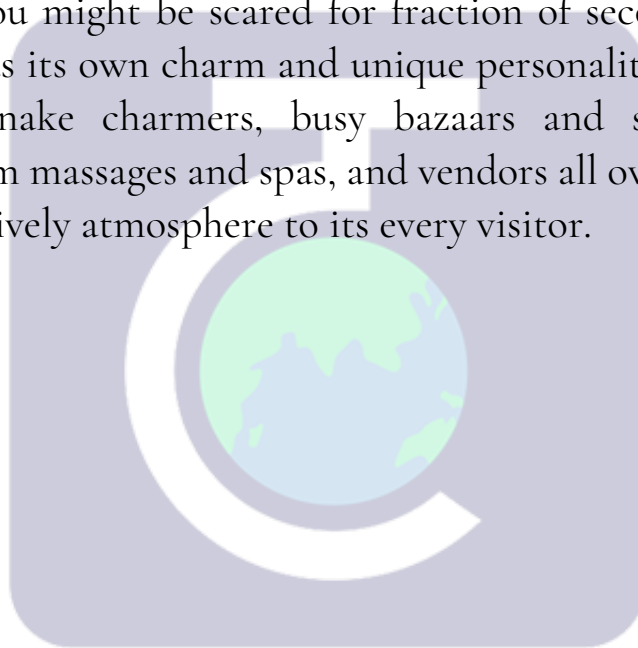
The Neighboring Cities Of Marrakesh Are Casablanca With An Approximate Distance Of 220 Kilometers, Rabat With An Approximate Distance Of 290 Kilometers, Safi With An Approximate Distance Of 140 Kilometers And Khenifra With An Approximate Distance Of 265 Kilometers.



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3. Significance

As they say ‘University in Diversity’. Morocco is the country which utterly exemplifies the quote. Whenever you plan a vacation to Morocco, Marrakech is the best place to spend your vacation and experience the electric assortment of great architecture, unique culture, arts and adventure. Marrakech will never fail to astound 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.



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4. History

Marrakech; one of the four imperial cities of Morocco; along with Meknes, Fes and Rabat, was founded by Almoravids around 1062. In 12th century, Almohads influenced the architecture of the city heavily, featuring carved domes and arches. It created a unique style of architecture in the city with a perfect blend of influences from the Sahara and West Africa. Back then; mighty walls from red sandstone and luminous mosques like Koutoubia, fine gardens and palaces were built. In the 16th century, during the reign of wealthy Saadian sultans, magnificent palaces such as El Badi Palace was built. Until 1867, Europeans were forbidden from entering the city with a prior permission from the Sultan. The French colonized Morocco by the early 20th century when there was an unrest in the city. French influence exists till date in the wide avenues of the new town, Gueliz and its few remaining art deco villas, most remarkably landscape painter Jacques Majorelle's stylish cobalt blue haven in the Jardin Majrolle. But, the most persuasive and noteworthy legacy of colonial rule is the French language, which is spoken by all educated Moroccans till present.

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5. Cultural identity

Marrakech is a very vibrant and colorful city. Djemaa el Fna, sited in the heart of the city, inside the ancient medina, is one of the liveliest attractions in Morocco. It depicts true colors of Morocco. Locals go there to buy food and spices during the day and as the night falls, this area is flooded with entertainers who try their level best to spread happiness and joy in the lives of the people. To experience the true taste of the local culture, visit the souks in the medina (old and ancient city, surrounded by walls). People in Marrakech are very warm and welcoming. 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. Grab the opportunity of having a cup of tea with the locals and don't forget to pay attention to how the tea is poured.



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Phosphates, iron ore, manganese, lead, zinc, fish and salt are found in abundance in the Red City, Marrakesh. The city serves the most sumptuous seafood in Morocco.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Jardin Majorelle

Jardin Majorelle is a botanical garden and an artist's landscape garden in the city that expands over a 12-acre land. There is an archaeological museum that displays the Islamic Art of the city. Jacques Majorelle's perseverance and hard-work for around 40 years led to the creation of one of the most visited attractions in the heart of the 'Ochre City'. NOTE: The site is accessible to the differently abled.

Address : Rue Yves Saint Laurent, Marrakesh 40090, Morocco

Zipcode : 40090

Location : 31.6414395, -8.002390999999989

Contact : +212 5243-13047

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

Nearest Public Transport : Boukar- Majorelle bus station

Entry Fee : Garden: 40 MAD, Museum: 10 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:00hrs-18:00hrs (Ramadan: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs)

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Medersa Ben Youssef

Named after Sultan Ali Ibn Yusuf, Medersa Ben Youssef is an Islamic college in the city which was closed down in 1960 and redeveloped as a historical site in 1982. Medersa Ben Youssef is one of the few remarkable Moroccan medersas that was built after the fall of the Merinids, and stretches over 42 meters.

Address : Kaat Benahid, Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Zipcode : 40000

Location : 31.6319956, -7.985998399999971

Contact : +212 5244-41893

Website : <http://www.medersa-ben-youssef.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : terminus arset el bilk bus station

Entry Fee : 50 MAD per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:00hrs to 17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Palais de la Bahia

The Bahia Palace was constructed in the 19th century to capture the very core of the Moroccan and Islamic style. The name rightly stands for **brilliance** as the palace is vast and intricately designed with courtyards, 160 rooms and 8 acres of gardens. Sited in the medina, the palace was built by a father-son duo who served under the high official Alawite Cherifian.

Address : 5 Rue Riad Zitoun el Jdid, Marrakesh 40000, Morocco

Zipcode : 40000

Location : 31.6210691, -7.984049400000003

Contact : +212 5243-89511

Website : <http://www.palais-bahia.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : sidi mimoun bus station

Entry Fee : 10 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Maison de la Photographie de Marrakech

Maison de la Photographie de Marrakech is a Moroccan photography museum which is a house of permanent collections and offers rotating exhibitions. The photography museum exhibits around 10,000 original prints of contemporary and modern photographs, glass negatives which are the oldest collection of the High Atlas, a large collection of postcards, different documentaries and a library.

Address : Rue Ahl Fes, Medina, Marrakech, 46 Rue Bin Lafnadek, Marrakesh 400030, Morocco

Zipcode : 400030

Location : 31.63199269999999, -7.984297500000025

Contact : +212 5243-85721

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

Nearest Public Transport : terminus arset el bilk bus station

Entry Fee : 40 MAD (Free for children under 12yrs)



Open & Close Timing : Daily- 09:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Palais El Badi

El Badi means  The Incomparable . The El Badi Palace was commissioned by the Arab Saadian Sultan Ahmad al-Mansur in 1578. The construction of the palace was funded by the Portuguese post the Battle of the Three Kings. The palace today is well-known and stands as one of the most visited tourist attractions in the city.

Address : Ksibat Nhass, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.61817289999999, -7.986194399999993

Contact : +212 5243-78163

Website : <http://www.palais-el-badi.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : sidi mimoun bus station

Entry Fee : 10 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Saadian Tombs

The history of Saadian tombs flies back to the epoch of Sultan Ahmad al-Mansur. Discovered in 1917, the tombs were refurbished by the Beaux-arts service. The mesmerizing beauty of their decoration has been a major reason for making this structure one of the most visited attractions in Marrakesh.

Address : Rue de La Kasbah, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.6171211, -7.989058800000066

Contact : +212 654-572205

Website : <http://www.tombeaux-saadiens.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : sidi mimoun bus station

Entry Fee : 10 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Dar Si Said

The Dar Si Said, a museum in Marrakesh, is a perfect example of the mixture of the old and contemporary. It displays a collection of granary doors, ceramics, carpets, embroidery, Berber jewelry and ornate artisanal Moroccan objects from an 11th-century chest. The pint-sized wooden palanquins are the museum's most sublime artefacts which were used to hold babies on a Ferris Wheel.

Address : Derb Si Said, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.62334739999999, -7.9840285999999988

Contact : +212 5243-89564

Nearest Public Transport : sidi mimoun bus station

Entry Fee : 20 MAD

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Tuesday: Closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Maison Tiskiwin

Maison Tiskiwin is a museum situated in a riad in Marrakesh. It features spectacular collections of Moroccan art, jewelry, baskets and carpets. Located between Dar Si Said Museum and Bahia Palace, the museum represents a caravan stop across the Sahara and Marrakesh route with Moroccan specialties from High Atlas carpets to Tuareg camel saddles.

Address : 8 Rue de la Bahia 40000, Marrakech Medina, Morocco

Zipcode : 40000

Location : 31.622254199999999, -7.9842221000000011

Contact : +212 5243-89192

Website : <http://tiskiwin.businesscatalyst.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminus Arset el Bilk bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 20 MAD (Students: 10 MAD)

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Koutoubia Mosque

The Koutoubia Mosque also known as Kutubiyya Mosque is the largest mosque in the city. Known by several other names (like Jami al-Kutubiyah, Kutubiyyin Mosque and Mosque of the Booksellers), this 70-meter high tower was erected in the 12th century under the reign of Yacoub el Mansour (Almohad Caliph Yaquub al-Mansour), who ruled between 1184 and 1199.

Address : Avenue Mohammed V, Marrakech, Morocco

Location : 31.6236692, -7.9936020999999975

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

Nearest Public Transport : terminus arset el bilk bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Djemaa el-Fna

Djemaa el-Fna is the popular city square in Marrakech, located in the heart of Marrakesh. At night, it enlivens with myriads of travelers who are found enjoying the performances of storytellers, snake charmers, musicians and dancers. During the day, it transforms into a shopaholics' paradise. The square offers a wide range of beautiful items such as souvenirs at affordable prices and gives you the opportunity of acquainting yourself with the Moroccan culture. In 2001, Djemaa el-Fna was named as the 'Masterpiece of World Heritage' by the UNESCO. Stewed to its excellence comprising of a watery broth and flavored with pepper, citrus peel, aniseed, mint, and a mix of other herbs; snails are proffered at numerous roadside stalls. Also, try other delicacies like the b'ssara and orange juice here, which are worth every penny.

Address : Derb Chtouka, Marrakesh 40008, Morocco

Zipcode : 40008

Location : 31.625829499999999, -7.9889024000000029

Contact : +212 621-241398

Website : <http://www.jemaa-el-fna.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminus Arset el Bilk bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Almoravid Koubba

Constructed by the Almoravid Dynasty in the 12th century, the Almoravid Koubba is a small building located next to the museum of Marrakesh and is the only remaining work of the Almoravid architecture in the Red City. The plush interiors are decorated with calligraphy and floral patterns. Materials used are cedar wood and marble.

Address : Place de la Kissaria, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.63152599999999, -7.987173799999937

Nearest Public Transport : sidi mimoun bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:30hrs-18:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Agdal Gardens

Located to the south of the Royal Palace, Agdal Gardens covers over 400 hectares of land. The garden has small farms of lemon, orange and pomegranate trees. In 1985, Agdal Gardens along with the Menara Gardens and the medina were declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Address : Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.59846929999999, -7.978359299999965

Nearest Public Transport : sidi mimoun bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 07:30hrs-13:00hrs. Wednesday & Sunday: Closed.

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Souk Semmarine

Souk Semmarine is one of the most vivacious markets in the Red City. It has everything from colorful clothing and fabrics to food, spices, antiques, perfumes,

and handcrafts.

Address : Souk Semmarine, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.6278372, -7.988113999999996

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Menara Mall

After having visited all the souks in the city, drop by the Menara Mall if you want to experience a change. The mall offers you with a wide range of shops selling perfumes, clothes and handicrafts.

Address : Avenue Mohammed VI, Marrakech, Morocco

Location : 31.6185721, -8.008882699999958

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Souk Cherifia

To have the best shopping experience under one roof, visit Souk Cherifia in Marrakesh.

Address : D.S.Abdelaziz, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.6312372, -7.988841099999945

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Heritage Berbère

To give in to your love for scents and passion perfumes, visit Heritage Berbere in the city.

Address : Villa Dar Sabah (près jardin Majorelle) Av. Yacoub El Mansour 40 000 Marrakech, Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Zipcode : 40000

Location : 31.640311, -8.002841999999987

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

8. Key sites sports & adventure

One can spare some time out of the historic attractions that depict the beauty of Marrakech and try out the different adventure sports in the city.

- **Hot air balloon ride at Maroc Montgolfiere -**

Address : rue Yves Saint Laurent, B45 Residence Mirador (en face du Jardin Majorelle), Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Location : 31.642142,-8.002607

Contact No : +212 661-667733

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

Nearest Public Transport : boukar- majorelle bus station

Entry Fees : 1950 MAD

Open / Close Time : 05:00hours to 20:00hours

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

- **Quad Biking -**

Address : Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Location : 31.695702,-7.941623

Contact No : +212 661-539639

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

Nearest Public Transport : 9 bus station

Entry Fees : 368 MAD

Open / Close Time : Daily- 08:00hours to 18:00hours

Time Required : 3.5

Wait Time : 25-30 minutes

- **Oukaïmeden Ski Toubkal Maroc guide Resort -**

Address : Oukaïmeden, Morocco

Location : 31.202337,-7.8633

Contact No : +212 610-644875

Website : <http://toubkal-ski.tw.ma/155836.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : WP 1 bus station

Entry Fees : 60 MAD

Open / Close Time : 06:00hours to 17:00hours

Time Required : 2.50

Wait Time : 15 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Marrakech's most popular sports are Football and Golf. Najm de Marrakech, KAC Marrakech, Mouloudia de Marrakech and Chez Ali Club de Marrakech are Marrakech based football clubs. Located in Agdal district of Marrakech, the Circuit International Automobile Moulay El Hassan is a race track which hosts the World Touring Car Championship and from 2017, it would be hosting FIA Formula E. Around 5000 runners run in the Marrakech Marathon every year. Following are the golf courses and stadium in Marrakech:

- **Grand Stade de Marrakech:**

Address : N9, Ouahat Sidi Brahim, Morocco

Location : 31.707454,-7.979711

Contact No : +212 648-109059

Open/Close time : Daily- 12:00hours-00:00hours

- **Royal Golf Marrakech:**

Address : Ancienne Ouarzazate, Route de Targa, Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Location : 31.608775,-7.947203

Contact No : +212 5244-09828

Open/Close time : Daily- 07:00hours-19:00hours

10. Spas and relaxation

The wonderful Moroccan city of Marrakech has a lot to offer to its tourists within a short period of time. However, it is advisable that one removes time and visits the different Spas in the city in order to relax his body, mind and soul.

- **Hamмам Dar el-Bacha:**

Address : 20, Boulevard Fatima Zahra, Marrakech, Morocco

Location : 31.62855600000001,-7.9940489000000525

- **Les Bains de Marrakech Maroc:**

Address : 2 Derb Sedra, Bab Agnaou, Kasbah, Marrakech, Morocco

Location : 31.617228,-7.990405000000001

Contact No : +212 5243-81428

Website : <http://lesbainsdemarrakech.com/fr/accueil>

- **HERITAGE SPA:**

Address : Arset Aouzal Rd, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.630889,-7.9947039999999956

Contact No : +212 5243-84333

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

- **Hamмам de la Rose - Marrakech:**

Address : Route Sidi Abdelaziz, Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Location : 31.6316845,-7.9916531999999973

Contact No : +212 5244-44769

Website : <http://www.ammamdelarose.com/en/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

coptic christmas

Aswan 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.

Marrakech Marathon

Marrakech Marathon, an annual event, is held on the third or fourth Sunday in January.

Coptic Easter

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

Labor Day

Labor Day is observed on May 1st every year.

Festival National des Arts Populaires

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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.

Marrakech Film Festival

Marrakech Film Festival is held in the month of November every year.

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

Marrakech can be explored with or without a guide. But, it would be indeed better to have a guide when exploring the Red city. Most of the travels here are in souks, palaces, gardens and temples and the guides charge you at a reasonable price starting from 150.00 dirhams and some tip for package tours.



13. Transportation hubs

Airport: Marrakech Menara Airport is about 5 kilometers from the city. Hail a “petit taxi” to get a trip into Marrakesh city which would take approximately 15-20 minutes and cost you around 50 dirhams and more at night. You can board the No. 19 Airport express bus, whose departure stop is to the left of the road right outside of the Arrival Hall at Terminal 2, after taxis. The bus leaves the airport every half an hour between 07:00hours and 21:30hours and has no particular stop except Djemaa el Fna. The bus ride would cost you around 30 dirhams for a single trip and 50 dirhams for the round trip (if the return trip is planned within 2 weeks of the initial purchase). One can easily walk down to Medina from the airport, provided there is no luggage and you have enough time as it would take around from an hour and half to two hours.

Railway Station: Marrakech Railway Station is the southern end-point of the Moroccan railway system.

Bus Station: Bab Doukkala Cimetiere is the main bus station of Marrakech. It is meant for departures and arrivals throughout all of Morocco.

14. Transportation cost

Taxi: Be vigilant of boisterous taxi drivers in Marrakech! The Moroccan city offers you two types of taxis, Petit and a Grand one. Petit taxis can accommodate maximum three passengers and a driver, and would cost around 20 dirhams for a 10 minute ride. Don't be surprised if you're asked to pay more at night. Grand taxis (regular Mercedes taxis) don't have meters. There is no upper limit for the no. of people that these taxis can accommodate as people would squeeze in, and the taxi driver would try harder and harder to accommodate more people. From airport to Djemaa el Fna or Medina, it would cost around 150 dirhams. Caleche: Caleche is a small horse-drawn carriage, which can be hired at Square de Foucauld (the small park at the bottom of Djemaa el Fna). It would cost you around 150 dirhams per hour, per carriage. Bus: Djemaa el Fna serves as a stop for almost all buses and fares range from 2 dirhams to 5 dirhams depending on the distance traveled.

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Prefer exploring the city by either taxi or a cab when carrying a large suitcase. Large suitcases are allowed in the buses but refrain yourself from travelling via same because pickpockets are the regular passengers. One can carry a backpack easily when exploring the city. When riding on the city bus, no additional fee is charged for carrying extra luggage but it is advisable not to carry bulky and too many baggage. Else, keep an eye on your luggage.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

To experience the real Moroccan gastronomy, visit Djemma el Fna (Marrakesh, Morocco). There are heaps of stalls which serve Moroccan cuisine. It is a perfect place for all the budget heads. After a tiring day at Djemma el Fna, unwind yourself in any of the following restaurants.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Istanbul Kebab House:**

Address : Rue Ibn Habbous, Marrakech, Morocco

Location : 31.6297245,-8.005200300

Contact No : 0607607600

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/IstanbulKebabHouse.Marrakech/>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 11:00hours-02:00hours

- **Souk Kafé:**

Address : Derb Sidi Abd El Aziz, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.631637700,-7.988597799

Contact No : +212 662-610229

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/SouK-Kaf%C3%A9-Marrakesh-366120324511/>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 10:00hours-23:00hours

- **Bakchich Cafe:**

Address : Rue Riad Zitoun el Jdid, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.6258348,-7.986186900

Contact No : +212 524 376 612

Open / Close Time : Daily- 09:30hours-22:30hours

- **Cafe L'opéra:**

Address : Avenue Mohammed VI, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.625714,-8.012734700

Contact No : +212 5244-09962

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Opera.Resto/?rf=195008137245683>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 06:00hours-02:00hours

- **La Creperie de Marrakech:**

Address : Rue du Capitaine Arrigui, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.6398821,-8.020995800

Contact No : +212 5244-32208

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

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 12:00hours-22:00hours Sunday: Closed

- **NOMAD:**

Address : Rahba Lakdima, Marrakech, Morocco

Location : 31.628732099,-7.987480300

Contact No : +212 5243-81609

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

Open / Close Time : Daily- 10:00hours-00:00hours

- **Ksar Essaoussan:**

Address : 3 Rue el Ksour, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.627981500,-7.991557999

Contact No : +212 524 44 06 32

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

Open / Close Time : Daily- 19:30hours-01:00hours

- **Salt-Marrakech:**

Address : Berima Ground Floor, 108 Rue de Berima, Marrakech 40000, Morocco

Location : 31.618134,-7.983682000

Contact No : +212 5243-82740

Website : <http://salt-marrakech.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 19:00hours-23:00hours

- **Amal Women's Training Center & Moroccan Restaurant:**

Address : Rue Allal Ben Ahmed, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.638896,-8.013746999

Contact No : +212 5244-46896

Website : <http://amalnonprofit.org/>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 11:30hours-16:30hours

- **Cafe Clock:**

Address : Derb Chtouka, Marrakesh, Morocco

Location : 31.612939999,-7.987284999

Contact No : +212 5243-78367
Website : <http://cafeclock.com/>
Open / Close Time : Daily- 09:00hours-22:00hours

- **Bar Churchill:**

Address : La Mamounia, Avenue Prince Moulay Rachid, Marrakech, Morocco
Location : 31.6203222,-7.997096699
Contact No : +212 5243-88600
Website : <http://www.mamounia.com/en/marrakech.htm>
Open / Close Time : Daily: 18:00hours-01:00hours

- **Restaurant Comptoir Darna - Restaurant Marrakech:**

Address : Avenue Echouhada, Hivernage, Marrakech, Morocco
Location : 31.623966799,-8.003252299
Contact No : +212 5244-37702
Website : <http://www.comptoirmarrakech.com/>
Open / Close Time : Daily- 20:00hours-03:00hours

- **Dar Moha:**

Address : 81 Rue Dar el Bacha, Marrakesh, Morocco
Location : 31.631449000,-7.993217599
Contact No : +212 5243-86400
Website : <http://www.darmoha.ma/>
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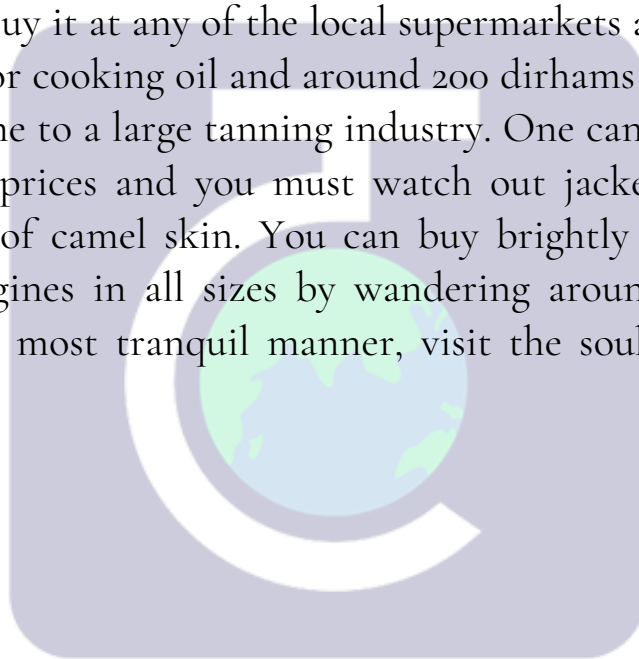
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There are myriad of options of cheap food in and around Djemaa el Fna. One can have a yummilicious meal by spending around 60 dirhams to 100 dirhams in any of the stalls at Djemaa el Fna. Some stalls serve full meal for 10 dirhams to 20 dirhams too. A luxury dining would cost you around 200 dirhams to 300 dirhams.



19. Shopping

Souks are shopaholics' paradise in Marrakech. Apart from souks adjacent to Jemaa el Fnaa, there are heaps of small souks throughout the Red City of Morocco. There's an inclusive assortment of hand-crafted candle holding lanterns and an enormous display of local spices. Argan oil, used for Moroccan cooking and beauty treatments, is manufactured only in Morocco. If you relish its nutty flavor then you can buy it at any of the local supermarkets and it would cost you around 70 dirhams for cooking oil and around 200 dirhams for genuine cosmetic oil. Marrakesh is home to a large tanning industry. One can buy leather goods of high quality at low prices and you must watch out jackets, round poufs and handbags made out of camel skin. You can buy brightly colored platters and bowls, as well as tagines in all sizes by wandering around potters' souks. To explore the souks in most tranquil manner, visit the souks during the Friday prayer.



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 Marrakech Riad Travel Guide + is a free guide to explore the Red City. It has a GPS map of the medina as well as tips on restaurants and shops. Download Uber to book a cab or a taxi. 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 Marrakesh 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. People in Marrakesh rarely follow the traffic rules and driving here may be hazardous to your health because the roads are not well maintained in the city. To rent a car in Marrakesh, 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.



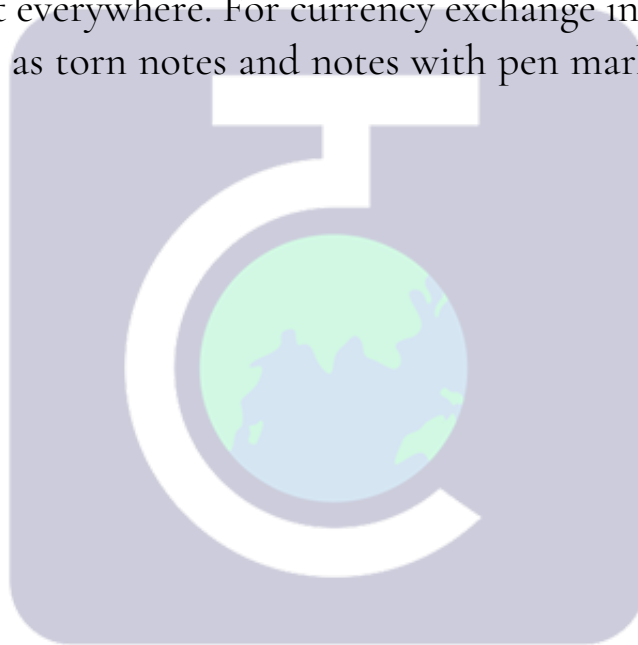
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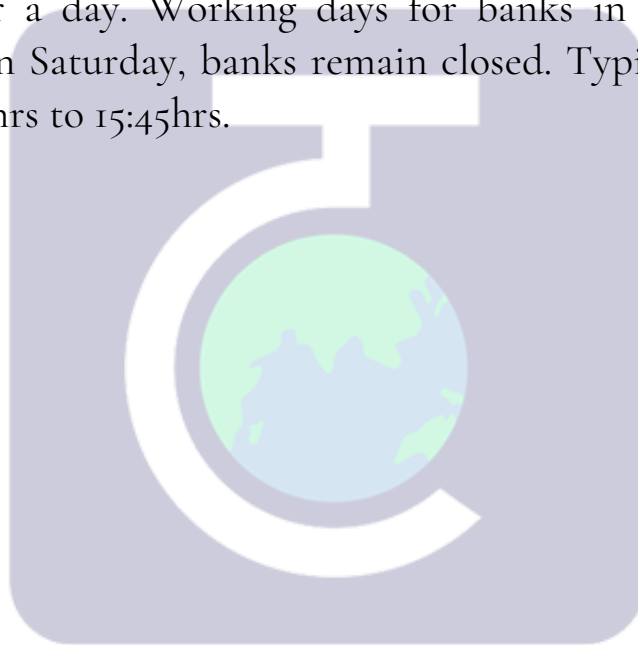
25. Local currency

Moroccan Dirham is the official currency of Morocco. It is denoted as MAD or Dhs. The Moroccan Dirham comprises of 100 centimes. 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 Marrakech, get some new “home currency” as torn notes and notes with pen marks are not eligible for exchange.



26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

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. 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. Working days for banks in Marrakesh 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 Marrakech 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. A copy of passport needs to be attached with the contract for documentation.



28. Time Zone

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



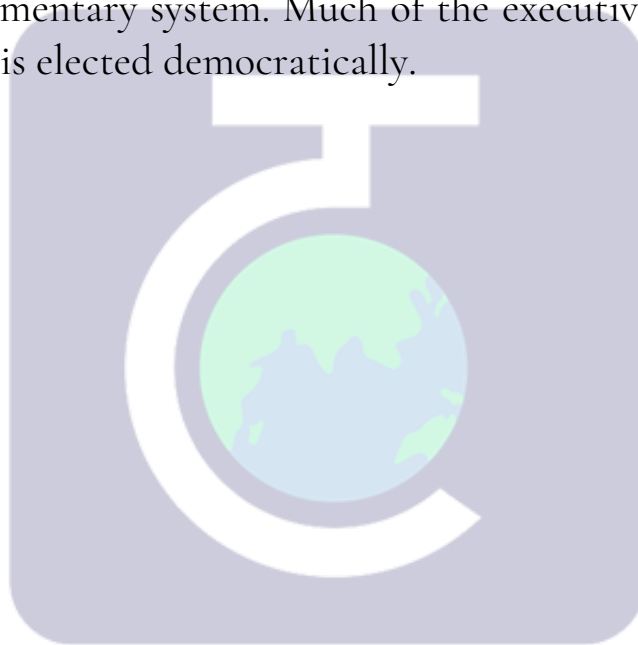
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The official language in Marrakech is Classical Arabic. The city's main unofficial language is French, which is spoken by apparently every merchant, taxi driver and kid. Moroccan's proficiency for English and other popular languages deserves a bow.



30. Political Scenario

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 Moroccan Red City contributes around 10% to the National Domestic Product. Tourism and agriculture are two main contributors to the Gross Domestic Product. Over one-third tourism activities in the country are here in Marrakech. It increases the significance of the city. Also, the region is the largest producer of some of the crops like olives and oranges.



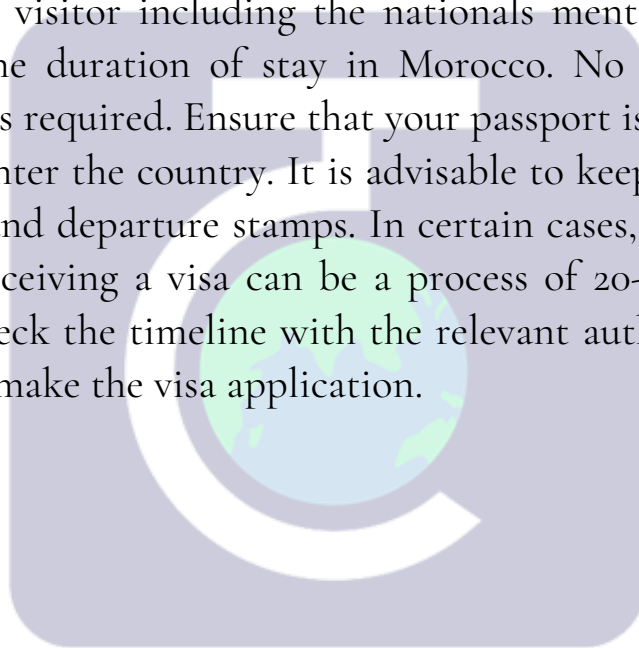
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Religious practices of people in Marrakesh involve a syncretism of Islam and traditional folk beliefs. Majority of people living in Marrakesh are Muslims and the vast majority of Muslims are Sunni belonging to Maliki School of jurisprudence. Christianity is worshipped as the second largest religion in Marrakech 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. If you are planning a stay which would last 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.



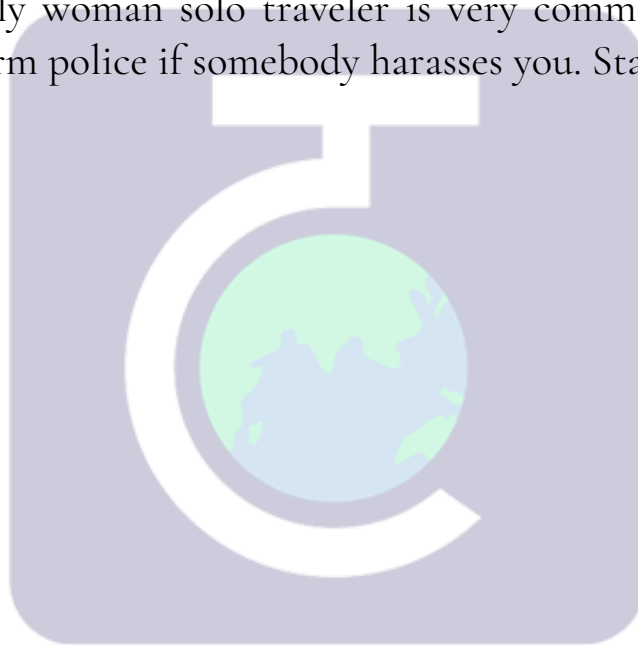
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Every traveler should be up-to-date on routine vaccinations before every trip. These vaccinations include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine and your yearly flu shot.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



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Trivial crimes are common in the Moroccan city, Marrakech. These crimes include bag snatching, pickpocketing and filching away of visible jewelry and bags by the motorcyclists. Be cautious when asking for directions and using ATMs as there are high chances occurrence of crime and aggressive begging. Scams like replacing the inferior goods for the actual goods bought, harassing the tourists and 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/morocco>






37. Accessibility

Marrakech is not 'differently-abled' friendly. Seemingly it needs a lot of improvement with respect to infrastructure to ensure easy accessibility for disabled. Cobblestones and potholes are common throughout the city due to poor and old infrastructure. Manual wheelchair is a better option to explore this area. Consult 'Handi-consulting' to rent a wheelchair in Marrakech. Also, there are very limited wheelchair accessible restrooms in the Red City. Traveling via bus or train would be difficult but grand taxis serve as the most convenient mode of transportation for differently abled ones.



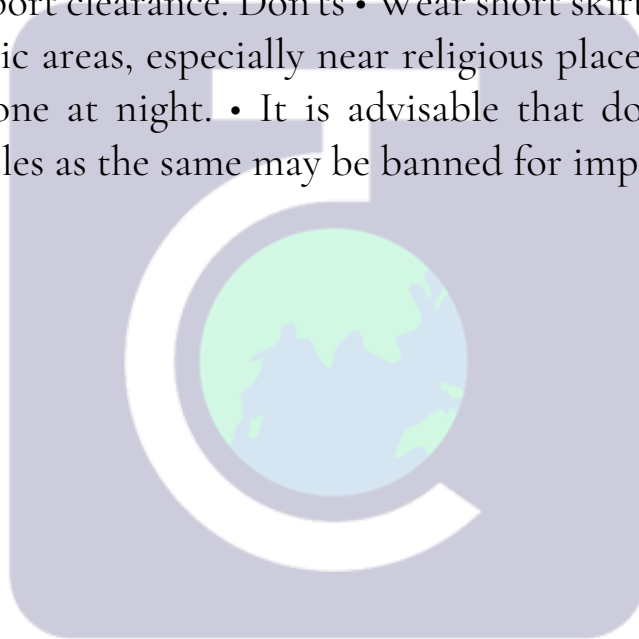
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 Hospitals Marrakech serves its travelers with well-developed hospitals and a wide range of diagnostics and treatments, in both public and private sectors. Following are two major hospitals in Marrakech: • Polyclinic Du Sud NOTE: All health insurances and travel insurances are accepted here. • Hospital Ibn Tofail NOTE: All health insurances and travel insurances are accepted here.  Dial 19 to reach out to police in Marrakech.  Dial 15 for ambulance or fire brigade.



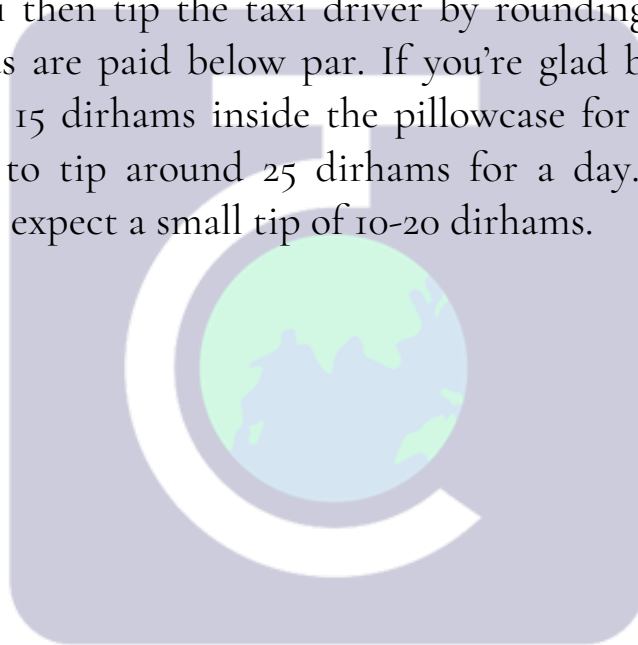
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Dos • Haggle for the best price in Marrakech. • Carry minimum cash and valuable items whilst exploring the city. • Always keep an eye on your luggage when moving places. • Drink fresh orange juice and mint tea. • Spend some time in rejuvenating your body by hammam massage. • Shop at Djemaa el Fna. • 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

There is no pragmatism intrinsically regarding tipping in Marrakech. 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. The entertainers at Djemaa el Fna square expect a small tip of 10-20 dirhams.



41.Pet info

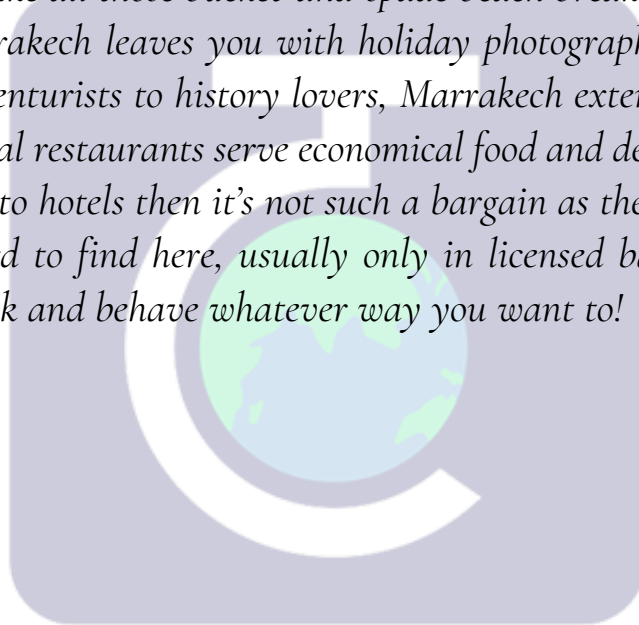
There are a number of hotels in Marrakech that allow you to get your pet along. If your pet meets the following requirement then Morocco won't quarantine your pet:

- **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 Marrakech, 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

Marrakech is a travelers' destination because of the rich culture it offers to the visitors. It is the third largest city in Morocco after Casablanca and Rabat. It's also known as the 'Red City' because of the pale pink color of many buildings in the city. Marrakech has a lot in common with Fez, but it's also quite different in many ways. Quite a few travelers take time to see them both. The highlight of the city is Djemaa el Fna, also known as the 'Heart of the City'. Unlike all those bucket-and-spade beach breaks which can be summed up on a postcard, Marrakech leaves you with holiday photographs that demand further explanation. From adventurers to history lovers, Marrakech extends a warm welcome to all. 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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