

Rabat, Morocco

Field	Value
Name	Rabat
Country	Morocco
Coordinates	34° 01' N, 6° 50' W
Population	515,619
Currency	Moroccan Dirham
Website	mairiederabat.ma
Time Difference	± 0 hours
Date	January 16, 2024
Day Temperature	17 °C – 21 °C
Arrival Time	07:00
Departure Time	20:00
Sunrise – Sunset	08:34 – 18:45
Distance Traveled	188 nautical miles

Sightseeing

- Mausoleum of Mohammed V (Rabat) – Stunning landmark with white marble, carved cedar wood, colorful mosaics, and golden ornaments. Final resting place of Mohammed V, Hassan II, and Prince Abdallah. Guards, some on horseback, add to the solemn atmosphere.
- Mohammed VI Tower & Opera House (Rabat) – Modern landmarks; the 250 m tower is one of the tallest buildings in Africa, a clear symbol of Morocco’s modern side.
- Kasbah of the Udayas (Rabat) – White and blue houses, narrow lanes, and fortress walls create a timeless atmosphere. Here, visitors often enjoy traditional mint tea and Moroccan sweets.
- Atlantic Promenade (Rabat) – Long coastal promenade with rocky shores, green lawns, and pools, evoking a Mediterranean flair.
- Hassan II Mosque (Casablanca) – One of the largest mosques in the world, with the tallest minaret at 210 m. An iconic landmark towering over Casablanca’s skyline.

Additional Tips

- From the Port:
 - The cruise ship docks in Casablanca’s industrial port. It’s about 1 km on foot to reach the buses/shuttles. A symbolic checkpoint is passed before leaving the port.
 - Exploring Casablanca independently means covering longer distances on foot.
- Casablanca Reality Check:

- The city is noisy, grey, and industrial—very different from the romantic image in the movie Casablanca, which was filmed entirely in the U.S.
- A replica café inspired by the film is the only local reminder.
- Organized Tours:
 - Highly recommended due to Casablanca's heavy traffic. Bus tours are often more efficient than taxis.
 - Rabat is the most convenient and rewarding excursion option from Casablanca.
- Excursion to Marrakesh:
 - Around 13 hours total, with long driving times.
 - Known as the "Pearl of the South," Marrakesh is vibrant and intense.
 - Djemaa el Fna – World-famous square full of storytellers, snake charmers, musicians, acrobats, merchants, and countless food stalls, especially lively in the evening.
 - Souks – Maze-like markets filled with scents, colors, and exotic goods.
 - Koutoubia Mosque – Iconic landmark with a striking minaret.
 - Demanding but unforgettable for those who haven't yet visited.