MARRAKECH TRAVEL ADVISORY 2023

DESTINATION DESCRIPTION
MOROCCO

Morocco is a North African country bordering the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, is distinguished by its Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences. Marrakech, the historic city of Marrakech, one of the four Imperial cities of Morocco. With its name meaning “land of God” in Berber, Marrakech boasts a rich cultural heritage dating back to medieval times and up to modern times. has been Ranked the second most popular Destination in Africa for hosting COP22’s largest side event -the Sustainable Innovation Forum and hosts the II African Conference on Health Risk Reduction 2023, the World Bank Group (WBG) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) will host their Annual Meetings and lots ...

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<th>City</th>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>230 km²</td>
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<td>Elevation</td>
<td>466 m</td>
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<td>Time zone</td>
<td>During the sacred month of Ramadan, Morocco apply GMT and GMT+1 the rest of the year. It is very easy to adapt to this new schedule and you'll enjoy every moment of your wonderful stay!</td>
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<td>Climate</td>
<td>Average temperatures of 9 – 36°C (hottest months May through September), in the mountains expect cooler temperatures and more rain. Morocco is an ideal all year-round travel destination</td>
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<td>Languages</td>
<td>Morocco’s two official languages are Arabic and Amazigh, but virtually all Moroccans speak and understand French. Spanish is widespread in northern and southern Morocco. You will be enchanted by Arabic. The language sings and its warm intonations encourage conversation. The Amazigh language, which uses the Tifinagh alphabet, is the shared heritage of all Moroccans.</td>
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### Currency

The official currency unit of Morocco is the Moroccan dirham (DH) which is abbreviate (MAD).  

**Tickets:** you will find tickets from 20-50-100-200 DH  

**The coins:** The coins in use are 0.50-1-2-5 and 10 DH and 1-5-10-20 centimes.  

**How to pay?** In Morocco, like most countries in the world, you can pay by cash or credit card. When paying by credit card, the exchange rate applied is the current rate. The maximum commission depends on each issuing institution, it is generally 1%.  

**Where to change currencies?** In establishments that don’t give the possibility to pay by credit card, it is preferable to pay in dirhams. The best places to change your currency are the exchange offices that are located in the tourist squares of each city in Morocco. You can change your currency at the airport or in hotels as well.  

**Exchange rates** You can find out the value of the exchange rate in real time. rates:https://www.bkam.ma/en/Markets/Key-indicators/Foreign-exchange-market/Foreign-exchange-rates/Foreign-banknotes-exchange-rate

### Country calling code

+212 (telecommunications among the best in Africa)

### Phone calls & Internet connectivity

**Phone calls:**  
To make calls from your mobile phone number, don't forget to contract the "International" option with your telephone operator.  
The network is generally well covered in Morocco.  
It is also possible to buy a Moroccan SIM smart card provided that you have unblocked your mobile phone beforehand. You can also find refills in all kiosks.  
**Internet:**  
Generally, all hotels in Morocco have a high-speed connection, and many establishments offer free WI-FI connection: restaurants, cafeterias, airports, etc.

### Purchase SIM Card

IAM , INWI & ORANGE are Morocco's three mobile telecommunication service providers.  
If you are visiting from another country, it is advisable to purchase a SIM card at the airport or from any telecommunications agent. Every SIM card user/buyer is expected to register using their ID or passport number for activation. The SIM card can be registered at the point of purchase.

### Banks, Cards and ATMs

Automatic teller machines are available and VISA cards or MasterCards are accepted throughout the country. Cards are generally accepted in restaurants and supermarkets. However, it is recommended to have cash at hand when shopping or paying for restaurants services.

### Transport

Marrakech is serviced by a number of bus providers. Many people also choose to get around choose from taxis, buses. Rates are regulated and all taxis have meters. For a quaint ride, hop aboard a horse-drawn carriage.

### Electrical appliances and outlets

Mains electricity is supplied at 230 V/ 50 Hz. Plug types: type C and G. It is advisable to bring your adapter.
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GETTING TO MOROCCO

- Marrakesh Menara Airport is an international airport serving Marrakesh, the capital city of the Marrakesh-Safi region in Morocco. It is an international facility that receives several European flights as well as flights from Casablanca and some of the Arab world nations.
- Marrakech airport is located only 7 km from the main Jemaa el-Fnaa square. By car, it takes around 20 minutes to get to the centre.

VISA AND PASSPORT

The need for a visa depends on your nationality. It is possible to submit and track applications for E-Visa or AEVM (Electronic Travel Authorizations to Morocco) through Acces Maroc portal.

For all nationalities, the maximum duration of the tourist trip is 90 days. A request for an extension can be made at the nearest police station to stay an additional 90 days.

For foreign nationals arriving in Morocco as part of an organized trip, a valid passport must cover at least the duration of the stay in Morocco.

To avoid any inconvenience upon arrival in Morocco, make sure you have a valid passport.

Means of payment

The exchange rate

In airports, in some hotels, in banks, in cities exchange offices are available to facilitate accessibility. The counters will require your passport for the transaction.

International credit card

Your bank will tell you where you can withdraw your money. ATM bank machines are widespread throughout Morocco. International credit cards Visa or MasterCards are accepted by most hotels, some restaurants, shops and petrol stations.

Please note that the passport must be valid for 6 months after the return date.

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE:

Travel to Morocco - Official website of tourism in Morocco managed by the ONMT
A night under the stars in the middle of the desert? Hiking in the Atlas Mountains? A stroll in the medina... visitmorocco.com

FOR ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES, OUR CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ASSIST YOU: INFO-PAC23@IEEE.ORG
USEFUL INFORMATION

- **Plastic Bags**
  
  As part of an environmental protection policy, plastic bags are not allowed into Morocco.
  
  With the promise of an eco-friendly future up ahead, Morocco is truly setting an example as a pioneer in environmental awareness.

ARRIVALS

- To facilitate delegates, there will be ushers at the Marrakech International Airport.
- Ushers will attend to the delegates until their respective hotels.
- Guests departing from Marrakech International Airport will also be facilitated, but they will cater for own transportation.

TRANSPORT

- Transportation from the airport to respective hotels will be provided for delegates hosted in recommended hotels, herein listed under accommodation information, through hotel shuttles. Ushers will provide necessary assistance.
- Transportation from hotels to the event venue and from the venue to the hotel will be provided at specific times, which will be communicated. This transportation is provided only to delegates hosted in recommended hotels.
- Delegates will cater for their personal travel within the country except for those related to the conference.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

- Marrakech is a safe city and well watched by the police, and especially by the tourist police brigade in civilian clothes. In case of concern, by shouting "POLICE", it will arrive in the minute and your disturbers will depart. As in any city, keep an eye out for cameras, cameras and pickpockets, especially around Place Jemaâ El Fna.

OFFICE TOURIST BRIGADE

- Location: Place Jemaâ El Fna, near the Post Office.
- Telephone: +212 (5)24 38 46 01 XNUMX
- Font: 19
- Tourist police: 05 24 38 46 01 or 05 24 88 86 80 (toll-free number, accessible 24 hours a day, is available to tourists in Morocco)
- Firefighters: 15
- Gendarmerie: 077
- Poison Control Center: + 212 5 37 68 64 64
- Roadside assistance: 177

DIAL 141 or 15 TO CALL AN AMBULANCE IN MOROCCO

Pharmacy Services

- Marrakech city has several pharmacies open mostly during day hours, with few others working 24/7 on rotation basis.