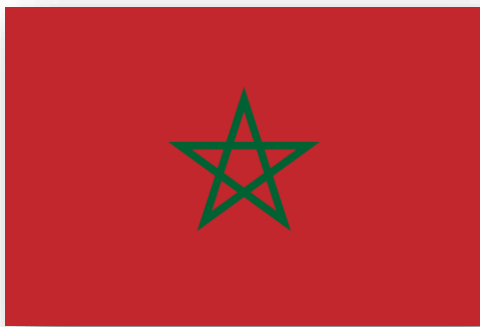


## INFORMATION'S NOTE

The Kingdom of Morocco, which is located on the African Continent is an active member of the Arab League, the Union for the Mediterranean, and the African Union. It has the fifth largest economy of Africa.

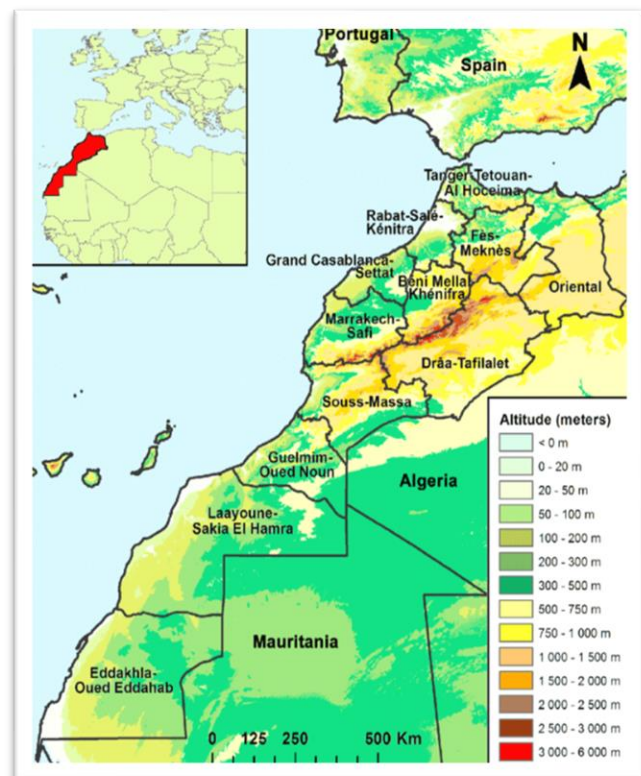


Due to being under French rule, most of the population in the country can speak French.

The current Moroccan flag was introduced on 17 November 1915. The background of the flag is red with a green star in the middle.

The Kingdom of Morocco is located in the northwestern part of Africa. To the north are the Mediterranean Sea and the Straits of Gibraltar. It is bordered by Mauritania to the south, Algeria to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. Morocco is also famous for its coastline that starts from the Atlantic Ocean and ends in the Mediterranean.

The terrain of Morocco is largely mountainous. The Atlas Mountains stretch from the central north to the southwest. It expands to about 1,350 kilometres and is the dorsal spine of the country. To the north of the Atlas Mountains, there are the Rif Mountains, a chain that makes part of the Sierra Nevada mountain



range in Andalusia, Spain. The massive range expands to about 250 kilometres from Tangier in the west to Nador eastward.

### **The Population of Morocco**

According to the estimation of the High Commission for Planning (HCP), the population of Morocco in 2022 consists of 36,587,813 people.

### **The Capital of Morocco**

The capital of Morocco is Rabat, which is one of the historical cities of the country and is among the tourist attractions. The largest and best-known city in Morocco is Casablanca (economical city). Marrakech (touristic city), Fez (cultural city), Essaouira, Tangier, Laayoune, Dakhla are some of the other important cities of the country. Marrakech, the first capital of Morocco, is one of the most important commercial centers of the region and the world.



## The Currency of Morocco



The official currency used in Morocco is called the Moroccan Dirham (MAD). The exchange rate (on 06 June 2022) is 1 USD = 9.93 MAD and 1 Euro = 10.49 MAD. Credit cards are accepted in most places. ATMs are found at the airport and in the city.

## The Official Language of Morocco

The official language of Morocco is Arabic. Besides, the Berber language spoken by the Berbers in the country is found among other languages.

French is common in public offices in Morocco. As you go to the northern parts of Morocco, it can be seen that Spanish is among the preferred languages.

## Morocco's Economy

The World Economic Forum placed Morocco as the 1st most competitive economy in North Africa, in its African Competitiveness Report 2014–2015. The services sector accounts for just over half of the GDP. Most of the economic activities in Morocco are carried out in the capital Rabat and its important city Casablanca. Mining, manufacturing and agriculture are among Morocco's economic activities. Industry and mining contribute about one-third of the annual GDP. Morocco is the world's third-largest producer of phosphates (after the United States and China).

## Time zone

The time zone in Morocco is **GMT+1**

## Expected weather

The last week of June is the begin of summer season. During your visit, the average temperature will be between 24°C and 27°C in Rabat, Kenitra



In Chefchaoun, Settat, Benguerir and Marrakech the average temperature will be between 33° and 38°



## Sanitary control to enter and to leave the Moroccan territory (The Moroccan Airports Authority)



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**Travel to Morocco link by the national office of Moroccan tourism website:**

[Voyage au Maroc - Site officiel du tourisme au Maroc géré par l'ONMT | Office National Marocain du Tourisme \(visitmorocco.com\)](http://www.visitmorocco.com)

**The transport from the airport**

For transportation from the airport to Rabat (Hotel), please send your arrival time and terminal number to Mrs. Oumekelthoum Essahli of ICARDA Morocco or contact her for any questions regarding the accommodation and transports.

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