

DESTINATION ESSENTIALS

ELECTRONICS, AND TEL

Cash and ATMs in Morocco:

Moroccan Dirhams:

Not available for pre-order outside Morocco

Exchange agencies are strict about bill quality

ATMs are a convenient way to get local currency and are Available in every Moroccan town

Traveling with Cash:

Bring crisp, undamaged 100\$ bills for best exchange rates

Avoid bills that are worn, torn, or written on

Always have local currency on hand for small purchases and emergencies.

Many businesses in the medinas rely on cash only.

Before Your Trip contact your bank to:

Inform them of your travel plans.

Ask about foreign ATM withdrawal fees

Inquire about partner banks in Morocco (to avoid fees)

Check the currency conversion fee (typically around %1.5)

Example: Bank of America partners with BNP

- 318 ATMs throughout Morocco

- No ATM fees when using these partner ATMs

- Only %1.5 currency conversion fee applies

- Non-partner ATM Usage:

May incur additional charges from your bank

Travel Tip:

Using partner bank ATMs can save you money on fees. Plan your cash withdrawals strategically to minimize charges and always have some local currency on hand for small purchases and emergencies.

Electricity in Morocco:

Voltage: 240 Volts (twice the US standard)

For most devices:

- Modern electronics work with 120V and 240V

- No voltage converter needed

For heating devices (hair dryers, curling irons, steamers):

- Don't use 120V devices with 240V current

- Look for travel-friendly versions with switches

For other electrical items:

- Check if they're compatible with 240V

If not, bring a voltage adapter (transformer)

Outlets:

- Two round holes with a protruding ground prong

- Standard European/French-style adapters

(two round prongs)

Pro Tip: Pack a universal adapter to cover all your bases. It's a small investment that can save you a lot of hassle during your travels.

Staying Connected in Morocco:

Using Your American Phone:

- Voice messaging might not work

- Check with your provider about international plans

- Best practice: Use airplane mode and Wi-Fi

Communication Apps:

- WhatsApp is popular for calls and messages

Local Solutions:

- Phone cards with Wi-Fi minutes available

Moroccan SIM card (around 5\$):

- Gives you a local number

- Allows purchasing Wi-Fi and call minutes

Internet Access:

- Hotels: Free Wi-Fi common

- Public spaces: Wi-Fi available in most places