

# MOROCCO TRAVEL GUIDE

## A JOURNEY PREP

### Arrival & Customs

- Upon arrival, ensure customs officials stamp a legible entry number in your passport. This tracking number is required for hotel check-ins. It is re-used each time you return to Morocco.
- When asked about your accommodations, be prepared to provide the address of your Riad or hotel.

### Hotels & Riads

- Check-in may take longer than expected. You will likely be offered tea while you wait.
- When checking in, be ready to:
  - Present your passport
  - Provide the addresses of any previous or upcoming stays, along with your passport number.

### Shopping Tips

- Bargaining is a common practice in souks and markets, be ready to negotiate!
- Carry your hotel or Riad's business card in case you get lost and need directions.
- Bring small bills, as vendors may not have change or credit card machines.
- If a vendor walks away after receiving cash, they're likely getting your change.
- Avoid purchasing oils or saffron from the markets to ensure authenticity and quality.

### Toilets

- Always carry tissues with you, as public restrooms often lack toilet paper or supplies.
- Keep small change on hand for tipping attendants

### Safety

- Always use crosswalks and avoid jaywalking, as drivers are aggressive.
- Secure your valuables to avoid pickpocketing, especially in busy areas.
- After interacting with street cats, be sure to disinfect your hands.
- It's best to avoid drinking tap water.
- Confirm that smoothies and juices are made with filtered water.
- Skip raw vegetables or fruits that do not have protective skins (like lettuce).

### Photography

- Always ask for permission before photographing people, shops, or scenes in the Medina.
- Never photograph government or military buildings.
- If you take photos of performers, it's customary to tip them in appreciation.

### Mindset

- Embrace a relaxed pace
  - Be open to unexpected experiences
  - Remember that things may not run as precisely as in your home country.
  - Patience is essential, as hospitality services may be slower than you're used to.

### Climate

- Mediterranean climate with regional variations
  - Pack for warm weather, but bring layers
  - Prepare for cooler evenings.

### Clothing

- Light, layers for warm days and cool nights
- Light jacket or sweater for cooler nights
- Comfortable, sturdy walking shoes
- Dress modestly in rural areas
- Cover shoulders and knees in rural towns

### Language

- Moroccan arabic and Tamazight are the official languages
- French is widely spoken
- English is becoming the preferred foreign language and a language of everyday life for many Moroccans.