

## TRAVEL AGENCY AGADIR – MARRAKECH

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# Morocco

#### Official Name

Morocco or Morocco kingdom

Capital	Rabat
Surface	720 580 km²
The main cities (population)	
Casablanca	2 933 684 (2004)
Rabat	1 622 860 (2004)
Fès	946 815 (2004)
Marrakech	823 154 (2004)
Tanger	669 685 (2004)

## DÉMOGRAPHY

Population	35 757 175 (estimation 2012)
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**Population growth rate** 1,53 p. 100 (estimation 2012)

#### Official language

Arabe

#### Main Religion

Islam

## **POLITIQUE**

System of government	Constitutional Monarchy
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**Independence**Novembre 18th, 1956 (vis-à-vis de la France)

**Current constitution** septembre 13th, 1996

**Right to vote**Universal suffrage from 18 years old

#### Unit of currency

1 dirham (MAD) = 100 centimes

## Exchange rate (february 2008)

1 dirham (MAD) = 0.01 euros (€)

# Map of Morocco



### **AREA OF AGADIR**



## MOROCCO AIRPORTS



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{MOROCCO AIRPORTS AND AIRLINE COMPANIES} \\ \underline{\textbf{http://www.onda.org.ma/ONDA/Fr/Accueil.htm}} \end{array}$ 

#### **EXCURSIONS FROM AGADIR ON REQUEST**

#### RATES ARE PER PERSON – MINIMUM 5 PEOPLE

## CITY TOUR AGADIR ~ 125 DHS P.P.

A highly recommended introduction to Agadir, this is the best way to get to know the town and to discover a little of its history. Included is a visit to the old Kasbah, where Agadir stood before the earthquake of 1960 and up there, you will also be given the chance to ride a camel! Avisit to the port of Agadir with its busy fish auction is also included, as well as a drive around the town centre and its suburbs.

The visit will end with end with a tour of the souk (market) which is at its busiest on Saturdays and Sundays.







### IMMOUZER (full day lunch included) ~ 530 DHS P.P.

A drive by landrover or mini bus into the heart of the region, following the valley of the Tamraght river, dotted with almond and olive trees, and rightly named Paradise Valley. The small berber village of Immouzer is located high on the mountain side. En route there are frequent photo stops finally arriving at the village of Immouzer itself. Here, we visit the bridal veil waterfalls - often with little water but fascinating rock formations. Thursday is the day of the local market too, so a visit to that is a must.

So, for a bit of Moroccan adventure, right off the beaten track, this is the one.

## MASSA EN 4X4 (full day lunch included) ~ 450 DHS P.P.



Tassila.

May be this should be renamed the « bruised bottoms and bumped heads « day. You may be asked to push the land Rover at one point, even to dig it out of a sand dune and you won't be reimbursed a penny! Because this is half the fun of our day in a 4 wheel drive, taking us to the top of the dam and over the dunes to the nature reserve where what looks like a pink carpet floating in the estuary may turn out to be a flock of flamingoes on closer inspection. An hour at the beach ( currents are strong so take care ) and then along the clifftop to the little fishing village of Tifnit before turning back to Agadir in the late afternoon.

A gloriously different day with lunch included in the berber village of

## TAFRAOUT (All Day with lunch) ~ 490 DHS P.P.

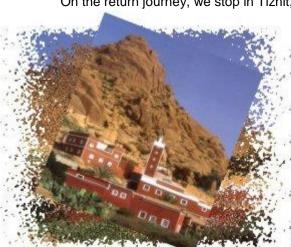
This is a day for all you photographers, plenty of opportunity to feast those eyes and snap those shutters!

We climb 3500 feet up into the dramatic Anti Atlas mountains finding breathtaking views of the valleys below, and small villages perched precariously on the mountainsides. Tafraout, itself, is situated in an oasis of palm trees surrounded by fantastic rock formations.

Alhough lunch is not included, provision is made for you to have time to eat in one of the restaurants in Tafraout. This is a trip back in time, the scenery almost biblical.

On the return journey, we stop in Tiznit, famous for its hand worked silver.

A day of spectacular scenic beauty.



## BERBERE EVENING (dinner included) ~ 450 <u>DHS P.P.</u>

An evening of fun and games, this « folies berberes « is held in a small berber village called Tassila, about an hours drive from Agadir. Dinner is typical berber style and eaten and in the traditional way ( = with your fingers!). There is plenty of wine to wash it down with, and you can join in with the dancing in the courtyard around crackling wood fires.

An enjoyable evening out for all.

## TAROUDANT (half day) ~ 250 DHS P.P.

A lovely half day out, visiting the fascinating old walled city of Taroudant, known as miniature Marrakech, and an ancient starting point for the gold caravans.

En route, we may just see goats climbing trees ( yes really !) as we pass through the fertile souss plain with its citrus groves. A visit to the old Souk and the medina of Taroudant is like a trip back in time.

Before leaving Taroudant, we stop for refreshments (not included in the price ) at the fascinating Hotel Palais Salam , which used to be the old Pacha's palace – tropical gardens with a small banana plantation and peacocks and turtles in the grounds complete the exotic picture.

A good half day excursion for those not seeking adventure.



## ESSAOUIRA (full day) ~ 490 DHS P.P.



The only excursion which actually takes us north following the Atlantic coast road for most of the way. This old Portuguese stronghold was once known as Mogador and indeed, was the setting for the Bob Hope and Bing Crosby film, off on the road to Morocco. The houses are still very much Portuguese style and many of them sport the Star of David as this was also once a very strong Jewish town although many of them have now gone to Israel.

One of the interests in Essaouira is their famous inlaid woodwork and the souk is scented with the smell of the briar. The « Purple » islands just off the coast were so named as the Romans obtained the dye for their togas from there.

Lunch is not included today as there are many small fish restaurants and the guide will allow free time for lunch or to explore the medina.

An interesting day out with an opportunity to see evidence of Portuguese occupation.