

Leisure activities and self-fulfillment



Do you want to have fun and explore nearby natural, touristic, cultural and historic attractions in Morocco? This part helps you discover entertainment activities, tourist sites, the main cultural and artistic events and manifestations, and associative work in order for you to enjoy your trip in Morocco

► A varied tourist and cultural offer

Your new host country is rich with important cultural heritage and countless natural and historical attractions (placing Morocco in top 30 of the most visited destinations in the world). The Kingdom therefore offers the opportunity to learn / practice a multitude of activities to satisfy your desire to thrive and entertain.

✓ Seaside tourism

Morocco has thousands of kilometers of coastline on the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. It has many beaches and resorts:

- Atlantic: Agadir Taghazout, Dakhla, Tan-tan, Essaouira, Sidi Ifni ...
- Mediterranean: Saidia, El Houceima, Tangier, M'diq ...



✓ Sports tourism

- Water sports: Thanks to its opening onto the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean, its large coastline and favorable climatic conditions, Morocco offers a wide choice for water sports (surfing, kite-surfing, windsurfing, diving ...)

- Other sports: It is entirely possible to practice other sports in a touristic context: skiing, skydiving, golf, horse riding, mountain biking, climbing, hunting ...

✓ Discovery tourism

The diversity of the natural landscape of Morocco (deserts, oases, beaches, mountains, cliffs ...) and the availability of several nature reserves and parks offer many opportunities for nature tourism and discovery such as:

- Hiking;
- Bird watching;
- Caving...

✓ Cultural Tourism

You can take part in various cultural events thanks to a rich cultural calendar and the programming of several events throughout the year across the Moroccan territory:

Festivals: the most famous ones are the Mawazine World Music Festival in Rabat, the Gnaoua Festival in Essaouira, the International Film Festival in Marrakech, the Tanjazz festival in Tangier, the international festival of Rai in Oujda, the Timitar festival in Agadir...

Moussems: The moussem of Tan-Tan (ranked intangible heritage of humanity by UNESCO), the Moussem of engagements at Imilchil, the moussem of cherries at Sefrou...

✓ Religious Tourism

Morocco hosts a large flow of tourists who want to make a religious pilgrimage to the various "zaouiyas" of the Kingdom. The majority of tourists come from West African countries which have built strong spiritual and religious links with Morocco.

✓ Tourism wellness

Tourism wellness is booming and is offered by many destinations basing their offer on relaxation, thalassotherapy, Turkish baths, thermal sources.

Of all Morocco's magnificent sites, nine are particularly distinguished and recognized by UNESCO:

- Ksar Ait Ben Haddou (1987)
- Medina of Fez (1981)
- Medina of Marrakesh (1985)
- Historic City of Meknes (1996)
- Medina of Tetouan- Titawin old (1997)
- Volubilis (1997)
- Essaouira- ancient Medina Mogador (2001)
- Portuguese City of Mazagan (2004)
- Rabat: modern capital and historic city (2012)



Intangible heritage recognized by UNESCO:

- The Cultural Space of Jemaa el-Fna (2008)
- Moussem Tan-Tan (2008)
- The Sefrou Cherry Festival (2012)
- Falconry: a living human heritage (2012)
- The Mediterranean Diet (2013)
- The Argan: practices and know-how related to the Argan tree (2014)

► Cultural and artistic infrastructure

In most cities you can visit places loaded of memories and discover the cultural and artistic heritage of universal interest, such as:

- **Old Medinas**
- **Palace**
- **Riads**
- **Medrassas**
- **Mellahs**
- **Souks and Market**
- **Museums and art galleries**
- **Theaters**
- ...



For more information, visit the website: www.visitmorocco.com

► Associations and Voluntary work

In Morocco, volunteering is a practice that refers to ancient forms of mutual aid and collective solidarity which is why it has a sort of sacred connotation.

Over the past 15 years, Morocco has experienced strong mobilization of civil society which has been improving the living conditions for all the population.



- The voluntary sector has developed significantly as there are about 116,000 Moroccan associations today.
- The work of associations is governed by a law which is the Dahir No. 1-58-376 of 15 November 1958 regulating the right of association, as amended and supplemented by law No. 75.00 2002 and law No. 36.04 2006.

If you want to participate in association activities or volunteering, there are several organizations and associations who will open their doors to you. You only have to choose according to your preferences or needs and the association (social, artistic, cultural ...) that you want to join.



There are several associations that work on issues related to immigration, which you can also join.

As part of the implementation of the new policy of immigration and asylum, the Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs has launched a call for projects to associations which are active in the field of "supporting the integration of migrants living in Morocco."

It is specifically about projects in the following areas:

- Economic Integration Program and self-employment of migrants;
- Teaching of language and Moroccan cultures to migrants;
- Cultural, educational and social integration Program for migrants and their children;
- Support program for vulnerable groups of migrants;
- Support courses for school children of migrants.



For more information about the calls for projects, visit the website: www.mre.gov.ma

► Language courses, meetings between young people and children associations

You can benefit from language courses to learn Arabic. Whatever your motivations are, your level in Arabic, the time you have, you will definitely find "customized" language courses that suit you.

For younger people, the Youth Division of the Ministry of Youth and Sports made several actions in order to make young Moroccans and foreigners know about cultural and civilization characteristics of the Kingdom, by organizing cultural trips, knowledge sessions, meetings and national / international events and language stay.

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, several centers, organizations and associations are dedicated to children and young people:

- "Reception centers" in the Youth Service located in different regions of the Kingdom. They are reserved for Moroccan and foreign young people who want to stay in Morocco, in groups or individually.
- "Kids clubs" are socio-educational institutions open to children aged between 6 and 15 years old. These clubs are involved in the supervision of children during their free time through various activities that meet their needs and introduce them to the group life.
- "Early Childhood" institutions hosting children between 3 months and school age, especially those belonging to middle or poor social classes, in order to help their development through play, their integration in the group, and the development of their psychic and mental abilities...



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