



1 INTRODUCTION

After our trip to Scandinavia in the summer of 2019, I never imagined that there could be another place that would test my adjectives and inspire my camera to become like an overactive puppy.

Morocco, from all four of our trips surpasses every expectation - I have to admit that I came to this country with few. But with a diverse landscape, the kindest of people and an onslaught of your senses, Morocco has totally captivated my heart and soul. It remains one of our travel highlights and its evocative images will have my mind flipping like a digital photo-frame.

A brand new continent, with customs and traditions that would challenge us on every level and a gentle nature that would surprise every fibre of our bodies. A journey that was so much more than the miles we covered; a passage that opened our eyes, warmed our hearts and endeared us to this much-feared country.

ABOUT THIS CAPTIVATING GUIDE

After a total of 9 months over four trips through Africa's northern territory, we feel we have a some valid experience to share. Morocco is a bit like Marmite - people either love it or loathe it; dream of it or fear it. There seems to be little in between. So this fourth edition Magical Mystery Tour of Morocco we aim to inform, inspire and acknowledge how to travel around this country by motorhome; with confidence, safety and curiosity.

We offer you our four road-trips, divided up into distinct routes, each one sharing our personal highlights. We have documented our overnights, with pictures and co-ordinates, and have summarised the essentials of getting to and driving around this fascinating African country.

If you have wondered how feasible Morocco is for you, then read on and I'm sure by the end of this book, you will have found your answer.

Who are we?

Officially, we are Karen and Myles; digital nomads who are inspired to discover the world with the freedom and choice that this travelling lifestyle has gifted us.

More lovingly we are known as *The Motoroamers* and in March 2016 we packed up and packed in our life in England for a gap year of travel whilst we sold property. The grand plan was to put down our roots in the UK's south-west and find the 'good life', once we had sown our travel seeds.

With visions of a small-holding, donkeys, chickens and soil tarnished fingernails put aside, we hit the road in our motorhome Scoobie. We

were ready for adventures and exploration that would soothe our curious spirits and satiate our inner-adventurers. Yet a few weeks into our trip we discovered that this was the life we wanted permanently and that 'going back' was not an option. So from that moment on, 'home' became the place where Scoobie's tyres rested. We found love in every dawn, each new vista cleansed our eager eyes and fed our desire to live with freedom, fearlessness and choice.

In our first year with our trusty stead, a Pilote 740 (7.5m), we visited 10 countries and covered 12,000 miles; from Spain to Slovenia, to France, Belgium and Netherlands. A rich array of adventures that tempered our need to feel alive after too many decades of corporate stress and burn-out. Spring 2017 heralded a new set of adventures as we began an epic journey into uncharted territory.

The idea was to travel across to Greece and then follow a natural passage through the eastern borders of Bulgaria and Romania. What incredible cultures and natural wonders these countries had to offer. So young on the European stage and yet a whole new set of experiences for the eager traveller.

Our love for Eastern Europe has continued after a passage through Poland in 2018 humbled us and Slovakia totally delighted us. How we have fallen in love with the eastern borders of Europe.

2019 was all about discovering new northern lands. Over the course of the year we explored five countries that we've never toured in our motorhome before. Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Czechia. All so very different and enriching us completely. What a diverse set of experiences they were. Post Covid, an 11 month tour during 2022/23 al-

lowed our wings to stretch again, with our sights set on plenty of non-Schengen countries such as Ireland and, at the time, Croatia. Since then we have amassed over 110,000 miles (on two engines I hasten to add) and added Estonia, Latvia and Canada to our countries visited list as we now start to stretch our travel legs further afield without Scoobie.

This latest edition brings all our four trips together in one awesome book, offering you a collection of inspiration itineraries.

Sit back with a coffee, put your feet up and let us give you something to think about as you begin to plan your trip to Morocco.

Karen, Myles and Scoobie.



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2 WHY MOROCCO?

Morocco may be just 15 nautical miles from Algeciras in Spain, although you couldn't find a country more unlike its European neighbours.

Morocco is easy to get to, sits outside the Schengen Zone and offers a culturally mind-blowing experience for the intrepid explorer. Whether you want to experience the aromas of their spices, plant your feet in the desert or immerse yourself in the city's medinas and bustling souks, Morocco will thrill and test you on every level.



Morocco is the place to come for culture, colour, texture and the most diverse landscape we have ever seen. It takes sight-seeing into a whole new High Definition dimension.

A multifaceted country that will wash your eyes with every colour of the rainbow and more. A nation full of unconditionally kind people who randomly offer you their smiles, waves and gestures of goodwill - expecting nothing in return. Despite them owning little, the Moroccans are the most diligent and ingenious race we have had the privilege to share our time with. And as for landscape; what can we say?

Think Atlantic Coast; sparkling blue seas and crashing surfer waves. Imagine rose coloured granite mountains that warm your very soul - and the golden dunes of the Sahara desert that pulls your naked feet into its mesmerising sands that you never want to leave. And that's before you tackle the Atlas mountains and the Cedar forests full of Barbary Macaque monkeys and the vibrant Imperial cities.

Your senses will be overwhelmed by the sights, sounds and emotions that Morocco evokes - avoidance of falling into its embracing arms is futile - for many.



3 OUR MOROCCO ITINERARIES





4 ROUTE 1 - THE ATLANTIC COAST

The next few chapters are dedicated to giving you a detailed insight into our routes around Morocco.

From our maiden trip in February 2020 we wanted a simple route that would help us build our confidence around this new continent. And on our return in 2023 & 24 we repeated some of this route to create comfort for our convoy buddies. And in 2026 we branched out into new territory as well as reacquainting ourselves with some familiar and favourite places.

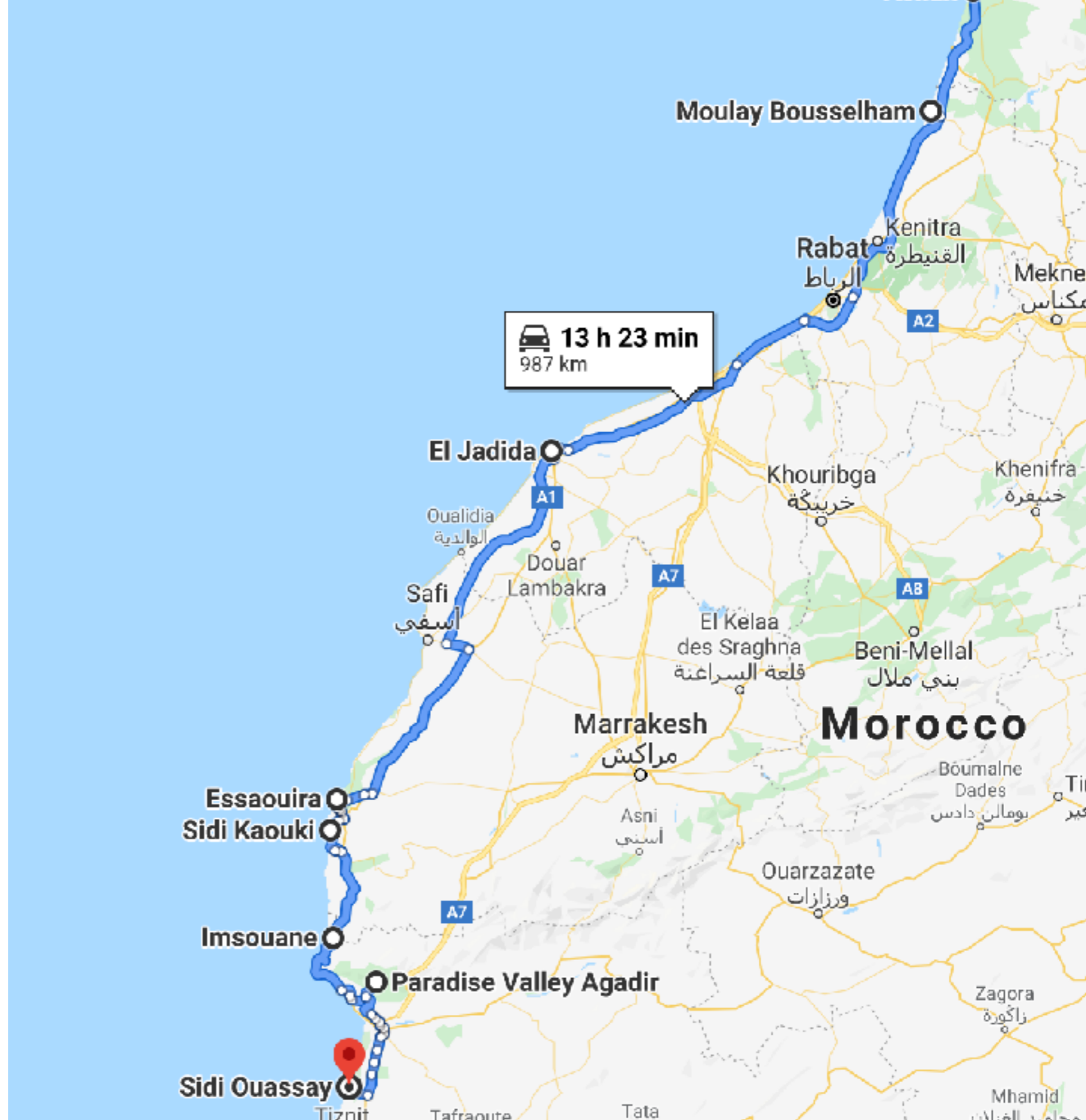
Route 1

Coastal route

Must-sees;

- * Asilah - town of art
- * Moulay Bouselham
- * Rabat capital city
- * UNESCO El Jadida and its Portuguese Cistern (sadly still closed)
- * Oualidia Lagoon
- * Sidi Kaouki Beach and Scenic Route
- * Essaouria UNESCO medina
- * Agadir
- * Legzira Beach and Sea Arch

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Asilah - town of art

ASILAH

After our exit from Tanger Med along the Toll Road A4, which cost us a mere €5, we were mesmerised by how green and luscious the landscape was. This was something we were not prepared for. Rolling hills and patchwork fields.

After that surprise, next up was the Atlantic Coast. We've seen this ocean from many vantage points over the years but this one was mind-blowing. From the deeply golden sands to the turquoise seas and crystal white waves, this looked like something out of a Greek brochure rather than an African one.

After leaving the port within just 90 minutes and 45 miles, Asilah was our destination. Our first view was a white town fringed by the sea with motorbikes with trailers carrying all sorts of materials. Young

boys gestured for us to come to their car park and no doubt line their pockets with our pennies. Alas this time the destination of Camping Asaada was calling us.

Asilah was about to blow our minds for all sorts of reasons. The town itself dates back to 1500BC!! Now that's old. It has seen its fair share of drama with attacks from pirates, Austrians, Spanish and Portuguese, the latter of which built its 15th century fortress walls.

Wandering around the narrow streets is an evocative experience with coloured doors, windows, murals and facias just light up the place like a kaleidoscope. The medina is like a Christmas market. Shops, not stalls as I expected, all share their handmade craft. The nougat shop was quite literally a hive for bees and tasted divine.



Leather shoes, bags, clothes and art. Just a treasure trove of goodies.

Asilah is a mecca for art and has one of the country's most important art festivals in August. The old town walls are literally covered in art that goes well beyond the concept of street art or graffiti.

And you find art in the most unusual of places. Asilah's doors, both in the medina and in the new town, give you just a little peak into the exquisite culture that Morocco will present to you. Look out for the bakery in the side streets of the medina, that's a privilege to witness.

The architecture is beautiful and around every corner is something mesmerising. What a fantastic place to land and gently introduce us to the magic and African mystery of Morocco. No pressure, no invasive sellers, just a gentle and warming place that reveals just a small window of what this African queen has to offer.

Also take yourself off slightly out of town to the Jewish cemetery, which has been restored to honour the Jewish population who lived here in Asilah. It's quite a find.

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MOULAY BOUSSELHAM

Just an hour down the coast you reach the starkly contrasting seaside town of Moulay Bouselham. Now when I say seaside, please remove any images of buckets and spades, 'kiss me quick' hats and Fish and Chip shops. The archetypal coastal towns that many of us may have grown up with in UK at least, is nothing like Moulay Bouselham.

A traditional fishing village that reached fame thanks to a 10th Century Egyptian saint who guarded the mouth of the lagoon before the ocean took over the reigns. And since that time, the town has become a magnet for visitors thanks to its stunning golden sands that stretch for what seems like miles.

Bordered by a lagoon with the most brilliant blue waters, this is a mecca for bird watchers, where you can watch flamingoes, pink legged terns, cormorants and, if you are really lucky, a pair of ospreys.

You can take a lagoon trip with Ornithologist **Hassan Dallil**. He even has a write up in the Lonely Planet guide - which is praise indeed. This man seriously knows his stuff. Not only does he speak four languages, he commands the waves with knowledge and a deftness that grants you access to these private birds and for a mere 100MAD per hour (€10). Hassan can be found outside of the International Campsite, (which has sadly closed down) or if you prefer, you can email him at hassanmoulaybouselham@hotmail.fr.

And if you are after authentic Moroccan life, then look no further than its fishing harbour. With blue fishing boats bobbing on the surface of the tidal lagoon, looking like something out of a Maltese holiday brochure, Moulay Bouselham's small stretch of beach will give you a cultural treat.

Boats arrive and the locals rush to the shoreline to assess the day's catch. Armed with squid for a restaurant, buckets of clams for the street-side sellers and boxes of all sized fish you can imagine, you just need to sit and watch. It is a captivating scene and as a tourist no one cares about your presence. They are focused on their fish.

Walking up into the town, way above the harbour, there is a hustle and bustle of Moroccan life. People sitting on the vista walls contemplating life and street-sellers looking to attract tourists to their fresh figs and dates.

Past the main street that houses its bars and cafes, you enter the labyrinth of lanes that defy the rustic nature of the town's outskirts. Elegant villas with ornate iron gates neighbour run down shacks



with gates hanging off their hinges. It all makes up the atmospheric flavour of this town that is so different to the pristine architecture of its cousin up the coast. Moulay Bouselham - for a taste of authentic Morocco, check this place out. It's just a lovely place to while away a few days.



El Jadida beach

EL JADIDA - UNESCO, OYSTERS AND A SHIPWRECK!

3.5hrs south from Moulay, you stumble upon one of Morocco's nine UNESCO sites. The town itself is just like any other normal town, although it is the Portuguese citadel that draws the crowds. And yet El Jadida, in its own right is famous for its oysters, horses and has a fabulous souk that needs exploring; if for no other reason than it is 'no hold barred' authentic street life.

Just a little way north along the coast at **Haouzia Beach** you will also see the very noticeable shipwreck, thought to be either a Panamanian or Korean boat that sank here 30 years ago. It's great to walk along the beach and see how the shape of the waves alters the shipwreck's perspective.

El Jadida's ancient fortress known as Mazagan, is an atmospheric citadel. Protected by honey-coloured walls this robust port defence was built by the Portuguese in 16th century, holding rule here for 250 years.

As you walk through the deserted alleyways that have a somewhat run down feel to them, you cannot help than admire the blend of Moorish and European cultures. Christianity and Islam seem to stand shoulder to shoulder here without so much as a cross Arabic word. El Jadida's heritage has been honoured for centuries and there is no sign of this changing.

One of the biggest magnets of the Mazagan is the Portuguese cistern, which was constructed in 16th century. This was built to preserve water in the event of battle. Sadly at the time of writing, it still has not reopened. Orson Wells made this well known thanks to filming scenes from Othello here in 1950's. For 60MAD (€6) you can look around this space and marvel at the colours and mirror images.

But do not ignore the mighty fortress, the walls of which are free to explore. The views across the coast give you an immediate understanding as to why the Portuguese claimed this land as their own. With an excellent vantage point, the canons pointing out to sea assert their position without question, whilst the fisherman below go about their business of oyster catching, watched on by the eagle-eyed herons.

Mazagan is well worth visiting and whilst there's little or no camping in the area, it is worth a day trip for sure.











Rabat's Kasbah

RABAT - MOROCCO'S CAPITAL

Vying for Morocco's capital top spot has been a battle it seems, over the centuries. From Fes, Meknes to Marrakesh and now Rabat. The country's capital is an accolade and Rabat carries it off with grace.

We knew that during our second trip we would dive deeper into Morocco and it felt like Rabat was an important part of this trip's jigsaw. We admit to entering the country's 7th largest city, with a little trepidation - let's face it we would never consider taking Scoobie through Paris or London. Yet journeying into this calm city was a breeze with its pristine roads lined with ornate lamps. Buildings on the southern skyline Sydney would be proud to host - and a river lined with traditional fishing boats that highlight Rabat's roots. We parked easily at

the lighthouse and with a short walk we arrived at the ancient Kasbah.

Rabat has only recently become Morocco's capital - when the country gained its independence in 1956. It was founded in the 12th century by the Almohads and was later to be infamous as a pirate haven in 17th century. Today it offers a UNESCO medina, a Kasbah of the Udayasa, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the Hassan Tower. Within the Kasbah walls, the Andalusian Gardens were like entering a different world. A peace, warmth and stillness washed over us like a blanket. We would definitely come back to this magnificent capital for more of an in depth exploration.



Check out our short video that will leave you wanting more! Click the image below.

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**A BRIEF TOUR OF
CAPITAL CITY, RABAT**

**MOROCCO BY
MOTORHOME**





CASABLANCA

We've always avoided Casablanca, but in the winter of 2023, we decided some new territory would be good. I've always fancied going into the Hassan Mosque, so we could kill two birds with one stone.

We stayed at Camping Mimosa in Mohammedia, which lies between Casablanca and Rabat and is perfectly situated on the train route to both cities.

For 5MAD each for a taxi to the train station, you can get easy access north to Rabat or south to Casablanca within 20 minutes. The trains are efficient, clean and two tiered. The tickets cost us 36MAD return, that's £3.20. What a bargain.

Casablanca is Morocco's largest city, port and major finance centre and this is reflected in its modern architecture. Despite a tempestuous past and being a centre for protests in recent years, our visit was peaceful.

Sadly though, the main reason for going was to visit the Hassan II Mosque - thanks to some mis-informed advice from a French local, we ended up missing our afternoon slot for a Guided Tour.

If you want to include the Mosque on your visit, make sure you go in the morning when there are four slots available from 9am on the hour or be there at 3pm on the dot.

It costs 130MAD for the tour. This Mosque has the tallest minaret at 210m and is the only one you can go inside as a visitor and as a woman. The second disappointment of Casablanca was the closed and underwhelming Rick's Bar. Not that we have ever seen the Humphrey Bogart film, but it felt important to at least see it.

Otherwise our day was good, wandering around the main sights before rumbling tummies took over. We hopped into a taxi for 50MAD to the Mosque for lunch close by. **The Loft** had views overlooking the sea and the Mosque Square.

Our other highlight was an afternoon rest at **La Scala**, which is a hidden oasis, secluded behind the old town walls and is steeped in true Moroccan style.

It was good to see Casablanca, but our view was that it was much like any other big city you might visit and, if we're honest, not much to write home about. It is not a typical Moroccan city (a bit like Agadir, which we write about shortly), in terms of its culture, and not really representative of Morocco, but good to tick off.





Oualidia Lagoon fishing boats

OUALIDIA LAGOON AND ATLANTIC BEACH

After a couple of long days driving, it's always nice to be surprised by a place and the way it recharges you. Morocco has always had that impact on us.

Oualidia, sits between Casablanca and Safi on the Atlantic Coast and is a small, authentic fishing community that has the most incredible vibe. With nature and locals colliding in beautiful harmony, this natural lagoon of golden sands, protected by what seems to be volcanic rock, is a like a sheltered haven from the tempestuous seas. Whilst the enormous aire, was initially my version of hell, it had a charm and softness that compliments the town. And all for 50MAD with services; this is the sort of place we could stay for days.

Walking to the fishing quarter, life takes on a different story; one dominated by the raging Atlantic sea. Caught up in its vibrancy, I couldn't help being intoxicated by the Andalusian colours of the small fishing houses, the pounding of the waves against the rocks where brave locals pitch their whits on clifftop edges. Windsurfers glide on the high-tide lagoon whilst ladies stand and reflect. Fish sellers peddle their catch and men sell mint tea from their urns. The endless beach of rich, golden sand is joyous and whilst time and tide waits for no man, they seemed to stand in perfect stillness whilst my camera clicked away. What an authentic and lovely place to rest awhile. And we keep returning we love it so much.





Sidi Kaouki Beach, Essaouira

SIDI KAOUKI BEACH AND SCENIC ROUTE

Our route south to Sidi Kaouki beach was a long and tiring one. It was made all the more painful by the annoyingly pleasant policeman who stopped me for speeding. I'm sure it was a little suspect given that he asked for 150MAD and in return of a 200MAD note, I received 100MAD and no receipt!

Our second trip took us a different route south, which felt as long, although was a much prettier road through the mountains on the N1. And with the winter storms of 2026, the coast road from Safi is closed for repairs and the diversion diabolical.

So check before travelling.

Our tough journeys south are always soothed by the welcome embrace of Sidi Kaouki Beach. A place we've called home on three different occasions. We love it here.

Tucked away in what seems like the middle of nowhere, Kaouki Beach has a distinctively hippie feel to it. With cool places to hang out and have a mint tea or two, you can watch the camels wander up and down the beach like you might people-watch in a European cafe. This is a great place to relax for a couple of days and a super spot for visiting Essaouira. You can either get a taxi into the city or drive in and park at the far end car park. **(31.496072, -9.763629)**





Essaouira Fortress and famous fishing harbour

ESSAOUIRA - UNESCO

Essaouira is a stunning Atlantic Ocean port that is famous for its bustling harbour - one of the largest in Morocco - and its artisanal medina. Jimi Hendrix might though challenge Essaouira's claim to fame, after he put the city on the map when he wrote *Castles in the Sand* here.

Irrespective, Essaouira stands on its own merits. With its arced bay perfect for water-lovers and its 18th century fortress walls, this atmospheric city will delight and charm you. First of all, Essaouira is home to an iconic myriad of souk alleyways, each with their own theme. Turn this way then that and you will be treated to a delectable delight of sensory joys. The aromas from the neatly crafted triangular spices will undoubtedly have your nose twitching. The col-

ours of the woollen tapestries and carpets will make your eyes pop. The sounds of the ceaseless seagulls hoping for their pick from the fisherman's labours at the harbour, never far away.

And then as you wind your way through the artisanal sector along the medina's outer edges, the craftwork will just amaze you. Skilled hands shape the intricate woodwork that is popular in the area and the expected tourist tat in amongst it, will test your discerning eyes.

Essaouira is a multi-dimensional city that really needs a couple of visits to completely familiarise yourself with all it has to offer. History, shopping, people watching and authentic Moroccan life fuse together effortlessly to entertain your sponge-like travelling souls.

Taking time to walk through the harbour is a must and whilst it is certainly a test for delicate tummies and noses, the buzz and throb of the fisherman's life is evident here. This is no tourist tat. This is life unfolding as it is meant to for the locals who entwine with the sea invisibly. If you are brave, why not try some local fare - it will be the freshest you will ever eat.

Essaouira captures the very essence of Morocco. The souks, the colours, the textures, the history with the sea, its European heritage and a fusion of locals looking to survive the best way they can.

From street entertainers grateful for a Dirham or two, to those making the best of their art and entrepreneurs all looking to connect with you to make that sale, Essaouira is an experience.

For all the fear that surrounds Morocco and its pestering folk, Essaouira embodies genuine life and it is a wonderful experience that warrants time, curiosity and appreciation.







AGADIR

I mention Agadir in passing, in part for completeness and also because we acknowledge that not everyone's tastes are the same.

We have, up until our latest 2026 trip avoided Agadir, not for any particular purpose other than we're not great fans of cities. However friends visited and suggested we probably wouldn't enjoy it. And in truth I think that was probably enough to inspire us to go; if only to check it out for ourselves.

So we took a taxi from our campsite in Tifnit and in a gruelling 45 minute journey that I wasn't sure I would survive, we arrived at the main souk. It was unlike most other souks we've visited. Wide, open and without any hassle. I think for your first ever souk visit, Agadir is probably the one to see first.

We took a walk down past the King's residence towards the promenade and marina. It is very clean, European and most unlike the Morocco we have seen in our four trips.

As the wind picked up, we were unable to take the Cable Car, which takes you to the only remaining 'old' part of Agadir. Sadly the city experienced a devastating earthquake in February 1960 and our sense of it is, that unlike other Morocco cities who have suffered the same fate, they decided to go modern rather than rebuild the old.

Agadir is great for families and first-timers to Morocco. But, for us, it really didn't represent the authentic Morocco we have come to love.



LEGZIRA BEACH AND SEA ARCH

Legzira is such a great place to enjoy a few days. With its famous sea arch and golden sandy beach. We stumbled upon this in 2023 quite by chance. Myles was unwell on our first trip, so it was great to revisit when he was back to full health. There's camping at the top of the cliff, which requires a heroic climb down 200 steps to the beach - and yes I did count them! For us this is one of the best beaches along the Atlantic coast.

The place has a feel of home for us. It is my coastal Taфраoute; a soulful place that seems to resonate with me at some level.

The nature lover in me adores the ocean's power and its geology. The hippie vibe helps me feel at peace as it cries out for yoga.

And let's not forget the enigmatic energy of the tiny hamlet of Legzira that sits along the beach.

With its curvaceous golden sandy beach, that a low tide you can walk along for miles - and its only remaining sea arch, this is a little slice of secluded heaven. Far from the madding crowds of Sidi Ifni, Legzira is relatively unspoiled with rudimentary roads that lead to the tiered parking, for those able to reach it.

For the likes of us, the small aire on the clifftop is around 70MAD giving us a great home for a few days. You can hire a buggie here or, on a good day, do a tandem paraglide.





TIZNIT

Another new tick for us in 2026, having never quite managed to get here. Tiznit is inland and a market town that has a nice feel about it.

We had an amazing drive west from Tafraoute on the R104, which despite the cloud and inclement weather, was still breathtaking.

My research didn't bring up any decent camping, so we headed to the Guardian Parking, which for 50MAD was right outside the old Medina walls. Not only was it convenient for the old town, the people watching was hilarious. The Chaos Theory is alive and well here.

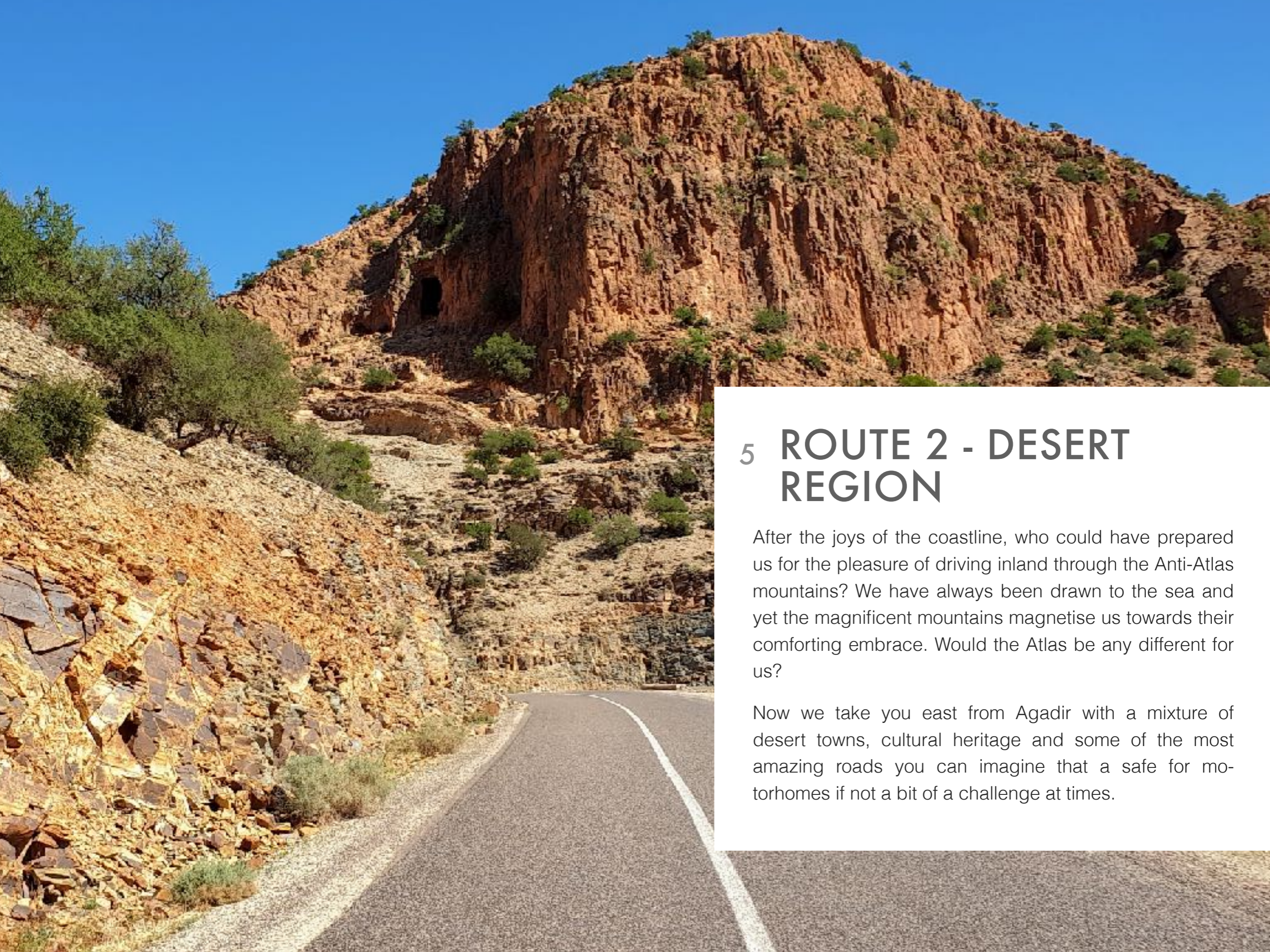
Tiznit has a couple of highlights worth mentioning for a quick visit.

The Medina is full of artisans and if you love silver then this is place to buy a little something. Also check out the *Blue Source*, which le-

gend has it is the water source around which the city was originally built. The old Kasbah theatre was impressive and the residential streets were typically Moroccan with no smooth edges. Just how we like it.

Tiznit with its rose coloured walls, was just perfect for an overnigher and a few supplies from the endless fruit and veg stalls that line the road. Although personally, we didn't feel the need to stay any longer here.





5 ROUTE 2 - DESERT REGION

After the joys of the coastline, who could have prepared us for the pleasure of driving inland through the Anti-Atlas mountains? We have always been drawn to the sea and yet the magnificent mountains magnetise us towards their comforting embrace. Would the Atlas be any different for us?

Now we take you east from Agadir with a mixture of desert towns, cultural heritage and some of the most amazing roads you can imagine that a safe for motorhomes if not a bit of a challenge at times.

Route 2

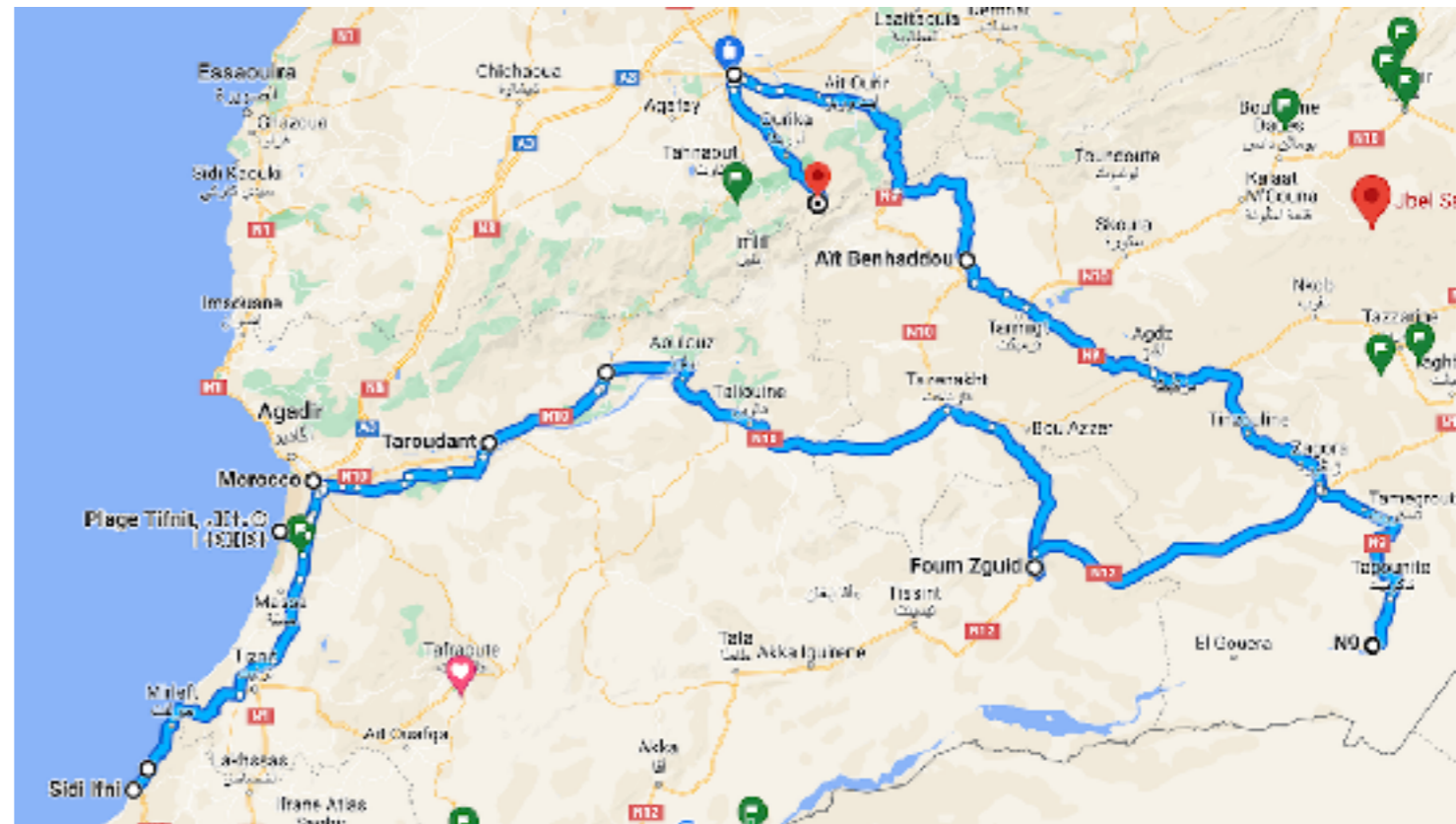
Desert and Anti Atlas

Must-sees;

- * Route R105 & Ighern Agadir
- * Tafraoute
- * R107 Icht to Tafraoute
- * Icht Underground Kasbah
- * The Sahara; Mergouza & M'Hamid
- * Ouarzazate & Ait Ben Haddou
- * Todra Gorge
- * Ait Benhaddou drive to Marrakesh



Top map 2020 Route and below is 2023 Route





SCENIC ROUTE R105 - AGADIR TO TAFRAOUTE

One of the exciting parts of coming to Morocco is to experience the off-piste routes that take you far from tourists and motorways. Whilst our van isn't set up for traditional off-roading, taking some of the scenic roads that Morocco has in abundance is a must.

The first route we drove in 2020 took us to oblivion and back - the R105 from Agadir. We repeated this trip in 2026 and, second time around it did not disappoint.

This trip however, recommended by friends, we stopped at **Café Moulin**, about half way on this thrilling and beautiful road, to see the 'Granary Bank' of Ifrane. I can't believe we didn't see this before, although in fairness it isn't promoted or advertised anywhere.

Staying with Brahim for the night, for free, rewards you with incredible views across the mountains. The next morning we said thank you for our free stay with breakfast and a tour of the 'Bank'.

This is a 900 year old storage unit, for want of a better phrase. Locals would have a room to store their grains, Argan nuts and flour here. The granite steps gave them access to the top floor.

This place is quite exceptional and for just 20MAD pp you can have a truly authentic experience that few tourists coming to Morocco will have. And then - there is the rest of the R105 that over the course of a couple of hours will carry you to Tafraoute. This is one of our highlights.





Tafraoute off grid camping

TAFRAOUTE - HOME TO THE GRANITE ROSE MOUNTAINS AND BABOUCHE!

Tafraoute is a regal looking place, that nestles in the heart of some majestic looking mountains. With elegant buildings, neatly kept streets and palm-lined avenues, Tafraoute felt like a lovely place to camp up for a couple of days with plenty to entertain us.

And we have been back every year, ever since. It feels like home, and they were words from Smiley not me! Here's the *not to be missed* sights of Tafraoute.

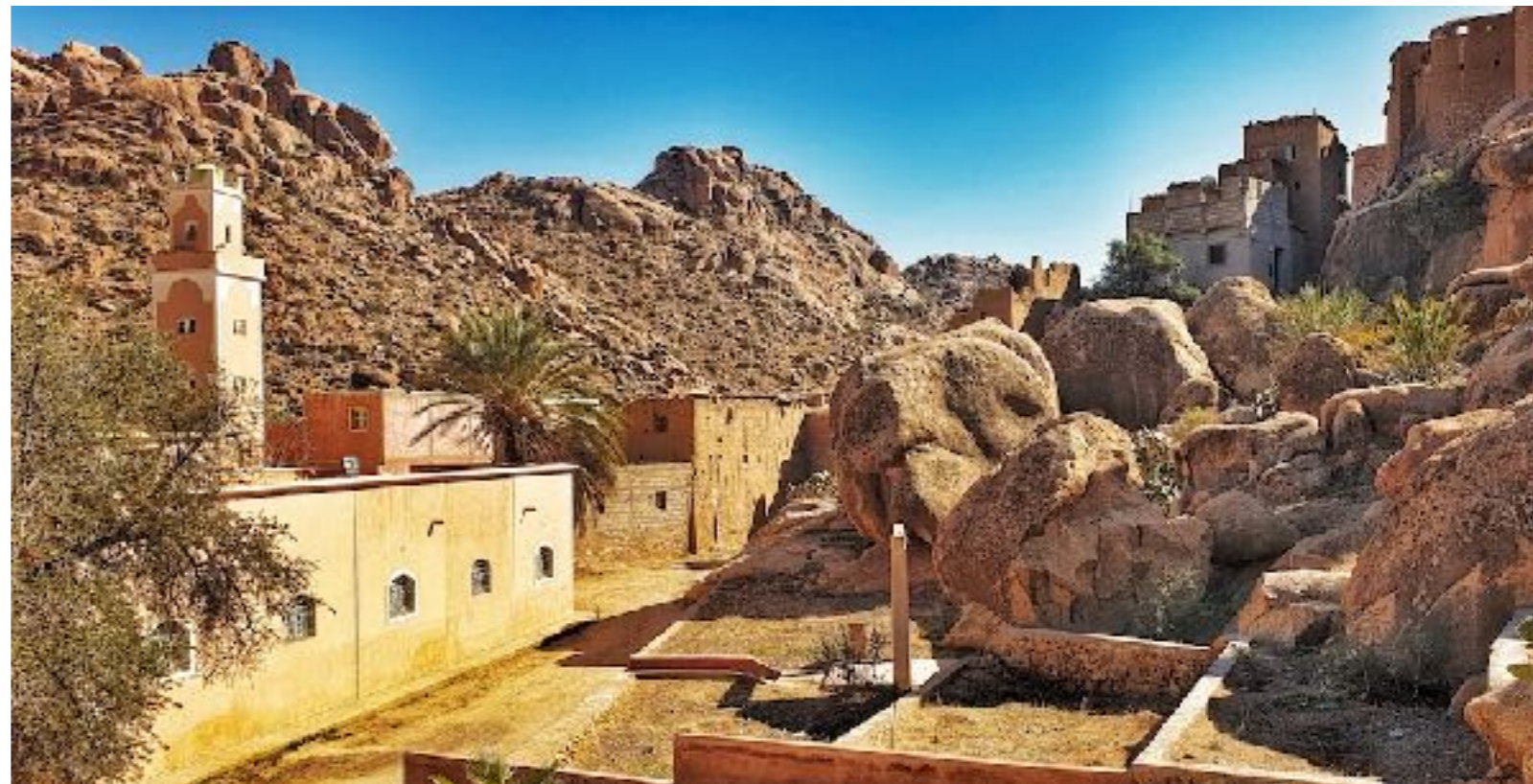
Tafraoute's Berber House museum, in the old town was eye opening. Our enigmatic guide showed us around his ancestral home, built of straw and mud with rooms for the animals downstairs and the kitchen, Hamman and sleeping areas upstairs. A hobbit house built like a Tardis, showed us how life was 600 years ago. And then his ancestors' tea ritual ended our hour long visit. Green tea infused, poured and mixed with mint leaves showed us the authentic way to

drink tea in Morocco. All to the sound of the Call to Prayer by the Muezzin who was, by all accounts 110 years old. There's also a second Berber house that you can cycle to across the valley at **Ou-mesnat**, which is worth a visit costing 20MAD pp. (Take change).

The **new town Tafraoute** is home to the Babouche shoe - the town is full of artisans who handcraft these colourful soles. Resistance is futile.

And don't forget to visit the **Painted Rocks** just eight miles south. Whilst they are a tad inauthentic from the artist's original gesture of love, it is a sight to see for sure. You can reach them by vehicle or cycling - it's an eighteen mile round trip. Or you can hike!!

Of course you must look for the Surf Board, and climb it if you are adventurous, the gazelles and the Lion's Head, must be found! 40







R107 FROM ICHT TO TAFRAOUTE

There are some incredible journeys we have taken in our ten years on the road, and most of them have been in Morocco. Roads where both words and pictures fail to express their sheer magnificence. One of the four ways in and out of Tafraoute, which are all worthy of mention is the R107 that takes you from Icht in the south to Tafraoute. My pictures really don't do it justice, although I hope you will get at least a feeling of how incredible this road is from our video.

Following deep river valleys that carved their course through the textured mountain passes, endless roads stretched out in front of us offering extraordinary views. Oasis villages peppered the landscape telling us that survival in the mountains is possible. Around every corner the shapes, the contours, the shades changed dramatically, leaving us, at times almost breathless.

The village of Izmir, cut into the rock face, looked worthy of a stop, if for no other reason than taking a break before the hairpin bends that will have you mesmerised.

I am glad we went up from Icht not down the wiggles, although the view from the top is quite sensational. It is not for the faint-hearted, but well worth the stretch. Its vertical ascents and bends left the van silent as intense concentration washed over the chauffeur. From me, leaky eyes both from pride at his driving and the incredible masterpiece of this crazy drive. The road was generally good, although after the storms of 2026, please check with the locals. The last 30 minutes into Tafraoute left a little to be desired although from a 3hr journey that's not too bad.



[Click here to watch.](#)



ICHT UNDERGROUND KASBAH

One of our followers told us about **licht** and its ancient underground Kasbah, which immediately made it onto our agenda.

After a couple of hours driving through some characterful desert, we arrived in this small village, which if you didn't know was there, would be so easy to miss. And until our visit in 2024, it wasn't even on Google, which I sorted out for them immediately.

Camped up at the lovely Date Farm just outside the village, we found our guide for the tour. Abdelah did a wonderful job looking after us for two hours, albeit it all in French but just for 50MAD pp,

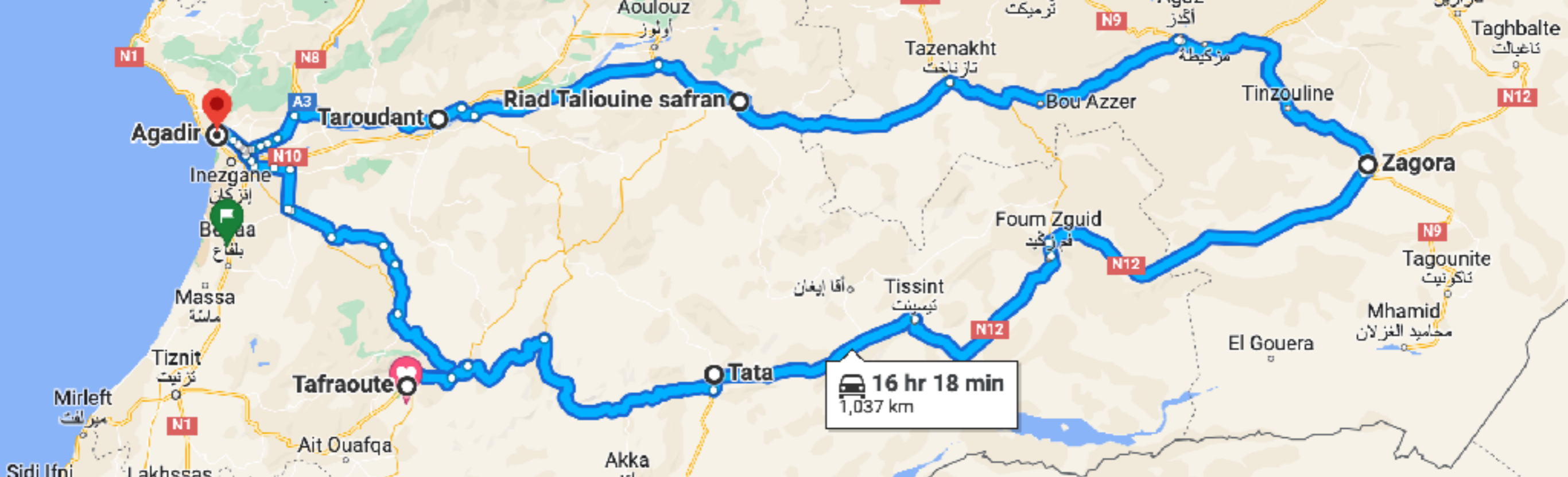
Icht is underground for the sole reason to manage the heat. The scorching summer temperatures influenced the locals to dig beneath the surface to find respite from the temperatures. The ruins of

this Kasbah date back 600 years and whilst there is not much left in tact now, you still get a feel for how life used to be for Abdelah's ancestors. Sadly there is no funding from the Government to preserve this historic treasure which is slowly being reclaimed by the earth. So come soon before it all disappears.

Our walk from the campsite took us through sandy streets with the now familiar mud and straw houses. Yet the doors to these simple houses were charming. The designs so vibrant in comparison. And to watch the locals go about their business was an absolute privilege.

This was a fabulous visit to something so uniquely Moroccan and we loved it.





Scenic Routes from coast to desert

SCENIC ROUTES TO THE DESERT

Over the course of our four road trips to Morocco, we found some amazing routes, some of which were off the beaten track. The key with these type of roads is to do your research, check the road's quality (because they can change from year to year,) and talk to those in the know. The guys from Facebook Group [Vanlife Morocco](#) are really helpful and ensures you won't come unstuck.

In 2020, from our stay at Taфраoute towards Tata, we took the *Route vers Taфраoute*, which actually doesn't even have a road number! As our first 'off road' style trip, we felt pretty intrepid and it was an incredible drive. [Check out our video on this route.](#)

Wind forward to 2023, and whilst not so much off the beaten track, our route from **Taroudant**, which is a must see walled city to Zagora, was quite simply mind-blowing. Following the foothills of the Atlas mountains our route meandered, rose, fell and curved like a roller-coaster. It was such a memorable 3 day drive.

With a lovely overnight stay at the home of Saffron, **Taliouine** and **Fom Zguid**, each daily route had a completely different character. From architectural mountains, precious gem sellers, deep gorges and fertile plateaus. And then the desert knocked on our door as we headed to **Zagora** with roaming camels as our cheerleaders. What an incredible drive full of wonder. Morocco has it all.





Desert Highway Oasis

DESERT HIGHWAY

Tata seems to be an oasis on the fringes of this incredible desert landscape. Tantalisingly close to the Sahara, the Desert Highway N12 runs from Guelmim to Rissani, a whopping 500 miles skirting along the Algerian border.

Beauty, they say is in the eye of the beholder, and for many the Desert Highway may not be what they would class as beautiful. For us, there was something so mesmerising about the vastness, where in a moment your breath would be held in perfect isolation.

When I picture a desert, I see majestic dunes, camels and not much else. So imagine our surprise when the N12 Desert Highway gave us a picture of simplistic grace. How can something so superficially bland be so enthralling? Miles of nothing. And the odd eddy of wind breaking the silence between the sand. Then a series of random trees pop out of nowhere.

Hardy and stalwart trees that don't quite resemble a forest, but for the sake of completeness, in a landscape like this, you could be forgiven for seeing it this way. Sometimes it is the only vision to puncture the spectrum of gold. You can certainly understand the draw of mirages and oases in the classical desert stories.

This hostile environment showed us that life can still exist even in such harsh conditions, and that we can we can achieve so much with so little. Nature is a wonderful teacher when we open our eyes.

We loved these desert fringes and could see its beauty exude from every horizon. I have always expected things to be brilliantly perfect and beautiful for me to appreciate it, but these days thanks to our travel, I can see so much more attraction in all things. Even bland ones.



GUELMIM TO ZAGORA - AMTOUDI, TAZARTE AND MESSALITE CAVES

The desert is an intriguing place and not the landscape that you might think. Desert is anywhere where you get less than 100mm of rain per year. Suddenly that takes you into a new way of thinking.

Desert can be at the coast, like Tifnit. It can be Saharan dunes, or it can be mountains. And Morocco has these desert regions in bucket loads, south of the Atlas Mountains. And they all hold little secrets that we are not expecting.

Our first was the **Granary at Amtoudi**. Heading out of Tiznit on the R104 to the west, we caught up with the desert highway.

This road is currently under repair, which in Morocco means some pretty hairy, unpaved diversions that last 10 minutes or so and will have your nerves jangling for a while.

However, turning off to **Amtoudi** and after about 30 minutes on a great quality P Road, you witness the most incredible Granary Bank you can imagine.

Nestled in the heart of a canyon, Amtoudi is a small Berber village made famous by its granite rock castle. **Agadir Id Aissa** is an 800 year old Granary that looks more like a fortress than a grain store. With the tough climb to the top, the views down the valley are quite spectacular and well worth the hike. There are more hikes through the canyon if walking is your thing, with a fabulous campsite in the valley that keeps you safe. [Check out our video of this inspiring place here.](#)



From Amtoudi the route east to the Sahara takes you towards Tata.

Through an ever-changing landscape of mountains, seemingly carved by giants, you arrive just 11km outside of the town to **Rimal Tata Camping**.

This is one of our favourite places to stay. From here, settling for a few days, we explored the local area. Only to find a hidden Jewish settlement.

It had the feel of an ancient cauldron from a blown volcano, although I can't find any references to suggest it. But, behind the facade of the current village, lies an incredible sight. Ruins of the Jewish settlement in **Tazarte**, which was written about by explorer Charles de Foucauld in 1883.

The Jews thrived here, as they did in any areas of Morocco. And given that this was a trade route from Zagora, they made their fortunes. There seem to be plans to preserve the village and find a way to hold its ancestral ghosts.

There are no tourists here and it is an incredible place to explore for hours on end. This is real Morocco.







ZAGORA - AND THE JBEL SAGHRO CIRCULAR ROUTE

We first passed through Zagora in 2022 without stopping, but it was one of those places where we found ourselves wanting to stop to explore 'one of these days'.

And it is absolutely worthy of a few days or more. Our favourite place to stop is the **Le Jardin Camping** that is a delightful campsite just a 10 minute walk into town. The city is best known for its dates and very imperial looking buildings. There is also an incredible market that is held on a Wednesday and Sunday morning, slightly out of town, but within walking distance. All the local nomads come here to sell - everything and anything. It is a fabulous experience.

Also it is worthy of note, that Zagora is where you go if you need a *provincial hospital* where they carry out major diagnoses and xrays should you need one.

Once in Zagora, you are the gateway to a number of unmissable landscapes. This is the gateway to the Sahara Desert; Chiggaga and Erg Chebbi and they are not to be missed.

However, with the strong draw that the desert brings, it is easy to miss a part of Morocco few tourists will see. The circular route around the massive granite mountains of the Jbel Saghro and their fossilised treasures is worth the diversion. Both times we've been in this area, one of us has been unfit, so we've not really explored the area well enough. However in 2026 we stayed at the fabulous campsite run by Ali and his Tamazigh family in Nkob. You can find him at [Land of Dreams](#) offering camping and hotel rooms.

The town itself is known as the *City of 45 Kasbah* and is quite a sight, and Ali will also show you the way the desert irrigates and supplies water to its people. It's a fascinating stopover.





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Sahara Desert camel rides

THE SAHARA - 2 PERSPECTIVES; MERZOUGA AND M'HAMID

I have long been intrigued by the desert and it was up there on my list of things to do. I had done a whole heap of research about where best to experience this unique terrain. My friend had been years ago and had a night in the desert, waking up to a rising sun that would kiss the dunes in a magnificent embrace. I wanted that experience! Although where to have it?

There are two options; **Erg Chebbi** at Merzouga or **Erg Chigaga** at M'hamid. So during our first trip, I chose Erg Chebbi as it seemed it would offer a more touchable experience.

When I cry at a landscape, it has penetrated my heart. When I am speechless and beyond tears it has got deep into my soul. This is how I feel about the Sahara desert.

A quick lesson in Arabic - the Erg part comes from Arabic Arq which means 'Dune Field' or Dune Sea and this is such a perfect description for this serenely tranquil place. I am rarely lost for words although the desert manages it aptly.

Its exquisitely carved dunes are constantly shifting thanks to the desert storms and human activity. The shadows that creep across the landscape creating new faces in time for each morning sunrise. And the vastness of the landscape made me feel insignificant in the universal perspective and yet whole at the same time.

Barefoot through the golden sands, I sank into its welcome and felt the silkiness through my toes. The sunrises I was privileged to see, pulled me by a thread into this HD landscape, where I cared not

whether I ever returned to civilisation. Life may be precious here, although it does exist; you can see the tiny footprints in the sand. Rats, beetle, snake, mouse and a whole range of other night-time critters that avoid the day's intense rays. Their secrets are safe, the night-sky stars are their only audience and the integrity of this landscape is honoured.

We camped at Hotel La Chance which is right on the dune edges, where you can hear the drums beat their nomadic tune and you can feel the desert mystery with every breath you take. For a mere 8-10€ per night you have the wilderness on your doorstep with the comforts of home just a few minutes walk away. Having the opportunity to be so up close and personal with the desert was special beyond description and will stay with me forever. It will be my happy place memory for sure.

Erg Chigaga on the other hand was located in what felt like the 'land that time forgot'. M'Hamid, the small town at the edge of the desert was our home. And whilst not yet quite in the 'Grand Dunes', this remote part of the world vibrated with an authentic human soul that I loved.

Here the desert characteristics are so different to Merzouga. The road leading in is fringed with palm trees and the dunes look as though they had been framed with fencing to stop drifting. Verdant green fields graced our view as it became obvious that this was Berber territory. Life here is hanging in a balance yet the nomads make the earth work for them, in harmony, it seems. Blue Men as the tribe is called, make this part of the desert such an authentic and vibrant place. It feels alive with both humans and nature.

Camped up at **La Boussole**, the Grand Dunes are still a good 60km drive. We took a Safari there, which cost us €60 per person and it was a tough day with nearly 5 hours in a bumpy 4x4. We had lunch at a remote desert bouviac camp for a few hours and then we returned home to the haunting sounds of a desert guitar. For more information, check out our video below.



The Sahara is a sublime place to relax and in some ways its 9% humidity leaves you no other choice than to surrender to its stillness. With folk like ourselves who want to experience just a little of this unique landscape without the hardcore caravans of nomads. Merzouga and M'Hamid are just perfect. Whether as an adrenalin junkie with a 4x4, on a camel, in a tent or paragliding - all experiences are there to be had.

If it is your first time to Morocco, we would recommend visiting Merzouga and Erg Chebbi first, given it is right on your doorstep. Then on visit 2, we suggest following it up with Erg Chigaga. [Check out my dedicated blog to help you choose.](#)





Erg Chigaga





6 ROUTE 3 - THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Over our four visits we have taken so many different routes over, through and around the Atlas Mountains.

There are three different regions of this magnificent giants that seem to provide a very distinct North/South divide. The High Atlas, the Middle Atlas and the Anti Atlas. And they all have their very own regal status.

This chapter we focus on the High Atlas and the treats that are in store for you. So if you're ready....

Route 3 - Atlas Mountains

Must-sees;

- * Ouazazarte and Aït Benhaddou
- * P1506 from Aït Benhadou over the Tiz n Tichka.
- * R706 Goulmim to Amellagou - Gheris Gorge
- * Todra Gorge and Tinghir
- * Ouzoud Falls





Ait Ben Haddou

OUARZAZATE & AÏT BENHADDOU - UNESCO SITES

In 2023 we headed north from the desert at M'Hamid and took just half a day to explore **Ouarzazate** (pronounced Warzazat) after an incredible drive from Zagora. Known as the Gateway to the desert this city is where the mountains and desert collide.

Ouarzazate is a clean, structured and well presented city, the reasons of which soon become clear. Ouarzazate is the home of film locations with famous box office hits like *Gladiator*, *The Mummy* and *Game of Thrones* just to name a few.

The museums are a must if you are a film buff, or if you'd rather then a visit for 20MAD to the shell of the Taorirt Kasbah is worthy of 30 minutes of your day. You could also drive just 6 miles to the east to grab a glimpse of the world's largest continuous solar panel farm. The beacon of which can be seen for miles around. For us the city

was too commercial and so we decided not to stay for any longer and instead head north into the Atlas.

Of Morocco's nine UNESCO sites, Benhaddou may be one of the more famous, although not for obvious reasons. If you have ever watched either of the *Gladiator* films, then you will have caught your first glimpse of Ait Benhaddou. Through the eyes of Proximo, wealthy Slave Trader and entertainer, you see scenes filmed on the outer section of Benhaddou village.

In 2020, we arrived for the first time in Benhaddou after a really long journey through the Desert Highway from Tata. Snow-covered mountain peaks framed our gorgeous overnight at **Hotel Noufla** as we gazed upon our UNESCO 'vista'.

An early morning rise gave me a unique perspective of this giant sandcastle, that is what kids' dreams are made of. As the sun crept across the day's starting line, the shadows began their retreat and the village windows began to sparkle like diamonds. The golden light was like a film directors' spotlight, making a dominant statement about this unique Kasbah's place in the world. It was a very special moment that I will never forget.

Walking unhindered through the village's narrow alleyways before the still sleepy vendors had set up for the day's visitors, gave us a true sense of how this place breathed in centuries past. Touching the delicate clay and straw walls, that are so typical of the Berber dwellings in Morocco, you wonder how the country's rainy season doesn't wash it all away. Still through the centuries, the strength of this place is evident in every crevice.

It is true that the colourful vendors will try weaving their magic over you, although stay focused on climbing the fragile steps up to the granary. The views across to the Atlas mountains will reward your efforts and leave you with a true sense of Moroccan culture.

As the oasis meanders in tune with the flow of the El Maleh river, you can see the full contrast of mountains, desert and oasis, such iconic scenes that you will take away with you.

History has been carved here, as caravans of travellers crossed from Marrakesh in the north to the Sahara in the south. A respite retreat for man and beast as they refuelled for the next phase of their journey.

Aït Benhaddou is classed as a Ksar, a series of kasbahs or houses that are clustered together behind fortified walls. They are thought to date back to 757.

With its history, views and photographic quality it is no wonder this place is on the tourist map. Our advice is to visit before 10.30am or after 4.00pm to avoid the worst of the day-trip coaches that are today's modern caravans!

Aït Benhaddou needs a good couple of days to savour its presence and to enjoy the spectacular sunrise at least once. And please bear in mind, that entry to the Ksar is free of charge, so do not get lured by 'chancers' who ask you for money.







P1506 from Aït Benhaddou

P1506 & TIZ N TICHKA PASS - SCENIC ROUTE; 106 MILES, 2 DAY JOURNEY

I love researching back-road routes rather than following the conventional contours. It does take some nerve in Morocco as road conditions can vary from year to year and sometimes month to month if they have bad storms. And it does happen. Roads can easily become impassable with landslides and floods.

So when I investigated the P1506 route from Aït Benhaddou up to the N9 and the infamous **Tiz n Tichka Pass**, I knew it had our names written all over it. What a stunning road. We took all afternoon to travel this route, as the photo and videoing opportunities were just sublime. Just 41 miles but with mountain passes, gorges, ancient Kasbahs and valley oases, every mile was breathtaking and should not be rushed. The road is completely doable for motorhomes and 2x2 vehicles. We are 7.5m and managed it just fine. There is a lovely

overnight stop just close to the end of the route at **Hotel Agdal** that serves lovely food if you don't fancy cooking.

You are then in striking distance from the Tiz n Tichka pass, which with its multiple switchbacks had us as excited as kittens. Known as the 'Difficult Pass' the road no longer lives up to its historical reputation, thanks to road improvements it is now doable with ease. The switchbacks are simple to navigate as you turn north to Marrakesh, although it is a beautiful and scenic drive for sure. Not quite Stelvio's Pass in Italy, although lovely none the less. It will only take you a couple of hours to reach Marrakesh and no early morning starts are required, in our humble opinions. And did you know that the Atlantic Ocean gets its name from the Atlas Mountains? No nor did we.



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**DRIVING THE P1506
FROM AÏT BENHADDOU**

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Check out our two videos on these scenic routes;
click on the images to access the footage.

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Todra Gorge - to Tamtatouche

TODRA GORGE - SCENIC ROUTE; 16 MILES, 45 MINUTE JOURNEY

There are so many mountain passes that you can take for the thrill, the adventure and the rush. Some are reported as being difficult for motorhomes, others allow passage without incident. Whether you decide to do any or all on your Moroccan adventure really depends what experience you bring to the party. If you prefer to drive motorways and have not taken many off-piste routes, then some of these roads may not be for you. If you are comfortable taking *roads less travelled*, then you can make your own judgement when you arrive. It is such a personal decision and we can't influence that.

We didn't have the time to do as many routes as we wanted in 2020, and have added more to our list in subsequent visits. The **Todra Gorge**, just north of silver mining town Tinghir, was one we did manage. Tinghir looks an amazing city and worth exploring.

En route to the desert, we were waiting out a sandstorm and decided to drive up through the Gorge. This road is now accessible for motorhomes all the way to the top with access back down Dades. Which will be a *next time* trip for us.

In convoy with friends who we had teamed up with for a couple of days, we decided to experience the gorge up as far as the **Tamtatouche** village, just 16 miles from our campsite **Le Soleil**.

Like many of our travel decisions, we left bright and early and even the sleepy Mr D was up for a 'get on the road for 9.00am' strategy. It made sense given we had a big drive to the desert to take that same day. Before the lark is a wonderful time of the day as you

share it only with the herders who are taking their goats to fertile pastures. Perhaps the odd school bus and no one else to speak of.

The Gorge is full of towering sandstone walls that scale high above you, such that our necks hurt to look. Set against the brilliant blue skies of the early morning made for a wonderful backdrop. The narrow road snaked along the valley floor, opening up its vista and carrying us towards the mountain village.

At the time there was some work being done on the reservoir towards Tamtetouchte, but the route is incredibly pretty and well worth the 75 minute return journey. We took advantage of stopping for a coffee at the village, where life seems bleak and desolate. We wanted to be able to put some much needed money into their community.



It was here that we also chose to offer our gifts to the children of the community that started as a coy couple of girls and soon morphed into a bustling crowd of about 20 children. Each grabbing with an urgency in the hope that their lives would be easier, just for a moment or two. It was a humbling experience and despite our decision

to find a school to gift our presents, it seemed right and appropriate to share our colouring books and crayons here. I trusted in my intuition and to see a whole community of children who clearly didn't go to school, felt good and perhaps would go just a little way to make a tiny difference to their day.

The coffee shop come restaurant was a laissez-faire experience. Mint teas delivered with the obligatory half a pound of sugar and a couple of Café Nous Nous, we sat contemplating our journey through the gorge and how village life teeters on the edge of survival, when the owner approached us with a sheep draped around his neck like a scarf. The sheep, if it was possible, was calm, at peace and almost had a smile on his face. Soon his fate would be sealed, although little did any of us realise it at the time.



As we left I asked monsieur for the bill and asked after the sheep. 'Le mouton est mort?' 'Oui bien sûr' he said. 'C'est pour la tagine cette semaine!'. Tagines, a staple for Morocco and this farmer, restaurant owner and father was making his living the best way he could. The thing that struck us though was how peaceful the sheep was on his unsuspecting walk of death and there was no sound as the fatal deed was carried out. It told such a story about this guy's compassion for his animals despite their transactional relationship in his life. What a great lesson that was.

There are a couple of campsites up in the village that looked nice although sadly empty. Perhaps later in the season people will venture this way and spend their money. We are glad to have made just a tiny contribution to this wonderful community.

The ride down the gorge was a completely different experience. Partly because the sun has started to peak over the mountain tops and also the Tourist Tat gauntlet had been laid open for any suspecting gazers. Beware. If you stop for photographs of the main part of the gorge (I say *main* loosely as it is only a mile or so up into the gorge and where the coaches stop), watch for those entrepreneurs looking to make a dirham or two. I got caught by a guy with his donkey who wanted to pose with him and Scoobie. Quite honestly I didn't want his photo although I love donkeys and 10MAD is just £1 so not a scratch on our budget and perhaps it would make a big difference to him.





OUZOUZ FALLS - YES MOROCCO HAS WATERFALLS

After yet another vibrant stay in Marrakesh in 2024, we headed off east just on the northern side of the Atlas Mountains. Our destination was **Ouzoud Falls**, fed by the magnificent Atlas, we had measured expectations. Waterfalls in Morocco?

After a pretty drive we arrived at a lovely campsite that is up the hill from the Falls and their curricular walk. It's a lovely walk down and around the falls through the forest and if you are tempted, the little boats take you right up to and beneath the waterfalls. It's a bit touristy although fun and cheap to do.

As with all things that attract the crowds, we would suggest going early. Most of the coaches come from Marrakech, so even on a good run they won't be there until 10.30 may be 11am.

You could start at the left hand side of the falls walking down the alleyway where all the shops are. They are likely to have set up early on. Then do the boat and then the walk. This would be one way to avoid the crowds. Or you do the reverse in the afternoon after perhaps 3pm when most coaches will be heading back to the city.

It is definitely worth a visit. And the added bonus is that if you head out of the campsite to the left and turn left immediately, you can take a beautiful circular walk, that we have included in our video. It is well worth doing to feel the non touristy perspective of the area through the mountains following the river that feeds the falls.





P3100 route to Bin el Ouidane

MIDDLE ATLAS ROUTE - OUZOUND TO AZROU 207 MILES, 3 DAYS

After our exploration at the Falls, we started to head north towards Azrou and ultimately Fez. And as is our wont, we decided to take the back roads. It ended up as a fantastic 3 day trip which astounded and challenged us in equal measure. The Middle Atlas mountains are naturally fantastic even though some of the roads leave a little bit to be desired.

The first route; P3105 took us along side the gorge that forms the Ouzoud Cascades and down the mountain sides to the valley floor below. It was a gentle serpentine flow that was just incredible. Then the P3100 took us east towards the Bin El Ouidane reservoir and our Berber overnight stop.

The following morning, somewhat bleary eyed after an orchestra of stray dogs chanted the night away, we took off towards Khénifra. We took the R306, which on paper should have been a good road. Alas

we shook, rattled and rolled for what seemed like hours, spirited only by the incredible scenery as we crossed a massive section of the Middle Atlas mountains. Of course in these parts, remote villages use perhaps only donkeys and carts or perhaps a scooter, so having sealed and good quality tarmac is less important in these parts.

Unusually for Morocco, there is a very limited range of overnight options, wild or otherwise, so we were already prepared for a big push of a four hour journey to Khénifra and a Carrefour Car Park.

The Police had given us permission to stay and it was surprisingly peaceful. Our last stretch was to Azrou and it finished off our 3 day road trip beautifully as the landscape shifted from mountain hugging roads to luscious rolling foothills and cedar forests.





GOULMIMA TO AMELLAGOU - R706 GHERIS GORGE

Geographically we take a bit of a trip to the east where in 2026 we took a route from Nkob on the Jbel Saghro circular route up to Goulmima.

This whole area is absolutely lovely and so diverse. You might think you were driving through Utah in the US than Morocco. The mountains change shape dramatically through your journey, so there's very little time to be bored.

After a one night stopover at the campsite in **Goulmima**, we headed off on a brand new route that had been recommended to us. We checked in with the locals and they all confirmed that the road was fine for our 7.5m van.

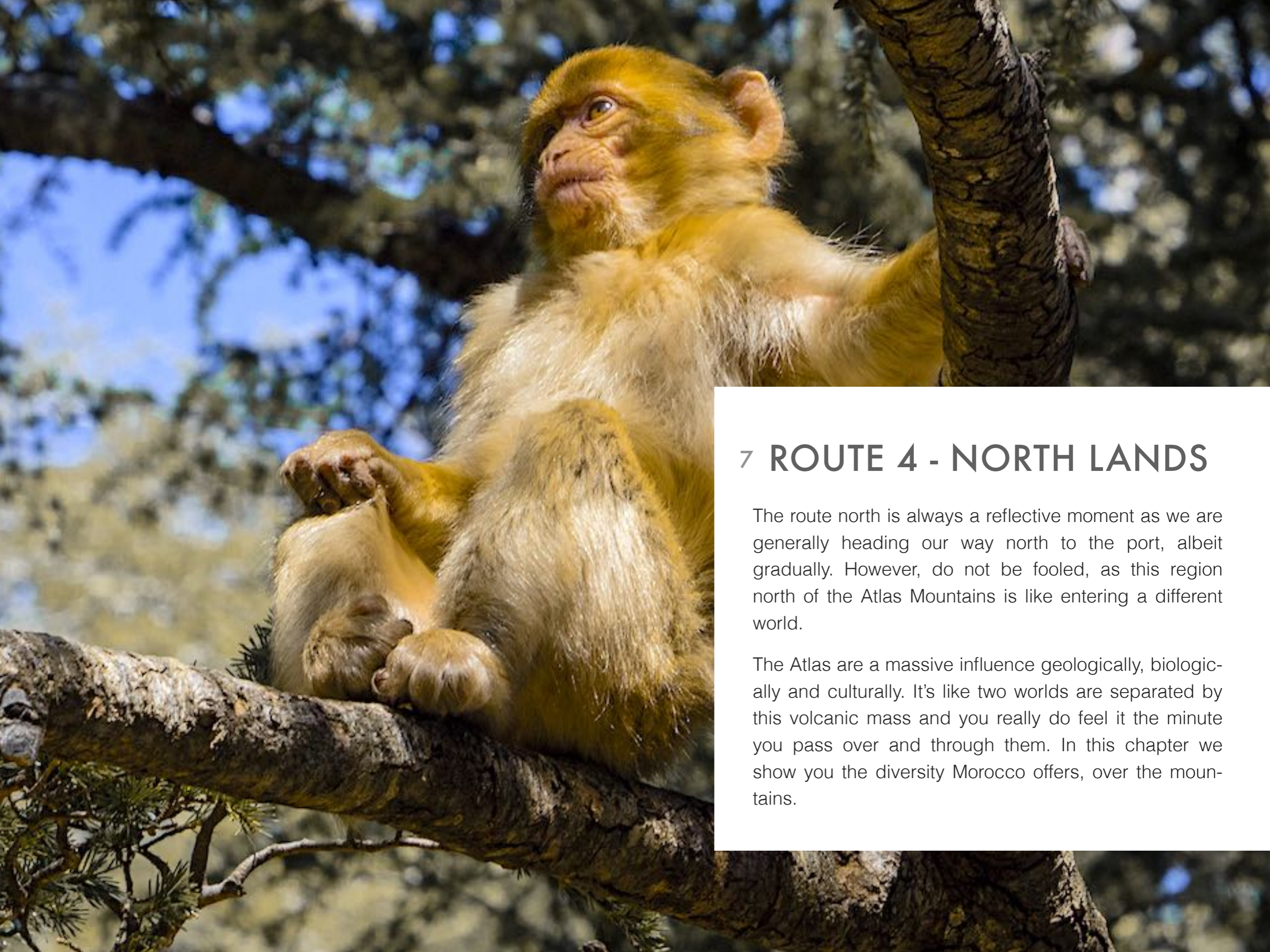
We headed off on the R706 through a few little villages, passing by an old Kasbah and on into the mountains. All the way we followed

the river, often crossing unseasonably full rivers over the riverbed bridges. They were a bit rough although with slow driving, we navigated them easily.

After just an hour and about 30 kms, this lovely road wound us through the mountains and up to the plateau, which I'm sure on a sunny day would have been amazing. Sadly grey skies and rain blotted our view.

Still our arrival at **Auberge Amellagou** with Ali was just incredible. His welcome thyme tea and cakes were lovely. And breakfast pancakes too. All for 100dir including electric. Next time we will stay here longer and enjoy Ali's hospitality. Otherwise it was a super end to a fabulous driving day that we both thoroughly enjoyed.





7 ROUTE 4 - NORTH LANDS

The route north is always a reflective moment as we are generally heading our way north to the port, albeit gradually. However, do not be fooled, as this region north of the Atlas Mountains is like entering a different world.

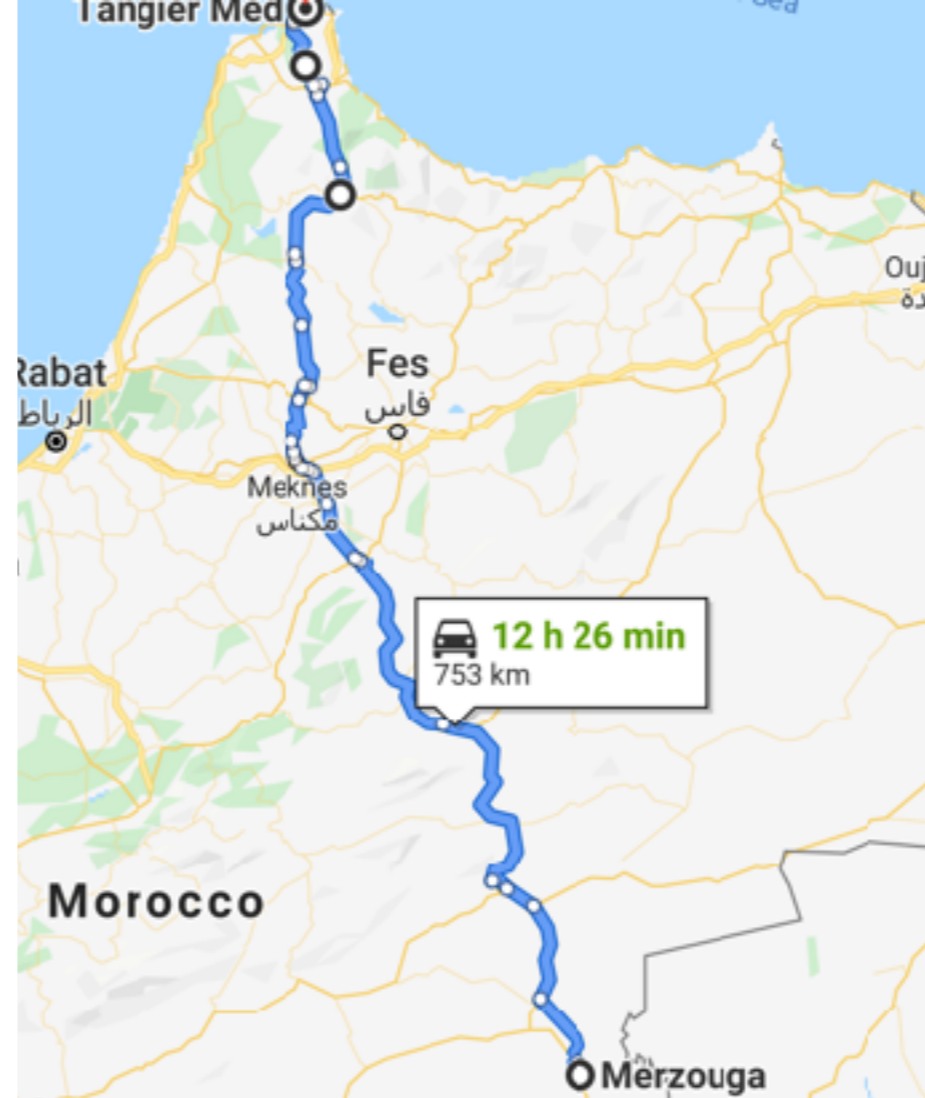
The Atlas are a massive influence geologically, biologically and culturally. It's like two worlds are separated by this volcanic mass and you really do feel it the minute you pass over and through them. In this chapter we show you the diversity Morocco offers, over the mountains.

Route 4

North Lands

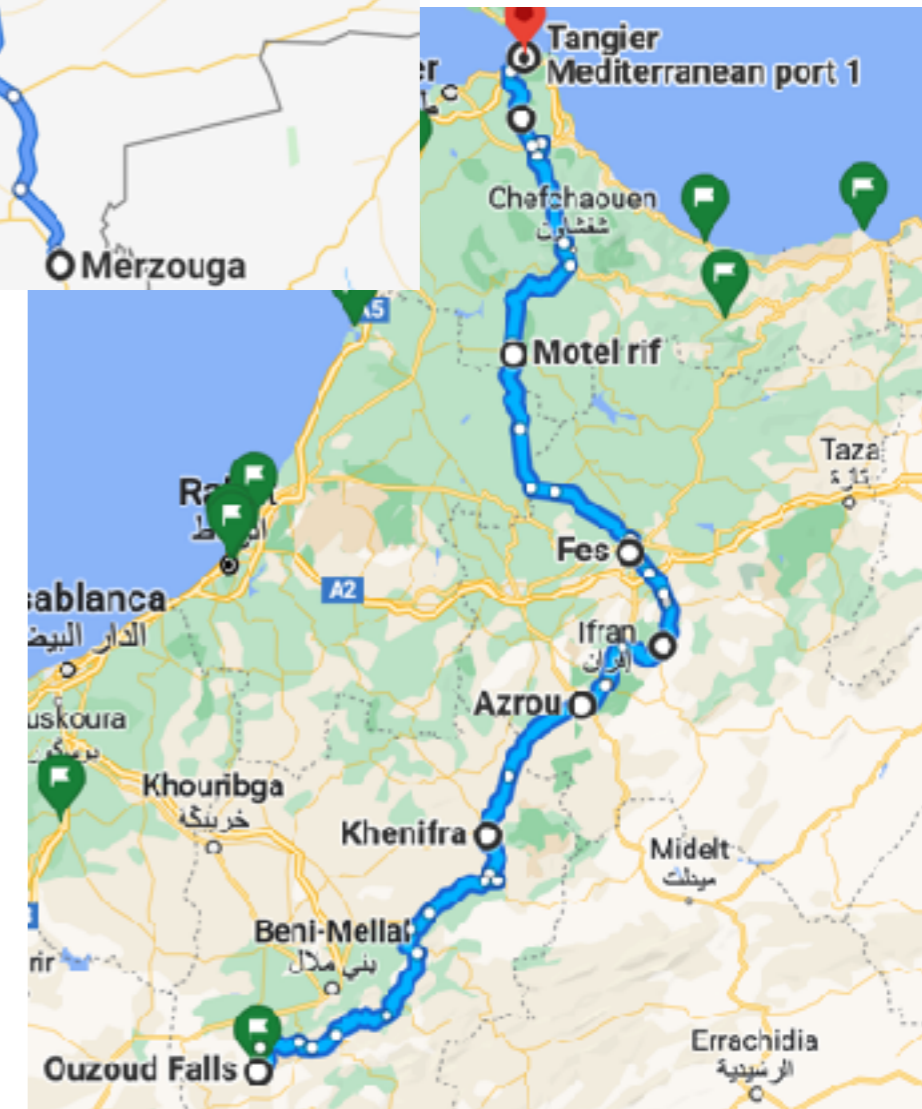
Must-sees;

- * Route N13 - A game of two halves
- * Middle Atlas mountain route
- * Barbary Macaque monkeys of Azrou
- * Fes (UNESCO)
- * Meknes (UNESCO)
- * Volubilis Roman ruins (UNESCO)
- * Chefchaouen - the Blue City



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Ziz Gorge - N13

ROUTE N13 - 2020 ROUTE FROM MERZOUGA

With reluctance we left Merzouga. Partly because time called us on, although also because the temperatures were set to increase by 10°C on an all-time high of 27°C. That sort of heat renders me pretty useless and given I couldn't drink enough to stay hydrated (as I'm a water fiend), we felt it was time to head north.

We secured our route, which was to take the N13 - a spinal road that connects north to Derdara, south of Tetouan. It's a major arterial route so our expectations weren't massively huge.

Yet what a scene shifter it was. We travelled through some big and wealthy administration towns that had obviously profited from their expansion along this vital north/south road network. And then we found a turquoise reservoir signalling the start of the Ziz Gorge. Whilst short in comparison to Todra, it's still a thing of beauty. A nice

campsite in the heart of the valley - **Camping Jurassique** was a timely place to rest our heads, without too long a drive.

The oases continued to break the golden hue, puncturing the desert and mountain landscape with a lushness of fertility, vibrance and life. They certainly held our attention and with Berber culture thriving in this area, the Kasbah sand castles were everywhere. As we wound up and down, around curvy bends we flirted with the High Atlas mountains that cross Morocco in an east-west direction, obvious by the snow covered peaks.

And then after Midelt, the scenery changed again. Travelling the N13 feels like every corner is owned by a different artist, sculptors or creator. They had each marked their own territory and left their own personalised signature on the land beneath them.



Before we knew it the colours changed, signalling that the desert influence had now ceased and the forests were beginning to dominate the skyline. It was a pleasant change. Pine trees, cedar trees and green shrubs everywhere. It was most pleasant a journey. Copses that popped out of nowhere and mountain streams looking like the poet Keats could have sat here writing about daffodils. And in 2026 - there was snow!

North of Meknes was our biggest landscape shift. Greens took on a whole new concept as the soil clearly became more fertile, supporting an agricultural industry not evident anywhere else on our journey so far. Patchwork quilt fields, onion sets and beautiful ploughed fields that would look right at home in middle England. This was an abundant part of the country and an interesting sight for our eyes, after the deliciousness of the golden desert.

And finally, we couldn't leave the N13 without mention of the Rif Mountains. Officially they are more likely associated with the N2 stretch of road heading towards Tetouan, although they are still an amazing sight.

Geologically they belong to the Iberian Peninsular and the Gibraltar region giving them a familiar guise.

It was a fabulous way to end our N13 road-trip north and whilst there were some big stretches of road improvements and some gravel areas to watch out for, the scenery surely made up for it. Morocco continues to surprise us right up until the end. This African beauty really is a gift that just keeps on giving. **P.S** *After the storms, the N13 from Meknes to Chefchaouen in 2026 is diabolical. So drive it with caution at the moment.*



**Route N13 between
Midelt and Azrou**





Monkeying around in the Cedar Forests of Azrou

BARBARY MACAQUE MONKEYS - AZROU

I had researched the monkeys in Morocco and they piqued my interest. I love to see animals in their natural habitat and not caged for human entertainment. So I wasn't sure if this was just a tourist trap or whether it was part of Morocco's natural world.

The Barbary Macaque monkeys live in the wild and you can see them leaping through the trees looking for their next handful of nuts. Being so up-close and personal is incredible and to observe their behaviours is a real privilege. Family grooming, babies playing on our bike rack and jumping from our roof as if it was a playground. Whilst they are used to humans now and you can buy nuts to feed them, they are still wild animals and are unpredictable in their nature as the photo above illustrates.

The forest stretches for acres and it deserves time walking and exploring. Although don't miss out the town below, Azrou.

1200m above sea level, Azrou (known in Berber as 'The Rock') is unique for a number of reasons; its Berber significance, its European flare with green and orange sloped roofed houses and its artisan shops. Yes roofs - we've not seen many of those in Morocco.

Particularly worthy of note is the Berber market on Tuesdays. It's a charming town and one caught in our affections. Whilst it may sit in the shadows of Imperial cities Fes and Meknes, Azrou has its own charms and we love it there.





Meknes' Ladhim Square

IMPERIAL AND UNESCO CITIES; MEKNES AND FES

Whilst I decided to include **Meknes** on the 'must-see' list for 2020, it was our least favourite place and continues to be so. Partly because we're not great city people and also because of the crowds and chaos. Whether we were just tired or timed our visit on a Saturday afternoon unskillfully, either way it didn't flow for us.

Meknes is in the shadows of its busier relation - Fes to the east. And so this makes Meknes a much quieter place to visit - or so the marketing would have you believe. As we approached Meknes on N13, our initial reaction was positive. Beautiful and extensive fortress walls built by *Moulay Ismail*, back in the 17th century really lent itself to the Imperial city label that Meknes has claimed. It is one of four Imperial cities in Morocco along with Fez, Marrakesh and Rabat.

With its double skinned walls, its Royal 18 Hole Golf Course, ancient mosaic Gate **Bab Mansour**, underground prison and grand Mausoleum, architecturally it is impressive. Then add in the chaotic streets that make Dehli look quiet and the crazy **Lahdim Square** that leads to the souk and it was all a bit of a sensory overload.

We had already felt a cultural shift as we approached the city, as if the west had marginalised the gap across the Gibraltar Strait. Europe definitely casts a shadow here. The souk is no longer Berber and African handcrafted goods; it's all cut-price trainers, knock off sunglasses and westernised clothes. We thought we might be missing a trick somewhere, so took an observational position on the terraces around the Square and this distance definitely helped our

perspective. The dressed up monkeys, emus and snake charmers, all part of the culture here I know, just felt wrong.

So we left the next day feeling a bit let down by Meknes after the hype. The Guardian Parking was great, for just 5€, with just a minutes walk into the hub. Perhaps one day we'll return and give it another chance on a less busy day.

Now, **Fes**, what can I say? Our visit here was in 2023 so it is interesting to read how we felt about Meknes.

Firstly, Fes is Morocco's oldest city built in 789. It was once the largest city in the world and for over 500 years it was Morocco's capital - its ancient Medina is a UNESCO site.

Secondly, Fes started off life as 2 separate cities, **Fes el Bali** and **Fes el Jdid**, divided by a river; they were only united in 11th century. To top it all, its **9000** street-filled souk and the world's oldest, continuously operating University, founded in 859 are both UNESCO. So there's plenty of reasons to visit.

With over 12 miles of ancient city walls, ornate gates to welcome you, a Royal Palace, gardens, Madrasa libraries, the oldest Tannery in Africa and the title of Morocco's cultural and spiritual centre, you may well be intrigued by a visit here.

We started off at the iconic **Chaouwara Tannery** that supports a cooperative of 280 families. Then we hit the souk. Boy that was interesting and makes Marrakesh look like child's play in comparison. A labyrinth of narrow alleys, at times felt all-consuming, as you inch your way through the masses, donkeys and carts. Yet the artistry, colours and craftsmanship is second to none. This is no ordinary

souk - and just once, you must walk down the famous **Talaa Kebira** street and witness the array of talented artists selling their hand-made goods.

What a difference experience these two cities gave us. We have concluded, that our arrival at Meknes in 2020 we must have been a bit travel weary and may be the threat of Covid was subconsciously affecting us. Anyhow, three years on and we enjoyed Fes, in the main, and over the two days we visited felt as wrung out as a chamois leather.

We will definitely return for a bit more sightseeing.

The famous Bab Mansour gate, Meknes

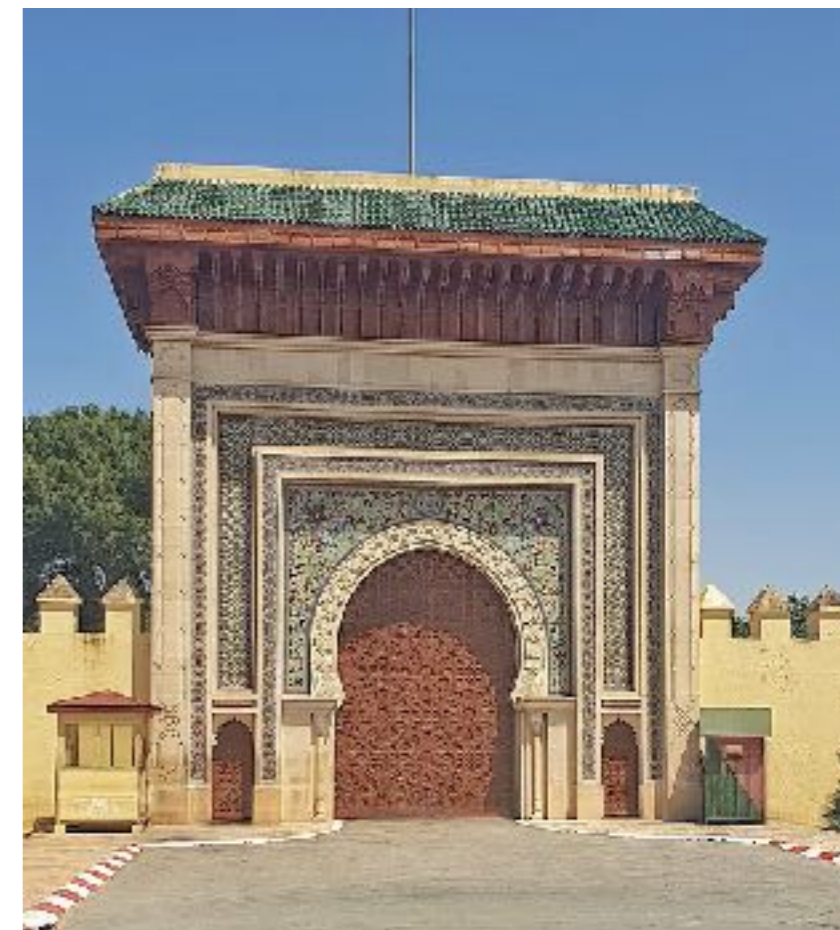


Scenes from Meknes





**Scenes from
Fes**





Roman Ruins at UNESCO's Volubilis

VOLUBILIS ROMAN RUINS - UNESCO

Just 30 minutes drive north from Meknes, you find **Volubilis**, famous for its incredibly intact Roman mosaics. The site itself dates back to 2BC when it was the capital of the kingdom of Mauretania. Although it really blossomed from 2AD with the Roman's taking charge. What a great place to visit for just 70MAD pp entrance fee and 10MAD for parking.

We've been to a few Roman sites around Europe; one of the best actually being in Turkey at Ephesus. They all come with magnificent tales of Roman power and prowess blended with the fascinating archaeological excavation that has brought such ancient history to life. Every time we visit one of these places, its uniqueness always blows us away. You cannot look upon these walls and not marvel at

their grandeur and wonder about the people who lived here two thousand years ago. We are always compelled to visit.

And Volubilis did not disappoint. We hadn't seen any pictures that would distort our expectations, so we went in with open eyes and an anticipatory perspective. We had a good two hours walking around the site. It's not built for anyone with disabilities though. Whilst you can get to the museum, reaching the ruins themselves in a wheelchair or crutches is pretty impossible.

We suggest you come early as the school kids come on trips from 11.00 and its rocking by 1.00pm and that was on a Sunday!









Chefchaouen Souk

CHEFCHAOUEN - THE BLUE CITY

No trip to Morocco is complete without a visit to the Blue City. **Chefchaouen** is hidden in the bosom of the Rif Mountains.

Founded in 1471 Chefchaouen has been on my Bucket List for ages after seeing other travel bloggers' images, I just knew my camera and creative eye would have a field day.

We have been here twice over the course of our four trips and always stay overnight at the Guardian Parking just minutes away from the blue Medina. Whilst it's not pretty it was quiet, safe and close.

The reasons for Chefchaouen's hues are not totally clear; it varies from keeping away mosquitos, being the colour of the spiritual pure, to Jews painting it this way after escaping from Hitler. Although it is

believed that the blue nature that has given the city its identity actually dates back to 1492 after it received an influx of Jews fleeing from the Spanish Inquisition. It was these Jews who brought with them their tradition of painting buildings blue, that initiated the characterful city that we can now enjoy.

After our visit, I reflected on label, '*the most beautiful village*' accolade that France, Spain and Italy hold - and if Morocco had the same collection, Chefchaouen would be on it - albeit touristy these days.

Whilst the new town has evolved in keeping with the same blue hues, it lacks the charm of the medina. So imagine my relief when we spotted the old town gate that led us on a magical mystery tour, winding through the cobbled medina streets.

I felt similar about Chefchaouen's blues as I did about Morocco's palette of green in the oases and the golds of the desert. To use just one bland word to describe the plethora of tints, tones and tinges would be to dishonour their personalities.

Chefchaouen's blues lightly tickled the edges of baby blue escalating their intensity towards purple with a touch of turquoise in between. It was a veritable feast for the eyes and was enthralling.

And whilst us mesmerised tourists gawped in awe at the myriad of alleyways, locals in their traditional Moroccan attire tried to go about their business without risking their profiles landing on the next Instagram page. I did empathise but such is the beauty of this place it was hard not to be captivated through the camera's lens. Respect was always the name of the game.

Whilst there are some tourist tat shops to navigate, there are plenty of artisanal places that sell paints, herbs, carpets and leathers. Plenty to feast your eyes upon.

And if you think the medina is all you will get from this blue town, then think again. The Kasbah will remind you of the bigger picture



story of Chefchaouen's past when it started as a fortress to protect them against the Portuguese forces. Since then the city has been seized by the Spanish and only in 1956 did it gain its independence and honourably returned into Morocco's hands.

Entry into the Kasbah was 6€ pp and it definitely feels as though this is a tourist price given its compact and bijoux size. Although it is roughly in line with the Portuguese Cistern of El Jadida and the Roman Ruins. So no complaints, just an observation.

The best bit about the Kasbah is the view across the rooftops of the city. With the protective Rif Mountains taking the rear there is a real cosiness about this place. And it's easy to spot the potential hiking in the area too, so definitely a place to invest a couple of days. And I have a feeling that you could visit this place, take a left turn and see a whole different perspective. I was so happy that it was the last memory that I would take away with me from our four weeks in Morocco in 2020 and it was a crescendo for sure.

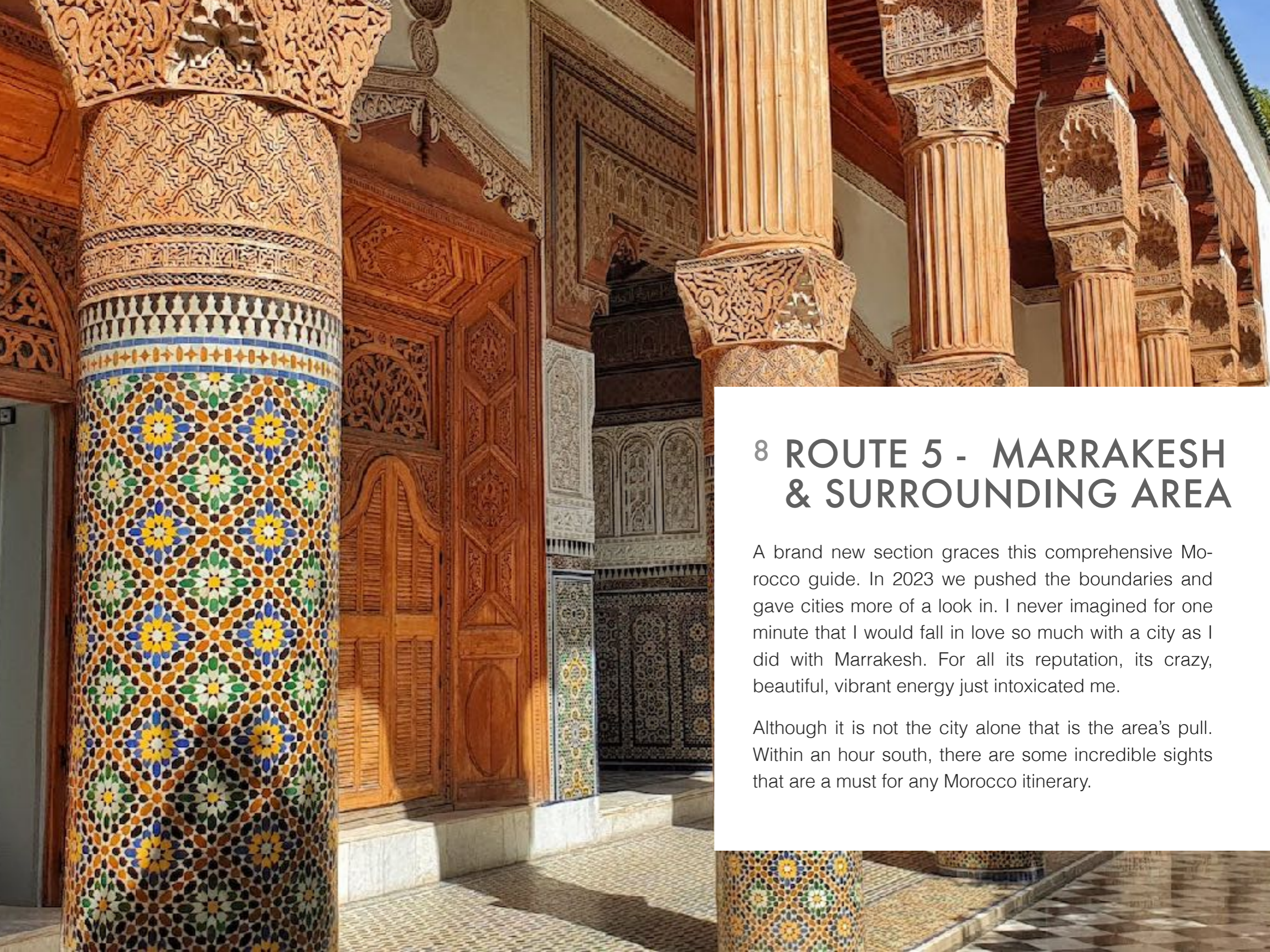






New town Chefchaouen





8 ROUTE 5 - MARRAKESH & SURROUNDING AREA

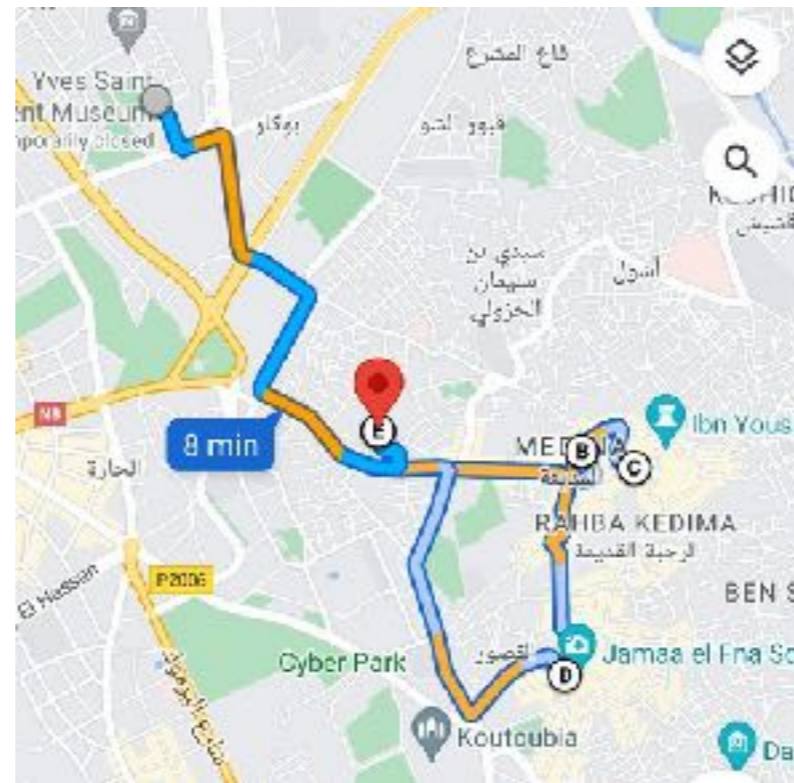
A brand new section graces this comprehensive Morocco guide. In 2023 we pushed the boundaries and gave cities more of a look in. I never imagined for one minute that I would fall in love so much with a city as I did with Marrakesh. For all its reputation, its crazy, beautiful, vibrant energy just intoxicated me.

Although it is not the city alone that is the area's pull. Within an hour south, there are some incredible sights that are a must for any Morocco itinerary.

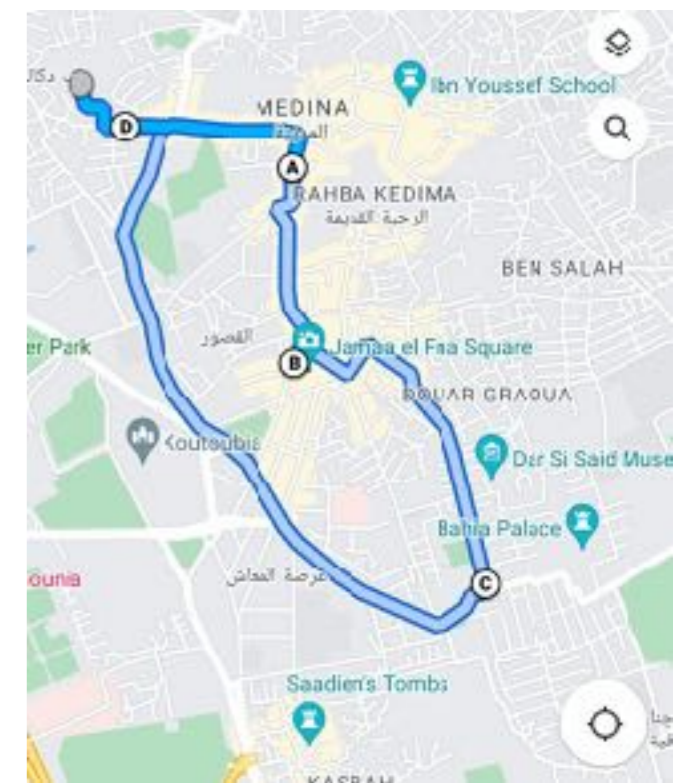
Route 5 - Marrakesh and its surrounding area

Must-sees;

- * Le Jardin Majorelles
- * Koutoubia Mosque and gardens
- * Jamma el Fna Square
- * Badi and Bahia Palace
- * Ben Youseff Madrassa
- * El Bacha Café and Museum
- * Ourika Valley - Setti Fatma
- * ANIMA gardens
- * Cactus Thiemann



Inner-City Routes



Outer-City Routes





ROUTE 5 - MARRAKESH HIGHLIGHTS - INNER CITY

Known as the 'Red City', Marrakesh is full of intrigue and history. Founded in 1070, these old medina walls that span 17km, house an Imperial city full of earthy, ochre buildings, none of which are allowed to be higher than 3 storeys. In maze-like streets that criss cross the city, it would be easy to fear the warren of souks and their rumoured, high-tactic salesmen. Yet we experienced minuscule amounts of hassle and an assertive 'non merci' soon navigated us onwards. In fact Essaouria and Fes we felt were far more intense.

In this crazy city, full of mopeds and bicycles weaving through the narrow streets, like a scene out of Indiana Jones, it's almost impossible to imagine that tranquility could exist. Yet, despite the buzz & vibrance of life within the walls, there are oases of calm. Spaces

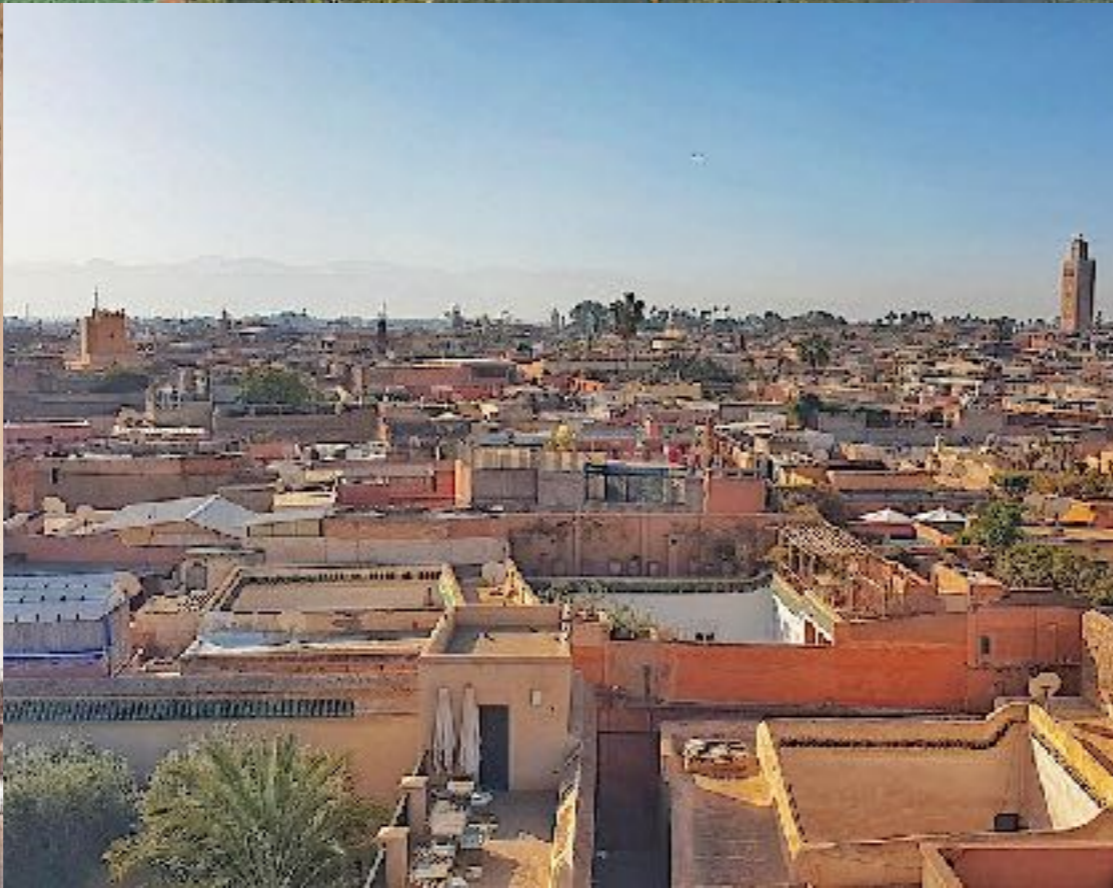
that allow you to retreat when the sensory overload feels as though it might consume you.

Just outside the old city walls are the stunning **Les Jardins Majorelles**. Crafted over 40 years from 1923, these stunning botanical gardens and villa ably protect peace as if was as precious as saffron. Bought by fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent in 1980, these colourful gardens have been restored. Despite the growing crowds that, from 10am swarm here to capture the perfect Instagram pose, the serenity is palpable. Only the tuneful Bulbul cut through the silence, with the gentle flow of water offering a harmony. Entry £12pp payable only on-line by clicking [here](#).



**Yves-St Laurent Les
Jardins Majorelles**





Once inside the Medina itself, just a 15 minute walk, my *Marrakesh strategy* was to book a Riad to give us a place to retreat to, and be able to visit **Jaama Square** at night. Home was **Riad Nasreen** which was just on the outer edges of the main souks, yet within the city walls. Whilst the walk to it was disconcerting, once inside the warmth of the courtyard setting was homely.

The **souks** are crazy, yet search out a place for a mint-tea or a lunchtime snack, and you are immediately transported to a sanctuary of silence. We found **Le Jardin** restaurant with its tree-filled courtyard dotted with tables, you could have been in a tropical forest than a major city.

Le Jardin Secret is an off the beaten track Ksar and Riad and it is on the expensive side in comparison to the value of Majorelles, (£9.70 inc the Tower), it was still pleasant to see. This 400 year old Riad has been home to many Moroccan dynasties and political figures. With a blend of Arab, Andalusian and Islam features, its oasis is joyful. It is only a climb up the tower that reveals the truth of the city hubbub below. The roof tops offering a view of the complex mix of lifestyles that define Moroccan culture.



The [Ben Youseff College](#) is an absolute must; a building the likes of which I have never seen before. The colours and architecture of this 14th century Islamic school and library leaves an incredible legacy behind it. Now a UNESCO site you cannot visit without a modicum of awe, and all for €5 entrance fee.

Then as we headed to our second UNESCO site, the more touristy **Jamaa el Fna Square** seeing both its day and night personalities was great. A place that has hundreds of year's history of trade, entertainment and socialising, it was great to witness from the safety of our rooftop restaurant, the food from which was surprisingly good value. The daytime saw us stumble upon a snake charmer; our first brush with the dark-side. Upon the advice from our Riad concierge, we offered our 20MAD fee for a few photos, after which we were

met with an onslaught of abuse. He wanted notes! And we heard from others that they were stung for 300MAD - €30.

With a discrete [maps.me](#) navigational aid, we trotted off to 19th century [Bahia Palace](#). Finding ourselves at the wrong entrance thanks to my poor route mapping, we were confronted by a guy saying it was closed for prayer for an hour and whilst we wait, we could go to the Jewish quarter. He followed us on his bike and wanted to take us down a dark alleyway - now that was bit spooky. I had read about these scams so we were kind of prepared although after such a great, hassle-free first day, perhaps we just got a bit complacent. The Palace never shuts for prayer, so don't be pulled in by it if you're ever there.



Our final experience was at the relaxing **Henna Art Cafe** for a painting treatment, a much needed finale to our rollercoaster day. I did plenty of research about Henna and found a women's cooperative that support the homeless in Marrakech that use safe and ethical products.

One word of caution. If you come here from a campsite, make sure you book your return taxi. The local taxis charge significantly less than the city cabs and with a bit of negotiation from our concierge managed to get our ride home for 150MAD from the 500MAD they wanted to charge.



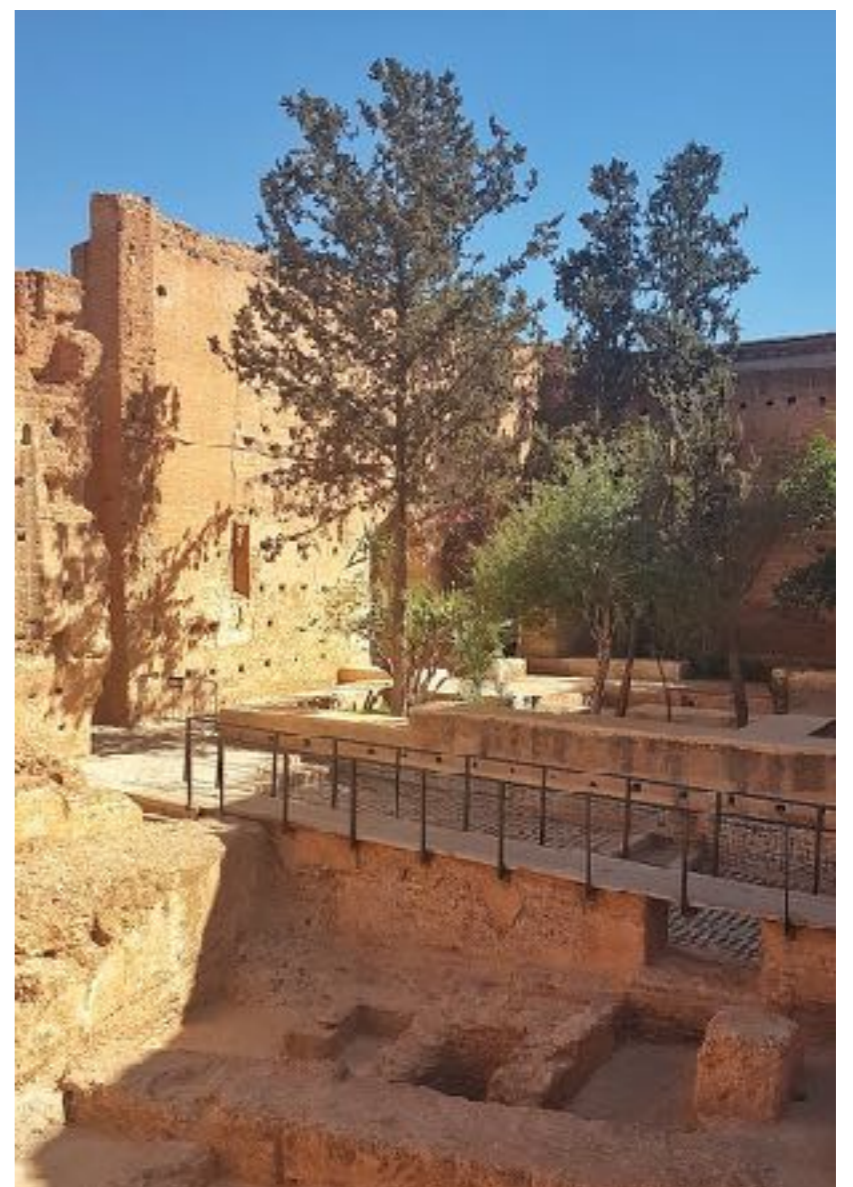
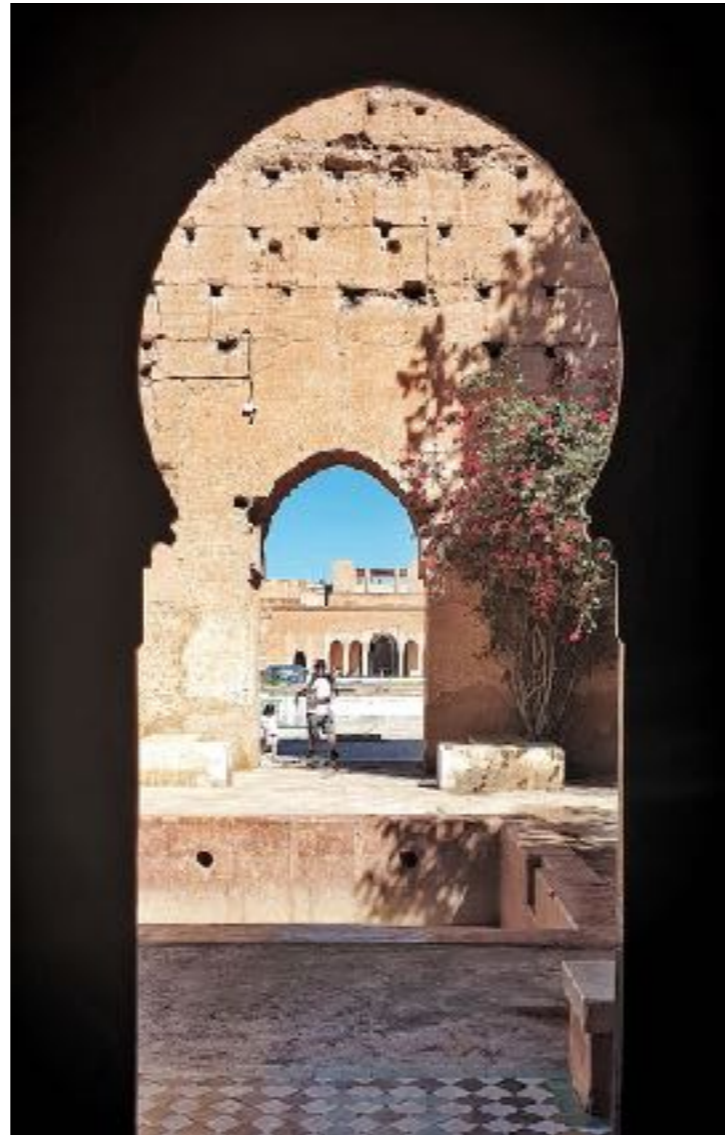


My second visit to Marrakesh was as a tour guide with friends, who kept me company whilst Myles flew back to the UK. So armed with a plan, we headed off to the ruins of the mesmerising 16th century ruins of **Badi Palace**. Here we walked in the footsteps of Sultans as we took in the spring's heady scent of orange blossom from the four squares of the Palace grounds and the museum.

There are lots of different aspects of the Palace to explore. From the lower level mosaic section and underground museum to the jail through the archway and then then upper terrace with its shadow pergola. Despite an exhibition that was being dismantled, hired by

Ferrari, it was a lovely spot and all for only 70MAD which is around €7 pp.

Next up was the **Koutoubia Mosque** where we meandered around the gardens of this 16th century beauty, secondly only to Casablanca. And finally on my third visit, yes I know, that's how much I loved it, we popped in for a Birthday treat at the [El Bacha Coffee museum and café](#). Oh boy what a treat; just 10MAD entrance fee for the museum and the café where you are treated like royalty to a choice of 200 coffees from around the world. What a stunning little hidden gem. One of many Marrakesh has to offer.



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MARRAKESH - SURROUNDING AREA

If you think Marrakesh is all about the city vibe, then think again. This incredible area is teeming with unique places to visit and stay that are well within reach of a couple of hours.

First up are the magnificent Atlas mountains and the **Ourika Valley**. I never imagined Morocco having so much water, although here it is. From the abundant snow-peaked mountains, the river here at **Setti Fatma** is in full flow and makes the riverside cafes a watery delight. Only 90 mins south of Marrakesh on the P2017, this is a lovely drive and very doable for all vehicles. You can even stay overnight in one of the Guardian Parking areas. See the back of the book for co-or-

dinates. This place is all about the local Berbers and whilst it is a tourist destination, it is quaint and well worth a day or two visit. If you have the energy, a climb to the seven waters, they say is worthwhile.





ANIMA is an enchanting garden covering just 2 acres of land designed by Austrian Andre Heller. Conceived in 2010, this barren land has lovingly morphed into a Botanical wonderland.

With the backdrop of the Atlas snowy peaks, you are transported away from Marrakesh's enigmatic vibe into a sanctuary that invites you to play, reflect, treasure hunt and be still, with awe as your companion.

Once through the traditional Moroccan door you step into a colourful realm of creativity, artwork, sculptures and nature that physically melts away any stress and explodes your senses.

There is a free shuttle bus from Marrakesh, or ample parking for motorhomes just 30 minutes away from the city centre. You can explore this paradise for hours, have lunch in the Arabian designed terrace and just be.... all for a €12 entrance fee.

This is not just a garden. This is an investment in your inner child's wellbeing. I defy you not to love it, just a teeny weeny bit.





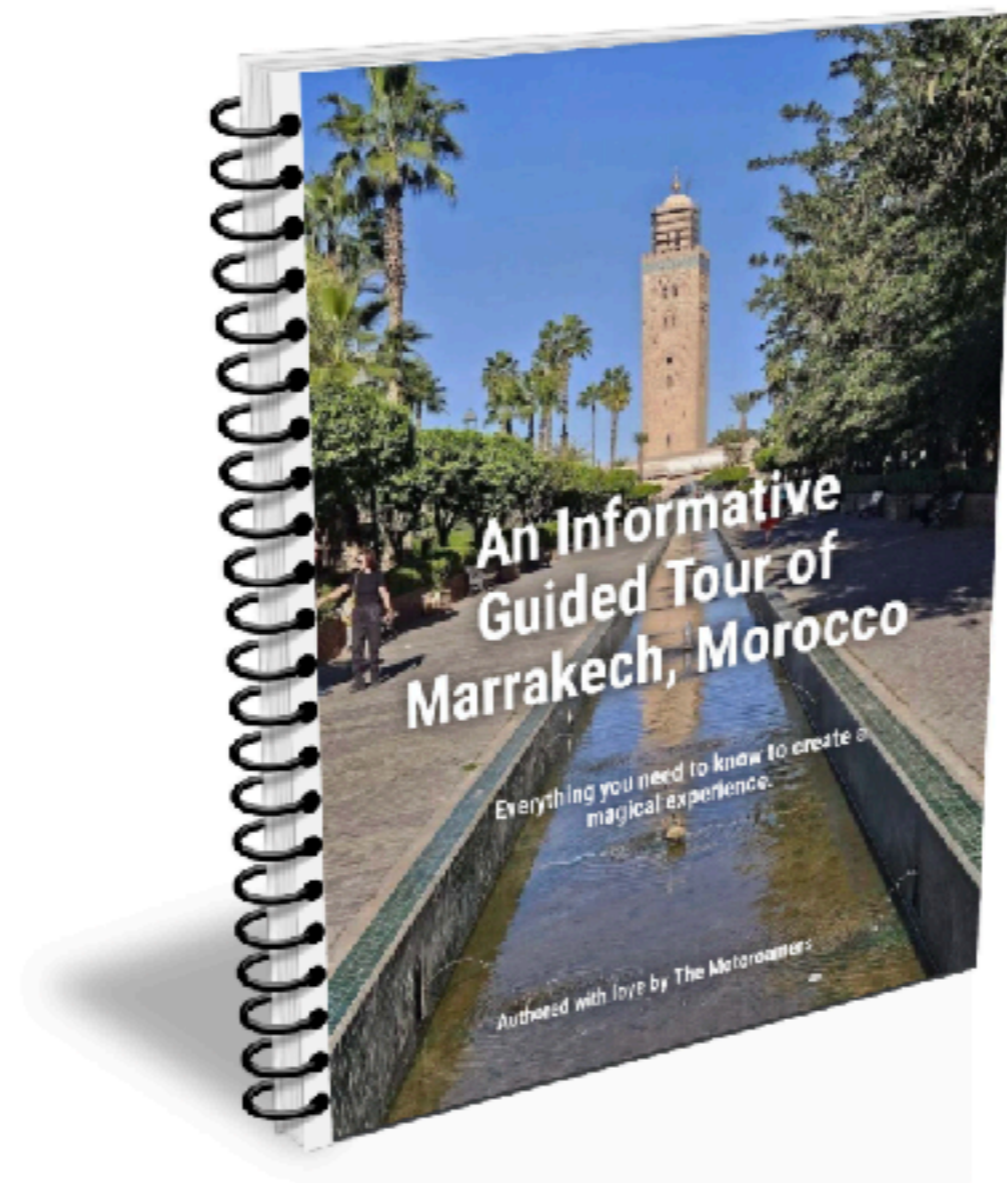
Staying at Camping Le Relais just north of Marrakesh, we had a chance to explore. **Cactus Thiemann**. Just a 30 minute walk from the site, which isn't the prettiest yet the oasis waiting for us, in the middle of a dusty waste ground, was so worth it. This unique garden is the largest in Africa and it has been designed with love, attention and creativity.

Creator German Hans Thiemann made Marrakesh his home in 1964 and as a horticultural engineer back in his homeland, he put his energy into collecting cactus seeds from around the world. His garden has now been opened to the public by his daughters, offering up to 150 different species. It is open from Monday to Saturday and costs 120MAD per person. It is shut throughout August. It is worth reserving ahead of time. WhatsApp +212661614901 or you can do it [online](#).



Walking around this little haven I was left aghast at the way these characterful plants had been positioned giving the garden a textural feast for the eyes. Despite their thorny stature, their colour in early spring bounced from their greenness giving it a real 3D affect. We loved it here and would definitely recommend it.

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9 CHECKLIST BEFORE LEAVING HOME

There are some countries that we can just travel to without much forethought. Whilst maybe a Crit Aire certificate is needed or a Vignette to cross a country's motorway network, that's about it. For sure though Brexit has made it more challenging.

Then there are other countries like our trip to **Norway** that requires a bit more planning to make sure your trip is smooth and memorable. This chapter will help you get geared up for your trip to Morocco from the comfort of 'home'. For a comprehensive look at planning for tips and tricks, click [here](#).



WHAT TO DO BEFORE LEAVING 'HOME'

If you are looking at an extended trip to include Morocco for any period of time or perhaps you are already travelling full-time and meandering around the EU countryside, there are some really important things you need to do before you can even think about setting off especially, as it is now a great Schengen Shuffle country since we left the EU in January 2021.

For Morocco, plenty of preparation is required. In part because it's a different continent and the requirements are different to the majority of Europe. And also because, for many Moroccan newbies, it has a feeling of taking you out of your comfort zone. Travelling with anxiety is not a great mix and so there is some homework to do to make sure that your experiences are positive and fulfilling and not fear-making and stressful.

We hope that this section might allay some apprehension as you begin to dream about taking your motorhome to Morocco.

Here is our basic **Before you Leave** checklist for your road-trip.

- 1. Check out your Insurance & Breakdown cover and order your Morocco Green Card if applicable.***
- 2. Check your Travel/Health Insurance and ensure you have Morocco covered***
- 3. Internet/Apps and Phone***
- 4. Documents to take with you***
- 5. Plans for maximising your LPG***

6. Maps and Reference Books

7. What to take with you - clothes/food/gifts

8. What you to do if travelling with a dog

9. Get your van Morocco ready with a good service, tyre pressures and puncture repair kits at the ready.

Let's take each one of these elements in turn and explain the detail.

1. Check out your Insurance and Breakdown cover – Ordering your Green Card

Morocco is **not often** covered under standard UK motorhome insurance policies – European firms may be different. So your first step is to assess your insurance company's terms and conditions. If they do allow for you to travel to Morocco in your motorhome, then you may require a Green Card which gives you Fully Comprehensive cover during your stay in the country. Sometimes these are offered free and others charge. UK Comprehensive cover is like hen's teeth.

UK Insurances companies are generally not covering Morocco. Saga, LV and Sterling may cover you and provide a Green Card. Sterling may give you temporary Comprehensive cover although it is expensive (£900 for 3 months). Otherwise you will need to get 3rd Party insurance at the Moroccan Border.

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When we travelled in 2020, Comfort Insurance charged us £20 as an admin fee and then £22.40 per week of our travel through Morocco. Sadly since Brexit, Aviva no longer cover Turkey, Montenegro or Morocco. At the time of writing - Edition 4 Saga **may** offer free Green Cards. Unfortunately, if like us you are full time, then there are no other alternatives than the 3rd Party Cover at the border. This cost us **€200** for three months, and given we had prior knowledge of the country, we weighed up the risk and decided it was worth it for the extension to our non Schengen travel.

If your company won't give you a Green Card for Morocco, then don't give up. Try **HIC** (Now Sterling Insurance). They may be able to offer a bolt-on cover and Green Card, if your van is under £40,000 in value. But steady yourself, it will not be cheap.

You also need to have a conversation with your insurance company, if you have Breakdown Cover included in your policy. Or of course, call your Breakdown agents if you have separate cover. Just check what your cover is for visiting Morocco. With Comfort we **were** covered for breakdowns although DAS, our recovery company was not present in Morocco. So their instructions were to arrange and pay for any mechanical issues whilst in the country and then make a

claim for a reimbursement when we are in EU or back in UK. Again with the retraction of Morocco from their policies, we had no cover for breakdown either. Although Morocco is full of people who will help in the event of a breakdown.

2. Check your Travel/Health Insurance

If you already have Travel Insurance, then check that Morocco is covered, because the EHIC/GHIC card is not useable there. As we travel full-time, we needed to secure our cover whilst out of our home country and most UK companies will not initiate cover unless in the UK.

So we sought the best deal from those that will cover you whilst you are already travelling. The quote ranged from £113.20 to £355.80 for two people without and pre-existing conditions. We chose **True Traveller** as they had the lowest quote for us for our one month road-trip. For our 90 day trip in 2023, we secured a policy from Trailfinders as we had other cover we needed. Although they would only offer us 70 days cover in any one country.

Make sure you choose the European Cover and not Worldwide, as Morocco is covered under the EU countries. The other insurer options are:

[World Nomads](#)

[True Traveller](#)

[Worldwide Insurance](#)

3. Internet/Apps/Telephones

Talk to your telephone supplier as their coverage and packages don't cover Morocco and you will be charged crazy prices for calls and data, as it comes under International Rates.

You will need to buy a Moroccan Data SIM card, or eSim so you will need them to unlock your phone (you can do this online with most companies). Whilst some campsites have wifi, it's not always great, like anywhere and whilst you are out travelling, you will want to have connectivity.

Our advice is to make sure you have off-line versions of the apps you use most often. Before you leave Spain for Morocco, make sure you have downloaded all the Moroccan maps for your **maps.me** app, if you have it. Or simply buy an ESim so that you are connected immediately you arrive in the country. We use [orange.com](#) who had a special deal on their website.

Also we use [Park4night](#) for overnight spots and so bought the off-line version for €9.99 per year.

4. Documentation to take with you

Like with travel to most countries, you will need:

- **Passports** and copies in case you lose them together with your driving licence as you would under normal circumstances
- **V5** – in Morocco this is known as the Carte Gris – the grey card

- Your **MOT certificate** as it is reported that sometimes Police wish to check this. It wasn't required when we were stopped, although take it just in case.
- **Hard copies** of your Travel/Health Insurance and your Vehicle Insurance
- Your original **Moroccan Green Card or 3rd Party Cover certificate**. You are given this at the Port. More on this in a moment.
- Whilst it is unclear whether it is or isn't required, we decided to get an **International Driving Permit** sorted as well. We just wanted to cover all bases. We weren't asked for it, although we had it just in case.



5. Plans for maximising your LPG and EHU

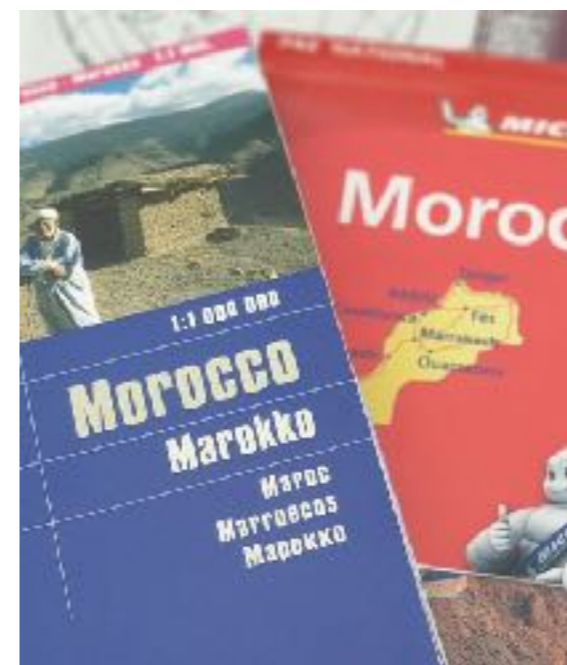
Because Morocco **doesn't have any** LPG, you will need to judge the use of gas carefully. Especially if you are coming for over for more than 60 days. So think about options for conserving your gas.

Obviously campsites will give you access to EHU, although it's not always stable. This seems to be a new problem for Morocco since 2023. We bought a regulator for €5 in preparation for buying a Moroccan gas bottle to supplement our usage, plugged into our external barbecue gas point. You can buy these gas tanks easily in Morocco. We also bought a **Voltage Regulator**, which you can get from **Bricoma** in large towns in Morocco. We bought ours from Mohemedia for €60 and is well worth the investment to save your appliances from the unstable supply. [Check out our video here.](#)

We also bought a low wattage, two-ring hot plate and an Air Fryer, all of which helped manage our gas very nicely.

6. Maps/Reference books

There's a ton of blogs out there about Morocco from motorhomers and overlanders. Some you buy and some are free on the web. It's definitely worth researching and having a read. We bought the book



by **Chris Scott called Morocco Overland**, which offers lots of off-road tips if you are travelling with a 4x4, which also has great info on how to travel to Morocco by motorhome. Whilst the latest edition is 2017 and some of his information is out of date, there's a load of really helpful tips in there.

One of his top tips is to buy paper maps of Morocco. Given that you need to buy a data SIM to stay connected in Morocco, using data hungry navigational apps like Google Maps, that are not always up to date, it's better to buy the latest hard copies maps. So we bought two maps based on recommendations; the **Reise Know-How 1:1** and the **Michelin Map**. On reflection we didn't need both of the maps; one would have done although we used it all the time.

Buy either the Reise Know-How 1:1 or the Michelin Map for Morocco. Available from The [Book Depository](#) or Amazon.

7. What to take with you - clothes/food/gifts

In terms of stock-piling before you go, unlike our trip to Norway, Morocco doesn't have the same price issue although some of their foods are expensive. These are the items we bought;

- The wine we like in boxes for easy storage
- Some pork and bacon (if you like it) for the freezer. Whilst Morocco is a liberal Muslim country, we only found pork offered in a couple of Carrefour supermarkets, despite there now being pig farms across the country. So bring some if it is what you enjoy eating.
- Hand Sanitiser to carry around with you for their public toilets.

- Washing up and machine liquid as it is more pricey.
- A shawl for walking through towns, for the ladies
- Two tyre repair canisters in case of a puncture. Although we would recommend you investing in TyrePal or a similar notification system that gauges the pressure of your tyres and advises you of potential punctures or deflating issues. Breakdowns aren't impossible to sort out here, as we found out when we had a puncture, but having a solution up your sleeve is good.
- Do not buy sweets and pens for begging kids. It feeds the wrong culture of reliance on tourists. This was advice from a local.

8. Taking Pets to Morocco

You are able to take your pet to Morocco, and the process is much simpler now. Sarah and Mark took Maya this year and provided us with this update.

Firstly make sure you have your Rabies - Titre test done in advance. Once you have your titre test results, the final hurdle is the health inspection and certificate required from the vet and the port office. This is all now done at the vets without the need to visit the PIF office at the port. We were highly recommended **Clinica Veterinaria Puerta Europa** just outside Algeciras

<https://cvpuertaeuropa.es/> +34 744 66 33 38 Avenida Europa, Av. San Bernabé St-4, local 3, 11204 Algeciras, Cádiz, Spain

Contact the vets by WhatsApp first thing - they speak English and you should get a same day appointment. It should all take about 10 minutes for the inspection and document completion. The vet will photograph your Pet Passport, your ID (passport or identity card) and will give you a green form. The vets then send the documents to the Port Office that same day. You then get the travel documents you need that evening. So make sure you allow plenty of time for this process before your sailing.

All this will cost between €60 and €120 depending on the vets you use and includes the port certificate.

Have your Pet Passport up to date and ensure you have already had the Rabies Titre test carried out and had three clear months before you travel to Morocco.

Also take sufficient pet food over with you that they are familiar with as getting brands you are used to may be difficult. Although we can't verify this as we are not currently pet owners, it is worth passing on their advice.

9. Getting your van 'Morocco ready'

Whilst travelling to any country these are good practices with your van, Morocco is perhaps more worthy of your Van Checks. And we say this reflectively having navigated safely around the country for three months and not all on National Roads. Although given there is no official European Breakdown cover present in Morocco, it is wise to ensure that your van is healthy and fit for travel.

Of course there is little we can do with those incidents that are just waiting on the wings to hit us, or a chip from a flying stone - these are all out of our control. Here are our suggestions:

- Check your **oil** and top up if necessary
- Make sure you have a full **screen wash** in your bottle and perhaps some spare in the garage. You will get very dusty windscreens and will be cleaning it daily with the amount of sand flying around.
- Check your **tyre pressures** and treads and make sure there is more than adequate tread for the duration of your trip. If you are close to needing new tyres, then we suggest getting them changed before you leave.
- Be sure to have a full set of **spare fuses** in case something blows whilst you are away.

- Make sure you have your **tool kit** fully prepared enabling you to do your own fixes if you are handy that way.
- Make sure you have **spare bulb set** for your headlights. If one goes, like it did for us, it is imperative to replace it immediately, as the police will stop you. Our friends were given a ten minute window to change their headlight bulb otherwise they would have been fined.
- Pack some **Zip Ties** as they come in useful for all manner of things that need tying down.
- Bring some dog food over to feed the strays. There's not much we can do to help them; feed them we can.

It is also essential that you store items like CB radios and walky-talkies, although I have read stories about these being ok in Morocco. You will though need to store your **drone**, as these are not permitted into the country and if found they will be confiscated. We found these guys in Algeciras, just 15 minutes from the port.

We have the smallest locker and we shared the cost with friends which was €65 for 3 months, which we didn't think was bad. We also popped our SUP in there too as there is very little opportunity for getting out on the water in Morocco. It is either angry Atlantic seas

or reservoirs that are quite low. So we saved ourselves the weight and made room for more beer.

If you decide to sail through Carlos (more on this soon, then we understand he will store your drone for you, for a small fee.





10 MOROCCO PRACTICALITIES

With all the pre-plans in place, you can now begin to look forward and start getting excited about your trip.

This chapter is devoted to all things Morocco; from what it's like driving, camping and generally how to make this African beauty your home for a while.

This will take away a lot of the uncertainty and fear that Morocco seems to have built up over the years.



Arriving

So armed with the results of all your research, you are now ready for the exciting bit – the travelling to Morocco. In this section we offer you a detailed and step-by-step account of the whole ferry and Custom's procedure. I am driven to write this because of the plethora of reports out there and to share exactly what happens when you leave Spain and arrive in Tangier Med (as of 17 January 2023). So much of my **EXCITYSCARED** feelings were because of some of the horror stories we had heard about getting through Customs and what we could expect.

Now we have been through it twice, it feels really important to share how it was for us and give you top tips for navigating it smoothly.

1. Choosing which port to sail from

There are plenty of Spanish ports to sail to Morocco from along the south coast. You can even choose to go from Sète in southern France, Genoa in Italy or Barcelona. As long as you are prepared for very long sailings of up to 60 hours. For the purposes of this blog, let's stick with Spanish ports for ease - correct @May 2020;

- **Barcelona to Tanger Med;** offers two ferry companies and up to five sailings per week and is up to 32 hrs sailing time
- **Almería to Nador or Melilla;** offers seven sailings a week to Nador & eight weekly sailings to Melilla taking around 5-7 hrs



- **Motril to Nador, Tanger Med or Melilla;** for Nador there are four sailings per week, Melilla six sailings per week lasting around 4-5 hrs and Tanger Med seven times per week and is up to 8hrs
- **Malaga to Melilla;** offers fourteen weekly sailings of between 4-6.30 hrs. You can also go to Tanger Med although only once a week
- **Tarifa to Tangier** offers two companies who sail eleven times per day and thirty-six times per week. The sailing is just 1hr.
- **Algeciras to Cueta and Tanger Med,** offering eight sailings per day and is about a 90 minute crossing.

Nador and Melilla are smaller ports that encounter less traffic and so their Custom's processes tend to be swifter, according to Morocco lover and author Chris Scott. Tangier City has the reputation for being a nightmare, as you have to drive through the city. And Cueta is a Spanish enclave so you have to drive a mile or so before hitting the Customs areas and 2026 reports are of horrendous delays.

Algeciras to Tanger Med is the most popular crossing route and this was the one we chose. We stayed overnight near the port in a free car park, joined by four other vans.

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2. Buying your ferry tickets

There are two main options for tickets if you are crossing from Algeciras.

1. Go through the famous Carlos from **Agencia de Viajes** on the Zone Commercial, just a mile out of Algeciras city. The coordinates for the Agency are **36.17932 -5.44126**.

2. Explore the new deals being offered by **DFDS** who have just taken over the FRS ferry company. In 2026, they offered a special deal for a return crossing for €130 which compared to Carlos's €270 is a massive saving. Whilst you specify sailing dates, you can easily change them via a WhatsApp message up to 48hrs before.

To secure this deal, you need to speak to the office directly and not go via the website. You can reach them here **+34 956681830**

They seem to have deals on for sailings up to June, although we are not clear whether this is a one off deal or will be offered in subsequent years. Please call to enquire. If not, then Carlos is your man.

You can park your van in the Carrefour parking area opposite and a Lidl's just across the road from Carlos' office. You are about 20 minutes driving time to the port.

If you go with Carlos, he takes **Credit card payments**, which helps and in winter 2026 the price for a motorhome and two adults was €270 return. We suggest you avoid going on a Monday as he is super busy and this trip it took us 45 minutes to clear the queue.

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RETURN 02.04.2026 11:00 Tanger Express-RedFish Speedlines Tanger Med >> Algeciras

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PURCHASE SUMMARY
Adult 02
Motorhome X1
Date of issue: 17.12.2025

TOTAL PRICE : 130,00 €

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK-IN 48 HOURS BEFORE BOARDING
PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT OR PERSONAL ID
BE AT THE PORT 30 MINUTES BEFORE BOARDING TIME

Top Tips for your Tickets

1. **Take the early sailing.** Given the reputation for ferry delays and Customs Checks in Tanger Med, we chose the 'red-eye' early morning sailing. Our thinking is, get on the first ferry and there will be no impact for backlog from previous ferry delays. Also when arriving in Morocco, there's only one boat load of vehicles to deal with, so the process should be more efficient. You also guarantee landing in Morocco in the light, which if this is your first time and you have any apprehension, is a **MUST**.

2. **Take enough Euros to exchange into Dirhams with Carlos.** Whilst the Agency doesn't have a lot of cash to exchange, you will be able to get a small amount of Dirhams. If you go with **DFDS** then you can get cash from the cash point in Tanger Med port for a standard commission fee of around 34.90Dirhams give or take.

3.. **Do not pay for the Immigration forms that the guy at the Port will try to sell you.** You can easily get the forms from the ferry and fill them out on board.

4. **Keep all your documents and tickets together.** I know it might sound a patronising tip, although in the stress that inevitably comes with ferry embarkation (or being stopped by the Police whilst on your trip), having everything in one envelope keeps your sanity in check. And I talk from experience and Myles will back me up.

5. Take out enough Euros for the Vehicle Insurance that you will undoubtedly need to buy in Morocco if you haven't been able to secure a Green Card with your insurers. They will only accept cash.

3. Completing your Immigration Card

Whilst I may risk insulting your intelligence, I do want to go through the completion of the Immigration Form that you will receive from 'Carlos'. I know it sounds ridiculous, although I spent a bit of time working out and researching all the categories I had to fill in. And because I didn't want to risk getting it wrong and causing unnecessary delays, making sure the details were right felt important.

To save you that stress, here are the sections & their interpretation.

- **C.I.N** This is a National Identity Card number and only needs completing if you have been to Morocco before and had your Passport stamped. You will find this number on the stamp, written in ink. If this is your first time to Morocco, then leave this blank.
- **Composteur No.** This is some sort of validation number and we left this blank and it caused no issues.

- **Nom.** Your Surname goes here.
- **Prenom.** Your first name.
- **Nom de Jeune Fille.** This is your maiden name ladies.
- **Date et Lieu de Naissance.** Date and place of Birth as in your Passport.
- **Nationalite.** Nationality goes here.
- **Pays de Residence Habituelle.** Put your country of normal residence here, ie where you live most of the time.
- **Profession.** Your job or retired.
- **Passeport No.** Passport number here.
- **Date de Delivrance.** This is your Passport Issue Date.
- **Provenance.** Where you are travelling from – so the Spanish or French port you are sailing from to Morocco.
- **Destination.** The Moroccan port you are sailing in to.



- **Adresse au Maroc.** Give the address of the first campsite you will be staying at or something like Hotel Fez.
- **Motif Principal du Voyage.** What is the reason for your visit to Morocco? So holiday will do fine.

If you make a mistake on the forms that Carlos gives you, you can get blank ones on board the ferry.

4. Boarding the ferry

We recommend getting to the ferry at least 90 minutes before the ferry is due to depart. This way you can be sure to get your chosen sailing. Follow the signs for Puerto through Algeciras and then at the port, the signposts for Tanger Med. You will then take these steps for boarding your ferry.

- **Check-in 1.** Hand over your ticket and your Passports. You will be guided to park up in a line.
- **Check-in 2.** One hour before the ferry sails, you are guided to another kiosk where once again you hand over your ticket and Passports. In return you receive a Boarding Pass per passenger. You then proceed to another parking lane.
- **Check-in 3.** Five minutes later as you head for the embarkation parking, where a ferry officinado will check your Boarding Passes.
- **Final Check-in.** Another officinado will approach the van and take one of your Boarding Passes and leave you with a copy. And that's it. You wait for the lorries to embark and then it's your turn. Chances are that you will go up to the top deck, which means if you have a big bottom like Scoobie, it might be a very

tight clearance. Although there was no scrapping for us thankfully.

- **Park where indicated and turn off your gas.**

The whole process was simple and we only departed 45 minutes late, which given the reports from others, was nothing at all.

When finally on the ferry, the last bit you need to do before grabbing a coffee, is to **queue up to get your Passports stamped and complete in your Immigration Form.** Each boat will probably have a different location, although it is likely to be by the cafe area or main lounge. You will now be in possession of a mighty fine stamp in the back of your Passport. We also understand that you can now take your V5 with you on Board and also get your Temporary Vehicle Immigration Card issued here, rather than waiting at the Port.

In terms of the question over whether dogs are allowed on board – we found nothing definitive. There is a No Dogs sign although we saw two passengers both with dogs on deck. So make of it what you will. I would attempt taking your dog with you until someone says you can't.

5. Disembarking & getting through Customs

Now this is the bit that I think, in all reality, I was dreading the most. That moment in time where the horror stories of chaos, money-greedy touts and stress would ensue. So I was prepared and mindful of what could happen next. Although I was also keen to see how the process worked in practice. So here is the most

up-to-date information about how the disembarkation from Tanger Med looks like (based on our February 2026 arrival.)

- **Getting off the ferry.** This did take a while as it does often with all ferries, so nothing major to report here. Even our low-slung rear made it off the boat without incident..
- **Passport Check.** We were guided by an official to have our Passports checked, which he gave a rudimentary check for the stamp on the back page and he waved us off. Still doing well.
- **A long drive to Customs and the Scanner.** You then, most disconcertedly follow the EXIT signs for what seems like ages. It feels like you are heading out of the port. We finally saw the signs for the Customs area. We headed for the lane marked 'Our vehicle is not registered in Morocco' and waited. Bear in mind that you may be selected for the Scanner. This can add a long wait to your entry to Morocco and if, like us you are not required then that's a bonus.
- **Vehicle Import Form.** This is the vital piece of paper you need to show that you and your vehicle will be leaving the country. The Customs' Police do it all for you unless you were able to do it on the ferry.
- So sit tight until you are asked to drive to a holding area. Within 15 minutes our V5 (**Carte Gris**) and the V5 owner's Passport were collected and taken to the Kiosk. This form is a small Credit Card sized document that **you must keep safely** as you will be asked for it on your return journey. It's good to see that things have progressed with these official procedures.

- **Another Border Control Check.** Once you have your Import Form, it's wagons roll. Well as far as 100m where there is another Border Control Check, which takes seconds then you're on your way.



- **Money and Insurance.** The final step in the process is to drive a further 100m where there are some cabins on your left-hand side. Here you buy your 3rd Party Insurance if you don't already have your Green Card and get your money from an ATM. The Insurers are located right at the end and the guy speaks English. Take your passports, V5, Import Document and your Euro cash and he will sort you out. This year I got 3 months for the price of 2 - €200.

So our verdict of the Custom's process? Much easier than I worried about. From getting off the boat to hitting the road is around 45-90 minutes. Just remember that is is Moroccan time - there is no hurry.

Check out our 2020 blog where we wrote about our experiences arriving and leaving. [Travelling to Morocco by Motorhome.](#)



Leaving Morocco

At this point, we think it is worth jumping ahead to your departure from Morocco.

Staying somewhere safe the night before

Depending on the ferry you have decided to catch for your return to Spain, will partly dictate where you stay. You can actually stay in the port if you are catching one of the 'Red Eye' ferries.

Do not under any circumstances drive in Morocco at night. It is not a safe strategy with unexpected potholes and drivers without headlights. So either stay at the port or catch a mid morning sailing.

The port is as easy to arrive into as it is to leave - generally speaking. Our 2026 departure was plagued by a 4 hour wait for the Scanner, but we didn't follow our normal 'take the early ferry' approach, so perhaps we paid the price

On approaching the port, follow the signs for the Automobile Access at the roundabout.

You will pass all the cabins where you may have picked up your money on the way out. Park here so you can walk to the Ferry Desks to get your tickets validated. You may even be able to negotiate an earlier ferry if you get there early enough.

Take your Passports and your ticket, and in return you will receive a triplicate ferry ticket for the next available ferry.

Getting through Customs

After the ease of arriving in Morocco's Customs, we wondered whether the process would be as simple on our return.

After receiving your ticket, you have four stages to go through;

1. As you leave the Ticket car park, an Official will examine your ticket and wave you on.
2. You then arrive at the first of the Customs' Checks. They will check your Passports and give you a stamp to say that you have exited the country.
3. You move forward 100yards to the next Kiosk where they ask for your Import Form – the small business sized card you received on arrival. They stamp this saying you are officially exporting your vehicle.
4. Then you queue up for the X-ray machine. Seven vehicles at a time drive on the examination platform and you are asked to exit the vehicle. They are searching for drugs and arms! Whilst we were there a converted rally Renault who came through the day before had been impounded for carrying 52kg of Hashish. That'll not be a pleasant extension to their holiday I'm sure. After ten minutes you are allowed back into your vehicle and you exit the platform. Then you drive a mile or so to a roundabout where you turn right to the departure gate for your chosen ferry carrier and park up and wait.

Make sure you allow yourself enough time to go through that procedure for your chosen ferry. We would recommend at least 2 hours, may be 3 if your ferry departure is time critical.

Getting on the ferry

Just a word of caution. If they send you up on the top deck of the ferry, if you have a large overhang, as we do then you are likely to scrape at the back. They will however give you ramps that will lift your rear end enough to clear it.

The boat only accepts Euros and rarely Moroccan Dirhams. DFDS has a good Duty Free. 1 Litre each is allowed.



Getting around Morocco safely

Morocco is full of stories; tales of dreadful driving, shocking roads and roundabouts that have no sense. So many of which scare people from visiting this mystical land. And I have to say, some of that was true for us too. But it's much like anything, sometimes you just need to feel it for yourself and see if the stories you hear fit the reality. It certainly was no where near as bad as people made out.

Also I think your Morocco road-trip adventure will partly depend upon what experience you bring to the show. If you have plenty of driving confidence in a range of situations, then Morocco will be no different to say driving in Italy, Norway or Bulgaria.

We all have our own comfort zones and things that feel more stretching than they do for others. So we offer this section with a degree of caution, because our experiences may be polar opposites for you. In the spirit of openness, this is what we noticed.

Is Morocco safe?

This is a question that we are asked often. The media are very good at painting a picture of places and situations that are so far from the truth. And so the reality - as we experienced it is...

Yes Morocco is safe.

We didn't feel unsafe at any point. And despite the presence of police in many places we were welcomed, greeted warmly and engaged with by everyone and always offered the biggest smiles I have ever seen. So fear not about safety - follow the

normal rules as you would in any other country. Be prepared, be savvy and travel well.

Can you leave you motorhome safely in Morocco?

Whether we left our van in a wild spot, Guardian Parking (more on that later) or in a campsite, we certainly felt safe - no less uncomfortable than anywhere else in Europe. The Moroccans are very kind and good natured people.

Do you feel safe as a woman?

I certainly had no issues as a female in Morocco. Certainly as my confidence grew over our four trips, I felt happy to go out alone. I did take a boat trip at Moulay Bousselham without Myles and felt perfectly safe. I think as long as you dress respectfully, there should be no issues with you being out alone in Morocco and plenty of solo ladies travel there without issues. I had one strange incident at the Roman ruins at Volubilis. A group of Moroccan teenagers were desperate to have their picture taken with me, asked for very respectfully and with a zestful energy. It made me smile all day and something I've never experienced before.

Driving around Morocco

Motorway Tolls

Let's start off with the Motorways, which are excellent and a pleasure to drive. They are Toll Roads that are payable in cash or credit card, at attended booths. Our motorhome at 7.5m was a Class 2. You may be asked if you have a trailer -

Remorque in French. This would take your class up to 3 and therefore higher prices. So be mindful of this.

The Tolls are reasonable on the whole, compared to say France. We would pay no more than €10 and that's for a 100 mile journey. And that was an expensive one.

I think it's important to manage expectations though on the motorway network. Unlike UK and Europe, the Moroccan motorways, that run through the countryside especially, often have pedestrians on the hard shoulder, chickens, herds of sheep and dogs - so caution is suggested.



The motorways around Rabat and Casablanca are more traditional motorway roads with three lanes and more traffic. We didn't enjoy the motorway experience around these two cities. It was a bit more stressful, partly because of the volume of traffic and also just the haphazard driving skills.

National and Regional Roads (NR or R roads on the map)

Morocco's National Roads vary vastly. Even in the space of 100km you will experience comfort and surprise at their quality to bum-clenching moments where single lane roads are suddenly seen as a free-for-all. There is nothing general to say about these roads as each one needs to be taken on their own merit. There are a few things to mention.

It is hard to talk about individual roads especially after the dreadful winter of 2026. The northern roads have been badly affected such as the N13 from Meknes to Chefchaouen. Also the R road south of Safi was, in February 2026 still closed as it has been washed away.

So if rain blights your journey to Morocco, just be mindful of road deterioration.

P Roads

P Roads we have found, are generally better than some R Roads, so don't be put off taking them. My only word of caution is that the winter of 2026 has taken its toll on Moroccan roads, so if in any doubts, talk to the locals before embarking on any P roads.

Off-piste Roads

One of the joys of Morocco is being able to go off-road - if you have the right vehicle. You will often see 4x4s and Rally cars around, especially in the southern desert region. Many of these roads are not recommended for standard campervans or motorhomes. So we would suggest that you exercise caution. Although using our maps, we did often take the 'road

least travelled' just because that's the way we enjoy travelling. The white roads on the paper maps are generally good roads to travel.

The other thing to say here, is that someone's horror experience is another man's joy. So we had a couple of reports of roads that should not be taken by motorhomes and yet when friends decided to drive it they found no issues at all. So some of Morocco's driving experiences will be based on your confidence, experience and courage. We loved most of the roads we drove.

Driving through towns can be a more interesting affair especially on market day. We found the driving behaviour changed completely from the motorways. There seems to be a free-for-all with a jostling for position between cars, lorries, bike-trucks and horse and carts. You certainly need to keep your wits about you.



The best advice we can give you, having navigated our way through 4 months in Italy and driven through Naples, is **drive**

defensively and with confidence. If you hold back in nervous anticipation, then you will not enjoy the experience. **Don't stop at Zebra crossings** as you are likely to have someone make friends with your rear bumper. **And expect the unexpected.** So you will see bicycles and mopeds driving on your carriage against the flow of traffic.

So go to Morocco with open eyes and awareness not fear. It really isn't as bad as people report - although again this does depend on your experiences.

Roundabouts need a special mention. What the rules are about roundabouts is anybody's guess. For some it is the standard rules as in Europe - give way to oncoming traffic to the left. On other roundabouts you will find vehicles stopping to your left and giving way to you. It is the most bizarre system and there is no obvious indication to which rules apply except, we found in the south east, where there are clear STOP signs and a line on the road. So approach roundabouts with caution. Even a resident French lady, when I asked her about the rules, shrugged her shoulders and said 'Il n'y pas de reglements'. There are no rules!

Speed limits - on some Regional Roads, like N12 in the deep south, also known as the Desert Highway, the speed is **100kph**. Through all villages/towns and residential areas, limits are **60** and then **80** elsewhere. So plan your travel carefully. Although we offer a word of caution with speed limits. They are not always obvious so if in doubt do **60kph** until you are sure that it is otherwise. Also around roadworks you will see signs going from

80-60-40-20 in very quick succession, so keep your eyes open for these signs.

If your Sat Nav indicates 3 hours, **add at least another hour** as you will make slow progress. Whilst we're not motorway lovers, getting off for a rest can be sensible. Especially if you've already had a long driving day. If you leave the motorway, allow at least another 50% on your ETA.



Speed Traps and Police Controls

Morocco is seriously HOT on speed traps. Mobile ones and cameras. They are everywhere, especially after coming through a motorway toll oddly. The police will even hide to try to catch speedsters. It's definitely more about entrapment than road safety, in our opinion. And tourists are fair game. 2026 was the first of our four trips where we didn't get stopped and fined.

If you are stopped, they will ask for your papers, including insurance or Green Card, driver's licence and passport and the fine could be whatever they choose. I was charged 150MAD

although after giving them 200MAD I received 100MAD in return. So be careful about Police scamming you out of money. Be strong enough to ask for a receipt at the very least or a print out of your speed. We didn't so had to take the hit.

If you are caught for speeding make sure you ask for a receipt, because if it's a scam, then this might high-

If you see the locals going slowly and it's not a clapped out old car, then you know there is a speed trap ahead. On the outskirts of towns, you will see Police Road Blocks with stingers (spiky tyre shredders) tucked away to the sides. We never did find out what they were searching for and we are glad that they were never put to use.

There are two types of Police Checks. One is a **Ralentir** where you just slow down and they will likely wave you on, if they are paying attention.

The second is **HALTE**. You MUST stop at these regardless. And you must **wait to be waved on**. Give the Police a nice wave and move on through.

Do not drive at night unless it is an absolute necessity. Moroccan drivers often don't use headlights and if you have an accident it will be a costly exercise.

Moroccan Drivers - are they really that bad?

Yes and no! **Yes** it is true that their driving is a bit erratic and seemingly impatient. And **no** because having driven in Italy, Morocco is absolutely no worse.

So honestly? Your experience of Morocco will be based on how much you have driven in other parts of the world. Morocco for example may seem tame in comparison to somewhere like Naples in rush-hour. If you've been there too then you will know exactly what I mean.

That said, they certainly have their own rules which often defy the Road Safety regulations. So motorbike riders rarely have helmets, phones are used whilst driving and swerving on corners common practice. Although honestly I could be talking about Italian drivers, so we thought it was absolutely fine driving over here.

Expect the unexpected, drive slower than you normally would and stay alert. And if you have eyes in the back of your head that would help.

Road Repairs

One thing about Morocco that you will notice is the infrastructure. There are so many new buildings going up, new pipes being laid, apartment blocks that were once abandoned being rebuilt and upgrades to the roads. So this can often mean that in the middle of a good stretch of tarmac road, suddenly

there will be a gravel section. These are generally indicated by bollards although not always, so take care.

Road Safety Rule Summary

I couldn't find an official website for Road Traffic Law as you would find in EU or UK, which pretty much fits their laissez-faire attitude.

A few rules for driving in Morocco based on our experiences:

- Advice given to us by a French resident of Morocco **DO NOT DRIVE AT NIGHT**. Moroccans do not believe in headlights and with the quality of some of roads and the lack of fencing for animals, to drive at night is dangerous. The view was if you have an accident at night, there are big € signs on your forehead - loosely translated.
- Drive on the right!
- Do not drink and drive. Given alcohol is seriously restricted in Morocco, despite the requests you will get from the locals, if you are caught with alcohol in your blood stream there are serious fines.
- Motorbike riders rarely wear helmets despite their somewhat erratic behaviour.
- Learn to look in all directions as people, animals and vehicles can walk out in front of you at any time. Just drive slowly.

- Drive to the speed limits **exactly**. Watch out for the 60kph signs through residential areas, and the 40kph zones through road works.
- Even in the desert region of the south, expect the unexpected. Nomad ladies will just randomly walk on the road four abreast.
- Drive defensively and confidently and do as the locals do especially at Pelican Crossings. Don't stop for pedestrians.
- Emergency telephones:
 - Medical Services; 110
 - Motorway assistance 5050
 - Police in cities:112
 - Police in the countryside: 177
- In the event of an accident, call the relevant number for the Police and whilst waiting, gather as many witness statements as you can and take photographs.
- All destination signs are in Arabic, Tamazigh and Latin.
- When you approach any town or city, expect to see Police Checks - slow down and wait to be waved on.
- If you are travelling in a convoy, when driving leave enough space in between you to allow for overtaking vehicles to pull quickly if they have misjudged the distances.

- Many southern roads have fords for the mostly dry river beds - drive slowly over these because of debris and uneven surfaces. Driven over them too fast could do damage. The signs will state 60kph.

Diesel and LPG

Morocco is pretty good on the Petrol Station front, generally speaking. We did come across a couple of challenges when we reached 1/4 of a tank with a mountain pass to drive. So very soon we learned to adopt the philosophy -

'Fill up when you see a station even if you don't need it.'

In 2026 diesel prices ranged from 10.04MAD to 13.10MAD thanks to Mr Trump's war.

There are signs in the stations about **'Under no circumstances are you permitted to fill up your own tank.'** A petrol attendant will serve you - so a 10-20MAD tip is always appropriate.

The major stations you can expect to see are **Shell, Total** and **Afriquia** although others are rapidly emerging.

Many of the garages also have huge Lavage washing areas - not surprising given the amount of dirt and dust. So we used these on a couple of occasions if the campsite didn't have any

grey dump facilities. There will be a man who will probably want 1MAD for the privilege of supervising you pull out the lever.

There is no LPG in Morocco despite what people may have you believe. Someone on one of the groups suggested that there was a station in Safi on the coast, and we agreed to check it out. Sadly it was a fallacy. So don't believe everything you read on the internet. Our attitude is, if suddenly Morocco had LPG everyone on Facebook would be raving about it. So, on that basis, we assumed there was none and not to pin our hopes on some wild prospecting of Google's goldmine. And given it is a good winter Schengen Shuffle option, managing gas is vital.

Therefore, before you come to Morocco, definitely give some thought to how you will conserve your gas. Think about buying single electric stove or a Remoska. We met plenty of people along the way who had been in Morocco for three months and were managing their LPG consumption really well thanks to the exchangeable, blue butane bottles.

Think about your travel route, for example avoid the mountains in winter where you will experience colder temperatures and often snow through January-February. This will put a strain on your LPG with heating, as the temperatures can drop pretty low.

Most campsites offer EHU and whilst it isn't always very strong or consistent, it does make a difference to your gas consumption.

It is possible to buy local gas bottles and a local adaptor and for a 90 day trip to Morocco this is probably your best bet to ensure you have plenty to keep your appliances going.





All Things Camping

Morocco is one of those countries that we have been privileged to visit that has given us some amazing camping experiences.

Not quite in the league of Scandinavia or Greece, but it is up there for us in terms of the places we were able to call home.

I mean just look at picture above taken at the Sahara desert - (**31.134978 -4.016332**) Hotel La Chance, Mergouza. It is one of our most memorable campsite experiences in our first year, which has since been challenged by some incredible finds. Here are your camping options whilst in Morocco.

Campsites

Campsites do vary in quality, in our experience. Not all Moroccan campsites are the manicured, pitch-perfect affairs that you might expect in Europe. But there's something charming about a rustic site that we prefer. Given we love going off grid, campsites are not our natural, go-to place of rest.

The biggest factor of Morocco's campsites is the price. They are so incredibly cheap. We rarely pay more than 100MAD, €10 per night, including EHU. And whilst sometimes the facilities are as varied as the sites themselves, we find them incredibly good value. And they are being improved all the time, we've noticed.

Off grid overnighers

Through our four visits we have had increasing success with off grid camping in Morocco. Whilst it is not illegal, there are places, especially along the coast, where police will move you on. Out in the desert and mountain areas, off grid is far easier and less restrictive. However, unless you are on a very restrictive budget, the campsites are really so good and cheap that it is a good option.

But one of our absolute favourite off grid spots is in Tafraoute where you camp amongst the palm trees for 15MAD.

And our experience there just highlighted the entrepreneurial spirit so indicative of Morocco. Each day the bakers come round with their bicycles, ladies offer Tagines and the water man, who comes round a few times a day to offer 100 litres to each van for 30MAD that's about €3 for a full tank. And believe me, to have the opportunity to stay at this glorious place, made this service all the more appreciated. (**29.713635 -8.988102**)

Generally speaking, if you find a space to park up, just as a matter of courtesy ask permission to stay. There are rarely any problems outside of the coastal region. You may get a visit from a seller looking to make some money from his wares, although you are never obliged to buy anything. I am a soft touch, so often I did make a purchase as it felt like a really important and constructive way to contribute and say thank you for our overnight stay.

Services for filling and emptying outside of campsites are not prolific, so some strategic camping might serve you well.

Park4Night as ever is a great resource to have - just make sure that you buy the full version - €9.99 per year so that you can use the off-line version, without taking up precious data.

Other camping options

- **Camping-Car Parking Aires** - there are increasingly more places cottoning on to the notion of providing camping services to accommodate the thousands of vans that visit December to March. One such place was **Hotel Noufla** at Aït Benhaddou. With stunning views across to the UNESCO Kasbah, this hotel has a perfect place with room for 5 vans. With services and facilities it was a great place to stay.
- **Random Guardian Parking** - Morocco, unlike its European counterparts encourages motorhomes as we are big business. So you will find kids hovering around random parking areas trying to wave you down. They ask for money to 'watch your van', so be cautious of this. Only pay men in official fluorescent jackets. Many cities have Guardian Parking opportunities and you can expect to pay 50MAD.

The bottom line - there really is no worry about being able to stay somewhere safe in Morocco.



Cost of Living

In our Norway eBook the Cost of Living section made for essential reading given its reputation for expense. Morocco is so far removed from that, that to report on this section is a joy for us budget lovers. Morocco will be one of the cheapest road-trips you will take as there is very little that has a price tag, with the exception of alcohol. Here are some guidelines about the costs we experienced in Morocco.

- **Food bills** for our first, four week stay was £230, which is a weekly average of £57. Six years later it has gone up a bit, although not by much. It is averaging now about £65.

- **Diesel** averaged between 10-13MAD (€1-1.30 per litre)
- **Entrance Fees and Attractions.** Morocco's magic is mostly about the landscape which will blow us away. Plus the vibe of the souks and medinas which are of course all free to enter, as long as you can resist the street sellers. There are a few museums to go to, although not like some other areas in Europe. Here are some things to bare in mind about Morocco's attractions;
- The one thing we noticed about the official museums we saw, they have a tourist rate and a Moroccan rate which is much cheaper, as you might expect. So don't feel offended, it's just part of their culture.

- Something to bare in mind, some places you wish to visit will ask for a donation, so always make sure you have some cash, at least 50MAD, which is only 5€.
- Some tourist attractions, such as UNESCO site Aït Benhaddou have locals trying to get you to pay to get in. Unless there is an official ticket desk where you will be expected to pay - don't. They are just entrepreneurial chancers and not official ticket sellers.

Here's a list of all our activities:

- **Kasbah at Chefchaouen** which was €5 each.
- **Traditional Berber House** in Tafraoute, where there was no entrance fee. We had at least 90 minutes touring the house, which was amazing and included a tea-ceremony. We gave a donation of 50MAD despite not knowing what was appropriate - there were no guidelines at all. Others in the group seemed to offering 20MAD.
- **Aït Benhaddou** the famous Kasbah and UNESCO site where many well-known films have been made. This is free to enter - do not pay anyone who tries to get money from you - UNESCO sites are generally free to enter.
- **Roman Ruins of Volubilis**, which is totally worth visiting however many similar sites you have seen across Europe. The well-preserved mosaics are well worth seeing.





Shopping

We were unsure what to expect for food shopping in Morocco. So a bit like our Norway expedition the previous year, we came prepared. We already knew that alcohol was difficult to get and more expensive, so we bought some wine boxes and spirits to see us through the month in case we struggled.

We also had plenty of meat on board in our compact freezer. If we are honest, we weren't very adventurous in the markets in our first year. By 2026, I was shopping at the souk butchers without any hesitation.

However the cultural shock of seeing meat hanging up and all parts of the animal and the flies just didn't initially entice us to buy. However their practices and hygiene have improved hugely over the last six years.

On a regular basis we used the souks and markets for our fruit and veg. They were always such good value. You are given a large bucket and you fill it with all the items you wish. Then they weigh it and you pay. Some of the heavier items they weigh separately, like avocados, but you'll be hard pushed to spend €5 on a huge bucket load of veg.

For all other main supplies, there are smaller supermarkets, which are a little more expensive than the souks, although for

mainstay items this is your best bet. The main supermarkets we found were **Carrefour** found in most large cities and also **Marjane**. However if you draw a line from Agadir west - anywhere south of this, you are unlikely to find these branded supermarkets. And also, it is only Carrefour that you find any alcohol, which are 'Waitrose' prices.

As you head to the desert regions, bear in mind that you are unlikely to find fresh mushrooms, tinned tomatoes, spinach or very decent lettuce.

For best Moroccan buys, look for their spices, Argan Oil (do make sure you buy from a Cooperative for authenticity) and fabrics, all of which are super cheap.

DIY Emergencies

Whilst we hope it doesn't happen, life on the road can mean technical issues. And some people fear this element most whilst on a road-trip through Morocco. Rest assured that the Moroccans will bend over backwards to help you.

Whilst we broke down en route north from the desert, a lorry driver stopped and totally took control of our issue. Whilst he had broken French, we understood him well enough to get by. We had the situation in hand, he was determined to resolve it for us.

If you ask for help, they will know a man, a brother, uncle or son who has a garage who will help you.

And from reports we've heard the Moroccan technicians are some of the best. We know of a couple who had to have a brand new engine which they had repaired in Morocco without any issues. So the bottom line is never be afraid to ask for help. If you do break down, then google breakdown companies in the nearest town. They will come out to you and help get you repaired.

For DIY tools, head to a main city and search out a **Bricoma**, this services most of our needs on a day to day basis.

Medical Emergencies

We've twice needed to see a Dr in Morocco and both times they've been very efficient. It costs around 300MAD for a consultation which is a first come first served basis. Sometimes the surgery will have an ultrasound and may be an Xray, although you generally need to go to a provincial town to a main hospital for that. An x-ray will cost you 100MAD.

If you need prescription drugs or medical equipment, there are two pharmacies in Morocco. The standard one is simply called a **Pharmacy** selling drugs, cosmetics and over the counter products. Their **Parapharmacy** is a specialist store where you will get medical equipment like crutches.

Hopefully you won't need either, although if you do, then you will be easily and efficiently attended to.

When to visit Morocco

Morocco is a perfect winter and spring destination for motorhome travellers, evidenced by the hoards of vans that flock there after the Christmas celebrations. Despite being classed as Morocco's rainy season, (November-March), conditions can be excellent during these months. And certainly for our visit during February and early March, the weather was absolutely beautiful. We had just one day of rain during our 30 days, which fell as snow up on the Atlas mountains. However weather patterns are changing and the winter of 2026 will go down in history.

September and October are also recommended months to travel as the subtropical conditions begin to wane and cooler temperatures are likely. November is traditionally the wettest month and when rain falls on the dry land it simply runs off, so you may need to be cautious on some of the mountain passes and 'back road' routes with debris.

Despite its close proximity with mainland Europe, it is easy to forget that Morocco is the northern-most country of the African continent. And as such will be affected by both European and African weather patterns. This means that you could experience a range of conditions depending upon where you are located.

North of the country the moderate climate is influenced by the breezes coming off the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Further inland you will see a dramatic difference in temperatures as you head towards the mountains. Often during January and February there is snowfall and very much colder temperatures.

And of course on the southern fringes you are into a desert climatic conditions. Even in February we had 35°+. We did though have to delay our visit there because of the notorious **Chergui** desert winds that can blight the region, blowing in from the east across the southwest desert. Keep an eye on the weather forecast when you visit so that any danger of the Chergui can be navigated carefully.

For more information check out [Visit Morocco](#).

What to pack

Part of my preparations prior to our trip was to assess my wardrobe. Morocco is a Muslim country that follows Islamic customs. So I was acutely aware that as a female travelling there, I would need to think about dressing and behaving in a way that respects their traditions.

I knew running would be unlikely. Given I am, how would you describe it - well endowed, I thought bouncing along would be an inappropriate activity in Morocco and was likely to attract unwanted attention. Also how I dressed when visiting towns and cities, felt like an important and respectful consideration.

Whilst there is an increasingly strong western influence across Morocco, especially around the coastal region and northern towns, this is mostly with the younger generation. The older community are still very formal and traditional, so being respectful is essential. Scarves, long skirts, covered shoulders and 3/4 trousers are all good for city excursions.

Communicating

Data

Morocco is a well connected country and I say this with a tinge of surprise. Whilst we found it tricky in places along the Atlantic Coast, even in the mountains we were getting banging 4G and 5G.

Before you get too excited and carried away with yourself, there are some basic rules to Data connectivity in Morocco. First of all our UK and EU phone suppliers do not cover Morocco from a Data perspective. And if you want to text or make telephone calls, then you will be charged exorbitant International Call Rate fees.

So one of your second jobs once landing in Morocco after getting some dosh, is to find a **Maroc Telecom**. They are in the main towns and cities. If you decide, like we did, to head for Asilah on the coast, then just across the road from the Camping Asaada, there is a Maroc Telecom shop. Bear in mind they don't open at the weekends.

At time of writing you can get a data package SIM for 200MAD, which gives you 20GB of data. This can then be topped up at any Maroc Telecom (as long as you don't have to waste your life queuing) or at one of the many Tabac shops that have the **Maroc Telecom, Orange** or **Inwi** sign outside.

You can also buy an unlimited package from Inwi, which you can generally find in large Marjane supermarkets. We bought an [orange.com](https://www.orange.com) eSim which was a good deal £13.99 for 25GB for a month. So between us we had Maroc Telecom, Inwi and Orange

and we ended up using them all when coverage with one was weak compared to another.

An important note.

Bear in mind that most SIM cards are only data. You can buy calls and messages packages, but they are much more expensive.

We learnt this trip, that with Maroc Telecom you can exchange some of your data for limited phonecalls. Otherwise, if you need to get in touch with someone at home, then you will need to take out the **Maroc Telecom SIM**, replace your standard SIM and then make the call. Or of course use the WhatsApp option for keeping in touch with family and friends. Remember you will be charged International Rates.





Cultural Differences

I think it is worth making a reference here to the cultural differences that you will encounter in Morocco. From animal welfare to Ramadan and how they treat women, these are worthy subject for this latest edition.

Animal Welfare

We have been to many European countries where animals are not treated with the same kindness as the UK. And Morocco is on the list for countries that don't have the same love or respect for their creatures. You will see camels and donkeys with legs tied together to stop them roaming. And the stray cats are overtaking numbers of feral dogs.

Since Covid the stray dog issue has grown exponentially so much so that the government has taken action; and not one that fits with our animal loving values. Sadly 700,000 animals have been removed from the streets with methods that I don't even want to think about. However, it has certainly removed the massively growing problem of aggressive dog packs that were becoming a problem. There are still some groups of dogs in the mountain villages and desert, although the main towns and cities, the numbers are noticeably down.

Women

The laws protecting and promoting women are changing in Morocco. The King is setting new standards for the role women play in the community and in marriage. There is definitely a shift towards promoting women in the workplace and you will see most Co-operatives are now run by lady entrepreneurs.

You will see a much more European culture emerging in Morocco these days, especially in the north. Fashion, traditions and general presence is definitely shifting towards a more relaxed approach to women.

However you will still see many young female school children still expected to wear the iconic white coats, which are seen as a symbol of modesty. It is though seen as increasingly discriminatory and this practice is being challenged.

The culture in the towns and cities, especially north of the Atlas is very different to the south, where traditional practices are still honoured without the European influence.

As a woman visitor, you will mostly be treated with respect and curiosity. But some older men, if you haven't dressed conservatively or are too near a mosque, will give you a look of disdain and disrespect.

Call to Prayer

This is of course a cornerstone to Moroccan's life. As Muslims they make time to pray up to five times a day, often at mosques - sometimes on the side of the road. The Muezzins make their Call to Prayer, which we have found follows a similar melodic tune at certain times of the day.

Every village, however small has a mosque, so the sound vibrates across the countryside starting when the sun rises. The times do vary from day to day and season to season. The support band often comes from the howling dogs of the village, which is always a little amusing.

Rubbish

Morocco over the last 6 years we have been visiting has vastly improved its approach to rubbish. The King has implemented a number of strategies that includes more refuse collections, road cleaners and plastic recycling. And we are starting to see the results of this change in policy and mindset. However, to the newbie eye, the presence of rubbish is still greater than we might be used to elsewhere. So keep mindful that this is one of those cultural adjustments you will need to make. The desert region is worse than the cities and northern regions.





Ramadan, Iftar and Eid al-Fitr

Ramadan is an annual tradition across the world, where Muslims honour daylight hour fasting, prayer & community for one month.

Every 33 years there are two Ramadans as the Islamic lunar calendar is 10-12 days shorter than the Gregorian solar calendar. The next double Ramadan is in 2030.

It is an important month and as the new moon arrives, the fasting begins. It's worth noting that the **clocks go back one hour** from the Sunday before Ramadan, until the Sunday after Ramadan. From sunrise to sunset, Moroccans must abstain from smoking, drinking and eating, only breaking that fast as the sun sets and darkness falls. Then it is time for Iftar, a meal that is celebrated with friends and family.

For visitors it is a privilege to witness, and to be invited to an Iftar is a wonderful experience. Many cafes and restaurants close during the day, alcohol is not sold in Carrefour and you may find locals a little more grumpy in the early days of Ramadan as they adjust. If you are lucky enough to be present for Eid al-Fitr, the day Ramadan ends, you witness a celebration, new clothes and a freedom that is a fabulous sight.





How Long can you Stay?

As with most countries, you can stay in Morocco for 90 days without buying a visa. Your passport is just stamped on arrival. Should you wish to stay longer as a UK citizen, there are a couple of options open to you;

1. You can take a **cheap flight to Europe** for 24hrs and then return, resetting your visa for another 90 days. Please be aware though that whoever is the owner of your vehicle will need to present a copy of your Passport, Temporary Admission form and your V5 to the Custom's Police in the Airport. They will give you an Attestation to give the Border Police, showing that you are returning to collect your vehicle and not abandoning it in Morocco.

2. You can **cross into Cueta** which is a Spanish enclave and then re-enter into Morocco. We hear reports of massive queues using this method, although is one used by many people.

3. The other approach is to do the voluminous paperwork presented to the **Sûreté Nationale Police Station**. We visited a station to ask the question and established that it is a free service. You must arrive 15 days prior to your expiry date. You need to have copies of your passport, show means of income, do a work CV with details of close family DOB/DOD. You also need proof of your stay at a campsite for those 15 days. All large towns have at least one Sûreté office, so you can make plans, nearer the time of expiry. You can ask some campsites to do it for you, although they now only help you with the paperwork. You must visit the Police office in person.



11 CAMPING OPTIONS

Unlike Norway, camping in Morocco is not a free-for-all. In fact, Morocco is just beginning to catch up to the idea that motorhomes bring income to their country and are starting to raise their camping game.

Wild camping is less restrictive, although parking up along the coast after sunset can be prohibited. Further inland wild spots sit side by side campsites and the entrepreneurial locals seize the opportunity to sell you water, bread, biscuits and anything else they can muster. Here's all of our overnight stops with co-ordinates.



Wild camping at Tafraoute

1. Asaada Camping - Asilah (35.472015, -6.028589)

Our first stop from Tangier Med - just 90 mins down the motorway. A lovely site of just 20 vans within 2 mins walk to Maroc Telecom and 10 mins to the old town. A perfect introduction to Morocco. 80MAD pn.

2. Moulay Bouselham Site Now Closed. Parking outside allowed

Sad to hear that this campsite victim of Covid. Although we understand that parking is allowed on the outside of the campsite so you can still take the boat trip with Hassan.



3. International Camping Mehdy, Kenitra (34.25665, -6.673688)

A large European style campsite that accommodates over 100 vans with a lovely swimming pool. There's not much to do in the area although there is a sandy beach. Be aware of lot of stray dogs.



4. Camping L'Ocean Blue Mohammedia (33.736629, -732354)

A busy campsite beside the beach run by a lovely family. 80MAD per night inc EHU. They are tight pitches although it is fine for one night. Arrive early.



5. Oulidia Aire, nr Safi (32.731708, -9042609))

What an incredible place this is. A quiet and authentic fishing village with the ocean and a lagoon, Oulidia is incredible. There is a huge Aire you can stay on for 80MAD per night with some services, although no EHU. There is also a campsite up the hill.



6. Sidi Kaouki Beach Camping (31.350979, -9.794785)

Just south of Essaouria, Sidi Kaouki is a hippie hangout with the most amazing vibe. There are 3 campsites and this is the best quality from we could tell. Great swimming pool and bread/veg sellers that come around to your van. <3 nights 70MAD per night.



7. Imsouane Plage Street Parking (30.842258, -9.82099)

We came off the N1 to an off the beaten track fishing village come surfer dude paradise. Parking was only on the street although plenty of other vans and it cost just 10MAD for 24hrs. Not sure this exists any longer.



8. Camp Takat - south of Agadir (30.253385 -9.585138)

In the middle of nowhere this is an oasis campsite full of French vans. Best showers and swimming pool we've seen. 80MAD exc EHU. It was fine for a night.



9. La Palmeraie, Tifnit Plage (30.183978, -9.588983)

This is a top class campsite with great size pitches for all vehicle types, good showers and 2 pools, although only 1 is open in the winter. Only 45 mins from the Airport at Agadir, this is perfect for visiting family with cabins to rent. Reception speak excellent English. 110MAD per night all inclusive with discounts for longer stays.



10. Municipal Camping Aglou (29.803725, -9.827519)

A popular campsite close to the beach with sandy pitches that can be soggy after rain. There is a supermarket and van wash on site. Cost 80MAD per night.



11. Camping Legzira, Legzira Arches (29.446276, -10.114855)

This informal parking/campsite was perfect for views across the ocean and access to the beach, albeit down some steep steps. No good if you have mobility issues. The Arch is well worth a walk and the community has a lovely vibe. Just 5MAD per night no EHU.



12. Camping El Barco, Sidi Ifni (29.382945, -10.175463)

A very sandy site with great views across the ocean although poor quality showers and EHU wattage. There is a laundromat in town although no big supermarket, so come stocked up. There are two other sites to choose from in the town that might be better.



13. Tafraoute wild camping (29.713635, -8.988102)

A stunning spot in the Tafraoute valley surrounded by the granite rose rocks. The town is famous for its Babouche shoes and Painted Rocks. The Berber museum is worth seeing. 15MAD per night.



14. Camping Palmier - Tata (29.753004 -7.974325)

We have heard rumours that this site is a Covid victim and no longer open. There is another small site in town if you need to break your journey from or to Tafraoute.



15. Camping Jamal, M'Hamid (29.800567, -57.19813)

A nomadic and very basic campsite for about 6 vans, right on the desert. There is water and a chemical toilet disposal although nothing else. The EHU no longer works. You are in the sticks, which is lovely, although the Guardian dog barked all night beneath our window so we had to leave. 50MAD per night. Tours can be booked.



16. La Boussole du Sahara, M'Hamid (29.828502, -5.732585)

A lovely campsite in the desert. There is no road leading to it although it is easily drivable by all vehicles. A warm welcome by brothers, Khalifa and Abdou who are so kind. 80MAD pn. Great sunrises and sunset. Watch out for the Black Waste disposal. Not easy to find.



17. Carrefour des Nomads, M'Hamid (29.829084, -5.664309)

A lovely intimate campsite attached to a gorgeous Kasbah hotel run by a Belgian guy. Super swimming pool, which is chargeable and fantastic showers. You are provided with a carpet on arrival and given pancakes in the morning. Highly recommended.



18. Haven La Chance - Merzouga (31.134978 -4.016332)

A magical campsite, partly because we were parked up just a few metres from the Sahara desert. They had great showers, swimming pool, lounge and washing services. Although the EHU struggled out here. Cycling distance to Merzouga. 80MAD pm.



19. Camping Municipal Ouarzazate (30.922981, -6.88745)

A nice site close to town 100MAD with EHU. Arrive early as it gets incredibly busy with vans parked in the road. Showers looked good although didn't use them.



20. Hotel Noufla - Aït Ben Haddou (31.040752 -7.127643)

This was a super Camper Park for 5 vans with services. Showers were chargeable separately for 10MAD. 80MAD per night with excellent views across to the UNESCO Kasbah. Wonderful sunrise.



21. Hotel Agdal - Aït Benhaddou (31.258558, -7.328342)

After driving the stunning P1506 from Aït Benhaddou, this was a welcome overnight stop. We parked in the upper car park, which had no services. Offered mint tea. We had dinner which was expensive although lovely. 50MAD for overnight.



22. Le Relais Marrakesh (31.707873, -7.989597)

A lovely campsite that we visited a number of times during our second trip to Morocco. The price lowers the longer you stay. Over 3 days 90MAD with EHU. Great pool, restaurant and a veg cart comes every day. And Mohammad is a fabulous machinist.



23. Chichaoua Sports Centre (31.548805, -8.756956)

A freebie overnight, with permission from the police. A fairly quiet night, a few barking dogs although nothing too disruptive. It is a good spot that breaks the journey from Marrakesh to Essaouria.



24. Setti Fatma Guardian Parking, Ourika (31.2286, -7.669818)

In a beautiful riverside setting this overnight parking is great. A small gravel parking area which is busy in the day although empty at night in March. 10MAD for daytime plus 20MAD for nighttime.



25. Maison d'hôtes Sajada, Marrakesh (31.64972, -8.186696)

Gérard & Sajada have a lovely guest house and small camperstop, which they are developing. It's currently only ideal for vans up to about 6m. We struggled with our 7.5m van. They are very kind and generous and they have a stunning pool, chargeable. 100MAD per night inclusive of EHU and water. A nice post city retreat.



26. Camping Zebra, Ouzoud Cascades (32.004773, -6720648)

One of our top campsites of our 2023 trip. 1 mile from the waterfalls (downhill!) and with walks to the river's source directly from the site. A stunning pool with great views and super showers. 100MAD pn with 25MAD per day for the pool, if you use it.



27. Jardin de Lac, Bin el Ouidane (32.089807, -6.465474)

At the second house on the right, before the hotel is an incline suitable for motorhomes 7.5m to reach a small strip of land run by brothers. You can park, hook up, have private seating, free bread and use their showers all for 50MAD. A little noisy with dogs, although a generous family welcome.



28. Carrefour Car Park, Kenifra (32.944188, -5.660894)

There is very little overnight camping in a 100 mile radius so this was very welcome. There were four other vans here overnight and permission was granted by the local Gendarme.



29. Kasbah Jurassique Camping (32.153715 -4.375345)

A small campsite in the Ziz Gorge en route north. Good showers and shaded by the gorge mid afternoon. There is a restaurant in the auberge run by a lovely family who speak English. 70MAD with EHU 50MAD without.



30. Monkey Forest wild camping (33.406194 -5.185481)

This is a parking area just off the main road, which did have a fair bit of lorry traffic throughout the night as it is the main route north-south. We asked permission to stay, which was granted by the guardian, Ali. You have the native Barbary monkeys all around you in the cedar trees. You can buy nuts to feed them by hand. There are stall sellers who will offer you their wares, although no obligation to buy.



31. Euro Camping - Azrou (33.44353 -5.189853)

A lovely and well presented campsite with lots of animals to please the kids and a great view. Try the local Tagine, it is delicious. 100MAD per night and the Tagine 100MAD for two people.



32. Diamant Vert Camping, Fes (33.987617, -5.018444)

Great little campsite that deserves a better reputation. Rubbish showers although a quiet and perfect location. You can book a shuttle taxi to the city for 50MAD pp one way. 125MAD per night.



32. Meknes overnight parking (33.890544 -5.564398)

The imperial UNESCO city of Meknes offered street parking dedicated for motorhomes and campervans. It was run by official guardians, so you can stay safely and visit the souk and main square. 50MAD although no services.



33. Camping Zerhoun Bellevue (34.014461 -5.562219)

A basic and compact campsite close to the Roman ruins of Volubilis. It was adequate for a night although far too squeezed in for my liking. 95MAD inc EHU 75MAD exc EHU. *Photo courtesy of Search-forSites.*



34. Guardian Parking, Chefchaouen (35.16591, -5.261989)

Not a pretty place to stay although perfectly safe and surprisingly peaceful for city parking. The camping up the hill was, we thought extortionate, so with this only a 2 minute walk to the Blue City, at 50MAD, it was perfect.



35. Rif Motel Camping, Ouezzane (34.773349, -5.544494)

This is one of the more expensive campsites in Morocco, although we love it. 2026 prices were 130MAD per night all inclusive with free bread each morning. The swimming pool tends to be open from mid March.



And new to 2026...

36. Amellagou Auberge - Middle Atlas (32.003829, -5.025007)

Ali's place is a delight to stay at, after a fabulous Gheris Gorge drive. For 100MAD per night inc ehu welcome tea and pancakes for breakfast. There are only 3 spots though so arrive early.



37. Land of Dreams - Nkob (30.853347, -5.870245)

Ali is a wonderful host at this new campsite. 70MAD exc EHU or 90MAD with. Safe, exclusive and the best showers in Morocco.



38. Le Jardin Zagora (30.328843, -5.832938)

This was a wonderful find this year. A super campsite welcomed by Safforian and his dad. With great pitches, a quiet city location and great showers. For 110MAD pn.



39. Rimal Tata Camping - Tata (29.641846, -7.937805)

Zahra and her family run a wonderful campsite that we absolutely adore. We never want to leave. It is off the beaten track, rustic and homely. For 100MAD inc EHU per night, this is a cool vibe place to stay with the warmest of welcomes.



40. Tiznit Guardian Parking - Tiznit (29.697474, -9.733500)

Right outside the Medina walls, not the quietest place but full of character.





12 TOP TIPS SUMMARY

When I think of the places we've travelled in since 2016, there could be no two places so far removed from each other as Norway and Morocco. Both firmly in our memories although for such different reasons. Morocco is a real adventure and one that remain in my heart forever.

Here is a summary of our top tips for making Morocco memorable for the right reasons.



TOP TIPS SUMMARY FOR MOROCCO

1. **Take the 'red-eye' ferry** from Spain to Tanger Med for the easiest entry into Morocco. This avoids the crowds, queues and inevitable stress as the first boat of the day means you are ahead of the masses.
2. Come end **September/October or January to May** for the best of the weather. Although Morocco is a top winter destination for campers, especially the French, so the campsites will be busy.
3. Remember if you come in the **winter that the weather** especially in the mountains and desert could be unpredictable. So be prepared for snow, torrential rain or sand storms.
4. Don't forget that the currency is **Moroccan Dirham**. Keep an app like [Xe.com](https://www.xe.com) to hand to help with the conversion.
5. Unlike Scandinavia, which is a cashless society, **Morocco mostly deals in cash**. So always make sure when you see a cashpoint, get money out. We were allowed 3000MAD per day (€300).
6. **Do not arrive in Morocco without your Green Card or 3rd Party Insurance certificate**. Without it, if you get stopped by the police they will check your paperwork, and if absent they will send you home immediately.
7. **Tip the petrol attendants** or guardians who look after your van. It is not expected although always appropriate. Always leave a tip if you have a meal out or someone cooks you a tagine.
8. **Unlock your phone** before leaving for Morocco and make your first job to get a local SIM card from a Maroc Telecom and then

- recharge either on line or at one of the many Recharge shops in every town and village.
9. Come prepared with **LPG saving strategies** or buy local gas bottles and an adaptor depending on the length of your stay.
 10. When visiting the souks and medinas, **keep your valuables concealed and safe**. We didn't encounter any trouble, although like any tourist destination around the world, be mindful.
 11. **Watch your speed at all times** - fines are imposed by police at free-will and not necessarily authentically. Do ask for a receipt or evidence of your speeding offence.
 12. **Come prepared with some supplies** especially if you enjoy a tipple every now and again. Alcohol is not easy to get. Nibbles like crisps are more expensive than you would expect, so having these on board if they are your fancy may help your budget.
 13. **Eating out** is cheap. Try a locally prepared tagine and whilst we were a little bit disappointed with the lack of flavour they are cheap and wholesome. Do experiment with their menus especially the Pastilla, which is a savoury filo pastry filled with spicy meat and covered in cinnamon and icing sugar.
 14. **Plan your routes carefully** as the maps get out of date quickly. There is a lot of resurfacing of roads, which is great although the roadworks make for an uncomfortable and slow journey. Also if you want to go off-piste, be cautious if there has been recent rain, as the run-off bridges can often be strewn with debris and can make routes impassable.
 15. Morocco's **motorway network is excellent** although tolled. Be prepared to see people and animals at the sides of the carriage-way.
 16. **Driving in Morocco is not as bad** as some would have you believe. Although it is more chaotic than we are used to. Drive slowly, mindfully and confidently.
 17. **Avoid stopping for people at zebra-crossings** as Moroccans are not used to giving way to pedestrians and you are likely to have a vehicle up your backside if you stop or slow down for them to cross. Just keep driving, as the locals do.
 18. Always **approach villages and towns slowly** as there is always a police blockade. We were always waved on although we saw stingers at the sides of these blockades which looked menacing.
 19. **Internet connectivity** is pretty good across the country, except it is a little patchy along the coast, we found.
 20. **Plastic litter** is a serious issue in Morocco but improving. Whilst the King is putting in measures, you may still see acres of discarded bottles and bags, which is such a shame and quite upsetting when the countryside is so beautiful.
 21. In addition **animal welfare** leaves a lot to be desired. Animals are part of the working team here and so are not treated as pets. So come to Morocco prepared to see laden donkeys, cattle's legs tied with rope and lots of stray cats. The wild dog situation is improving.
 22. If you are **travelling with your own dog**, make sure you have your Pet Passport fully up to date and a minimum of three months with your Titre test before travelling. And we suggest you keep

your dog on a lead at all times. We never saw any aggression between local dogs and travellers' pets, although better be safe than sorry.

23. When shopping in souks, **be prepared to haggle**. The first price is never the only price. Some won't budge so be prepared to walk away if it isn't good value. But it's always worth a little negotiation.

24. Whilst visiting souks, **be prepared for beggars** asking for your business. Moroccans are incredibly entrepreneurial and you will see people finding many ways to earn a few pennies. In the souks we visited, they were not invasive although if you are not used to this type of shopping experience, then get a Guide which costs around 150MAD. We didn't find it necessary but it might help.

25. Learn a simple **'non merci'** for your souk experience. Generally this will suffice. Do bare in mind if you stop to admire, look at a price or generally stop for more than a second, you will be seen as fair game and the stall owner will descend like a vulture. So only stop at a stall if you are genuinely interested in the goods, otherwise you might feel distinctly pressurised to buy.

26. **Distances** are long in Morocco, so plan your journey carefully based on the time you have available. You don't travel quickly in Morocco, so plan your driving days carefully. Some of the more touristy mountain passes and gorges are better driven early in the morning to avoid the crowds and so you will have the narrow roads to yourself.

27. **Be prepared to come home with plenty of gifts** as there are plenty of buying opportunities. Whether it is cheap fabric from the markets, clothing, shoes, spices or of course a tagine. The oppor-

tunity to buy local and authentic items are plentiful. You will find that the prices are likely to be slightly inflated the more touristy the destination. I tend to buy my spice gifts from the supermarket, which were significantly cheaper or back street souk sellers.

28. **Get money out from ATM** when you see them. Cash is king in Morocco and making sure you have plenty on you to pay for your food and campsites is vital. Do not get caught short.

29. If you are going to take **gifts over for the children**, please do give them to a community or a school. Whilst it might feel altruistic, the locals advise that it negatively influences their behaviour and the culture. So if you want to give something, please find a school or a local community where you can gift books, pens and crayons.

30. If you want to bring over anything, then bring **children's clothing, shoes** and go through your wardrobe for clothes you no longer want or wear. These are great currency for a lot of sellers, especially those who visit campsites with bread and vegetables. You can trade clothes for food items. You will often, by the male sellers, be asked to trade for beer. We did this a couple of times, although be careful. If a local is caught drink driving and it is ever traced back to you, then you may be heavily fined, so trade with caution.

31. **Morocco** is a great place to extend your 90 day allowance away from the UK as it is a non-Schengen zone country. This could give us 180 days travelling, if we spend 90 days in Morocco. For more information on Schengen Shuffling, check out our dedicated blog [here](#).



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OUR PHOTO ALBUM

Morocco gave me back my love for photography such is its beauty, colour and diversity. The people, the landscape and the traditions just had my camera clicking like a clicky thing. I was in awe of everything I witnessed. So to honour Morocco I have selected my favourite images and dedicated an entire album to Morocco in Pictures. If we haven't whetted your appetite up to this point, let's see if our gallery your wanderlust ignited. Click [here](#) for this very special album.



13 CLOSING THOUGHTS

I always knew that our trip to Morocco would be a real journey although I wasn't ready for how much. I know it can sound glib, although this country and its people shifted my mindsets and perspectives.

I arrived with a limited view of what Morocco would be like and left with a heart full of admiration, love, respect and connectedness with a landscape that moved me. Who could have thought that the simplicity of a golden sea of desert dunes with one palm tree could be so evocative?

Who could have imagined the kindness, smiles and warmth of a stranger could have changed the way I saw the world?

Who could have imagined the entrepreneurial spirit of Morocco would put so many western, developed countries to shame?

A country with colour and vibrance that a rainbow looks pale in comparison.

We loved Norway and its enormous landscape and scenery that was a masterpiece. In comparison Morocco is so much more of a 3D experience. It's like walking around a HD movie where everything just jumps off the screen.

Morocco implores every sense to wake up and absorb the very essence of its being. It is so much more than a holiday. It is an expedition that will delight, test and sometimes challenge you. It gets under your skin in a way that no other country has.

I feel so grateful for the time we've had in Morocco and we look forward to returning again as our continued Schengen Shuffle strategy.

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