

# WELCOME! Bienvenue ~ مرحبا (Arabic)

Thank you for considering the Travel Africa Movement as your host for AFCON 2025 in Morocco. We're ready to show you a great time!

This document includes Frequently Asked Questions about the trip. If you have additional questions or would like to move forward with a booking, feel free to reach out to us at info@travelafricamovement.com.



# **COUNTRY INFO**

Morocco, officially the Kingdom of Morocco, is located in North Africa. It has coastlines on the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the west, and land borders with Algeria and the disputed territory of Western Sahara. Morocco gained independence from France in 1956 and has witnessed significant urban transformations and socio-economic shifts post-independence. The capital is Rabat and the largest city is Casablanca.

Morocco's population is about 38 million. Arabs and the indigenous Amazigh (aka Berber) comprise nearly 90% of the population. Moroccan culture is a mix of Arab, Amazigh, African and European culture. Islam is both the official and predominant religion, with 99% of the population being Muslim. Arabic and Amazigh are the official languages. French and Moroccan Arabic are also widely spoken.

**Casablanca** is the economic and business center. It is located on the Atlantic coast in the central-western part of Morocco. It's the country's chief port, as well as the primary naval base for the Royal Moroccan Army. The Hassan II Mosque, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest mosque in Africa, is the city's main tourist attraction. Other popular sites include the Corniche, the Old Medina, Arab League Park, Mohammed V Square and Morocco Mall.

Marrakesh is one of four Imperial cities of Morocco and its 4<sup>th</sup> largest city, lying west of the foothills of the Atlas mountains. It comprises a new town and an old fortified city which is a UNESCO World Heritage. This old medina quarter contains the Jemaa el-Fnaa square, a large number of souks (markets), the Kutubiyya Mosque, and many other historic and cultural sites. Other popular sites include the Jardin Majorelle/Yves Saint Laurent Museum, El Badi Palace, Bab Agnaou, Ben Youssef Madrasa and Menara Gardens. Marrakesh is a major tourist destination and its railway connects the city to Casablanca and northern Morocco.

Rabat is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest city of Morocco, located on the Atlantic Ocean. The heart of the city consists of three parts: the Medina (old town); the Oudayas and Hassan; and the Atlantic Ocean. Rabat is also an Imperial city and its medina is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Other historic sites include the Kasbah of the Udayas, city walls of Chellah, Mausoleum of Mohammed V, Hassan Tower, and the Rabat Lighthouse and fortress of Borj Sirat. Several trains connect the city to Casablanca.

### Do I need a passport?

A passport book is required for travel to Morocco. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay and have at least one blank page.

#### Do I need a visa?

US citizens do not need tourist visas for stays of 90 days or less. If you are not a US citizen, check the <u>official site</u> for your country requirements. Evisa is available for some non-US citizens.

# Do I need any vaccinations or medications?

There are no vaccinations or medications required to visit Morocco. There are some recommended vaccines and safety precautions. Check the <u>CDC Website</u> for more information.

## What is the name of the arrival and departure airport?

Arrival/Departure airport: Mohammed V International Airport Airport code: CMN

# Are flights included in the tour price?

Flights are not included in the tour price and must be purchased separately by attendees. Current airfares are around \$700 to \$1,200 from New York to Casablanca.





#### Is there a recommended airline?

Delta Airlines/Air France, United Airlines/Lufthansa, and Royal Air Maroc appear to have the best routes for this itinerary.

# Is hotel lodging included?

Yes, hotel accommodations for 6 nights are included: 2 nights at the **Melliber Apart Hotel** in Casablanca, 2 nights at the **Kenzi Rose Garden** in Marrakesh, and 2 nights at the **Braat Hotel** in Rabat. All hotels are 3.5 to 4 star and well rated for service and quality.

## Is ground transportation included?

Yes, airport transfers are included in the package price. If other attendees are arriving in close time, you will likely be transported to the hotel together. Transportation to all events on the Itinerary is also included.

# Are AFCON game tickets included?

No, game tickets are not included in the tour price. However, we will seek group ticket pricing, if available, and offer tickets for sale to guests who wish to attend one or more of the games. Tickets sales are expected to begin in June 2025. We will be in Morocco for games on January 14, 17 and 18, 2026. Please let us know if you're interested in tickets so we can get a headcount.





#### What activities are included?

City tours in Casablanca, Marrakesh, and Rabat are included, with visits to important cultural and historical sites. We will also have a Dinner tour in Agafay Desert which includes a camel ride. A Welcome Dinner, Birthday Party, and Farewell Dinner Party is also included. For guests who don't attend games in-person, we will attend fan venue sites so they can still enjoy the AFCON action.

#### Are meals included?

Daily breakfast is included. Food will also be provided at the Welcome Dinner, Sunset Desert Tour, and Farewell Party. Other meals are at your expense. Meals are fairly affordable and typically cost about \$10-20 USD, depending on the type of restaurant.

## Are alcoholic beverages included?

Alcoholic beverages are included for specific activities. Drinks will be included during the Welcome Dinner, Birthday Party, and Farewell Party. Other alcoholic drinks are at your expense.

# What is the weather like in January?

January is the coldest month in Morocco, but the weather is still fairly pleasant. Temperatures vary by city/location, but average highs are around 64-66°F (17-19°C) and lows are around 43-46°F (6-8°C). You should plan to dress in layers and have a jacket for cool evenings.





#### When should I arrive?

We suggest that you arrive by 2:00 pm on January 13, 2026, in order to get checked in to the hotel and refreshed before our Welcome Dinner. If you decide to arrive a day or two early, we recommend staying at our arrival hotel. We can assist with booking additional night(s) and bill you separately or you can book on your own.

#### When should I leave?

The tour will officially end on January 19, 2026 and all attendees will be transported from Rabat to Casablanca following breakfast. You should plan to leave after 5:00pm to allow ample time for transport and airport check-in.

## Are there any important considerations for this trip?

This will be a fast-paced trip with travel between 3 cities. There will be a lot of walking, so attendees should be fairly active and mobile for the best experience. There will also be big crowds and lots of traffic, so patience, a fun spirit, and a "go with the flow" attitude are a must. For the AFCON 2023 games, there were more than 1 million attendees during the one-month tournament. Even more are projected in Morocco, so expect packed hotels, restaurants, and other venues. While we will try our best to be timely and organized, there may be delays or inconveniences that are beyond our control.





# How do I reserve a spot on this trip?

Please contact us via email to finalize your booking. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 is required to hold your spot.

# Are payment plans available?

Yes, a monthly payment plan is available. Payments are due on the 21st day of each month and all payments must be complete by the final payment deadline of September 30, 2025. All payment plans include a \$50 administrative fee.

# What if I pay for the trip and can no longer attend?

The trip is non-refundable, but it is transferable. You are permitted to resell your slot to another participant, but we are unable to offer a refund. See our <u>Terms and Conditions</u> for more detail. **We highly recommend that attendees purchase Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) travel insurance at the time of booking.** We can recommend several providers upon request.





# **ITINERARY**

\* Please note: The Itinerary is subject to modification as logistical needs require pending release of the AFCON game/time schedule

# Day 1: Tues, Jan 13, 2026

- Arrival in Casablanca
- Welcome Dinner

# Day 2: Wed, Jan 14, 2026

- Casablanca city tour: Old Medina, Corniche, Royal Palace,
   Arab League Park, Hassan II Mosque and Hammam
- AFCON Semi-Finals

## Day 3: Th, Jan 15, 2026

- Travel to Marrakech
- Agafay Desert Dinner

# Day 4: Fri, Jan 16, 2026

- Marrakech City Tour: Medina, Ben Youssef Madrasa, Jardin Majorelle, Bahia Palace, Saadien Tombs, etc
- TMichelle's Birthday party

# Day 5: Fri, Jan 17, 2026

- Travel to Rabat
- Third Place Playoff

# Day 6: Jan 18, 2026

- Rabat city tour
- AFCON Final
- Farewell Dinner/Party night

# Day 7: Jan 19, 2026

Departures



