



Port

Mosquée Hassan II

Môle des Agrumes

Môle du Commerce

Gare maritime

Port de pêche

Foire de Casablanca

Grande Mosquée

Ancienne Cathédrale du Sacré-Cœur

Palais de Justice

Préfecture

Parc municipal Youssef Hassan

Parc de la Ligue Arabe

Palais royal

Mahakma du Pacha

Notre-Dame de Lourdes

Ibnou Rochd

Casablanca

Casablanca, Morocco

Port information

Currency	The currency in Casablanca is Moroccan Dirham (this is a closed currency and is only available ashore). Euro and US Dollars are regularly accepted. Major credit and debit cards are also widely accepted.	Language	The language spoken in Casablanca is French and Arabic.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	Casablanca port is an industrial port area. You can make your way to the centre by foot which is an approximate 2km walk, around 30 minutes. From here you will find the start of the city centre and where you will also find the Medina. Please note there is no central point for the city centre as it is widely spaced out.	Main Highlights	The Central Market in Casablanca is a bustling market to experience. It is a feast for the senses. Befriend a shop owner or two and get acquainted with the friendliness of the locals. See the fish straight out of the ocean, pyramids of fruits or smell the meat that still recognisable on its hook. From port it is 3 km / 35 min walk. Cathedral of Sacre Coeur has been dominating the neighbourhood since 1930. Casablanca is not only home to the Muslims but also the Catholics and there are several buildings to prove this. This cathedral is no longer in use for religious purposes - nowadays they often have interesting exhibitions inside. The Medina is the area of town that has to be mandatory to see on a 1st time visit. This is the old town. It's a giant market in the twisting and turning streets of old Casablanca surrounded by the old city wall with its 4 gates. Buy your local souvenirs here. At the Place Mohammed V you will find the most prominent and important buildings of Casablanca such as the law courts, the splendid Wilaya, the bank Al-Maghrib and the Ministry of Defence building. This is the most important square in Casablanca and it is full of life. There are always people hanging around here. The water carriers, the locals on their lunch break or the plentiful of events that take place. This is simply the spot to sit yourself down and watch the local life come and go. Rick's cafe/bar. Approximately €10 in a taxi one way. Open from 12.00-14.30. Enjoy a drink or meal. Please note that there is a strict dress code here of smart and respectful clothing, with the covering of shoulders and knees recommended.
Taxis	There are taxis waiting for you at a designated area in the port which is located near the exit. It will take 7-10 minutes to walk from the ship. There are two types of taxis in Casablanca: red and white ones. The red taxi's are the small ones and the white taxis are the big ones. Don't expect too much comfort from the taxis as usually these are old vehicles. They do not have a meter so you'll need to negotiate with them. Drivers will accept US dollars and Euro. Usually a ride from the port to the city centre (Medina) will cost around €10 and if you try to get back from the city to the port expect to pay around €5. Remember to negotiate and to check the vehicle before you step in.		
Main Highlights	Staying in Casablanca is where you will get a real feel for daily life in Morocco. There are so many neighbourhoods to explore which are all different from one another. Take in the culture, the smells, the food and the way of life. Hopefully this is something that you are open to and if you are, you can get carried away in a city like this. The true Morocco is waiting for you here. Hassan II Mosque is the largest mosque of Morocco and is open to non-Muslims. This is simply an opportunity that you have to take. It is truly one of the most beautiful mosques in the world. It is right there in the list with the Blue Mosque in Istanbul and the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. Take a guided tour inside starting at 09.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 14.00. Please note shoulders and knees need to be covered when visiting the mosque.		

Essential information

Tourist information	There are no tourist information centres available in Casablanca.	Shopping	The best bargains come from Morocco and haggling or bartering is expected. Souvenirs include ceramics, wood carvings, typical Arabic clothing and shoes. You'll also find reasonably priced silver jewellery, however, check the quality before purchasing any items. Morocco Mall is approx €20 in a taxi one way. It's one of the largest malls in Africa. All major chains, stores and (exclusive) brands are represented in the mall.
Internet access	Many of the restaurants, bars and cafes have WiFi access.	PLEASE NOTE: As with all cities always please keep a close eye on valuables	
Nearest beaches	Morocco's largest city is bordered on its north-western edge by some lovely beaches. Just a short distance away from the city centre is Ain Diab , Casablanca's main beach. Around a mile long, it has pale sand, great views out into the Atlantic and many beach clubs to visit.		
General information	Eating and drinking ashore. Common knowledge says any busy café or restaurant is a popular one. If you purchase any drinks, request an unopened bottle and do not drink any water that is not bottled. It is not recommended to have ice. Toilets in Morocco are not necessarily of the same standards as at home and it is customary to leave a tip when using them. It is a good idea to take a small amount of tissue paper when going ashore, but we kindly request that you do not take a full roll.		Important information: Dress code is strict outside of the resort areas so please adhere to the following in the city – Ladies should wear clothes that cover shoulders and knees, loose clothing is recommended. Men are advised to wear long trousers or at least long shorts that fall below the knee and a shirt that covers the shoulders. Photography – it's not permitted to take photographs of any official person i.e. Police. Due to cultural beliefs, pictures should not be taken of any individual without their prior consent.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Casablanca, Morocco.