



## Tangier, Morocco

## Monday

| Port Information   |   |  |  |
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| <b>Cruise terminal</b>   | There is no cruise terminal in Tangier  | <b>General Information</b>   | <b>Some tips about eating and drinking ashore</b> - If you purchase any drinks, request an unopened bottle and do not drink any water that is not bottled. It's not recommended to have ice. Toilets in Morocco are not necessarily of the same standards as at home and it's customary to leave a tip when using them. A good idea to take a small amount of tissue paper when going ashore so that you're prepared.  |
| <b>Currency</b>  | Local currency is the Moroccan Dirham (MD). Euros, Sterling and U.S. Dollars are widely accepted. We'd recommend that you take small denominations of currency with you as you'll receive your change in local currency, which cannot be changed once you leave Morocco. As an approximate guideline €1 is equivalent to 11 MD and 1 GBP is 15MD. Some shops will accept credit cards but it's not generally recommended to use cards in the markets.   | <b>TIME DIFFERENCE</b><br><b>Please note that Morocco is one hour behind ships time.</b><br><b>Please keep watches on ship time.</b>   |  |
| <b>Language</b>  | French and Arabic. English is often understood but not always spoken.   | <b>Terminal facilities</b>   | As the port is industrial there are no cruise facilities in the port area.   |
| Getting Around   |   |  |  |
| <b>Taxis</b>   | 'Petit Taxis' are small blue taxis that carry a maximum of 3 people and provide a service in the central areas. 'Grand Taxis' are white and carry a maximum of 6 people. Taxis are available on the quayside. We suggest that you agree a price and currency with the driver before entering the taxi. A 10 minute journey cost around £8-10 per taxi.  | <b>Main highlights</b>   | <b>Place de France</b> , as the name suggests, is a French-looking square market in the middle of the Ville Nouvelle. The most famous <b>Café Paris</b> is a legendary meeting place throughout the years of the International Zone. During World War II, it was a favourite rendezvous of intrigue and deal making for British, American, German, Italian and Japanese agents. Just south of the Grand Socco, on Rue d'Angleterre, is the <b>Musée d'Art Contemporain</b> – Contemporary Art Museum of Tangier. The museum is devoted to contemporary Moroccan artists who showcase ordinary, everyday Moroccan life. Interesting exhibitions are periodically held, where permanent displays showcase the work of well-known Moroccan artists. It's open 9am – 12:30pm & 3pm – 6pm. Admission is 15 Dirham. The <b>Old American Legation</b> is a fascinating building that holds great historical significance. This is the first established American ambassadorial residence, in 1777, between Morocco and the newly independent United States. A fascinating three-storey palace, it holds an excellent exhibition on Tangier's strong American ties. There are exhibits of the correspondence between George Washington and Sultan Moulay Ben Abdellah and a room dedicated to the famous writer Paul Bowles. There are also displays of paintings by Moroccan-resident American Artists. Open 10am – 1pm & 3pm-5pm, it's free to enter.<br>The <b>Kasbah Museum</b> is open on Mondays and Wednesday from 9am – 4pm. |
| <b>Local buses</b>   | Not recommended and very unreliable.  | <b>Important information:</b><br><b>Dress code is strict outside of the resort areas so please adhere to the following in the city</b> – 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. Photographs are not permitted of any official person ie. Police. Due to cultural beliefs, pictures should not be taken of any individual without their prior consent. |  |
| <b>Distance to town centre</b>   | Town center is 1.5km. Approximately 40 minutes walk to the centre.  |  |  |
| <b>Main highlights</b>   | <b>Hercules Grottos</b> are located 8km from the harbour and is currently closed for renovations.<br><b>St Andrews Church.</b> This English church was built in the 19th century and is notable for its fusion of traditional Moroccan decoration with English country churchyard. It's open on weekdays and services start at 8.30am.<br>Worth visiting are the <b>Mendoubia Gardens.</b> These luxurious gardens offer a welcome shade from the midday afternoon sun and boast a fascinating banyan tree that's over 800 years old! There's also a memorial for the former offices of the Sultan's Representative called Mendoub – during the International years in Tangier. It's open daily from Monday – Saturday. |  |  |
| <b>Local buses</b>   | Not recommended and very unreliable.  |  |  |
| Essential Information  |   |  |  |
| <b>Internet access</b>   | Internet cafes you'll find in the city centre – around the Boulevard Pasteur area,  | <b>Shopping</b>  | In Boulevard Pasteur you'll find leather goods, jewellery, Moroccan souvenirs, cafes, banks and clothes. The best approach to <b>Tangier's Medina</b> is from the Grand Socco. Go through the arch onto Rue de la Kasbah and then turn right and follow Rue des Siaghines. At the end of Rue des Siaghines is the Petit Socco, the Medina's principal landmark. The <b>Grand Socco</b> (or Zoco Grande) is the main market square in Tangier. The markets in the Grand Socco are long gone since the 1970's. They have now been moved to Rue d'Angleterre, southwest of the square and Rue Portugal, towards the port. The most pleasant of these markets is the <b>Foundouk Market</b> , which can be found just past El Minzah hotel when going towards Place de France. Everything is on display in the stalls here.  |
| <b>Nearest bank</b>  | Banks are open from 9am – 3pm in Boulevard Pasteur area of the city.  | <b>Please Note:</b> As with many major cities, Tangier is notorious for pickpockets and overcharging tourists. Please keep a close eye on valuables. Bartering or haggling in the markets and souks is normal and part of Moroccan culture.  |  |
| <b>Nearest pharmacy</b>  | Pharmacies are open from 9am – 1pm and 3pm – 7pm located in Boulevard Pasteur area  |  |  |
| <b>Nearest beach</b>   | Tangier's beach was the main attraction for its string of famous visitors and the large expatriate community. Today, the town beach remains a great attraction, with miles-long stretch across the coast. There are camel rides, windsurfing and a string of bars and restaurants along the beach. Take a 15 minute walk out of the port gates to your left.  |  |  |
| <b>Your Destination Services team wish you fantastic day in Tangier, Morocco</b> |   |  |  |

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