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In Casablanca you will find a heady mix of architecture treasures such as the great Hassan II Mosque, which glistens with gold in the sunshine, and the dusty Old Town. In this large, sprawling city full to the brim with people you will also find the bustling Ancienne Medina. Sitting on the Atlantic coast of Morocco it is the country's largest city and Morocco's, as well as North Africa's, chief port. Cruise ships arrive daily to experience its frenetic lifestyle, its stylish restaurants, shopping, its fine food and its often overpowering atmosphere.

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THE CITY



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Forever famous thanks to Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, in the 1942 film of the same name, Casablanca is the capital of Morocco in all but name. Rabat has the honour but Casablanca is widely regarded as the most important city due to its key economic, commercial, industrial and shipping activities. Such activities have given parts of the city a cutting-edge 21st century feel especially around the Boulevard Brahim Roudaini where modern new business centres have helped to create areas of fine dining restaurants and cultural venues. These are in stark contrast to the tiny streets of the Old Town's medina and the bustling souks where dusty traditional and colonial style buildings can be seen.

Also known as Casa (informal) and Dar el Baida (Arabic), Casablanca (in english this translates to I white house') has a lively history. This was most notable during the Portuguese occupation in the 15th century thanks to the country's desire to stop pirates using the port to launch attacks on its fleets. The city was virtually destroyed by an earthquake in 1755 at which time the Portuguese lost interest and the city was reborn under the Moroccan leader Sidi Mohammed III's extensive renovation plans. It still bears some of his landmark buildings today.

The Casablanca of today is a wonderful place to visit and one of the best ways to get the full impact of the city is to fly in from one of numerous European destinations and see the city from the air or to arrive by cruise ship. The city skyscape stretches to the horizon in all directions – from an aircraft window or from the deck of a ship and is one of those memories that will remain forever. Venturing out on foot or by vehicle the must-sees include the massive Hassan II Mosque with its glass floor, the Old Medina (Ancienne Medina) and the Art Deco new town (Ville Nouvelle).

DO & SEE



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Hassan II Mosque

This outstanding mosque stands on a promontory looking toward the Atlantic. It can accommodate over 100,000 worshippers inside and on its courtyard. Its minaret is 210 metres tall making it the tallest in the world and it has an amazing glass floor.

Address: Blvd Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah, Casablanca Opening hours: Opening hours depend on the season

The Old Medina

The Old Medina is also called Old Town or Ancienne Medina. This is a labyrinth of tiny streets with tall, dusty buildings where bustling local life can be seen and a few

curiosities purchased.

Address: Ancienne Medina, Casablanca More Info: Off the Gare du Port

Cinéma Rialto

Cinéma Rialto dates all the way back to the 1930's and is one of the most enchanting cinemas for watching a film. The Art Deco-style is beautiful and the cinema seems to have been taken straight out of the film Casablanca.

Address: Rue Mohammed el-Qory, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 26 26 32

Cathédrale du Sacré Coeur

Featuring elaborate Moroccan and European architectural styles, Cathédrale du Sacré Coeur is one of the landmark buildings in Casablanca. The cathedral has functioned both as a school and a theatre.

Address: Boulevard Brahim Roudaini, Casablanca

Villa Des Arts

Villa Des Arts is a sprawling exhibition centre that displays both contemporary pieces of art as well as traditional Moroccan artefacts. You can find this exhibition centre near Parc de la Ligue Arabe.

Address: Boulevard Brahim Roudaini, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm Phone: +212 52 229 5087 Internet: www.fondationona.ma

Place Mohammed V

Place Mohammed V is a large sprawling square that can be found in the heart of Casablanca. This is one of the best places to watch every day Moroccan life from one of the lovely outdoor cafés.

Address: Place Mohammed V, Casablanca

Central Market

The Central Market is a bustling market well worth a visit when you are in Casablanca. Visiting this market is truly an experience even you if are not buying anything from the vast selection of fruit and vegetables found here.

Address: Rue Chaouia, Casablanca

Museum of Moroccan Judaism

At the Museum of Moroccan Judaism you can learn about the Jews in Morocco and their history and see many artefacts. Note that this place can be hard to find if you do not know where it is.

Address: 81 rue Chasseur Jules Gros, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 994 940 Internet: www.casajewishmuseum.com

Playas Ain Diab y La Corniche

At Playas Ain Diab y La Corniche you can go for a romantic stroll on the beach or have coffee in one of the coffee shops here. This is a great place for both locals and tourists.

Address: Playas Ain Diab y La Corniche, Casablanca

Phare d'el Hank Lighthouse

You can find this beautiful lighthouse on Boulevard de la Courniche. To get to the top of Phare d'el Hank you will have to climb 256 steps. From the top you can enjoy an amazing view of the city and the sea.

Address: Boulevard de la Courniche, Casablanca

Aquaparc Tamaris

The Aquaparc Tamaris is a great place to bring the children for a whole day of fun and water activities. Here you can find pools, waterslides and much more. The waterpark is located about 5 kilometers from Casablanca.

Address: R320, Morocco Opening hours: Daily from May-September 10am-6pm Phone: +212 522 965 369 Internet: www.tamaris-aquaparc.com

Ligue Arab Park

Ligue Arab Park, located in the heart of Casablanca, is the

perfect place to go if you need to get away from the bustling city. This park is great for a romantic stroll or a good run.

Address: Boulevard Moulay Youssef, Casablanca

Hammam Ziani

If you are keen on trying a genuine Moroccan Hammam when in Casablanca, Hammam Ziani is a good alternative. You can find this place in the heart of Casablanca and it also offers scrub and massage.

Address: 59 Rue Abou Rakrak, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 319 695 Internet: www.hammamziani.ma

Club Hippique le Barry

Club Hippique le Barry is located outside Casablanca and offers various activities in a farm environment. If you come here as a group you can try team building activities. Club Hippique le Barry also offers pony riding, horse riding, paintball and quads.

Address: Route Moulay Thamy, Dar bouazza, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 933 373 Internet: www.club-le-barry.voila.net

Morocco Expert Tours

Morocco Expert Tours offer day trips and tours for tourists. This is a family-run company and all tours are highly recommended by their customers. The tours on offer include daytrips to Rabat and numerous tours from Marrakech.

Phone: + 212 668 858 057 Internet: www.moroccoexpertours.com

Musée de la Fondation Abderrahman Slaoui

At Musée de la Fondation Abderrahman Slaoui you can enjoy art exhibitions, poster designs and much more. The museum is named after Abderrahman Slaoui, a real treasure hunter. You can find this hidden gem in the historic part of Casablanca. Address: 12, Rue Du Parc, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 206 217 Internet: www.musee-as.ma

Anfa Royal Golf Club

If you feel like playing a game of golf in Casablanca you can head out to Anfa Royal Golf Club. Besides playing a round, you can also take golf courses, have a drink in the restaurant or practice your golf swing at the driving range.

Address: Lice de Anfa, Casablanca Phone: +212 2236 1026 Internet: www.rgam.ma

Palais Royal de Casablanca

The Palais Royal Casablanca is an old palace of national importance. Even if visitors are not allowed inside the building, this is a good place to stop by for a good picture of this city landmark.

Address: Palais Royal de Casablanca, Casablanca

United Nations Square

United Nations Square, Place des Nations Unies, is the city's hub, and a great place to start when exploring the city. In the surrounding areas you will find hotels, restaurants, shops and much more.

Address: Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca

Casablanca Port

Casablanca is a city famous for its port. This artificial port is the most significant one in Morocco and well worth a visit. Come here for a walk and watch ships from all over the world come and go.

Address: Casablanca Port, Casablanca

DINING



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Casablanca is a multi-cultural city and while many of the restaurants serve a menu consisting of only Moroccan or French delicacies there are also Oriental, Mexican, Italian, Indian and American style eateries to be found here. Do remember there may be restriction to menus and opening hours during Ramadan.

You should look out for Mechoui, which is a dish made of roasted lamb seasoned with paprika and cumin and Bisteeya, a savoury pastry that contains chicken and eggs in a lemony-onion sauce, topped with crushed almonds and cinnamon and sugar. Casablanca is also known for its ice cream parlours and patisseries.

La Mer

La Mer is a nautical-themed restaurant that specialises in local fish and seafood dishes. Coming here you should try to get a seat by the window, the view from there is amazing.

Address: Blvd de la Corniche Phare El Hank, Casablanca Phone: +212 52 236 3315 Internet: www.lamerrestaurant.e-monsite.com

A Ma Bretagne

Famous for its excellent à la carte menu that includes Foie Gras, A Ma Bretagne is run by award winning Maître Cuisiniers de France chefs. The view from here is simply amazing.

Address: Sidi Abderrahmane, Casablanca

Phone: +212 522 39 79 79

Le Cabestan

Le Cabestan is an elegant little restaurant with a classic French menu and great views of the harbour and lighthouse. This is claimed to be one of the best restaurants when it comes to seafood.

Address: 90, route de la Corniche Phare El Hank, Casablanca Phone: +212 52 239 1190 Internet: www.le-cabestan.com Email: contact@le-cabestan.com

Taverne Du Dauphin

Taverne Du Dauphin is a popular restaurant near the coast that serves a good choice of fresh fish dishes in delicious sauces. The squid is especially recommended to try here.

Address: 115, boulevard Houphouët Boigny, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 221 200 Internet: www.taverne-du-dauphin.com Email: restaurant@taverne-du-dauphin.com

Restaurant Le Port de Pêche

Restaurant Le Port de Pêche is another lovely seafood restaurant found in Casablanca. This restaurant has a nautical theme that is very popular. Coming here you can expect fast, friendly service and delicious dishes.

Address: Le Port de Pêche, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 31 85 61

Restaurant Imilchil

If you have cravings for some genuine Moroccan food, this is the perfect place to try some of the specialties like Harira soup. The interior is traditional and filled with beautiful mosaics.

Address: 27 Rue Vizir Tazi, Casablanca

Le Tribeca

With a great atmosphere, Le Tribeca offers a modern restaurant with a good selection of food and wine. Here you can also enjoy live music or an After Work. Address: 21, Rue Zaid Ibn Rifaa, Casablanca

L'Etoile Centrale

This place serves typical Moroccan food like lamb, couscous, vegetables and Harrira soup. L'Etoile Centrale is highly recommended by its guests and offers a beautiful décor.

Address: Rue Allal Ben Abdellah, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 11.30am-3.30pm and 6pm-11pm Phone: +212 661 637524

Kim Mon

At the exotic restaurant Kim Mon you can revel in Asian food like spring rolls, dumplings and crab. The restaurant offers attentive service and a traditional Asian décor.

Address: 160 Avenue Mers Sultan, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12pm-3pm and 8pm-12am Phone: +212 522 263 226

ILOLI

At the modern restaurant ILOLI you can have lunch or dinner in a warm atmosphere. This is the place to go if you feel like trying traditional Japanese food like sashimi.

Address: 33 Najib Mahfoud, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12.30pm-3.30pm and 7.30pm-12am Phone: +212 608 866633 Internet: www.iloli-restaurant.com

Don Camillo

The cosy restaurant Don Camillo can be found on Rue Abou Rakrak in the centre of Casablanca. Here you can choose between various Spanish dishes from an extensive menu accompanied by a wine list.

Address: 17 Rue Abou Raqraq, Casablanca Phone: +212 674 866979

India Palace

In the heart of Casablanca you can find India Palace, an enchanting restaurant offering various Indian dishes. Choose between dishes like Tandoori Chicken, Naan Bread and Mango Mousse. Address: Rue Ahmed El Mokri, Casablanca Phone: +212 661 789665 Internet: www.indiapalacecasa.com

Basmane at Hôtel Club Val d'Anfa

Inside Hôtel Club Val d'Anfa you can find Basmane, a restaurant that offers a sensual atmosphere accompanied by local cuisine. Here you can try various dishes like skewers and Moroccan pastries.

Address: Angle Bd De L'océan Atlantique & Bd De La Corniche, Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca Phone: +212 22 79 70 70 Internet: www.basmane-restaurant.com / www.valdanfahotel.com

Key West Club 20-1

You can find this navy themed restaurant with mahogany furniture in the centre of Casablanca. Key West Club 20-1 offers great seafood dishes and impeccable service.

Address: Rue Hafid Ibrahim, Quartier Gauthier, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12pm-1am Phone: +212 522 227 227

Blend Gourmet Burger

If you have cravings for a genuine hamburger, you should visit the Blend Gourmet Burger. Here you will find various burgers served with different types of side orders like fries and dips.

Address: 9 rue Theophile Gauthier, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-3pm and 7pm-10.30pm. Sat 1pm-4pm and 8pm-11pm. Sun 1pm-4pm and 8pm-10.30pm Phone: +212 5224 91122

L'Entrecôte café de Paris

At L'Entrecôte café de Paris you can enjoy juicy steaks and great desserts. Here you can also try the famous sauce, Café de Paris, made from butter and spices. This sauce is especially popular to eat with meat.

Address: 78, avenue Mers Sultan, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-3.30pm and 7.30pm-11pm Phone: +212 522 272 674

FENCE

FENCE is a stylish restaurant located in the centre of the city. Here you can have burgers, creative dishes and tasty drinks. This is a popular place with the cool crowd in Casablanca.

Address: 124 Rue Nahass Nahaoui, Ex Pelvoux, Maarif, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sun for lunch and dinner. Weekends, and brunch 11am-5pm Phone: +212 522 232 854 Internet: www.fencerestaurant.com

Restaurante Hippopotamus

Restaurant Hippopotamus opened its first restaurant in 1968 and offers a great variety of tasty steaks and good value for money. The restaurant is claimed to be a meat specialist.

Address: Place Chaouia. Gauthier, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 279 747

KHOS

At KHOS you can try great salads, healthy food and great desserts. You can find this place in downtown Casablanca and it offers a modern décor as well as attentive service.

Address: 44 Rue Annoussour, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm. Sat-Sun 9.30am-3.30pm Phone: +212 522 273 716 Internet: www.khos.ma

Art Age Restaurant

Inside the Art Palace & Spa you can find the stylish Art Age Restaurant. Here you can enjoy a great dinner accompanied by an extensive wine list. Here you can also listen to live music, great for all music enthusiasts.

Address: 4 Rue Soldat Maurice Ben Hammou, Casablanca Phone: +212 661 581691 Internet: www.artagerestaurant.com

CAFES



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In Casablanca you will find a great variety of tasty French pastries, exotic Moroccan desserts and lovely ice cream. Hence that you will not find it hard to satisfy your sweet tooth and stomach here.

Patisserie Bennis Habous

Patisserie Bennis Habous is a French style patisserie with a wide choice of desserts, cakes, pastries and much more. These delicacies are all temptingly displayed.

Address: 2 Rue Fkih El Gabbas, Casablanca Phone: +212 2230 3025

Glacier Oliveri

Glacier Oliveri is a lively ice cream parlour and patisserie serving desserts and pastries to make your mouth water.

Address: Avenue Hassan II, Casablanca

Stella Ice Cream Parlour

Stella Ice Cream Parlour is an ice-cream parlour that will provide a refreshing respite from the hot summer sun with around 30 different flavours to choose from at any one time.

Address: Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca

Cafe M

At Cafe M, located at Place des Nations Unies, you will find a lovely menu accompanied by a great wine list. This is truly an elegant place with great service. Address: Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca

Amoud

At Amoud you can enjoy tasty pastries, ice cream, pralines and cakes. The first Amoud café opened in 1982 at Boulevard Emile Zola in Casablanca.

Address: 26 Boulevard Al Massira Al Khadra, Casablanca Internet: www.amoud.ma

La Creperie Bretonne

At La Creperie Bretonne you can indulge yourself in different types of crepes. You will definitely find at least one you like here! Choose between different toppings like cheese, tomatoes and chicken.

Address: 296 boulevard Zerktouni, Casablanca Phone: +212 5222 03875 Internet: www.lacreperiebretonne.ma

Cafe Bianca

In the boutique hotel Villa Blanca Hotel & Spa you can find Cafe Bianca. This beautiful café is perfect for lazy days. Here you can enjoy tasty drinks or some snacks while overlooking the ocean.

Address: Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca Phone: +212 5223 92510 Internet: www.villablanca.ma

SOJOU

SOJOU offers a healthier alternative if you are in the city looking for a place to rest your legs. Here you will find salads but also scrumptious desserts like muffins and cookies.

Address: 90 rue Moussa Bnou Noussair, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-8.30pm Phone: +212 5224 72200 Internet: www.sojou.ma

Venezia Ice

If you have cravings for a refreshing smoothie you can go to Venezia Ice. Here you can sit back and enjoy yourself while sipping on something good. You can find Venezia Ice in many places around town.

Address: 307, Bd Ziraoui, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 470 433 Internet: www.venezia-ice.com

Lina's Beautiful Sandwich

At Lina's Beautiful Sandwich you can enjoy tasty sandwiches and other healthy options. Great sandwiches are Lina's Beautiful Sandwich's specialties. To round off your meal you can also enjoy various sweet treats.

Address: 8 rue Hafid Ibrahim, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10.30am-10.30pm. Sun 10.30am-5.30pm Phone: +212 522 265 426

Lou Café

Lou Café is located in the heart of Casablanca. You can come here for breakfast, lunch and dinner and try both international and Moroccan dishes.

Address: Boulevard Abdellatif Ben Kadour , Casablanca Opening hours: Daily Phone: +212 679 416 571

Coffeeshop Company

At Coffeeshop Company you can sit down and relax with a good cup of coffee. Here you will find a great variety of both hot and cold drinks, like hot chocolate and juice. If you have a sweet tooth you can also choose a sweet or salty snack.

Address: Boulevard Al Massira Al Khadra, Casablanca Phone: +212 5229 47547 Internet: www.coffeeshopcompany.com

Hap's Cups

Hap's Cups offers great frozen yoghurt and ice cream with different toppings. Here you can also try a large ice cream macarons, waffles and fruit crepes.

Address: Rue Ibn Babek, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm

Pause Déj

After a day of touring you might get hungry. At Pause Déj you can pause and enjoy a fresh, healty meal like a salad, sandwich, pasta dish, juice or fruit.

Address: 139, Rue Allal Ben Abdellah, Casablanca Phone: +212 540 022 959 Internet: www.pausedejresto.com

Caffè Vergnano 1882

Caffè Vergnano 1882 has a history dating back to 1882. This coffee chain can be found all over the world and offers great coffee in a modern and stylish interior. You can also sit outside and enjoy the outdoor seating area.

Address: Angle Rues Jabir Attabari et Al Jounaid, Maarif Extension, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 257 852 Internet: www.caffevergnano.com

Mood Café

If you are in the mood for hanging out with you friends while having a great lunch or dinner you can come to Mood Café. This café offers an innovative concept and great food like gourmet salads.

Address: 75, Angle Boulevard d'Anfa and Rue Jean Jaurès, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 7am-10.30pm Phone: +212 522 470 345 Internet: www.moodcafe.ma

Gossip Art Cafe

You can find Gossip Art Café in the heart of Casablanca. This stylish tea room also offers brunch and light lunches, like salads and much more.

Address: 1 rue du commissaire Ladeuil , Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-8pm. Sat-Sun 12pm-4pm Phone: +212 522 481 020

Le Local

Le Local is a great place if you like coffee, live bands and food. At this unique Rock'N'Roll coffee shop you can enjoy great food, great company and great music all week long. Address: Le Local Bourgogne Ouest, Maroc, 43 Boulevard Aïn Taoujtate, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm Phone: +212 522 276 433

Dolce & Caffe

Dolce & Caffe is a fun place that offers great ice creams and tasty coffees. This is the perfect place to bring the children and to try some of the snacks on offer.

Address: 32 Avenue Mohamed Sijilmassi, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 207 066 Internet: www.dolcecaffe.ma

Segafredo CIL

The Italian coffee chain Segafredo has opened a stylish, concept-bar in Casablanca. At Segafredo CIL you can enjoy a good cup of coffee, and maybe a some sweet treats, with the trendy crowd.

Address: 2, Rue d'Ifrane, Casablanca Internet: www.segafredo.it

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Patrick Nouhailler

For some tasty drinks and a good night out there are some good options, but many will not allow women to enter unaccompanied. That said, there are a few bars that welcome holidaying couples. Hotel bars are generally good venues for evening relaxation.

Rick´s Café

Want to feel like you are in the movie "Casablanca"? Come to Rick's Café where the bar from the 1942 film has

come to life. With an international menu specializing in Casablanca's fresh fish, vegetables and fruit you can enjoy good food while listening to soft piano music.

Address: 248, Bd Sour Jdid, Casablanca Opening hours: Lunch: 12am-3pm. Dinner: 6.30pm-1am Phone: +212 522 27 42 07 Internet: www.rickscafe.ma

Le Joy

Le Joy is a mystical, unique nightclub located inside the Hotel Suisse. Come here to listen to some soft tunes and relax among other hotel guests and visitors.

Address: Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 360 202 Internet: www.hotelsuisse-casablanca.com/joy

Palm Beach Club

Palm Beach Club is a lively pub close to the coast with belly dancing shows. This is a great place for doing some beer drinking.

Address: Ain Diab, Casablanca Phone: +212 2 222 1524

Le Tube

Le Tube is a popular disco that is a haunt of the young and trendy of Casablanca and visiting holidaymakers. You can find this disco on the same street as Le Balcon 33.

Address: Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca

Joya

Joya is a popular hang out, both among locals and visitors. The club is located by the beach and you should expect to see many beautiful people here.

Address: 10 Rue La Mer Jaune, Casablanca

Alias Club Mazagan

At the Mazagan Beach Resort you can find the cool, colorful nightclub Alias Club. This is where you will hear all the latest tunes. Indulge yourself in snazzy drinks and dance until morning. Address: Mazagan Beach Resort, Casablanca Opening hours: Fri-Sat from 11.30pm Phone: +212 523 388 430 Internet: www.mazaganbeachresort.com

L'Empire Lounge Bar Discothèque

L'Empire Lounge Bar Discothèque offers a real nightclub experience every day of the week. Here you can kick back in the lounge bar or dance to the DJ's tunes. On Wednesdays all women are welcome to ladies night.

Address: Boulevard de la Corniche, Rue de la Mer du Japon, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10pm-4am. Sun 10pm-4am Phone: +212 652 210 614 Internet: www.empirecasa.com

Tcha Tcha

Every week at the restaurant/lounge Tcha Tcha you can enjoy food being cooked right in front of your eyes. Here you can also enjoy a tasty drink while listening to DJ's playing great music.

Address: 10, Rue Franche Conte, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 6.30pm-1am Phone: +212 522 206 830 Internet: www.letchatcha.com

Le Consul L'Anticonformiste

Hotel Best Western is located near the Casablanca harbour. At the hotel you can find the restaurant and nightclub Le Consul L'Anticonformiste, a great place for having dinner and dancing.

Address: 9, Rue Sidi Belyout, Avenue Des Far, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 311 414 Internet: www.hoteltoubkal.com

La Bodega

La Bodega is a trendy tapas bar that offers live music almost every night. Here you can sit back and listen to reggae, samba and rock while trying a few of the tasty tapas from the menu.

Address: Rue Allal Ben Abdellah, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 541 842 Internet: www.restopro.ma/bodega

Black House

The Black House Discotheque is a dramatic nightclub located in the lobby at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This place attracts both tourists and locals that come here for a few drinks and good music.

Address: Hyatt Regency Casablanca Hotel, Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 431 234 Internet: www.casablanca.regency.hyatt.com

Rose Bar

The Rose Bar at Le Cabestan can be found on Boulevard de la Corniche. Here you can sip on a few drinks in a trendy atmosphere. From the terrace you will have an amazing view of the rocks.

Address: 90, Boulevard de la Corniche, Phare d'El Hank, Corniche Ain Diab, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12am-4am Phone: +212 661 299 639 Internet: www.le-cabestan.com

SHOPPING



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Morocco is a paradise for anyone who adores traditional handmade crafts for the home or souvenirs. Top choice is usually colourful geometric patterned carpets called kilims or shoedwi carpets that are predominately black and white. They are made by hand and sold in little shops that line alleyways around the city especially in the area around Boulevard Felix Houphouet Boigny or in the medinas. For good selections of traditional carpets head for the Ancienne Medina near the port and quayside or the Nouvelle Medina which is a little inland near the Mahakma du Pacha and the Palais du Rdi. Ceramics and pottery, such as tagines, along with woven textiles are popular purchases, too. For the freshest fruit and vegetables head for the Central Market (Marche Central) in the Rue Chaouia which is open every day from 6am-2pm. Centre 2000 or Alpha 55 in the Avenue de Mers Sultan are good shopping centres for fashion and household items. When shopping, haggling is part of the tradition. It is a subtle exercise and fun to learn to master. A golden rule here is to take your time.

Alpha 55

Alpha 55 is one of the biggest shopping malls in Casablanca. Here you can find numerous shops that sell just about everything from jewelry and home decoration to clothes and toys.

Address: Avenue de Mers Sultan, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 223 724

Central Market

The bustling Central Market in Casablanca is full of fresh produce, flowers and groceries. The market is open every day from morning until evening and well worth a visit even if you do not feel like bargaining.

Address: Rue Chaouia, Casablanca

Morocco Mall

Morocco Mall is not only the biggest mall in Casablanca; it is also the biggest one in Africa. The mall opened in 2011 and has several shops, an IMAX cinema and a large food court.

Address: Angle Boulevard de la Corniche, Boulevard de L'Ocean Ain Diab, Casablanca Phone: +212 801001230 Internet: www.moroccomall.net

Rio Center

Rio Mall Centre is located in the western part of Casablanca. In this shopping complex there are numerous shops as well as entertainment and restaurants.

Address: Boulevard de l'Océan Atlantique, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 797 978 Internet: www.riomallcenter.sitew.com

Acima Supermarket

In the Ghandi Mall you can find Acima Supermarket. This is a good place to go if you want to buy food and fresh produce.

Address: Boulevard Ghandi, Casablanca

Ghandi Mall

Ghandi Mall is ideally located on Boulevard Ghandi in the centre of the city. Inside there are numerous shops and cafés.

Address: Boulevard Ghandi, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 993 225

Quartier Habous

In Quartier Habous you can find the New Medina and traditional markets. If you like modernity and traditional architecture you will feel right at home here.

Address: Route D'EL Jadida, Casablanca

Local markets

Across the city you can find small local markets selling just about everything. Do not forget to bargain. Some of the items you can expect to find are cheap imitations, food, clothes, jewelry and carpets.

Maarif Neighbourhood

In the Maarif neighbourhood, located in the heart of Casablanca, you can find many internationally famous brands like Prada. If you are looking for designer clothes and accessories this is a good place for shopping.

Address: Maarif, Casablanca

Anfaplace Shopping Center

Anfaplace is a large shopping centre in Casablanca located right by the ocean. Here you can go shopping for women's fashion, men's fashion, food and much more.

Address: Ain Diab, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 954 646 Internet: www.anfashopping.com

Centre 2000

Centre 2000 is a good shopping centre for fashion and household items. You can find this shopping centre near the harbour in Casablanca.

Address: Boulevard Moulay Abderrahmane, Casablanca

Galeries Lafayette

The famous French shop Galeries Lafayette can be found inside the Morocco Mall. Here you can go shopping for fashion and iconic French brands.

Address: Angle Boulevard de la Corniche, Boulevard de L'Ocean Ain Diab, Casablanca Internet: www.galeries-lafayette.ma

Banana Republic

Inside the Morocco Mall you can also find the international brand Banana Republic. This is a great shop for buying design items, jewellery and apparel.

Address: Angle Boulevard de la Corniche, Boulevard de L'Ocean Ain Diab, Casablanca

Marionnaud

Marionnaud is a large Moroccan perfumery chain that can be found all over the country. In the heart of Casablanca you can find this two-level beauty store that offers various beauty treatments and perfumes.

Address: 192 Boulevard d'anfa, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 364 500 Internet: www.marionnaud.fr

Darb Ghallaf

If you like a bargain you should head to the neighbourhood

Darb Ghallaf. Here you can find everything from clothes and books to furniture and electronic items.

Address: Avenue Abdulmomen, Casablanca

Exposition Nationale d'Artisanat

Exposition Nationale d'Artisanat offers a vast collection of craft products from all over Morocco spread over three floors. Since prices are fixed you do not need to bargain.

Address: 33 boulevard Moulay Abdeherrahmane, Casablanca Phone: +212 522 277 287

Zara

Numerous shops, including Zara, are located on Boulevard Al Massira Al Khadra. Zara is a Spanish fashion chain that offers great clothes and accessories for women, men and children.

Address: Boulevard Al Massira Al Khadra, Casablanca Internet: www.zara.com/ma

PUMA

The international brand PUMA is located right opposite Ghandi Mall. This is a great place for buying sportswear like shoes, clothes and accessories.

Address: 31 Rue Attabari, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-8pm Phone: +212 223 954 34 Internet: www.puma.com

Musk

At Musk you can buy interior design and kitschy decorations for your home. This quirky little shop has numerous cool things like candles, lamps, jewelry and cushions.

Address: 36 Rue Aïn Assardoun, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9am-7pm Phone: +212 522 390 769

Bvlgari

The classy, Italian brand Bvlgari is located in the heart of Casablanca. Here you can find designer clothing and

accessories.

Address: Rond Point des Sports, Casablanca Internet: www.bulgari.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Mohammed V International Airport



Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport is located around 30 kilometres from the city centre. The airport has frequent connections to Paris, New York, Dubai and

Frankfurt.

You can easily reach the city centre by train and car hire companies. The taxis are stationed outside and trains can be found on the lower level of the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Mohammed V International Airport, Casablanca Phone: +212 22 539 040 Internet: www.onda.ma

Buses and trains



CTM intercity buses run to most towns in Morocco. There are plenty of routes and they leave from Gare Routière on Rue Léon l'Africain in the centre of the city. You can

also travel by train to reach other parts of Morocco. If you want to catch a train you must head to Gare du Port. www.oncf.ma

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Phone: +212 522 541 010 Internet: www.ctm.ma More Info: Contact information for CTM

Trams



In December 2012 the tram in Casablanca opened. The tram has 49 stops and links the main neighbourhoods of the city. The trams run from 5.30am-10.30pm. You can

buy one-way ticket, rechargeable ticket which can be used 10 times or a card that can be used for 5 years. Tickets can be bought in ticket machines, agents and retailers.

Photo: Michael Zenaty Phone: +2125 22 99 83 83 Internet: www.casatramway.ma

Taxi



Grand and Petit taxis are available throughout the city at various spots, especially around the main squares and the Gare du Port. They are generally inexpensive and

often quicker than buses. Look for red taxis (Petit) or white taxis (Grand). Shared taxis can be a good idea for longer distances.

Appel Taxis:

Phone: +212 22 390 439 Internet: www.appeltaxi.net

Post



Place Mohammed V is Casablanca's main square. This is where you will find the main post office. Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: Place Mohammed V, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4.15pm and Sat 8am-11.45pm

Pharmacy



When in Casablanca you should be careful with what you drink and eat. Make sure you drink bottled water (not tap water) and that all food you eat is properly cooked.

Pharmacies are generally open in the morning until lunch and in the afternoons. There are several pharmacies scattered around town.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone

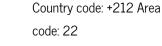


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Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz. Generally two-hole sockets. Adapters required.

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Dress Code

Although Morocco is quickly advancing things are still very traditional. As a tourist it is good to pay attention to your own dress, as what you wear might offend locals or cause harassment. Legs and shoulders are to be covered as these are considered to be D private body parts' and both men and women should keep these areas covered. Both sexes should stay away from sleeveless T-shirts, ordinary T-shirts (worn as underwear in Morocco) and shorts. Also try to avoid tight clothing. Men should avoid walking without a shirt on; this is considered poor taste and offensive.

As for women dress codes are stricter. You may see Moroccan women wearing Western-style clothes but be prepared that you may attract unwanted attention.

Population

Approximately 4 million

Currency

Moroccan dirham (Dh or MAD) 1 dirham = 100 centimes

Opening hours

Shops in Casablanca are generally open Mon-Fri from 8.30am-12pm and 3pm-6pm, from 8.30am-12pm on Saturdays. Shops are closed on Sundays. The central market (Marche Central) in Rue Chaouia is open daily 6am-2pm. Banks keep similar hours and the main branches are open from 8.30am–12pm, some are also open in the afternoons.

Newspapers

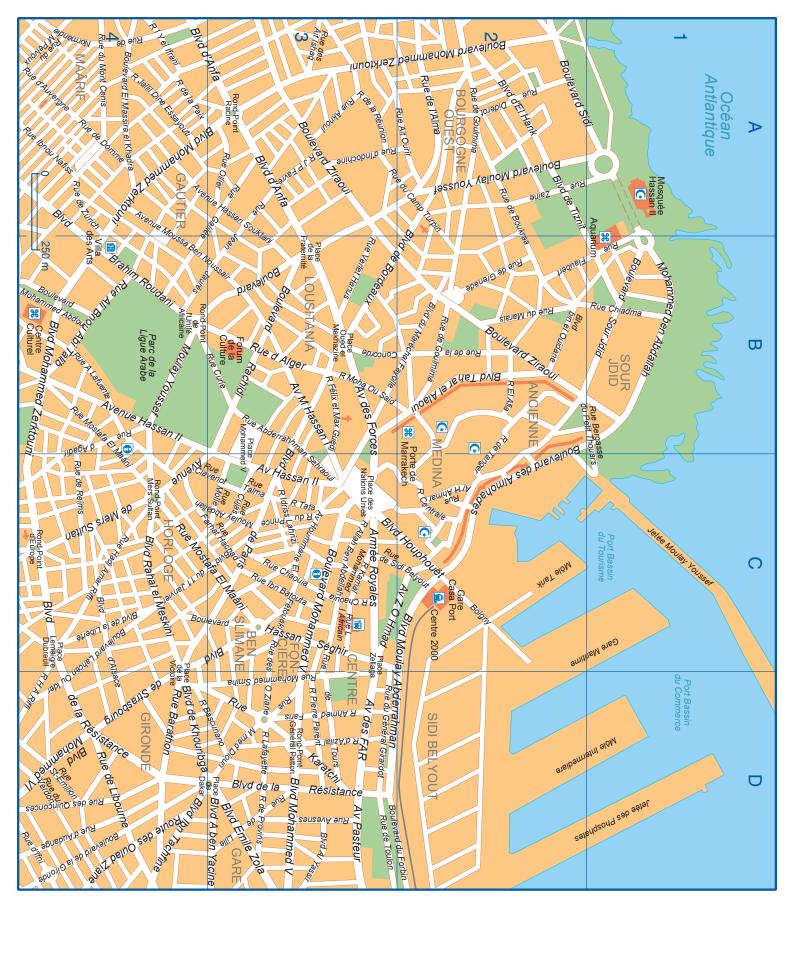
La Quinzaine du Maroc L'observateur du Maroc Leconomiste La Vie éco Tel quel

Emergency numbers

Ambulance/Fire Brigade: 15 Police: 19

Tourist information

The Regional Council of Tourism of Casablanca 60 bis, Avenue Hassan II, Casablanca +212 522 20 62 66



Avenue de Mers Sultan	C4	Jetée des Phosphates
Avenue des FAR	D3	Jetée Moulay Youssef
Avenue des Forces Armée Royales	B3 C3	Môle Intermediare
Avenue des Forces Armée Royales	СЗ	Môle Tarik
Avenue Hassan II	B4 C3	Place de Dakar
Avenue Hassan Souktani	A4 B3	Place de la Fraternité
Avenue Hoummane El Fétouaki	C3	Place de la Victoire
Avenue Moulay Hassan I	B3	Place des Nations Unies
Avenue Moussa Ben Noussair	A4 B3	Place Lemaigre Dubreuil
Avenue Pasteur	D3	Place Mohammed V
Avenue Zaid Ou Hmad	C2 C3	Place Oued el Makhazine
Boulevard Abdellah ben Yacine	D3	Place Zellaga
Boulevard Al Yassir	D3	Rond-Point de l'Unifé Africaine
Boulevard bin el Ouidane	B2	Rond-Point d'Europe
Boulevard Brahim Roudani	A4 B4	Rond-Point Général Patton
Boulevard de Bordeaux	A2 B3	Rond-Point Mers Sultan
Boulevard de Khouribga	D4	Rond-Point Racine
Boulevard de la Gironde	D4	Route des Oulad Ziane
Boulevard de la Liberté	C4	Rue Abderrahhman Sehraoui
Boulevard de la Résistance	C4 D3 D4	Rue Ahmed Faris
Boulevard de Paris	B3 C3	Rue Ait Ourir
Boulevard de Strasbourg	C3 C4 D4	Rue Aknoul
Boulevard de Tiznit	A2	Rue Al Hilal Ahmar
Boulevard des Almohades	B2 C2	Rue Ali Bnou Abi Talib
Boulevard du 11 Janvier	C3 C4	Rue Aspirant Lafuente
Boulevard du Forbin	D2 D3	Rue Avesnes
Boulevard du Maréchal Fayolle	B2 B3	Rue Barathon
Boulevard d'Alsace	C4 D4	Rue Bascunano
Boulevard d'Anfa	A3 A4	Rue Bergasse du Petit Thouars
Boulevard d'El Hank	A2	Rue Centrale
Boulevard El Massira el Khadra	A4	Rue Chaouia
Boulevard Emile Zola	D3	Rue Chiadma
Boulevard Hassan Séghir	C3 C4	Rue Clavenot
Boulevard Houphouët Boigny	C2 C3	Rue Cujas
Boulevard Ibn Tachfine	D4	Rue Curie
Boulevard Lahcen Ou Ider	C4 D4	Rue d Agadir
Boulevard Mohammed Abdou	B4	Rue d Alger
Boulevard Mohammed V	C3 D3	Rue de Boukraa
Boulevard Mohammed VI	D4	Rue de Domme
Boulevard Mohammed Zerktouni	A2 A3 A4 B4	Rue de Goulmima
Boulevard Moulay Abderrahman	C2 D3	Rue de Grenade
Boulevard Moulay Youssef	A2 B3 B4	Rue de la Concorde
Boulevard Rachidi	B3	Rue de la Paix
Boulevard Rahal el Meskini	C4	Rue de la Réunion
Boulevard Sidi Mohammed ben Abdallah	A1 A2 B1	Rue de Libourne
Boulevard Sour Jdid	B1	Rue de Lille
Boulevard Tahar el Alaoui	B2	Rue de l'Alma
Boulevard Ziraoui	A3 B2	Rue de Normandie
Gare Maritime	C1 C2	Rue de Provins

D1 D2	Rue de Reims	C4
C1	Rue de Sidi Belyout	C2 C3
D1 D2	Rue de Tanger	B2 C2
C2	Rue de Toulon	D3
D3	Rue de Tours	C3 D3
B3	Rue de Zurich	A4
C4 D4	Rue des Ait Ishaq	A3
C3	Rue des Oulad Ziane	C3 D3
C4	Rue des Quinconces	D4
B3 C3	Rue Diderot	A2
B3	Rue du Camp Turpin	A2 A3
C3 D3	Rue du Général Girardot	D3
B4	Rue du Marais	B2
C4	Rue du Mont Cenis	A4
D3	Rue du Mont Pelvoux	A4
C4	Rue du Prince Moulay Abdallah	C3 C4
AЗ	Rue du Verdon	D4
D4	Rue d'Audange	D4
B3 C3	Rue d'Auvergne	A4
D3	Rue d'Azilal	D3
A2 A3	Rue d'Ifni	D4
A3	Rue d'Indochine	A3
C2	Rue El Afia	B2
B4	Rue Farhat Hachad	C3 C4
B4	Rue Flaubert	B1 B2
D3	Rue Félix et Max Guedj	B3
D4	Rue Galilée	A3 B4
D3 D4	Rue Hadj Amar Riffi	C4 D4
B1 B2 C1	Rue Ibn Batouta	C3
C2	Rue Ibn Yahia el Ifrani	A4
C3	Rue Ibnou Nafiss	A4
B1	Rue Idriss Lahrizi	C3
C3 C4	Rue Jallil Dine Essayouti	A4
C3	Rue Jean Jaurés Rue Jean Pierre Favre	A3 B3 B4 A3
B3 B4 B4	Rue Jean Pierre Favre Rue Karatchi	AS D3
B4 B3	Rue Lafavette	D3 D3
A2 B2	Rue M med Diouri	D3
A2 D2	Rue Moha Ou Said	B3
A2 B2	Rue Mohammed Smiha	D3
R2 B2	Rue Molle	C3
B2 B3	Rue Mostafa El Maâni	B4 C3 C4
A4		A3
A3	Rue Pierre Parent	D3
D4	Rue St-Emilion	D4
D3	Rue Talma	C3
A2	Rue Tata	C3
A4	Rue Verlet Hanus	B3
D3	Rue Zaine	A2