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Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, stands as a compelling contrast of gleaming architectural marvels and aging structures on the brink of decay. As Morocco's largest city and most active port, it exudes an undeniable cosmopolitan vibe. Located along the Atlantic coastline, the city pairs its fast-paced lifestyle with sophisticated restaurants and a myriad of shopping options. Gradually, Casablanca is evolving into a destination that holds its own against its Western counterparts.

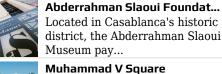
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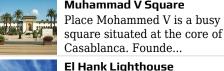


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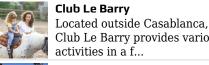


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# THE CITY



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Infused with a sense of romantic allure by the iconic 1942 film starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, Casablanca might not be Morocco's political capital — that title goes to Rabat — but it unquestionably reigns as the nation's economic and cultural heartbeat.

While Rabat holds the formal title, Casablanca excels in areas that matter on a day-to-day basis: commerce, industry and shipping. This bustling activity lends the city a distinctly contemporary aura. Nowhere is this more evident than along Boulevard Brahim Roudani, where sleek business centres give way to upscale restaurants and diverse cultural spaces. These modern enclaves provide a sharp contrast to the Old Town's narrow lanes and the vibrant souks, set against a backdrop of aging, colonial-era buildings.

Known locally as Casa or Dar El Beïda in Arabic, Casablanca boasts a rich and complex history. Its story took a dramatic turn during the 15th-century Portuguese occupation, aimed at suppressing piracy through strategic use of the port. However, the devastating earthquake of 1755 lessened Portuguese interest, paving the way for a rebirth under the Moroccan leader Sidi Mohammed III. This layered history adds yet another dimension to a city that constantly straddles the old and the new. On 8th September 2023, Morocco experienced a catastrophic 6.8-magnitude earthquake. While Marrakesh felt the brunt of the seismic event, several other Moroccan cities, including Casablanca, Agadir, Essaouira and Rabat, also experienced the tremors. Marking the most potent seismic event in central Morocco in over a century, this earthquake stands as the country's most lethal since 1960. Such seismic events are rare occurrences in this part of the world.

## DO & SEE



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Today's Casablanca offers a rich tapestry of experiences best explored on foot. From the Hassan II Mosque with its remarkable glass floor to the Old Medina, where traditional Moroccan life unfolds in real-time, the city is a study in contrasts. The Ville Nouvelle provides an Art Deco counterpoint to the historical areas, adding another layer to Casablanca's complex identity.

Indulge in authentic Moroccan cuisine, wander through the city's intricate streets, or embark on a search for the ideal carpet in one of its lively markets. Casablanca presents a harmonious blend of old and new, serving as a unique lens through which to view Moroccan culture and traditions.

#### Hassan II Mosque & Museum



The Hassan II Mosque commands a dramatic presence on a promontory overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Capable of

accommodating over 100,000 worshippers in its vast interior and courtyard, it is not just a religious monument but also an architectural marvel. The mosque's minaret soars to a height of 210 metres, making it among the tallest in the world. Adding to its distinctiveness, the mosque features a floor made entirely of glass, creating an awe-inspiring effect.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com Address: Boulevard Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah, Casablanca Opening hours: Opening hours depend on the season Phone: +212 5224 82886 Internet: www.fmh2.ma/en

# The Old Medina



Casablanca's Old Medina, also known as Old Town or Ancienne Medina, is a maze-like quarter teeming with life and marked by buildings that

harken back to the period before French rule, provides an authentic backdrop to the city. Vendors with carts offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and spices, while quaint antiques shops and artisanal leather workshops line the constricted passageways. Amid the lively bargaining, outdoor cafes offer spaces for respite, serving both coffee and refreshing mint tea. The narrow lanes are hemmed in by tall, timeworn buildings, creating an evocative atmosphere. Here, locals go about their daily routines while visitors can shop for an array of

#### traditional goods.

Photo: Mikadun/Shutterstock.com Address: Ancienne Medina, Casablanca

#### Cinéma Rialto



Cinéma Rialto dates all the way back to the 1929, making it one of the oldest cinemas in Morocco. The Art Deco-style is beautiful

and the cinema seems to have been taken straight out of the movie Casablanca.

Photo: Naamanes7/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: 20 Rue Mohamed El Quorri, Casablanca Phone: +212 634 750983 Email: cinema.lerialto@gmail.com

# Casablanca Cathedral, or the Church of the Sacred Heart



Featuring elaborate Moroccan and European architectural styles, Église du Sacré-Cœur de Casablanca is one of the landmark buildings in

Casablanca. Once a Roman Catholic church, the glistening-white Art Deco cathedral has functioned both as a school and as a theatre.

Photo: Cortyn/Shutterstock.com Address: Boulevard Rachidi, Casablanca

### Villa des Arts



Villa des Arts is a sprawling exhibition centre in a 1934 Art Deco villa 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.

Photo: Turdyfirst/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: 30 Boulevard Brahim Roudaini, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-7pm, Mon closed Phone: +212 5222 95094 Internet: www.villadesarts.ma

#### **Muhammad V Square**



Place Mohammed V is a busy square situated at the core of Casablanca. Founded in 1916 during the onset of the French protectorate, this public

expanse serves as a prime vantage point for observing the daily rhythms of Moroccan urban life. Take a seat at one of the charming outdoor cafés that line the square, and immerse yourself in the local atmosphere.

Photo: Rigelus/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: Place Mohammed V, Casablanca

#### Marché Central



Marché Central is an animated indoor market dating back to the early 20th century, and it's a must-visit spot in Casablanca. Even if

you're not in the market for its extensive selection of fresh fruit, vegetables and seafood, the experience alone is rewarding. Stroll through the bustling aisles and consider stopping for a casual meal at one of the no-frills food stalls that offer a taste of local flavours.

Photo: Mayeur Pascal/unsplash Address: Boulevard Mohammed V, Casablanca Phone: +212 674 473790

## **Museum of Moroccan Judaism**



The Museum of Moroccan Judaism in Casablanca, established in 1997, holds the unique distinction of being the only museum dedicated to Judaism in

the Arab world. The museum offers an educational journey through Jewish history, showcasing a range of artefacts that shed light on the community's cultural heritage. While its somewhat hidden location off a main thoroughfare can make it a bit challenging to find, it's well worth the effort for those interested in delving into this aspect of Moroccan history.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 81 Rue Chasseur Jules Gros, Casablanca Opening hours: Summer: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Winter: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm Phone: +212 5229 94940 Email: casajewishmuseum@gmail.com

#### La Corniche & Aïn Diab Beach



La Corniche in the Ain Diab neighbourhood is Casablanca's hotspot for upscale Atlantic beach clubs, drawing a chic crowd looking to soak up

the sun or catch a wave. As the sun sets, the atmosphere transitions seamlessly into a bustling nightlife, featuring an array of trendy nightclubs, sophisticated cocktail lounges, and terraced bars with ocean views. Along Boulevard de la Corniche, dining venues range from laid-back, counter-serve eateries to elegant French establishments.

Ain Diab Beach is another crowd-pleaser, offering visitors a plethora of water activities and beach games like football. The area is dotted

with beach clubs, restaurants, and bars, providing ample day-to-night entertainment options. Once the sun dips below the horizon, the beachfront comes alive with live music and various forms of entertainment, adding yet another layer to its vibrant atmosphere.

Photo: Danny Lau/unsplash Address: Plage Aïn Diab & La Corniche, Casablanca

#### **El Hank Lighthouse**



Located on Boulevard de la Corniche, the Phare d'el Hank is a striking, iconic lighthouse. Prepare to climb 256 steps to reach the top, but rest

assured, the effort is rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of both the city and the sea. It's a fantastic spot for photography or simply taking a moment to appreciate the expansive landscape below.

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Address: Phare El Hank, Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca Phone: +212 661 945661

### **Aquaparc Tamaris**



Situated just 5 kilometres from the heart of Casablanca, Aquaparc Tamaris offers a refreshing break from the city's hustle and heat.

This expansive water park is a family-friendly haven, complete with water slides, a wave pool, and a variety of quick dining options. Whether you're looking to keep the kids entertained or simply cool off, it's an ideal day out for everyone. Address: Route d'Azemmour Km 15, Tamaris, Morocco Opening hours: May 20 to September 10: daily 10am-6:30pm Phone: +212 661 855346 Internet: www.tamaris-aquaparc.com Email: contact@tamaris-aquaparc.com More Info: https://www.facebook.com/TamarisAquaparcCasa

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#### Arab League Park



Located next to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Parc de la Ligue Arabe offers a peaceful retreat amidst the city's lively atmosphere.

Covering 30 acres and intersected by Moulay Youssef Boulevard, the park is a verdant oasis with palm-lined paths and abundant greenery. Ideal for either a relaxing stroll or an energising run, this space provides a welcome break from the urban hustle.

Photo: Abdul-Jawad Elhusuni/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Boulevard Moulay Youssef, Casablanca

### Hammam Ziani



Situated in the heart of Casablanca, Hammam Ziani offers an authentic Moroccan hammam experience. From invigorating scrubs to

soothing massages, this basic yet well-appointed spa provides a range of treatments that let you unwind in traditional style.

Photo: Rido/Shutterstock.com Address: 59 Rue Abou Rakrak, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 7am-9:30pm Phone: +212 5223 19695 Internet: www.instagram.com/hammamziani More Info: Cash only

#### **Club Le Barry**



Located outside Casablanca, Club Le Barry provides various activities in a farm environment. If you come here as a group, you will

be offered entertaining team-building activities. The club also offers pony rides, horse rides, paintball fights and quadricycle rides.

Photo: axis213/Shutterstock.com Address: Route Moulay Thami Darbouazza, Marocko Phone: +212 661 449290 Internet: www.clublebarry.com Email: clublebarry@gmail.com

#### Abderrahman Slaoui Foundation Museum



Located in Casablanca's historic district, the Abderrahman Slaoui Museum pays tribute to its namesake, a Moroccan businessman and avid art

collector who passed away in 2001. The museum, established by the Abderrahman Slaoui Foundation, showcases a diverse array of art exhibitions and poster designs. It's a not-so-obvious must-see for art enthusiasts and those interested in Moroccan cultural history.

Photo: Musée Abderrahman Slaoui/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Musée de la Fondation Abderrahman Slaoui, 12 Rue du Parc, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-6pm Phone: +212 522 206 217 Internet: musee-as.ma/en

#### **Royal Palace of Casablanca**



The Palais Royal in Casablanca, the main royal residence of the King of Morocco, is a significant landmark despite being off-limits to

the public. Designed in the 1920s by the Pertuzio brothers and later refurbished under King Hassan II, it's located in the Hubous neighbourhood. Even though you can't go inside, it's worth taking a moment to capture some photos of this majestic site.

Photo: Vlada Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: Palais Royal de Casablanca, 19 Rue de Rome, Casablanca Phone: +212 537 765 400 More Info: Only pictures of the building and exterior plaza allowed

# **United Nations Square**



The United Nations Square serves as an urban epicentre where modernity meets tradition. Originally a marketplace, the square

has evolved into a focal point connecting the European "ville nouvelle" and the historic Casablanca medina. Nowadays, you'll find a plethora of hotels, restaurants and shops around the square, making it an ideal starting point for exploring the city.

Photo: Philip Lange/Shutterstock.com Address: Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca

#### Port of Casablanca



Casablanca's port isn't just any harbour — it's the beating heart of Morocco's maritime trade and a significant global transit point.

Conveniently located near the iconic Hassan II Mosque, the port is an engaging place for a stroll. As you wander, you'll see ships from every corner of the world arriving and departing, a testament to Casablanca's role as a major commercial hub.

Photo: Sasha Semenov-Maron/Shutterstock.com Internet: www.marsamaroc.co.ma/en/ports-and-terminals/cas ablanca-port

#### Parc de Jeux Sindibad



A stone's throw away from Ain Diab beach and shaded by palm trees, Parc Sindibad offers an exciting blend of entertainment. Named

after the legendary adventurer Sinbad, this theme park boasts a variety of rides and seasonal attractions. It even features a zoo, where you can encounter animals native to Africa and Asia. It's an excellent destination, particularly if you're visiting Casablanca with children.

Photo: MaKo-studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Boulevard de l'Océan Atlantique, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm Phone: +212 5227 96862 Internet: parcsindibad.ma Email: reservation@parcsindibad.ma

### 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, it also features Oriental, Mexican, Italian, Indian and American-style eateries.

You should look out for Mechoui, a dish made of paprika and cumin-seasoned roasted lamb, or Bisteeya, a chicken-and-egg pastry wrapped up in a lemony and onion sauce, topped with crushed almonds, cinnamon and sugar.

Note that there may be restrictions to menus and opening hours during Ramadan.

# À Ma Bretagne



Famous for its comprehensive à la carte menu, À Ma Bretagne is run by award winning "Maître Cuisiniers de France" chefs. This

upmarket restaurant joins French cuisine with fresh catch seafood, making it a fine-dining experience.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Boulevard de l'Océan Atlantique, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10:30am-3:30pm / 7pm-1am; Mon closed Phone: +212 5223 97979 Internet: www.instagram.com/amabretagne

#### Le Cabestan



Le Cabestan is an elegant and intimate restaurant with an exquisite French menu and great views over the harbour and the lighthouse. This is

claimed to be one of the city's best restaurants when it comes to seafood. Plus, Le Cabestan also offers drinks in their lounge bar.

Photo: Marian Weyo/shutterstock.com Address: Rue Ras El Hank, 90 Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily noon-2am Phone: +212 5223 91190 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 varied selection of fresh catch fish dishes enriched by appetizing sauces. One

of the restaurant most recommended specialties is their to-die-for grilled squids.

Photo: Alexander Sherstobitov/Shutterstock.com Address: 45 Boulevard Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-11pm, Sun closed Phone: +212 5222 21200

#### L'Etoile du Maroc



L'Etoile du Maroc serves typical Moroccan and Middle Eastern-inspired cuisine that can include lamb dishes, couscous, vegetables or Harrira soup. The restaurant doesn't serve any alcohol, but its traditional Moroccan appeal makes up for it.

Photo: jules/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped) Address: 107 Boulevard Ben Abdellah, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-11pm Phone: +212 5270 18625

#### ILOLI



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

Japanese cuisine with a sophisticated, yet traditional, flair.

Photo: Lenka\_X/Shutterstock.com Address: 33 Najib Mahfoud, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon 7pm-midnight; Tue-Fri 12:30pm-3:30pm / 7pm-midnight; Sat 1pm-4pm / 7pm-midnight; Sun closed Phone: +212 6088 66633 Internet: www.iloli-restaurant.com Email: contact@iloli-restaurant.com

#### **Don Camillo**



The cosy restaurant Don Camillo can be found at Rue Abou Rakrak in the centre of Casablanca. Here, you can choose between various Spanish

dishes from an extensive menu accompanied by an attentively selected wine list.

Photo: Christopher Gardiner/Shutterstock.com Address: 8 Rue Abou Raqraq, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm / 8pm-11pm; Sun noon-3pm Phone: +212 5223 11644

#### India Palace



In the heart of Casablanca, you can find India Palace, an enchanting restaurant offering various Indian dishes and drinks. Choose

between spicy or mild delicacies such as Tandoori Chicken, Naan Bread or Mango Mousse.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 23 Rue Ahmed Al Moqri, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily noon-10:45pm Phone: +212 6617 89665 Internet: www.indiapalacecasablanca.com

#### **Basmane Restaurant**



Located at Hôtel Club Val d'Anfa, Basmane is a restaurant that offers an appealing selection of local specialties in an upmarket ambiance. Here

you can try various dishes like meat skewers and Moroccan pastries.

Photo: Tatiana Volgutova/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Boulevard de La Corniche & Boulevard de l'Océan Atlantique, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 7pm-1am Phone: +212 5227 97532 Internet: www.basmane-restaurant.com Email: restauration@valdanfahotel.com

#### **Blend Gourmet Burger**



Among the several Moroccan and French restaurants in town, you might feel the need to grab a genuine and full-flavoured burger. At

Blend Gourmet Burger you will find various

burgers served with different types of side orders like fries and dips.

Photo: Wow\_Pho/Pixabay Address: 9 Rue Theophile Gauthier, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm Phone: +212 6645 99799 Internet: www.instagram.com/blendgourmetburger

#### L'Entrecôte Café de Paris



At L'Entrecôte café de Paris you can enjoy juicy steaks and great desserts. You can also try their well-renowned sauce "Café de Paris", made

from butter and spices, that goes wonderfully with meat fares.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 78 Avenue Mers Sultan, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3:30pm / 8pm-midnight; Sat & Sun noon-midnight Phone: +212 5222 72674 Internet: www.lentrecotecafedeparis.com Email: direction@lentrecotecafedeparis.com

#### FENCE



FENCE is a stylish restaurant and bar with a laid-back attitude, serving pub food with a pronounced Moroccan accent. Here you can

sample burgers and a plentiful choice of drinks, enjoying football matches or karaoke nights.

Photo: RWA/Pixabay Address: 124 Rue Nahass Nahaoui, Maarif, Casablanca Phone: +212 5222 32854 Internet: www.instagram.com/fencerestaurant212

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#### KHOS



At KHOS you can try great salads, healthy bites, sandwiches and mouth-watering desserts. You will find this place in downtown Casablanca

where it offers a modern décor as well as an attentive, and fast, service.

#### Photo: Ajale/Pixabay

Address: 44 Rue Annoussour, Casablanca Opening hours: Sun-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat closed Phone: +212 5222 73716 Internet: www.instagram.com/khosrestaurant

#### NKOA



NKOA is a hip yet refined restaurant worth a visit. They serve a fusion menu of different ethnic cuisines from all over the world at a reasonable

price. Expect sophisticated meal arrangements in a refreshingly low-key atmosphere.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com Address: 11 Abou Kacem Chabi Quartier, Casablanca Opening hours: Tue-Fri noon-10:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-10:30pm, Mon closed Phone: +212 5201 22848 Internet: www.instagram.com/nkoa

#### Cafe M



At Cafe M, located at Place des Nations Unies, you will find a lovely menu accompanied by a great wine list. Its comprehensive selection

of desserts encompasses sophisticated French delicacies that can be leisurely enjoyed on their terrace. Photo: Paulo Vilela/Shutterstock.com Address: Hyatt Regency Casablanca, Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3pm / 7pm-1am; Sat 7pm-1am; Sun closed Phone: +212 6653 81234 Internet: www.cafemcasablanca.com/en

## CAFES



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Casablanca is renowned for its ice cream parlours and traditional patisseries, enriching the country's passion for sweet tooth's treats with tongue-tickling delicacies.

Moroccan traditions encompass an afternoon coffee and snacks break that predominantly includes nuts or dried fruit-pastries and sweet bread, as well as mouth-watering honey or cinnamon desserts.

#### Pâtisserie Bennis Habous



Pâtisserie Bennis Habous is a Moroccan-style patisserie provided with a wide choice of desserts, cakes, pastries and much more. These delicacies

are all temptingly displayed and freshly baked in the morning.

Photo: Ramon grosso dolarea/Shutterstock Address: 2 Rue Fkih El Gabbas, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 9am-2pm / 3pm-8:30pm Phone: +212 5223 03025 Internet: patisseriebennis.business.site

#### **Glacier Oliveri**



Glacier Oliveri is a well-established ice cream parlour and patisserie that creates wonderfully presented desserts and pastries,

gaining popularity as one of Casablanca's favourites with its 50 years in business.

Photo: Julie Style/Shutterstock Address: 132 Avenue Hassan II, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 8am-1am Phone: +212 5222 76075 Internet: www.instagram.com/oliveri1950 More Info: There are several Glacier Oliveri branches all over Casablanca

### Amoud



At Amoud Patisserie you can sample pastries, ice cream, pralines and cakes made by expert bakers. The first Amoud café opened in 1982 at

Boulevard Emile Zola in Casablanca, developing into a city landmark.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com Address: 26 Boulevard Al Massira Al Khadra, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 7am-8:30pm Phone: +212 5223 90709 Internet: www.amoud.ma

# Bondi Coffee Kitchen



Bondi Coffee Kitchen is run by a Moroccan-Australian couple and offers a self-described "boutique food & coffee concept". The café is an all-rounder, as they serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks here, focusing on bringing an Australian vibe to Casablanca. Enjoy their fair-trade, organic goodies in an industrial setting.

Photo: anuwattn/Shutterstock.com Address: 31 Rue Sebou, Gauthier, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm Phone: +212 6516 87707 Internet: www.instagram.com/bondicoffeekitchen

### Cafe Bianca



At the sophisticated Villa Blanca Hotel & Spa you can find Cafe Bianca. This beautiful café and its welcoming setting is perfect for lazy days.

Here you can enjoy delicious drinks or tempting snacks while overlooking the ocean.

Photo: Alexander Lukatskiy/Shutterstock.com Address: Villa Bianca Hotel & Spa, Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm Phone: +212 5223 97161 Internet: www.villablanca.ma/restaurant/casablanca/cafe-bianca Email: resa@villablanca.ma

### 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 delicious coffee in modern and

stylish interiors. In Casablanca, it is spread over two floors and an outside seating area.

Photo: PondPond/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Rue Attabari & Rue Al Jounaid, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon 7:15am-8pm, Tue-Sun 7am-10pm

Phone: +212 5222 57852 Internet: www.caffevergnano.com/en

#### Mood's Café



If you are in the mood for hanging out with your friends while having a delightful lunch or dinner, you can pop into Mood's Café. This

cafeteria offers an innovative concept and great food like gourmet salads or homemade baked goods.

Photo: StockSnap/Pixabay Address: Marina Shopping, Rue Mourabitine, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight Phone: +212 5222 02025 Internet: www.moods.ma Email: contact@moodcafe.ma

### Dolce & Caffe



Dolce & Caffe is a happening hangout that includes great ice creams and strong coffee among the other options. This is the perfect place to bring

the children and to try some of the snacks and the fine patisserie on offer.

Photo: eak\_kkk/Pixabay Address: 45 Rue Al Fourate, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-10pm, Sun 9am-8:30pm Phone: +212 5229 92447 Internet: dolcecaffeema.business.site Email: info@dolcecaffe.ma More Info: Quartier Maarif

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Casablanca offers a vibrant bar scene, but it's important to note that it can be challenging for single women to go bar hopping unaccompanied. Most nightclubs have policies that may restrict their entry unless they're with a partner. However, there are establishments that welcome couples looking for a night out. Hotel bars, in particular, provide a more relaxed and secure environment, making them a popular choice for visitors wanting a worry-free evening.

### 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 specialising in Casablanca's fresh seafood, vegetables and fruit, you can enjoy good food while listening to piano music.

Photo: Werner100359/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: 248 Boulevard Sour Jdid, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily noon-3pm / 6:30pm-1am Phone: +212 5222 74207

Internet: www.rickscafe.ma Email: info@rickscafe.ma

#### Alias Club Mazagan



At the Mazagan Beach Resort you can find the cool, colourful nightclub Alias Club. This is where you will listen to all the latest tunes, indulge

yourself in snazzy drinks and dance until morning in an upmarket setting. The dress code is smart casual.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com Address: Mazagan Beach Resort, Casablanca Phone: +212 5233 88000 Internet: www.mazaganbeachresort.com/dining/alias

### La Bodega de Casablanca



La Bodega de Casablanca 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 some of their appetizing tapas from the comprehensive menu.

Photo: Takin' Shotz/Shutterstock Address: 129 Rue Allal Ben Abdellah, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-1am, Sun 5pm-1am Phone: +212 5225 41842 Internet: www.instagram.com/bodegacasablanca

### **Black House Disco**



The Black House Disco is a dramatic nightclub located in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This place attracts both tourists and locals that

come here for a few drinks and good music in an elegant ambiance.

Address: Place des Nations Unies, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily midnight-4am Phone: +212 5224 31234 Internet: www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/morocco/hyatt-regencycasablanca/casab/dining More Info: Located at the Hyatt Regency Hotel

#### Sky 28



Located at Kenzi Tower Hotel's 28th level, Sky 28 with gifted by one of the most breathtaking views of Casablanca. The experience just enhances

even more with the tasty cocktail menu and tongue-tickling tapas that is accompanied beautifully with live music and DJs.

Photo: DanKe/Shutterstock.com

Address: Twin Centre, Boulevard Zerktouni, Casablanca Phone: +212 5229 78000 Internet: www.kenzi-hotels.com/en/kenzi-tower/dining-in-cas ablanca/sky28 Email: kenzitower@kenzi-hotels.com

# Irish Pub



Passion for attentively chosen brews, a laid-back attitude and football matches — an Irish pub is always a good choice and this one is no exception. A

predominantly European attitude is the pub's trademark, catering for both national and international sport lovers' tastes.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com Address: 10 Avenue Hassan Souktani, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 4pm-midnight Phone: +212 5222 00210 Internet: www.instagram.com/irishpubcasablanca

#### **Bar CasArt**



A gathering point for art aficionados, the sparkly Le CasArt is an upmarket bar that houses its own art exhibition as well as hosting its fair share of

glamorous events. With a vibrant atmosphere, this is a great place to sip a cocktail made by experts.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche, Rue Sidi Belyout, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm Phone: +212 5224 56200 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Bar-CasArt-Casablanca-2

# **Armstrong Official**



Armstrong Official is an intimate live music bar with varying events throughout the week. See local and international musicians perform and

spend a long night out, as the club lets its guests dance until early morning. Armstrong Official is located on the Corniche between Ain Diab and Lalla Meryem beaches.

Photo: AnnaTamila/Shutterstock Address: Rue Mohyeddine Al Arabi, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 11pm-5am Phone: +212 6130 86045 Internet: amstrong-casablanca.business.site

### Le Jefferson



If you are looking for a pub where you can meet locals and travellers alike, Le Jefferson is a good choice. They serve all kinds of beverages, including beer, wine and cocktails. Sometimes, live music heats up the atmosphere of the small bar or they offer sports screenings.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock Address: Rue Ali Ibn Abi Taleb, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 4pm-1am Phone: +212 6623 67979 Internet: www.instagram.com/lejefferson\_

# SHOPPING



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If you're captivated by traditional home decor and souvenirs, Morocco will feel like a paradise. Kilims and Shoedwi, carpets adorned with colourful geometric patterns, often in black and white, are a top pick. These are typically handmade and sold in quaint shops situated in the alleyways around Boulevard Félix Houphouët-Boigny or in the medinas.

Alongside carpets, ceramics and pottery items like tagines, as well as woven textiles, enjoy equal popularity. You'll often find them in bazaars alongside dried fruits and spices. Remember, haggling is not just accepted but expected when shopping here. The golden rule is to be patient and take your time.

#### Alpha 55



Alpha 55 is one of the biggest department stores in Casablanca. Here you can find numerous shops that sell just about everything,

from jewellery and home decoration to clothes and toys or gift ideas and souvenirs.

# Photo: nito/Shutterstock

Address: Avenue de Mers Sultan, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm Phone: +212 5222 23724 Internet: alpha55.ma

#### **Morocco Mall**



Morocco Mall is not only the biggest mall in Casablanca; it is also the second-biggest one in entire Africa. The mall opened in 2011 and has

several shops, an IMAX cinema and a large and varied food court. Aquadream is a gigantic aquarium that visitors can even go scuba diving in.

#### Photo: Andresr/shutterstock

Address: Corner Boulevard de la Corniche & Boulevard de L'Ocean Ain Diab, Casablanca Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat 10am-10pm Phone: +212 8010 01230 Internet: www.moroccomall.ma

#### Quartier Habous (New Medina)



In Quartier Habous you can find the New Medina and traditional markets, offering one of the city's best destinations for souvenir shopping. If you

like modernity, traditional architecture and

Moroccan handicrafts you will feel right at home here.

Photo: Omalihy/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Quartier Habous, Casablanca

#### Local Markets



Scattered across Casablanca are small, local markets that offer a genuine glimpse into Moroccan culture and crafts. From traditional

souvenirs and local produce to clothing, silver jewellery, and rugs, these markets have it all. Don't forget to put your haggling skills to good use — you'll need them to snag the best deals.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock

Internet: theculturetrip.com/africa/morocco/articles/10-top-so uks-and-medinas-in-casablanca

#### El Maârif



Located in the heart of Casablanca, the Maârif neighbourhood is a haven for fashionistas. Here, you'll find a mix of international brands like

Prada alongside a variety of eateries — from fast-food chains to traditional bakeries and Italian trattorias. If you're in the mood for some high-end shopping, Maârif is the place to be.

Photo: connel/Shutterstock Address: El Maârif, 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 and, when in need to regain strength after an afternoon of shopping, you can stop-by at one of the over 20 eateries.

#### Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock

Address: Boulevard de la Corniche Ain Diab, Casablanca Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm Phone: +212 6681 94101 Internet: anfaplacemall.com Email: info@anfashopping.com

#### **Derb Ghallef**



Head to Derb Ghallef for a busy flea market experience set amidst a labyrinth of shopping streets. Part of the larger Maârif area, this

neighbourhood offers a treasure trove of goods

from clothes and books to furniture and electronics. It's the ideal place to put your haggling skills to the test. While you're there, don't miss the century-old Horticulture Garden for a quieter moment amid the shopping frenzy.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock Address: Derb Ghallef, Casablanca Internet: theculturetrip.com/africa/morocco/articles/things-to -see-do-in-derb-ghallef-casablanca

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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# Mohammed V International Airport (CMN)



Situated about 30 kilometres away from the heart of Casablanca, Mohammed V International Airport serves as a key gateway

with regular flights to global cities like Paris, New York, Dubai and Frankfurt.

Getting to the city centre is straightforward, thanks to a range of transport options including trains, taxis, and car hire services. Taxis await passengers at the Arrivals area, while the train station is conveniently located on the airport's lower level.

Trains to Casablanca Port station run on an hourly basis. This journey typically takes around an hour.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/unsplash Address: Mațar Muhammad al-Khamis ad-Dowaly, Casablanca Phone: +212 22 539 040 Internet: www.aeroportcasablanca.ma/en

#### Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, as well as the Untied States, Australia, and dozens of world countries can enter and remain in Morocco

visa-free for up to 90 days. Look up individual prerequisites prior to travel in order to possibly apply for visa in time.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash Internet: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa\_policy\_of\_Morocco

# **Best Time to Visit**



The ideal time to experience Casablanca is from May to October, when the city enjoys its driest months. During this period, even hot days

are tempered by a refreshing sea breeze, making the climate more comfortable.

However, Casablanca is blessed with a warm climate year-round, so a winter visit isn't entirely off the table. While there's a chance of encountering some rain, the milder temperatures can still make for a pleasant trip.

Photo: Alice Andreea Georgesco/unsplash

### **Dress Code**



Morocco offers a rich tapestry of modern development and deep-rooted tradition, particularly noticeable as you move from urban to

rural settings. For tourists, understanding and respecting this cultural backdrop is crucial. Opting for modest attire—long sleeves and full-length bottoms—is advisable for both men and women. Not only does this show cultural respect, but it's also practical: loose, airy clothing like long skirts, maxi dresses, or flowing trousers help keep you cool and offer sun protection. By dressing in a manner that aligns with local customs, you can more seamlessly integrate into the community, enhancing your travel experience.

Photo: Vince Gx/unsplash

### **Buses & Trains**



For intercity travel within Morocco, CTM buses are a reliable and extensive option. Operating from Gare Routière on Rue Léon l'Africain in the

heart of Casablanca, these buses connect the city with a multitude of Moroccan towns. The station offers a wide range of routes.

Alternatively, if you prefer rail travel, the Gare du Port serves as the main hub for trains. This station provides access to various parts of Morocco, offering another convenient way to venture beyond Casablanca.

Photo: Kabelleger/David Gubler (http://www.bahnbilder.ch)/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Internet: casabus.ma/en More Info: www.moroccotrains.com

### Trams



The Casablanca Tramway is a modern, low-floor tram system. Currently, the network features two active lines: Line T1, which runs from Sidi

Moumen to Lissasfa, and Line T2, which

connects Sidi Bernoussi to Aïn Diab. These two lines cross paths at two separate intersections, allowing for convenient transfers.

Further expanding the system, two more lines — T3 and T4 — are slated for launch in 2024.

For fare payment, the tramway stations are equipped with vending machines where tickets, smart cards, and pay-as-you-go credits can be purchased. The trams operate from approximately 5:30 am to 11:30 pm.

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#### Taxi



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.

Careem car-booking app is a good local provider of on-demand taxis.

Photo: Mourad Saadi/unsplash Internet: www.careem.com

#### Post



Post Maroc is the company that runs the postal service in Morocco, offering a generally reliable service. You can buy stamps

(timbres), envelopes and postcards in post offices, souvenir shops, kiosks and newsagents.

If you want to mail a postcard, you will find several yellow mail boxes in town. The main Post Office in the city is located close to Place Mohammed V.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash Address: La Poste Centrale, 16, Avenue Hassan Ii, Casablanca Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4:15pm, Sat 8am-11:45pm Phone: +212 5222 23635 Internet: www.poste.ma

#### Pharmacy



When in Casablanca, you should be careful with what you drink and eat. Make sure you avoid drinking tap water and that all food you eat is

properly cooked.

Pharmacies operate on a rotation system that guarantees an open pharmacy at night and weekends. You will find the address of the pharmacy on duty at the every pharmacy's front door.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Opening hours: Generally Mon-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm / 3:30pm-8pm; Sat 8:30am-12:30pm

#### Telephone



Country code: +212 Area code: 052 **Tourist information** 

+212 5222 71177

Rue Omar Slaoui, Casablanca

The Regional Council of Tourism of Casablanca

#### Photo: Wesley Hilario/unsplash

#### Electricity



In Morocco, you will encounter two types of electrical outlets: Type C and Type E, both with round prongs. The country's electrical

system runs on a 220V supply voltage and a frequency of 50Hz. Make sure to bring appropriate adaptors if your devices are not compatible with these specifications.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

**Population** 3.9 million

#### Currency

Moroccan dirham (MAD) 1 dirham = 100 centimes

#### **Opening hours**

Bank offices are open from Monday to Friday 8:30am–noon, only some are open in the afternoons. Most shops and consumer-facing businesses are open from Monday to Saturday 8:30am–noon and 3pm–6pm.

#### Internet

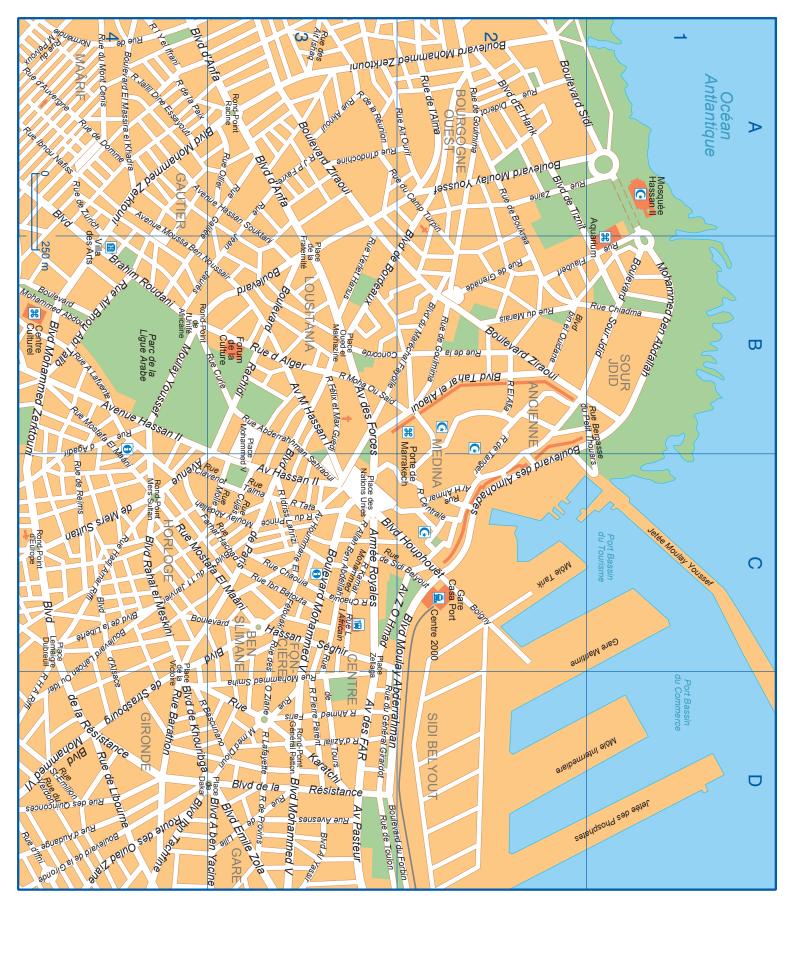
visitcasablanca.ma

#### Newspapers

L'Observateur du Maroc (in French) — lobservateur.info L'Economiste (in French) — www.leconomiste.com La Vie Eco (in French) — www.lavieeco.com TelQuel (in French) — telquel.ma Le Matin (in French) — lematin.ma

Morocco World News (in English) www.moroccoworldnews.com The North Africa Post (in English) — northafricapost.com

**Emergency numbers** Police: 19 Ambulance/Fire: 15



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