



Morocco Packing Guidelines

The climate in Morocco varies between areas. In the spring, there are not a lot of rainy days and the daily high temperatures are between 60-70F and low temperatures between 40-50F, depending on your location.

When it comes to clothing, it is important to remember that the local etiquette of clothing can be rather different to Western travellers. Morocco is a Muslim country, meaning that conservative clothing is expected throughout the country. As responsible and respectful travellers, as we all are, it is polite to avoid excessively short, tight, or low-cut clothing. Moroccans are rather liberal compared to other Muslim countries, therefore t-shirts, skinny jeans and knee-length dresses are quite common, especially in bigger cities. The countryside is naturally more conservative and there we recommend wearing something a bit more covering and with a loose-fit.

When you are heading to the mountains make sure to bring some good walking shoes. Those might be a good idea in the cities as the best way to explore medinas is on foot, and not all of the ground is smooth and level. Protection from the sun is also important while in the south, particularly in the desert. Hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen will all help protect you in the desert. There is no need for women to cover their hair. Wearing hijab is a personal choice to Moroccan women, and many choose not to wear it. As it is a religious symbol, it should not be adopted lightly.

If you intend to take advantage of local nightlife in the cities, attire is much as you would find in the United States.

March days usually start out cool, but will warm up as the day progresses, so we suggest you bring easy-to-carry layers. However, the Sahara Desert cools dramatically after the sun goes down, so a light jacket is a good idea to have. Also, comfortable pants are recommended for the camel ride, as well as for the day spent traveling south. Comfortable walking shoes are important for the city tours, and not all walkways are as smooth as you will find in the U.S. While we have a pretty full schedule, most of the properties do have swimming pools that there may or may not be time to take advantage of. Beyond clothing, be sure to bring sun protection, and we highly recommend stomach medicines as it's always possible something could disagree with you. Additionally, if you are prone to motion sickness, you will absolutely need some sort of remedy for traveling through the mountains. The electrical outlets are the same as European, but twice the voltage of the U.S. Therefore, any heating implements (hairdryer, curling iron, etc.) MUST have a power converter, not merely an outlet adapter. Money will be exchanged on the ground in Morocco. This can be done several times during the trip, as it is best not to have any leftover cash that must be converted back before leaving Morocco. Most everyday shops and restaurants do not accept credit cards, and tips are common for practically all services. A SIM card can be purchased for a low price to be used in any unlocked cell phone if desired.

For more information, you can visit <http://www.muchmorocco.com/practical-information/>

Suggested packing:

- Sneakers/hiking boots for hiking
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Comfortable pants for long travel days, hikes, and camel trek
- Modest swimsuit if you wish to take advantage of the swimming pool
- Jacket for the chilly mornings/nights
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Motion sickness remedies
- Stomach issue remedies
- Backpack/overnight bag to pack for overnight in the desert
- Power adapter (African/European)
- Power converter if you are planning on using heating elements (hair dryer, straightener, curling iron)
- Unlocked cell phone if you plan to use a SIM card