



## **Morocco Packing Guidelines**

The climate in Morocco varies between areas. In the summer, there are not a lot of rainy days and the daily high temperatures are between 80-110F and low temperatures between 60-80F, 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 travelers. Morocco is a Muslim country, meaning that conservative clothing is expected throughout the country. As responsible and respectful travelers, 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 coverage 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.

The days get increasingly hot in the afternoon, so that will be a good time to plan an indoor activity, enjoy a leisurely lunch, or perhaps a nap so that you can keep up with the locals all night. Also, comfortable pants are recommended if you are taking a camel ride. Comfortable walking shoes are important for the city tours, and not all walkways are as smooth as you will find in the U.S. 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 outlets are the same as European, but twice the voltage of the U.S. Therefore, any heating implements (hair dryer, 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 hikes and/or camel trek
- Swimsuit if you wish to take advantage of the swimming pool
- Light cardigan to cover spaghetti strap tops
- 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