

INFO BOOKLET

AUSTRALIAN POST TOUR

MOROCCO





HEALTH

Waterborne, foodborne and other infectious diseases are common. Traveler's diarrhea is common affecting 20-50% of western tourists.

- Boil drinking water or drink bottled water. Brush teeth with bottled water.
- Avoid ice cubes.
- Avoid raw or undercooked food, such as salads.
- Don't swim in fresh water.

To prevent traveler's diarrhea, you may like to take Probiotic tablets. Look for one that contains *Saccharomyces boulardii* (SB). Speak with your pharmacist or GP.

You may like to bring medication to treat diarrhea or stomach upset. Speak with your pharmacist or GP.

Common insect-borne diseases include leishmaniasis and typhus. Malaria is less common. Use insect repellent and wear long, loose, light-coloured clothing.

Vaccination can prevent severe illnesses that are uncommon in Australia. Speak with your GP about whether you should have, or if you have already had dTpa, MMR, and hepatitis A & B vaccinations. Seasonal vaccinations can also be accessed via pharmacists at low/no cost such as influenza and COVID, with the best time being April-May 2025.

CULTURE

Moroccan society is conservative.

Strongly avoid public displays of affection. Do not partake in same-sex public displays of affection.

Clothing that covers shoulders and knees must be worn outside of the main city and at certain locations. Strong preference for this to be loose fitting. Please bring multiple outfits as you will require modest outfits every day we are in Morocco, and we don't want you smelling of BO. The weather during the day will be hot – on average 30°C.

At all times and for all genders avoid revealing clothing (no crop or low cut tops), sleeveless shirts (tanks/singlets) and shorts above the knee. Remove hats and sunglasses indoors.

Carry a scarf: Some religious venues will not allow you to enter if your shoulders are exposed. Carrying a scarf will allow you to cover up where needed and offer protection from the sun.

Unwanted Attention: Ignore catcalls and persistent vendors. Be firm when saying no and use "La, shukran" (No, thank you) if needed.

Always ask for permission before taking photos of people.



CRIME

We will be travelling in a large group (approx. 70 people) and the transport will be private buses. We will have a private local guide. We do not anticipate problems if participants are mindful, make cautious decisions and walk in small groups.

Bag snatching and pick pocketing is common. Keep your belongings close. Don't walk in isolated areas or along dark streets at night.

You may face aggressive begging and harassment, particularly near ATMs. Female travelers may be sexually harassed. Take care when using ATMs. Avoid walking or travelling alone.

Dressing modestly helps avoid unwanted attention.

Scams and fraud are common. These include double-charging credit cards and replacing your purchased goods with lower-quality ones. Always keep your card in sight.

Be alert to the potential risks around drink spiking and methanol poisoning through consuming alcoholic drinks. Stay in groups. Don't leave your drink unattended. Choose to drink pre-mixed or sealed drinks, be careful with cocktails and spirits, and drink at reputable establishments.

Strongly avoid any public displays of affection. Same-sex public displays of affection are considered illegal and you can be persecuted.



LAWS

It's illegal to:

- Perform same-sex sexual acts.
- Perform sexual acts outside marriage.
- Drink alcohol in public places.
- Buy pirated or counterfeit items.
- Consume drugs, even in small quantities.

Drone use is heavily controlled in Morocco. Seek approval from the Moroccan Government before you enter the country with a drone.

Always carry a personal ID; this could be a photo of your passport on your phone. Police can detain you until they can confirm your identity.



MONEY

The Australian Dollar is not on the Moroccan Government-approved exchange currencies list. You will not be able to exchange cash denominated in Australian dollars while in Morocco. Prior to arriving, you should exchange Australian dollars into US dollars or euros, which Moroccan exchange bureaus accept.

Moroccan dirham cash is not possible to purchase before arriving in Morocco.

Australian credit cards are generally accepted in larger cities and tourist centres.

ATMs are widely available in cities and most large towns.

Contact your bank to make sure your cards will work in Morocco.

It's illegal to take Moroccan Dirhams out of the country. Convert any unused Dirhams before you leave Morocco.



ITINERARY

CORRECT AS OF MARCH '25

4TH AUGUST - CASABLANCA

Transfer from Porto accommodation to Porto Airport in the morning. Luggage allowance is 23kg checked, plus 10kg carry on (maximum dimensions 56x40x25cm). Fly from Porto to Casablanca (2 flights, very short layover) and arrive in the evening. Transfer to accommodation and welcome dinner.

Accommodation in Casablanca.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

5TH AUGUST - CASABLANCA - RABAT - CHEFCHOUEN

Accommodation in Chefchouen.

Meals included: Breakfast.

6TH AUGUST - CHEFCHOUEN - VOLUBILIS - FES

Accommodation in Fes.

Meals included: Breakfast.

7TH AUGUST - FES

Accommodation in Fes.

Meals included: Breakfast.

8TH AUGUST - FES - ERFOUD

Accommodation in Erfoud.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

9TH AUGUST - ERFOUD - RISSANI - MERZOUGA

Accommodation in Merzouga.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

10TH AUGUST - MERZOUGA - OUARZAZATE

Accommodation in Ouarzazate.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

11TH AUGUST - OUARZAZATE - MARRAKESH.

Accommodation in Marrakesh.

Meals included: Breakfast.

12TH AUGUST - MARRAKESH - CASABLANCA

Farewell dinner included. Tour/Group activities conclude.

Accommodation in Casablanca.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

13TH AUGUST - CASABLANCA

Check out of accommodation in the morning.

Optional airport transfer departing the accommodation in the morning. Please ensure your flight departs after 12pm if you wish to use the transfer service.

Meals included: Breakfast.



LINKS

Smart Traveller (government advice): [Morocco Travel Advice & Safety | Smartraveller](#)

Information about influenza and COVID vaccination: [Your questions answered | Influenza vaccination | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Information about international travel vaccinations:
<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-for-special-risk-groups/vaccination-for-international-travellers>

Australian Contingent FAQs <https://scouts.com.au/frequently-asked-questions/>