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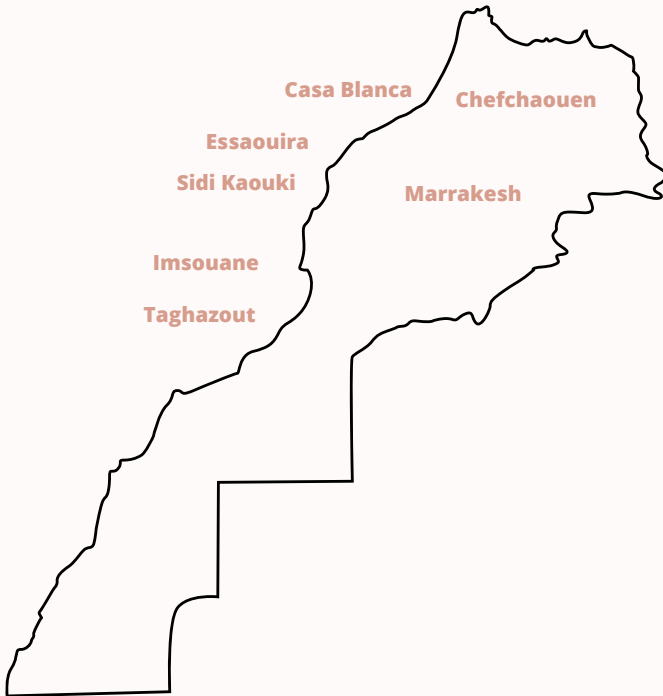
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## About Izza

I spent almost 1 year in morocco, both north and south! What a beautiful country with lots of opportunities and sights!

### THESE ARE THE CITIES I VISITED





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## Discover the beautiful soul of Morocco

To travel to Morocco is to travel to another world; only a 3.5-hour flight and yet so different from us.

Morocco is a Muslim country, but it's a popular one with tourists because Morocco is so diverse, beautiful nature, delicious food and large expanses of beautiful natural landscapes.

## MOROCCAN PEOPLE ARE MULTILINGUAL

As a rule of thumb, locals speak French, Arabic (Darija is the dialect of Arabic that most of people speaks) and Berber, but very often they will know English as well as German.

## GENERAL INFO

The capital of Morocco is Rabat.

1 EURO = 11,10 Morocco Dirham

You need a paspoort to enter the country!

Here are some useful phrases in Arabic:

Hello (Peace Be With You): Salam Alikome  
(salaam a eleikum)

Thank You: Choukran (shokran)

No Thank You: La Choukran (la shokran).

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### WHAT TO WEAR

The question of what to wear in Morocco is usually one of the #1 questions and concerns first-time travelers have after they've booked their ticket.

#### Where in Morocco are you going?

People often forget what a diverse country Morocco is in terms of geography. Not only do you have a sprawling coastline to the west and the Sahara Desert to the east, but you also have mountain ranges, agricultural plains and metropolitan cities sprinkled in between. As such, the question of "what to wear in Morocco" is a sticky one that depends a LOT on your eventual itinerary.

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### What time of year are you visiting Morocco?

More extreme temperatures (e.g. colder winters and hotter summers) the further you get from the ocean. Whereas coastal locations in Morocco have summer temps ranging from 18- 28°C, the interior can expect scorching temperatures up to 35°C.

Along the **Western coast** (think around Casablanca and Essaouira) winter temperatures average 12°C while reaching 25°C and higher from June to September.



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Around **Chefchaouen, Akchour** temperatures are more extreme, with summer ranging from 29-35°C and at times climbing up to 38°C. Winters can be significantly chillier, with daily temperatures averaging 18°C, dipping down to 5°C – 7°C after sunset.

Farther **south in Marrakesh**, winter temperatures average 18°C, and it's pretty much sunny year-round, although temperatures can dip to 5°C. at night. During the summer, temperatures are around 36°C, or even 38°C when you also have the Sahara desert winds blowing.



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Lastly, the **Atlas Mountains** are usually cold throughout the year, dropping below zero in winter. The Moroccan Sahara is similarly cold at night, even near-freezing during the winter months.

Factor these destinations/temperatures into your final Morocco packing list to ensure that you're adequately prepared for the weather, and aren't left to shame-shop in the medina because you didn't pack properly.

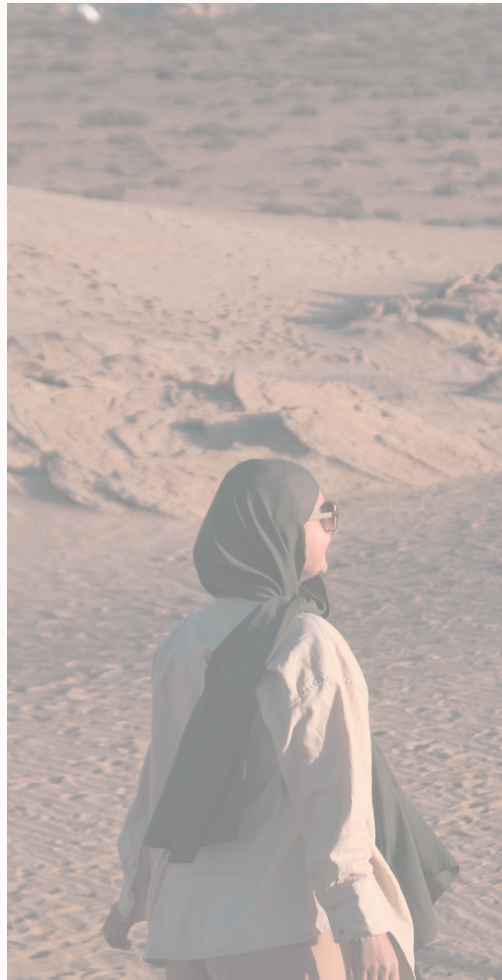


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### What about the religion?

What I experienced is that in the north of morocco is much stricter than the south of morocco. This is because of the vibes or each area. For example surfersvillages are more common than towns like Chefchaouen.

But in general Moroccan people are very liberal and you can wear whatever you want, but the more revealing your outfit is the more attention you will get. I decide to wear covered clothes (no scarf, just basic chemise and long pants), actually I felt really good with this, BE CREATIVE. If you are visiting religious sites, bring a scarf to cover your shoulders and knees out of respect.



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### MOROCCAN KITCHEN

Moroccan cuisine is revered the world over. Blending together influences from the country's past and geographic location, in Morocco you'll come across a mixture of Arab and Berber traditions, as well as inspiration taken from Southern Europe.

I don't know what it is, but every piece of a tajine, fruit or sweet I have in Morocco is so delicious. They take time to make typical maroccan food with full of love.

What you have to try is different tajines, msimmen, batbot, Amlou, fruits and juices, so flavorful! Make sure to eat some when you visit.

Oh, friday is couscous day, because friday the whole family come together to eat couscous.

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### ASK FOR PICTURES

It's customary to ask before taking someone's photo and you may be asked for a small tip after you do.

### HAVE CASH

You can find ATMs but not everywhere. It's always a good idea to have cash to avoid wasting time. Ask your hotel/riad about the best place to withdraw money or ask them to exchange them for you.

Don't forget to active your card in Africa!



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### TIPPING

In the first few days I was giving really big tips because we didn't know what was customary and what was not. The cost of living for locals in Morocco is very low, so don't be embarrassed to tip based on their cost of living amount. Something around 10-15% is about right for the tip amount. Also, try to carry loose change for tipping

### SAFEITY

Generally Morocco is a very safe country and except for shop vendors trying to overcharge you, you probably won't have any other issues while traveling.

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### MEET THE LOCALS

Learning a new language is the first step. To have a more beneficial and rewarding experience, it is important to build your knowledge of the culture of the new country.

Soon I got in touch with locals from Chefchaouen. As a solo traveler it is easy to connect with the people the city admittedly young people. The older generation keep more in the background. But by making contact I had a nice tour of Chefchaouen and knew the best hostels are located.

It is very important to get to know the person first and feel if it feels right! Also see where you are staying.... In Marrakesh and Casa Blanca I would trust it less than in Taghazout and Chefchaouen. But that's back my experience, your experience may be different!



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