

# Morocco Route Planner Guide

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## 20 practical road routes with realistic driving windows and useful stops

This guide helps travellers compare road distances and conservative planning windows before building a private Morocco itinerary. The estimates allow time for varied terrain, comfort stops, urban traffic and daylight travel.

**Use it for planning:** These figures are not live navigation. Weather, roadworks and local instructions always take priority.

## How to use this guide

- Use the planning window rather than the fastest routing time when arranging a private journey.
- Add extra time during winter mountain conditions and summer heat on desert corridors.
- Treat useful stops as optional ideas; the available time depends on your departure hour and pace.
- Check current local conditions before setting out.

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## Route overview

Distances are road estimates. Planning windows are deliberately more conservative than the fastest map routing time.

| Route and terrain                                     | Distance and time                        | Useful stops                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Marrakech to Aït Ben Haddou</b><br>Mountain road   | <b>170 km</b><br>4 h - 5 h               | Tizi n'Tichka, Telouet, Aït Ben Haddou       |
| <b>Aït Ben Haddou to Ouarzazate</b><br>Secondary road | <b>34 km</b><br>1 h - 1 h 30 min         | Aït Ben Haddou, Ounila landscape, Ouarzazate |
| <b>Ouarzazate to Boumalne Dades</b><br>Secondary road | <b>112 km</b><br>2 h 30 min - 3 h 30 min | Skoura, Rose Valley, Dades Valley            |
| <b>Boumalne Dades to Merzouga</b><br>Secondary road   | <b>246 km</b><br>5 h - 6 h               | Todra Gorge, Tinghir, Rissani, Erg Chebbi    |
| <b>Fes to Merzouga</b><br>Mountain road               | <b>464 km</b><br>7 h 30 min - 9 h        | Ifrane, Azrou, Midelt, Ziz Valley, Erfoud    |
| <b>Tangier to Chefchaouen</b><br>Secondary road       | <b>112 km</b><br>2 h 15 min - 3 h        | Tetouan, Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen          |
| <b>Chefchaouen to Fes</b><br>Secondary road           | <b>196 km</b><br>4 h - 5 h               | Rif foothills, Volubilis option, Fes         |
| <b>Casablanca to Rabat</b><br>Highway                 | <b>89 km</b><br>1 h 15 min - 2 h         | Atlantic motorway, Rabat                     |
| <b>Rabat to Chefchaouen</b><br>Secondary road         | <b>246 km</b><br>4 h 30 min - 5 h 30 min | Rabat, Ouazzane, Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen  |
| <b>Casablanca to Marrakech</b><br>Highway             | <b>239 km</b><br>3 h - 3 h 45 min        | Central plains, Marrakech                    |
| <b>Marrakech to Essaouira</b><br>Highway              | <b>185 km</b><br>3 h - 3 h 45 min        | Chichaoua, Argan country, Essaouira          |
| <b>Essaouira to Agadir</b><br>Coastal road            | <b>175 km</b><br>3 h - 4 h               | Sidi Kaouki, Tamri, Taghazout, Agadir        |
| <b>Agadir to Marrakech</b><br>Highway                 | <b>252 km</b><br>3 h 30 min - 4 h 15 min | High Atlas motorway, Marrakech               |
| <b>Agadir to Taroudant</b><br>Highway                 | <b>82 km</b><br>1 h 30 min - 2 h         | Souss plain, Taroudant                       |

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|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Taroudant to Tafraoute</b><br>Mountain road | <b>148 km</b><br>3 h 30 min - 4 h 30 min | Anti-Atlas, Ammel Valley, Tafraoute           |
| <b>Agadir to Tafraoute</b><br>Mountain road    | <b>185 km</b><br>4 h 20 min - 5 h 15 min | Aït Baha, Anti-Atlas, Ammel Valley, Tafraoute |
| <b>Merzouga to Errachidia</b><br>Desert road   | <b>126 km</b><br>2 h 15 min - 3 h        | Rissani, Erfoud, Ziz Valley, Errachidia       |
| <b>Fes to Rabat</b><br>Highway                 | <b>202 km</b><br>2 h 30 min - 3 h 15 min | Motorway, Rabat                               |
| <b>Tangier to Tetouan</b><br>Highway           | <b>62 km</b><br>1 h 15 min - 1 h 45 min  | Mediterranean foothills, Tetouan              |
| <b>Meknes to Volubilis</b><br>Secondary road   | <b>27 km</b><br>45 min - 1 h 15 min      | Moulay Idriss Zerhoun, Volubilis              |

## Planning notes by terrain

**Highway:** Urban exits, holiday traffic and motorway incidents can add time.

**Secondary roads:** Prefer daylight travel. Villages, bends and roadworks may slow the route.

**Mountain roads:** Check local conditions after rain or snow and avoid rushing mountain sections.

**Coastal roads:** Wind, narrow coastal sections and photo stops can extend the journey.

**Desert roads:** Heat, dust and longer gaps between services make daytime planning important.

## Methodology

Road distances start with OSRM/OpenStreetMap routing. Planning windows add realistic time for terrain, comfort stops, urban traffic and daylight travel. Selected corridors are cross-checked against Moroccan National Tourist Office route guidance and current government travel advice. Values are planning estimates, not live navigation.

The route guide presents planning estimates for itinerary design. It does not replace current traffic information, road signs, official instructions or professional local judgement.

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