Staytle

Settle from day one.

PRACTICAL GUIDE · CASABLANCA

On assignment in Casablanca for 1 to 11 months?

Where to live, what to check before you sign, how to get by and what to discover. The essentials in 23 pages.

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1 · THE RIGHT OPTION

It all depends on how long you stay

Under 4 weeks

A hotel or a short-term rental. Easy, but costly once the stay gets longer.

OUR SPECIALTY

1 to 11 months

A mid-term furnished apartment: a real home, move-in ready, without a one-year commitment.

A year or more

A standard lease, with utilities, furniture and paperwork to sort out.

2 · WHERE TO LIVE · AREA 1 OF 4

Triangle d'Or

Chic Casablanca, halfway between the centre and the ocean.

THE FEEL

Modern residences, boutiques, pastry shops and good restaurants.

BEST FOR

Managers who want quiet evenings, with restaurants close by.

GOOD TO KNOW

Street parking is hard: look for a home with a parking space.

2 · WHERE TO LIVE · AREA 2 OF 4

Racine

The calm, residential favourite.

THE FEEL

Quiet streets, well-kept buildings, cafés for breakfast.

BEST FOR

Families and longer assignments, when a good night's sleep matters.

GOOD TO KNOW

Quieter at night: restaurants are a few minutes away, in Triangle d'Or.

2 · WHERE TO LIVE · AREA 3 OF 4

Maarif & Palmier

Everything on foot, around the Twin Center towers.

THE FEEL

Shops, supermarkets, pharmacies, gyms and a café on every corner.

BEST FOR

A single employee or a couple without a car.

GOOD TO KNOW

The busiest area by day. Palmier, next door, is quieter.

2 · WHERE TO LIVE · AREA 4 OF 4

Gauthier

Art Deco Casablanca, best lived on foot.

THE FEEL

1930s façades, restaurants and cafés, with the Arab League Park close by.

BEST FOR

Those who want to live the city and go out without a car.

GOOD TO KNOW

The liveliest area at night, and the closest to the historic centre.

3 · BEFORE YOU SIGN

The assignment housing checklist

- [ ] A lease and an invoice in the company's name
- [ ] All-inclusive rent: water, power, internet, cleaning
- [ ] Fast internet and a proper workspace
- [ ] An equipped kitchen, so dinner isn't always out
- [ ] A photo inventory at check-in and check-out
- [ ] A contact reachable throughout the stay

4 · DAY TO DAY · GETTING AROUND

Getting around town

Red petits taxis

Everywhere in town, metered, up to three passengers.

Uber

Back since November 2025, with licensed transport vehicles. A ride across town: MAD 14 to 21.

Tram and busway

Four tram lines and two busway lines cross the city.

Aerobus

From Mohammed V airport to Casa-Port, 24 hours a day, every 25 to 40 minutes, MAD 50.

casabus.ma/aerobus

Al Boraq

The high-speed train, from Casa-Voyageurs: Tangier in about 2 h 10.

oncf-voyages.ma

4 · DAY TO DAY · PHONE

Stay connected from day one

Three operators

Maroc Telecom (IAM), Orange and inwi, with counters at Mohammed V airport and shops in town.

iam.ma · orange.ma · inwi.ma

SIM card or eSIM

A passport is all a foreigner needs. All three operators also offer eSIM.

Top-ups

Data plans and top-ups are sold everywhere, even at the corner shop.

At home

In a Staytle apartment, internet of at least 50 Mbps is included in the rent.

4 · DAY TO DAY · GROCERIES

Grocery shopping

Marjane

Marjane hypermarkets, Marjane Market supermarkets and Marjane City convenience stores.

Carrefour

Hypermarkets, Carrefour Market and Carrefour Express, run by the Label'Vie group.

BIM and Kazyon

Neighbourhood discount stores, with hundreds of shops across the country.

The corner shop

The “hanout”, open late, for bread, water and phone top-ups.

4 · DAY TO DAY · DELIVERY

Home delivery

Glovo

Meals, groceries and everyday items, delivered to your door.

glovoapp.com

Kooul

The Moroccan meal delivery app.

kooul.ma

The retailers

Marjane and Carrefour also deliver groceries through their own apps.

4 · DAY TO DAY · MONEY

Paying and banking

The dirham (MAD)

A closed currency: get it locally, from a cash machine or an exchange office.

Card or cash

Cards work in supermarkets, hotels and restaurants. Keep cash for taxis and small shops.

Main banks

Attijariwafa bank, Bank of Africa, Banque Populaire, BMCI, CIH Bank, Crédit du Maroc and Saham Bank (formerly Société Générale).

4 · DAY TO DAY · PAPERWORK AND HEALTH

Paperwork and health

Beyond 90 days

For most nationalities, visa-free stays are limited to 90 days. After that, apply for a residence permit at the police Foreigners' Office.

Local contract

A foreign employee's work contract must be approved by the Ministry of Employment. HR usually handles it.

Healthcare

Many private clinics in Casablanca. Make sure you have international health insurance.

Duty pharmacies

Every pharmacy displays the list of pharmacies open at night and at weekends.

4 · DAY TO DAY · GOOD TO KNOW

Useful landmarks

Time zone

GMT all year round since 20 September 2026.

The working week

Monday to Friday, often with a longer break at Friday lunchtime.

Languages

Arabic and Amazigh are the official languages. French dominates in business, English is growing.

Electricity

220 V, European plugs (types C and E).

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

19	15	141	177
Police	Fire and ambulance	SAMU	Gendarmerie

From a mobile phone, 112 also reaches emergency services.

4 · DAY TO DAY · RHYTHM

The rhythm of the city

Climate

Mild all year: around 18 °C in winter and 26 °C in summer, during the day. Rain from November to March, humid ocean air.

Ramadan

Working hours get shorter and many cafés open at the breaking of the fast. In 2027, it should start around 8 February.

Public holidays

About fifteen a year. Religious holidays follow the lunar calendar and move about 11 days earlier each year.

Tipping

Customary: about 10% in restaurants, a few dirhams for taxis or parking attendants.

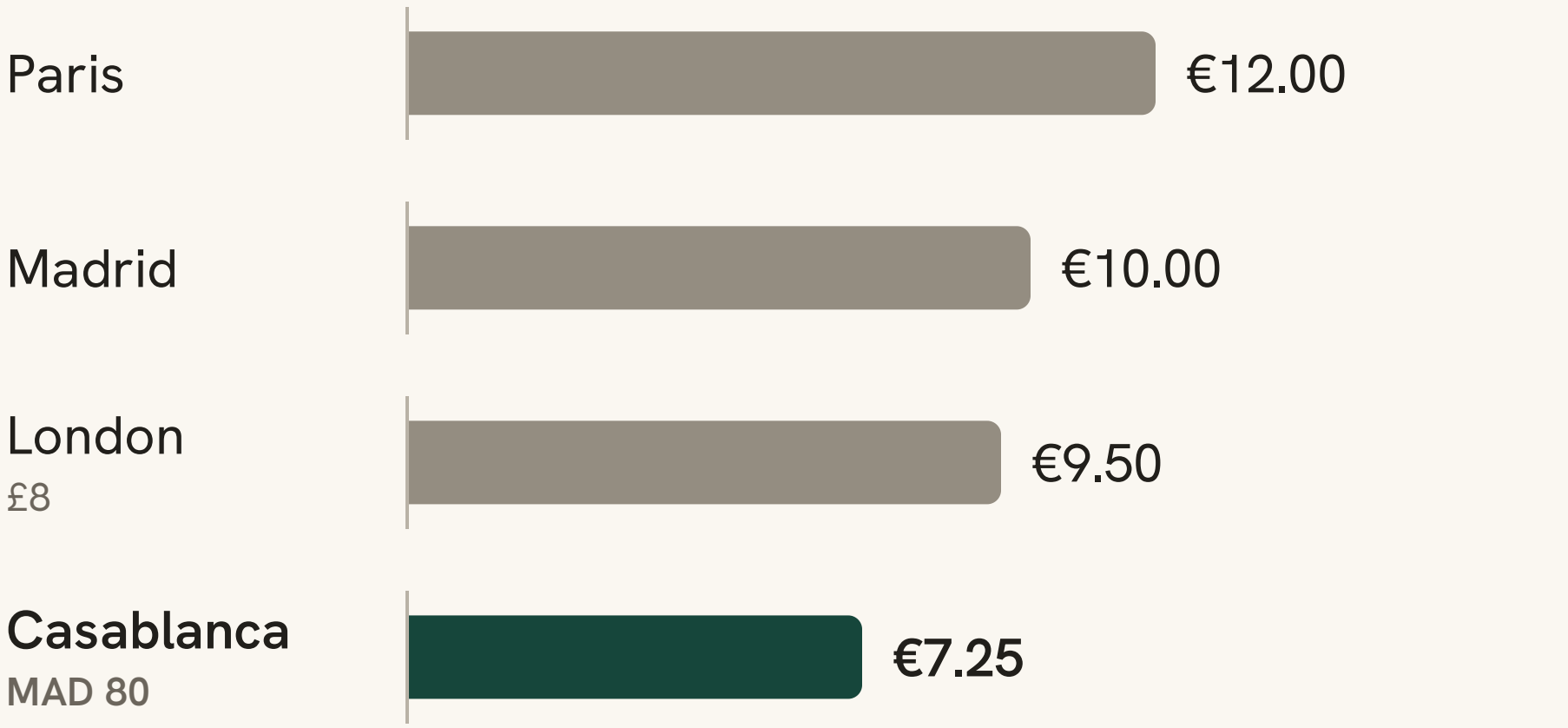
Tap water

Drinkable. Many people prefer bottled water for the taste.

5 · COST OF LIVING · THE MCDONALD'S INDEX

The Big Mac meal, our yardstick

-40% The same meal costs about 40% less in Casablanca than in Paris.



Big Mac meal or equivalent, average prices collected by Numbeo in October 2026. €1 ≈ MAD 11; £1 ≈ €1.19.

5 · COST OF LIVING · DAY TO DAY

Everyday prices

In cafés and restaurants, you pay two to four times less than in Paris. The gap narrows for the cinema, the gym or a phone plan.

	CASABLANCA	PARIS	MADRID	LONDON
A cappuccino	MAD 19 €1.75	€4.60	€2.75	€5.05
A simple lunch	MAD 46 €4.20	€16.50	€16.00	€23.80
Dinner out	MAD 160 €14.55	€35.00	€30.00	€47.60
Water, 1.5 L	MAD 6 €0.55	€0.80	€0.95	€1.65
Cinema	MAD 75 €6.80	€13.00	€10.00	€16.05
The gym	MAD 314 €28.55	€34.85	€44.45	€50.90
Mobile plan	MAD 98 €8.90	€14.10	€15.90	€16.35

Dinner: per person, mid-range restaurant. Gym and mobile: per month. Numbeo, October 2026; €1 ≈ MAD 11; £1 ≈ €1.19.

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5 · COST OF LIVING · GETTING AROUND

Transport prices

The biggest gap is by car: a taxi costs about seven times less than in Paris, and an Uber ride across town comes to less than €2.

	CASABLANCA	PARIS	MADRID	LONDON
A tram ticket	**MAD 8-9** €0.75	€2.50	€1.50	€3.55
Monthly pass	**MAD 250** €22.75	€90.80	€33.00	€221
A 5 km taxi ride	**MAD 23** €2.10	€14.50	€10.10	€19.75
A litre of petrol	**MAD 15.3** €1.40	€2.00	€1.65	€1.90

Uber across town: MAD 14 to 21 a ride (€1.30 to €1.90). From the airport: the Aerobus to Casa-Port, MAD 50 (€4.55).

Taxi: estimate, pick-up plus 5 km at the average rate. Uber: actual rides in Casablanca, October 2026. Petrol in Morocco: pump price on 16 October 2026. Other prices: Numbeo, October 2026; €1 ≈ MAD 11; £1 ≈ €1.19.

6 · DISCOVER · ON FOOT

Exploring on foot

The Ain Diab Corniche

The seafront: beaches, beach clubs, cafés and restaurants, from El Hank lighthouse to Morocco Mall.

Hassan II Mosque

Set over the ocean, one of the few mosques in the country open to guided visits for non-Muslims.

The Habous quarter

The “new medina”, built from the 1920s: souks, bookshops, olives and traditional pastries.

Derb Ghallef

The city's big flea market: electronics, second-hand goods, spare parts. Everything is negotiable.

Arab League Park

The large city-centre garden, for walking or running in the shade of palm trees.

6 · DISCOVER · CULTURE

Going out and culture

Cinema

Two multiplexes: Pathé Californie, and Megarama on the Corniche.

Museum of Moroccan Judaism

In the Oasis district, the only museum devoted to Judaism in the Arab world.

Abderrahman Slaoui Museum

Orientalist posters, antique Moroccan jewellery and paintings by Majorelle.

Casablanca Memory Museum

In Villa Carl Ficke, Mers Sultan: the story of the city and its architecture. Opened in 2025.

6 · DISCOVER · FESTIVALS

The city's calendar

Jazzablanca · July

Ten days of concerts in early July, at Anfa Park and around town: international headliners and Moroccan acts.

L'Boulevard · September

The festival of urban and alternative music: rap, rock, metal, fusion, plus a springboard for new talent.

Andalusian music · May

The Moroccan Andalusian Music Festival (FMMA), at the Théâtre de l'Hermitage.

Road races · May and October

The Casablanca 10 km International in spring, the International Marathon in autumn.

Dates change every year: check them on the organisers' websites.

6 · DISCOVER · DAY TRIPS

Day trips by car

Bouskoura forest

Walks, jogging and picnics, on the edge of the city.

Dar Bouazza and Tamaris

Beaches and seaside restaurants, south along the coast road.

Mohammedia

Its port, beach and seafront promenade, about 30 minutes north.

Azemmour and El Jadida

A medina on the Oum Er-Rbia river and the UNESCO-listed Portuguese City, about 1 h 15 away.

Rabat

The capital, the Kasbah of the Udayas and its gardens, about 1 h by motorway.

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