

DRIVING RULES IN MOROCCO

Roads in Morocco are generally excellent. Overdriving streets are usual situation for Morocco. Traffic accidents are a serious problem in this country. Drivers must be very attentive while driving at night due to the poor lighting system along the roads and have extreme caution when drive in mountains.

Some requirements and advices for driving in Morocco:

- The minimum age for driving is 21 years.
- Driving in Morocco is on the right side.
- Drivers and all passengers must fasten seat belts.
- The speed limits are 40 km/h (25 mph) in towns, 100 km/h (62 mph) in countryside and 120 km/h (75 mph) on motorways.
- Drivers should take care while driving at night, look out for animals, unlit motorbikes and bicycles.
- Drivers can use mobile phones only with hand-free system.
- The road signs are in Arabic and French.
- Drivers have to carry driving license, hire documents, registration, and insurance documents all the time.
- Moroccan laws are against driving under the influence of alcohol. Any content of alcohol in blood while driving is illegal.
- There are only two toll highways in Morocco. The first one is in Rabat that runs to Casablanca; the second one is in Rabat and ends in Tangiers.
- On Sundays parking in Morocco is free. In many towns of Morocco, the parking zones are watched by "gardiens de voitures" in blue coats.
- There are petrol stations in every town.
- In case of traffic accident, the parties of an accident must remain at the scene and not move their vehicles until the police has come and checked all necessary information.
- There are many police officers in Morocco especially in the main streets of large cities.
- It is very important to be careful because stop signs in some places are quite low to the ground so not immediately visible.
- Hitchhiking is very common. You can often see people by the side of roads waiting for a car especially in distant places.
- Having rented a car you can enjoy independence and freedom of getting around Morocco. Renting a car is the best way to visit the places of interest in Morocco. Foreign drivers must use International driving license. International driving license is valid in Morocco for one year. After that foreign drivers must pass the driving test and get Moroccan driving license.
- For renting a car drivers must be 23 years old and have held their driving licenses for 2 years.