



Car rental Rabat — capital & airport RBA

Rabat combines royal gardens, Atlantic light and easy access to the north. Coches Marruecos: a favourite for Spanish and European visitors by car.



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The administrative capital is calmer than Casablanca. With a rental car you can combine the Kasbah of the Udayas, Chellah ruins and coastal drives toward Salé without relying on taxis. Away from the ministries and embassies, the medina and coastal Kasbah quarter feel more like a small, relaxed town than a capital, and the drive north to Salé's beaches takes barely twenty minutes.

This guide is prepared for visitors of Coches Marruecos (cochesmarruecos.com).

City guide

- Kasbah des Oudayas
- Hassan Tower & Mausoleum
- Chellah
- Andalusian Gardens inside the Kasbah
- Beaches north of Salé

Rabat-Salé airport (RBA) is compact; free airport meet is available. The city is genuinely walkable once parked, so leave the car at your riad or hotel rather than trying to find on-street parking near the Kasbah. Book via Coches Marruecos to lock your preferred car.

Highlights



Kasbah of the Udayas

A 12th-century fortified citadel overlooking the mouth of the Bou Regreg river, with whitewashed and blue-painted lanes that are among the most photogenic in Morocco. The Andalusian Gardens inside the kasbah walls are a quiet spot to rest between sightseeing stops.

There is a viewing terrace at the far end looking out over the river toward Salé — a good, uncrowded spot for photos of the coastline.



Hassan Tower & Mausoleum of Mohammed V

The unfinished minaret of a 12th-century mosque that was never completed, standing alongside the mausoleum of Morocco's modern royal family. The site is open and free to visit, with the columns of the original mosque still standing in rows across the plaza.

It sits right on one of Rabat's main avenues, so it is an easy stop to combine with a drive through the city centre or a visit to the nearby Kasbah of the Udayas.

Things to do

Jazz Bar — Tour Hassan Palace Hotel

Live music, cocktails & tapas in an elegant setting

Where to eat

Al Warda

Traditional Moroccan with a contemporary touch — pastilla, tagines, couscous

Il Giardino

Authentic Italian — pizzas, homemade sauces

Riads & places to stay

Riad Dar Chrifa

Restored historic riad in the medina, own restaurant

Riad Meftaha

Hidden-gem riad in the L'Ocean neighbourhood, courtyard oasis

Good to know

A little history

Rabat has been Morocco's political capital since 1912 and was confirmed as such at independence in 1956. The Kasbah of the Udayas dates to the 12th century Almohad era, and the city's blend of historic and planned modern quarters is UNESCO World Heritage-listed.

Local customs

- Dress modestly, especially at religious sites and in more traditional neighbourhoods.
- Ask before photographing people directly, especially women.
- Hagglng is expected in souks and markets; fixed-price shops and restaurants are not negotiable.
- A tip of around 10% is customary at restaurants; small tips for guides and porters are appreciated.
- Friday is the main day of prayer — some businesses close or reduce hours around midday.
- During Ramadan, avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public during daylight hours out of respect.
- Alcohol is available at licensed hotels, bars and some restaurants, but not sold everywhere — public intoxication is frowned upon.
- Driving is on the right; seatbelts are mandatory, and traffic already in a roundabout generally has priority.



Emergency information

- **Police: 19** (from any phone)
- **Gendarmerie Royale (rural areas / highways): 177**
- **Fire & ambulance (Protection Civile): 15**
- **Highway emergency (Autoroutes du Maroc): 5050**

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- **Cheikh Zaïd Hospital** — Major private hospital · +212 802 000 606
- **Clinique Les Nations Unies** — Private clinic · +212 537 67 05 05

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Angola	+212 537 65 92 39	Ethiopia	+212 537 65 99 38	Oman	+212 537 67 37 88
Argentina	+212 537 75 51 20	Finland	+212 537 65 87 75	Pakistan	+212 537 63 11 92
Australia	+212 537 63 33 33	France	+212 537 68 97 00	Panama	+212 673 14 42 37
Austria	+212 537 76 16 98	Gabon	+212 537 67 41 48	Paraguay	+212 537 63 23 50
Azerbaijan	+212 537 75 13 25	Gambia	+212 537 63 80 45	Peru	+212 537 72 32 36
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Central African Republic	+212 537 63 16 54	Italy	+212 537 21 97 30	Sweden	+212 537 63 32 10
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