

THE MOROCCO ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

The numbers and phrases worth having before you need them, for visitors and residents alike.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

112	Universal line. Works from any mobile, even with no SIM or credit. Start here.
19	Police, in cities and towns
177	Royal Gendarmerie, rural areas and highways
15 / 150	Medical and fire services. Sources differ on which is which; both reach dispatch.
5050	Motorway assistance (ADM), breakdowns and accidents on the autoroute

911 does not work in Morocco. Tourist Police numbers vary by city: ask at your riad, or see moroccomag.com/essentials.

EMBASSIES: U.S. / U.K. / CANADA

United States Rabat	+212 537 637 200 Same number after hours
United Kingdom Rabat	+212 537 633 333 After hours: +44 20 7008 5000
Canada Rabat	+212 537 54 49 49 Ottawa (collect calls): +1 613 996 8885

For other nationalities and the full verified contact list, see moroccomag.com/essentials.

SURVIVAL DARIJA

Written phonetically below. Say it roughly as it looks. The full Darija Phrasebook on moroccomag.com/tools also shows Arabic script for pointing at, if that's more useful in the moment.

Marhaba	Welcome / Hello
Shukran	Thank you
'Afak	Please
Wesh kat-hder n-negliziya?	Do you speak English?
'Awni 'afak	Help me, please
'Eyyt l-l'is'af	Call an ambulance

Shhal hada?	How much is this?
Fin kayn...?	Where is...?

QUICK FACTS

Currency	Moroccan Dirham (MAD). Cash-first economy, small bills useful.
Country code	+212
Tourist visa	90 days for most Western nationalities on arrival
Weekend	Saturday to Sunday (government offices closed Friday afternoon too)

Accuracy note: phone numbers and details can change. This checklist reflects information verified as of September 2026. For the most current version, always check morocomag.com/essentials.

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