



Essaouira
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ESSAOUIRA MOGADOR, THE BOHEMIAN

A quiet secluded city, Essaouira is the perfect destination for a city break to unwind from the daily routine. A truly enchanting port of call, it is a peaceful haven all year round and a paradise for water sports lovers.



REASONS TO GO

- Charming port of call, unique peaceful atmosphere
- Mild weather all year round
- Atlantic coastal town perfect for boardsports
- Cultural destination for music lovers (wide selection of festivals)

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- Discover the work of marquetry artists and their craft-Thuya wood inlaid with pieces of mother of pearl, silver thread and lemon wood.
- The trade winds (coastal breezes) cool down the evenings in the harbour town, so bring warm clothing, even in summer.
- Make sure to visit the fish market and taste the delectable sardines and shellfish right in the harbour.
- For the more athletic types, try out kite-surfing and sand yachting on the wide beaches.
- In 2010, a new resort will be opening 10 km from Essaouira: **Mogador**, with world class hotel and sports facilities.
- Contemplate the “Mogador Islands” or “the Purpuraires” from the top of the ramparts. They are a nature preserve for birds inaccessible to visitors.

THE BEST REASONS TO GO

Unforgettable places:

- **The ramparts** are a beautiful place for a walk. The waves crash against the walls built along the rocks.
- **The two fortresses: Sqala de la Kasbah and Sqala du Port**, which are connected to each other by the Porte de la Marine.
- **The fishing port:** is one of the most active in the country and it still has a distinctive feel.

Heritage and Culture:

- The medina, medieval architecture blended with various influences, primarily Spanish and French. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdallah Museum, built in a riad, houses a collection of regional folk arts and traditions.
- Argan oil, culinary and cosmetic, is a product only found in Morocco in the region between Essaouira and Agadir.



Rest and Relaxation:

- **Thalassotherapy** in the resort at the Sofitel Thalassa Mogador.
- Sample the tasty **regional culinary specialties** made from fish and shellfish.
- **Golfing:** Essaouira Mogador, the first 18-hole. Two others are planned as well.

Festivals and Events:

- **Gwana and World Music Festival**, in June. An international festival featuring Gwana music rivalling with world music, jazz and blues.
- **Printemps Musical des Alizés**, where music lovers gather in May. Classical music concerts in a different riad every night.
- **Festival des Andalousies Atlantiques**, in October. A festival of Andalusian music and a cultural melting pot.

Excursions and Events:

- Lovers of **boardsports** (surfing, kite-surfing, windsurfing) and other water sports will adore the beautiful golden sandy beach at **Moulay Bouzerktoun** (north) or **Sidi Kaouki** (south), two very popular spots.
- Safi, fishing port famous for its decorated pottery. Visit the **Musée de la céramique** (Ceramics Museum) and the **Kechla** fortress built in the 16th century by the Portuguese.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Température en °C	18	18	19	20	22	21	22	22	22	22	21	19



IN THE AREA

