

Casablanca, Morocco

Morocco's commercial capital delivers one of the world's great mosques, a maze of Art Deco boulevards, a fragrant market quarter, and easy rail access to the elegant capital Rabat — all from a brand-new terminal that opened in 2026.

Docked (new terminal, Jetée Moulay Youssef) Typical call: 9–11 hrs Moroccan Dirham (MAD) Arabic · French · some English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: New cruise terminal (GPH, opened Jan 2026)

To city center: ~1 km · short taxi or shuttle

Best For: Hassan II Mosque · Habous Quarter · Rabat day trip

Don't Miss: Guided interior tour of Hassan II Mosque

Getting around: **Taxi** 100–150 MAD (~\$10–15 USD) · **Rideshare** Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hassan II Mosque — Interior Tour** — One of the world's largest mosques, with a 210-metre minaret visible from the sea and sections of the prayer hall built out over the Atlantic.
- **Art Deco & Mohammed V Square** — Casablanca's French colonial architects blended Art Deco with Moorish arches in the 1930s to create a distinctive 'Mauresque' style.
- **Habous Quarter (New Medina)** — Built by the French in the 1930s to relieve overcrowding, the Habous Quarter is a planned medina — orderly lanes of honey-coloured arches, pastry...
- **Rabat Day Trip** — Morocco's elegant capital is ~1 hr by train (Casa-Port → Rabat-Agdal) and a world away from Casablanca's bustle.
- **Corniche Ain Diab & Coast** — The Atlantic seafront west of the Hassan II Mosque — a long promenade of cafés, the El Hank lighthouse, and crashing waves.

BEST WALKS

- **Mohammed V Square to Habous Quarter** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — Start at Mohammed V Square to take in the Art Deco civic buildings, then walk south through the new town's broad avenues to the honey-arched lanes of the Habous Quarter.
- **Hassan II Mosque to Corniche** ~1.5 km · 45 min · easy — After the mosque tour, walk north-west along the Corniche (Boulevard de la Corniche / Boulevard Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah) past the Atlantic seawall to the El Hank...
- **Old Medina wander** ~1 km · 45 min · moderate — Casablanca's walled old medina is small by Moroccan standards but atmospheric — crumbling Portuguese-era ramparts, spice vendors, textile stalls.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:00AM–8:01PM · Jun 6:20AM–8:42PM · Aug 6:52AM–8:16PM · Sep 7:14AM–7:36PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:56PM	
Apr	70°	56°	6d		
Jun	77°	64°	2d		
Aug	82°	68°	0d		
Sep	80°	66°	2d		
Oct	78°	63°	4d		

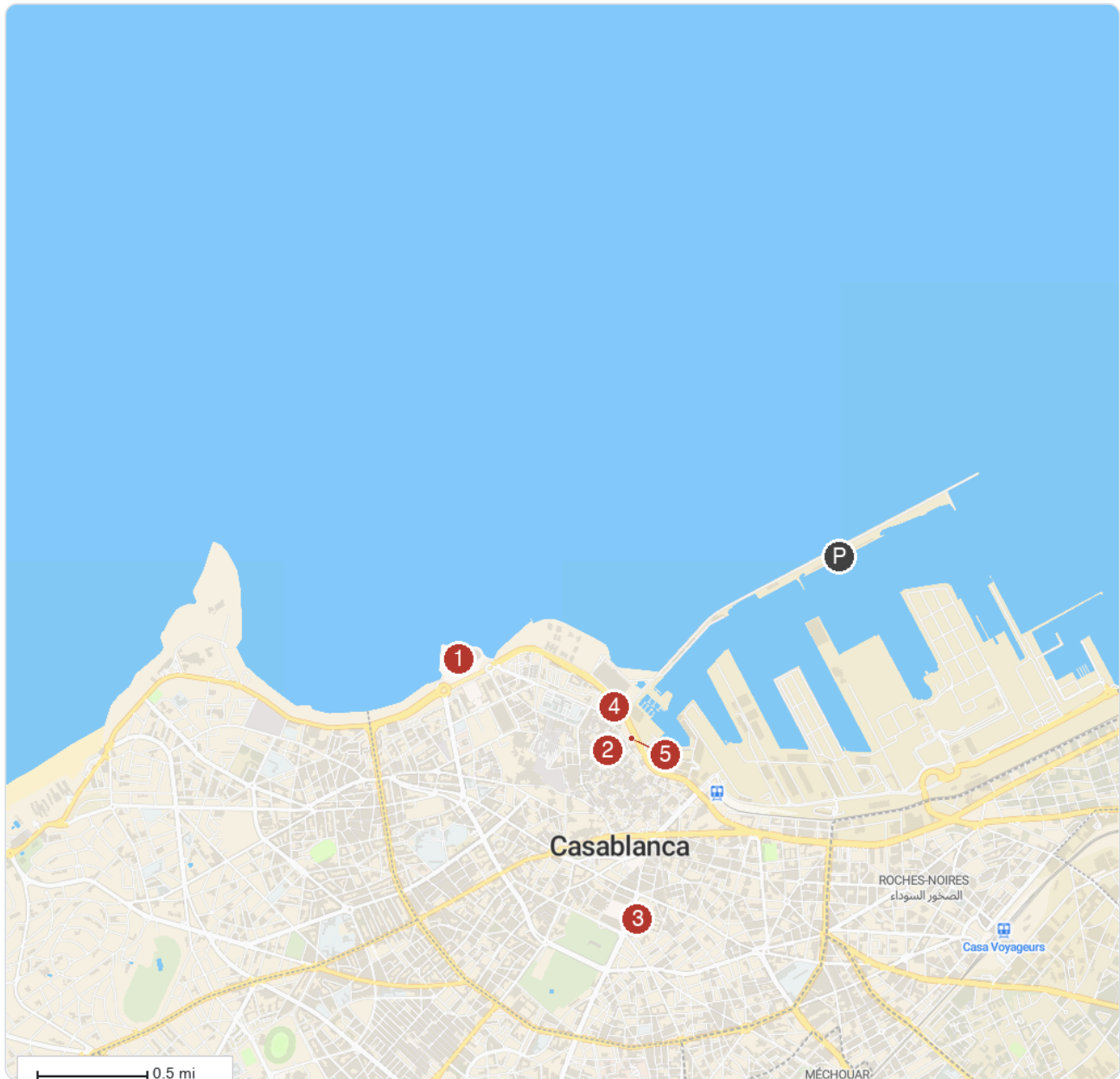
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book your mosque time carefully. Guided tours run Sat–Thu at 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, and 3pm (reduced Fridays). Tickets (~130–140 MAD) are sold on-site only — arrive 30–45 min early. Queues build fast once tour coaches arrive.
- Dress modestly for the mosque. Shoulders and knees covered for all; women also cover hair inside. Slip-on shoes recommended — you'll remove them in the prayer hall. Non-Muslims cannot enter independently, only on the guided tour.
- Agree taxi fares before you ride. Red petit taxis rarely use the meter with tourists. City-center hops cost 20–40 MAD; port to Hassan II Mosque ~30–50 MAD. Never share a petit taxi with a stranger who 'helpfully' offers to guide you.
- The dirham is a closed currency — get cash locally. ATMs in the city center and at the terminal work well. Cash is essential for taxis, medina shopping, mosque tickets, and tips. Haggle in markets; fixed prices in Habous pastry shops.
- Train to Rabat is easy and scenic. Casa-Port station (10-min taxi from terminal) runs direct trains to Rabat (~1 hr, ~45 MAD). A genuinely rewarding day if your ship allows the time — more refined and less hassle-y than Casablanca itself.
- A licensed guide pays for itself. The old medina and Habous Quarter are best with a local guide — lower hassle, better access, real context. Many cruise excursions include one; alternatively, book via your hotel or a reputable agency at the terminal.

Casablanca, Morocco — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Hassan II Mosque** One of the world's largest mosques, built partly over the Atlantic with a 210m minaret, open to non-Muslim visitors on guided tours.
- 3 Mohammed V Place** The city's grand administrative square, ringed by Art Deco and Neo-Moorish landmarks including the Bank Al-Maghrib and a 1976 fountain.
- 5 Sqala of the Medina** An 18th-century seafront bastion within the old medina walls with cannons and views over the harbor toward Hassan II Mosque.

- 2 Ancienne Medina** Casablanca's historic walled quarter of narrow alleys and souks selling spices, leather, and handicrafts, entered via Bab Marrakech.
- 4 Rick's Cafe Casablanca** A 1930s riad meticulously recreated as the fictional bar from the 1942 film Casablanca, with nightly live piano.
- P Cruise port / terminal**