

Morocco 2011

October 21 - November 8

	In local currency	In PHP
Accommodation		
Riad Hiba 2 nights, ensuite toilet, with breakfast	MAD 600.00	PHP 3,209.64 ¹
Pension Suika 2 nights, shared toilet	MAD 178.00	PHP 946.49 ²
Pension Sekaya 2 nights, ensuite toilet, with breakfast	MAD 300.00	PHP 1,609.09 ³
Auberge La Source 2 nights, ensuite toilet, half board	MAD 500.00	PHP 2,681.82 ⁴
Hotel Amlal 2 nights, ensuite toilet, half board	MAD 390.00	PHP 2,064.03 ⁵
Amour de Riad 4 nights, ensuite toilet, with breakfast	MAD 431.00	PHP 2,295.27 ⁶
Green Oasis 1 night, shared toilet, with breakfast	US\$ 32.00	PHP 1,369.60 ⁷
Transportation		
Trains	MAD 360.00	PHP 1,950.77 ⁸
Buses	MAD 498.00	PHP 2,671.13 ⁹
Grand taxis	MAD 65.00	PHP 356.08 ¹⁰
Petit taxis	MAD 252.00	PHP 1,344.96 ¹¹
Food and Beverages		
Meknes	MAD 122.50	PHP 655.30
Chefchaouen	MAD 246.00	PHP 1,311.11
Fes	MAD 288.00	PHP 1,536.35
Merzouga	MAD 160.00	PHP 858.18
Ouarzazate	MAD 71.00	PHP 377.01
Marrakech	MAD 540.50	PHP 2,881.81
Casablanca	MAD 46.00	PHP 224.70 ¹²
Abu Dhabi	US\$ 8.00	PHP 343.24 ¹³

Activities

Volubilis admission fee	MAD 10.00	PHP 54.78
Sahara sunset camel tour	MAD 150.00	PHP 804.00
Ait Benhaddou tour	MAD 325.00	PHP 1,730.18 ¹⁴
Ait Benhaddou admission	MAD 10.00	PHP 53.06
Jardin Majorelle	MAD 40.00	PHP 213.57 ¹⁵
Souk Cuisine cooking class	MAD 500.00	PHP 2,662.72 ¹⁶

Miscellaneous

NAIA terminal fee	PHP 750.00	PHP 750.00
Roaming charges	PHP 175.04	PHP 175.04
Local sim and prepaid credit	MAD 60.00	PHP 323.53
Postcards and magnet	MAD 42.00	PHP 224.67
Keychains and t-shirt	MAD 100.00	PHP 535.96
Postage	MAD 92.60	PHP 492.39 ¹⁷
Toilet fees	MAD 15.50	PHP 83.80 ¹⁸
Porter	MAD 20.00	PHP 106.35 ¹⁹

Total PHP 36,896.63

1 After traveling for more than 24 hours, Riad Hiba was a great treat. Our room was HUGE! It was pricier than what we would have wanted, but it was worth the warm hospitality of our hosts and the amazing breakfast. It was a great start to our Moroccan adventure.

2 There was a huge downpour in Chefchaouen the day that we arrived and the room they reserved for us got flooded. They arranged for us to have a room at the hostel next door, Mauritania and transferred us to the following day. Most of the backpackers are staying there so it can be quite noisy at night specially in our room which is right next to the lounge. On the upside, we were right beside the wi-fi router and more importantly, they have a cat!

3 Truly an oasis in the midst of the Fes medina. The inside of the riad is pretty, but the room itself lacks character and had a tiny ensuite toilet and bath.

4 The location of the hotel is perfect: right across the dunes of Erg Chebbi. What made this place special though is its host, Hassan Ougnir.

5 It's a great budget option located within walking distance to a lot of shops and restaurants. We opted to go half board here, and it seems it's the right decision: their tagines are the best we've had in Morocco.

6 Very easy to find and just 8 minutes from the Djemma el Fna square and the souks. And no stairs! (at least for our room)

7 Booked this through AirBnB. It's a room in a house in Casablanca's ville nouvelle and it was gorgeous! Kinda regretted not booking more nights here.

8 Train rides include: Casablanca airport to Casa Voyageur (main train station), Casablanca to Meknes, Marrakech to Casablanca and L'Opera to Aeroport.

9 Fees include bus ticket and luggage fee. Buses taken: Meknes to Moulay Idriss, Meknes to Chefchaouen, Chefchaouen to Fes (CTM), Fes to Merzouga (Supratours), Merzouga to Ouarzazate (Supratours) and Ouarzazate to Marrakech (Supratours).

10 Grand taxi from Moulay Idriss to Volubilis and Volubilis to Meknes.

11 We took the petit taxi to get around, mainly when going out of the medina and into the ville nouvelle. Only a handful automatically turn on the meter when we get in.

12 We stayed in a house where we have a fully equipped kitchen to use. We opted to take a walk down to the neighborhood supermarket and bought things to cook for dinner.

13 McDonald's Quarter Pounder and fries. We do not regret it.

14 We chose to go hire a car with a guide instead of commuting, and it was well worth it. Our ride was a Toyota Land Cruiser and our driver/guide veered away from the main road and we went off road. We had a great view of the landscape, which not a lot of tourists get close to.

15 Pricey, but the garden is very well kept and very serene.

16 My sister's request.

17 This is how I fully understood how far away we are from the Asia-Pacific region.

18 Unless otherwise stated, toilets in Morocco charge between MAD 1 - 2 per person, per use.

19 We mistook the tout for the porter that the riad sent.

