

# Morocco

Quality courses, an exceptional climate and incredible value in North Africa

**M**orocco is one of the world's fastest emerging golf destinations and it's little surprise. Marrakech is the country's golfing star, offering excellent holiday golf at an excellent price. First-time visitors cannot fail to be impressed by the quality of the courses, clubhouses and facilities in and around this North African city.

#### Three reasons to visit

- Sun is virtually guaranteed.
- Incredible value for money. At the time of going to press, the exchange rate would give you just over 15MAD per pound – to put that into context a pint of local beer will cost around 18MAD, so little over £1.
- Marrakech's golf courses are all grouped closely together so you avoid lengthy drives.

#### Must-play courses

You'll find an impressive collection of courses around Marrakech. Make your first port of call the relatively new The Montgomerie Marrakech which is close to the airport and the handiwork of the former Ryder Cup

captain in collaboration with European Golf Design. Just down the road you'll discover the stunning Assoufid, a class desert-style layout, and the Jack Nicklaus-designed Samanah. Also worthy of a spot on your itinerary are two 27-hole venues – the well-established Palmeraie, created by Robert Trent Jones Snr and featuring 11 lakes, and nearby Amelkis. The Kyle Phillips-designed Al Maaden, which opened in 2009, is another excellent option, alongside historic Royal Marrakech, a short but testing classic parkland with tight fairways overlooked by rows of exotic timber and vegetation.

There's plenty of great seaside golf to enjoy

'Royal Marrakech is a short but testing classic parkland with tight fairways'

in Morocco too, especially around Agadir with du Soleil, les Dunes and l'Ocean the pick. Soleil opened in 2000 and boasts fast, well-guarded greens and four large lakes which bring water in play on six holes. The Cabell Robinson-designed Dunes opened in 1991 and is located on the fringes of Agadir's Club Med Resort, while Ocean is a fairly new 27-hole venue with three distinctly different loops of nine. Look out too for Kyle Phillips' stunning new Tazegzout course at Taghazout Bay Resort – perched above the Atlantic.

Further afield be sure to take in Gary Player's coastal pair of Mogador in the beautiful historic port city of Essaouira and Mazagan Beach, breathtakingly plotted beside the Atlantic, an hour's drive from Casablanca.

#### Best time to go

From November to March temperatures are 20-23°C making it perfect for golf.

#### How to get there

Ryanair fly to Marrakech, while easyJet fly to both Marrakech and Agadir. ▶



Kylecracker Phillips' new Tazegzout course is breathtaking.

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An outstanding golf course on the edge of the Atlantic



Pleasure at first sight !



Taghazout Bay unveils its first golf, whose name is of Berber inspiration 'Tazegzout'. Designed by Kyle Phillips, Tazegzout includes an 18-hole course combining technical challenges with the pleasure of the game. Located at 80m above sea level, Tazegzout offers spectacular views on the ocean and the argan forests. Its management is totally environmentally friendly, integrating wastewater treatment systems and waste management processes. The Club offers an academy, a great Practice area, a Club House, a Restaurant and a Proshop, all while being backed to a hotel managed by the Hyatt group.

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