Tangier Travel Guide

The Strait Gateway · 2-Day Circuit (Strait of Gibraltar)



A practical introduction to Tangier, where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. Explore the Kasbah ramparts, literary cafes, and the Caves of Hercules, then check ferry and rail connections.

OFFICIAL MOROCCO FIELD EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- **Gendarmerie Royale (Coast Roads): 177**
- **Urban Police: 19**
- **Protection Civile (Ambulance): 15**
- **International SOS: 112**

Field Intelligence: Strait Realities

Port Confusion & Ferry Logistics: Tanger Ville is the central port, close to the city centre and medina, served by the Tarifa route. Tanger Med is a separate passenger and vehicle port 54 km away via motorway. Check operator timetables before travel.

Ferry Hustlers & Medina Touts: At busy arrival points, you may be approached by people offering directions or tours. If you do not need help, a polite 'La, shukran' is sufficient. Navigating independently is safe and straightforward.

Strait of Gibraltar Cost & Logistics Matrix

TRAVEL STYLE	BOUTIQUE LODGING	COASTAL TRANSIT	MEALS & DINING
Eco / Backpacker	150 – 280 MAD Shared dorm / compact room	40 – 80 MAD Local petit taxis & transit	90 – 170 MAD Street bocadillos & cafes

TRAVEL STYLE	BOUTIQUE LODGING	COASTAL TRANSIT	MEALS & DINING
Mid-Range Explorer	750 – 1,500 MAD Private terrace room in Kasbah	250 – 450 MAD Private taxi hire	280 – 550 MAD Fresh seafood & rooftop coffee
Luxury / Heritage	2,500 – 5,500+ MAD El Minzah / Nord-Pinus Tanger	800 – 1,600 MAD Private Mercedes van chauffeur	700 – 1,400 MAD Fine dining at El Morocco Club

Suggested 2-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Medina Gates, Bab el-Bahr Ramparts & Café Hafa

Begin your morning by entering Tangier's storied medina through Bab el-Fahs from Grand Socco. Climb through quiet residential lanes toward the Kasbah, touring the Kasbah Museum inside Dar el-Makhzen. Walk through Bab el-Bahr to view Spain across the strait.

In the late afternoon, walk along the Marshan residential district to legendary Café Hafa for sunset mint tea overlooking the Mediterranean and Atlantic horizons.



Check Tangier Boutique Stays on Booking.com

Day 2: Cape Spartel, Caves of Hercules & The Corniche

Venture west beyond city limits along La Montagne. Stop at Cape Spartel lighthouse where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. Continue south to the Caves of Hercules to witness the sea window carved in the shape of Africa.

Head back along the modern Corniche and Tanja Marina Bay for seaside dining before boarding Al Boraq high-speed rail at Tanger Ville station.



Book Cape Spartel & Caves of Hercules Tour on GetYourGuide

Essential Must-Packs

- **Supportive Sneakers:** Medina cobblestones and steep Kasbah steps require solid tread.
- **Windproof Shell Jacket:** Atlantic breezes at Cape Spartel and Café Hafa can turn chilly.
- **Power Bank & eSIM:** Keep devices charged for navigation and connectivity across the strait.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much time do you need? Two days (48 hours) is ideal for exploring the medina, Kasbah, Café Hafa, Cape Spartel, and Caves of Hercules.

Is Tangier safe? Yes, Tangier is a modern, cosmopolitan city with low violent crime rates. Standard street vigilance applies near busy port gates.

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