



Royal Air Maroc Adds Montreal-Marrakech Route as Morocco Fall Air Capacity Grows

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New and expanded flight connections from North America and Europe are creating more options for travelers visiting Morocco this autumn for desert tours and multi-city cultural itineraries

Morocco Countryside Tours, a Marrakech-based tour company operated by native Berber guides, has observed increased interest from North American travelers following Royal Air Maroc's addition of three weekly non-stop flights between Montreal and Marrakech for the fall 2026 season, alongside expanded frequencies from European carriers to multiple Moroccan airports.

Royal Air Maroc has added three weekly non-stop flights between Montreal and Marrakech for the fall season, while European carriers including Transavia, Ryanair, and easyJet have increased frequencies from Paris, London, and Madrid to both Marrakech and Agadir airports. The additional capacity arrives as Morocco's National Tourist Office has projected continued growth in international arrivals following the record 17.4 million visitors recorded in 2024, a 20 percent increase from the previous year. According to published National Tourist Office arrival figures, the North American market has recorded the strongest growth rate among long-haul source markets since 2022, with United States arrivals rising approximately 35 percent in

2024 compared with the previous year.

September and October daytime temperatures in Marrakech average 28 to 32 degrees Celsius, compared to peak summer highs above 40 degrees, creating conditions that travel professionals consider well-suited for extended outdoor itineraries. In the Sahara Desert, overnight camping in the Erg Chebbi dunes becomes more comfortable during these months, and Atlas Mountains trekking routes are accessible without the extreme heat of July and August. Hotel occupancy data from the Ministry of Tourism indicates that fall shoulder-season bookings have trended upward over the past three years, reflecting broader interest in Morocco's autumn travel window.

Morocco Countryside Tours reports that the additional flight options have broadened its client base beyond the traditional European market. Said, founder and head guide of Morocco Countryside Tours, noted that the Montreal-Marrakech route allows North American travelers to reach their starting city without a connecting flight through Casablanca. The company offers multi-destination itineraries covering imperial cities, Sahara desert camps, and Atlas Mountain villages, with departures available from Marrakech, Fes, Casablanca, Tangier, and Agadir. Said noted that the expanded flight network makes it easier to design routes that begin and end at different airports, reducing travel time between regions.

The high-speed Al Boraq rail network, which connects Tangier to Casablanca in approximately two hours, and recent highway expansions have improved access between Morocco's major tourism regions. The Ministry of Equipment and Transport has reported that highway projects completed in 2025 have reduced driving times on several key corridors, including the route linking Marrakech to the Atlantic coastal towns. These infrastructure improvements, combined with the additional fall flight capacity, have made it practical for travelers to cover southern desert routes, central mountain regions, and northern imperial cities within a single trip of approximately one week.

Said, who has led Morocco Countryside Tours for more than a decade, said that the combination of expanded flight access and favorable fall conditions has created opportunities for visitors to experience multiple regions. Travelers can arrive through Casablanca or Marrakech and depart from a different city, covering more ground without backtracking, he said. The fall season provides conditions that allow visitors to see the Sahara, the mountains, and the imperial cities all in one extended itinerary, which has become one of the most requested trip formats from travelers planning their first visit to Morocco.

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