



Casablanca and Marrakech Airports Rank Among Africa's Top 10 as Morocco Handles 22 Million Passengers

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Casablanca and Marrakech airports ranked among Africa's top 10 by seat capacity in August 2026 as Moroccan airports handled more than 22 million passengers in the first seven months of the year, according to the African Airlines Association and the National Airports Office.

Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport and Marrakech Menara International Airport have been ranked among Africa's 10 largest airports by seat capacity for August 2026, according to a performance update from the African Airlines Association. Moroccan airports handled more than 22.28 million passengers between January and July 2026, up 8.77 percent from the same period in 2025, the National Airports Office reported, as air travel demand continues to grow across the country's major aviation hubs. Morocco Countryside Tours, a Marrakech-based private tour operator led by native Berber guides, noted that the airport expansion supports the company's ability to serve international travelers visiting the Sahara desert, Atlas Mountains and imperial cities throughout the year, with improved connections from more departure cities worldwide.

AFRAA reported that total seat capacity across African airports increased 8.8 percent in August 2026 compared with the same month in 2025. Intra-African route capacity grew 10.5 percent over the same period, driven by network expansion, new route launches and the deployment of larger aircraft by both African and international carriers. North Africa accounted for the largest share of the continent's seat capacity at 41.9 percent, followed by Eastern Africa at 22.7 percent and Southern Africa at 18.3 percent, according to the industry body's latest performance update. Casablanca Mohammed V remained Morocco's busiest airport with 6,953,695 passengers recorded between January and July, while Marrakech-Menara followed at 6,407,303 passengers, reflecting the city's significant role in tourism-driven air traffic to southern Morocco.

"The growth in airport capacity and rising passenger numbers makes Morocco more accessible for travelers from around the world," said Said, founder of Morocco Countryside Tours. "As Casablanca and Marrakech airports expand their connections and routes, we are able to serve visitors from more cities with direct routing that reduces travel time. The winter months in particular are becoming more popular as travelers discover that Morocco's desert and mountain regions offer comfortable conditions for touring throughout the year."

Morocco is expanding its airport infrastructure under the Airports 2030 strategy, which aims to increase nationwide passenger capacity from approximately 34 million to 80 million annually by 2030, preparing for continued tourism growth and major international events including the 2030 FIFA World Cup which Morocco will co-host with Spain and Portugal. The expanded capacity is expected to support private tour operators like Morocco Countryside Tours by connecting more international gateways directly to Moroccan airports, reducing the need for connecting flights through European hubs and enabling shorter travel times for visitors arriving from long-haul source markets in North America and Asia.

Morocco Countryside Tours offers private guided Morocco tours led by Berber guides with customizable itineraries covering the Sahara, Atlas Mountains, imperial cities and Atlantic coast. The company offers private tours from Marrakech and other starting points with desert camping, mountain trekking and cultural heritage options. Travelers can book multi-day Sahara desert expeditions with overnight camp stays. All tours include native Berber guides with deep knowledge of landscapes, history and traditions, and are fully customizable for group size, travel pace and activity preferences to suit each traveler's interests.

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Morocco Countryside Tours is a Moroccan travel company specializing in private, custom tours across the country. Led by experienced local guides, they offer cultural, desert, mountain, coastal, and city tours designed to provide authentic experiences

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