



Tangier Town Guide

A Guide to Tangier - Morocco



People have occupied this strategically important point on the strait separating Europe and Africa for over 2500 years, with just about every race or power that has held sway in the Mediterranean leaving its mark. It has left a unique city - hardly Moroccan, nor European, nor even African.

The town is chiefly known in the UK from its time as an international protectorate, called Interzone. Tangier flourished at this time as it served as a playground for eccentric millionaires, a meeting place for secret agents, a Mecca for speculators and gamblers, an Eldorado for the fun-loving “Haute Volée”. Famous authors, poets and intellectuals flocked to enjoy the liberal social atmosphere, many building grand villas and palaces in which to live. Today the gun runners, prostitutes, pimps and poets have gone but they have left their mark with the cosmopolitan and easy going atmosphere.



The faded grandeur of this era is now being extensively restored and the government has made the creation of Tangier as an international city at the top of its development agenda. New motorways now join the historic towns and villages around Tangier and the international airport will shortly begin to take low cost carriers.



The new King has a personal affinity to the town, indeed it was the first place he visited after the coronation, and it is expected that this should greatly aid the development efforts.

The beaches are a big attraction in Tangier. With people enjoying themselves with camel rides , windsurfing , acrobatics and football . The beaches here have a number of beach bars open in summers only. Most of them offer showers, deck chairs, food and drink and cabarets at night

For many people their first experience of Morocco is the madness and hassle of the Tangier ferry port. The hustlers and “guides” can seem intimidating at first and can be difficult for first time visitors. But give it time and these annoyances become minor and dealing with them part of normal life, leaving you to enjoy this likeable and lovely place.

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