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A G A D I R
CRUISE



Agadir is the first seaside tourist destination in the country, thanks to its mild climate, summer and winter, with 300 days of sunshine per year. It offers its visitors a bay and is a member club of the most beautiful bays in the world, with a beach of fine golden sand and a promenade 4 km long bordered by restaurants and quality hotels. It is also a city of sports and leisure, with a marina of 316 berths, 4 major golf courses and several high quality health

spas. A privileged place for sports and leisure resorts, surf spots in Agadir are considered by professionals as among the best in the world. Taghazout, Tamri, Imessouane, are favorite spots for surfers both amateur and professional. Agadir offers also a hinterland rich in culture and nature. This town boasts the largest resorts in the region but also constitutes the starting point for excursions to cultural discovery and adventure to the tourist areas nearby.

AGADIR

& SURROUNDINGS: SUN, BEACH AND FUN

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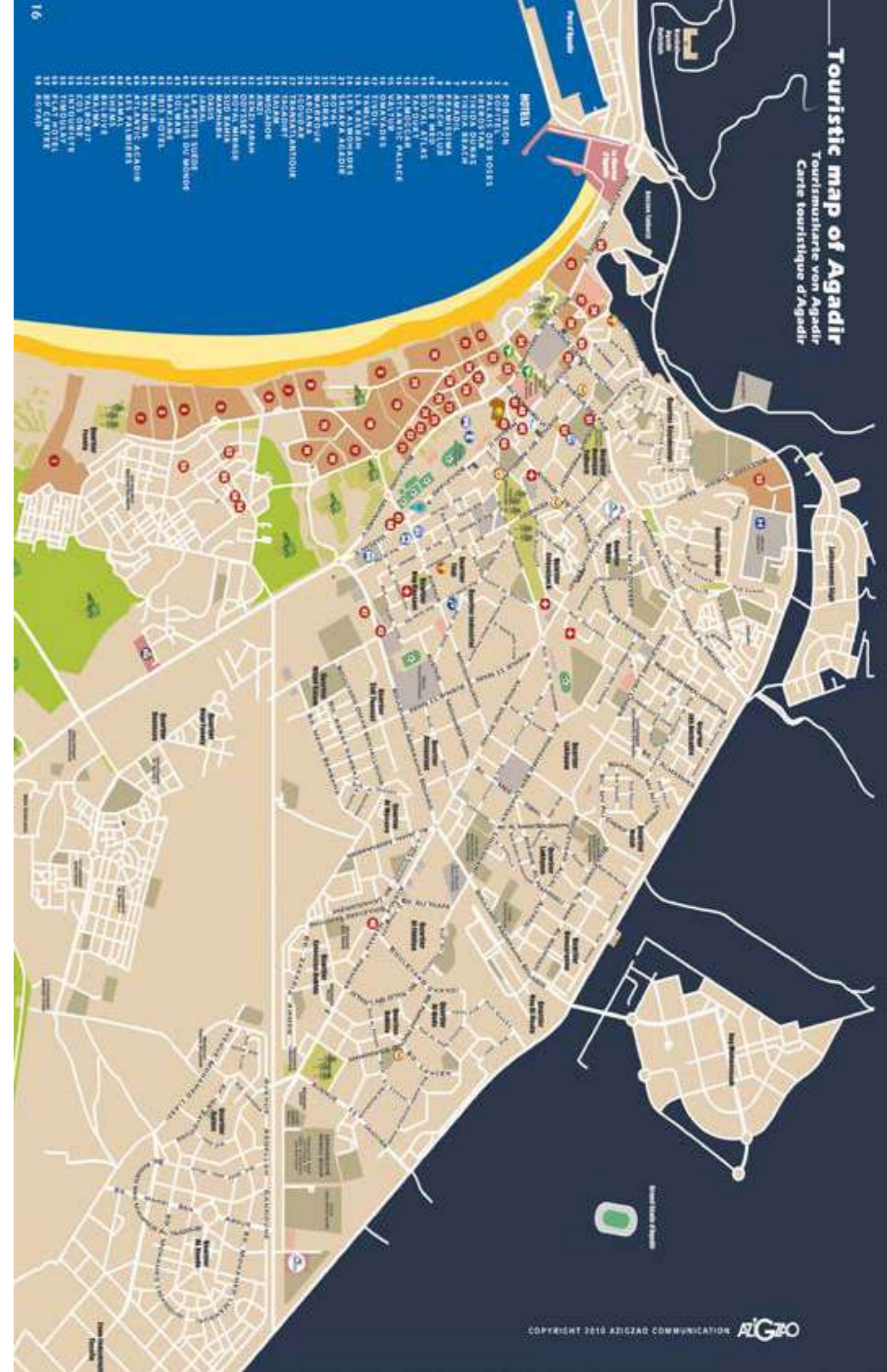
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- Surf
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Agadir (in Berber ⴰⵖⴰⴷⵉⵔ) is a major city in mid-southern Morocco. Agadir is located on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean near the foot of the Atlas Mountains, just north of the point where the Sus River flows into the ocean. It is 508 km south of Casablanca. It is the capital of the Agadir Ida-U-Tanan Prefecture and of the Sus-Massa economic region. A majority of its inhabitants speak Tashelhit (Berber) one of the varieties of the Berber language.

Indeed, Agadir provides access to the vast country of the Argan trees classified as a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, The Argan tree is the center of the socioeconomic life of the villages. The country of the Argan tree is also a place of choice for nature tourism that takes a considerable growth through the creation tourism offering hiking trails, accommodation, entertainment areas and sports culture.

South of the city, we discover the Souss Massa National Park on 33,800 ha nature reserve of fauna and flora and Saharan oasis of rare migratory birds in both wetlands Souss and Massa classified Ramsar sites.



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The town of Agadir is the capital of southern Morocco and capital of the Souss-Massa-Draa region, the largest in the kingdom that spans 72,506 km² (10% of the total land area). It is spread over 9 Provinces and 2 Prefectures.

Agadir & Region



Harbor of Agadir

Nautical Informations

Currents

The mainstream, prevailing in the South, is felt only 7M off with a speed of about 0.7 knot, However, a coastal current in the same direction, bypassing the pier west of Anza, is usually felt between the buoy and offshore assists. To the east of the pier, the current is gradually moving to the North East and its speed can sometimes reach 2 knots.

Local weather

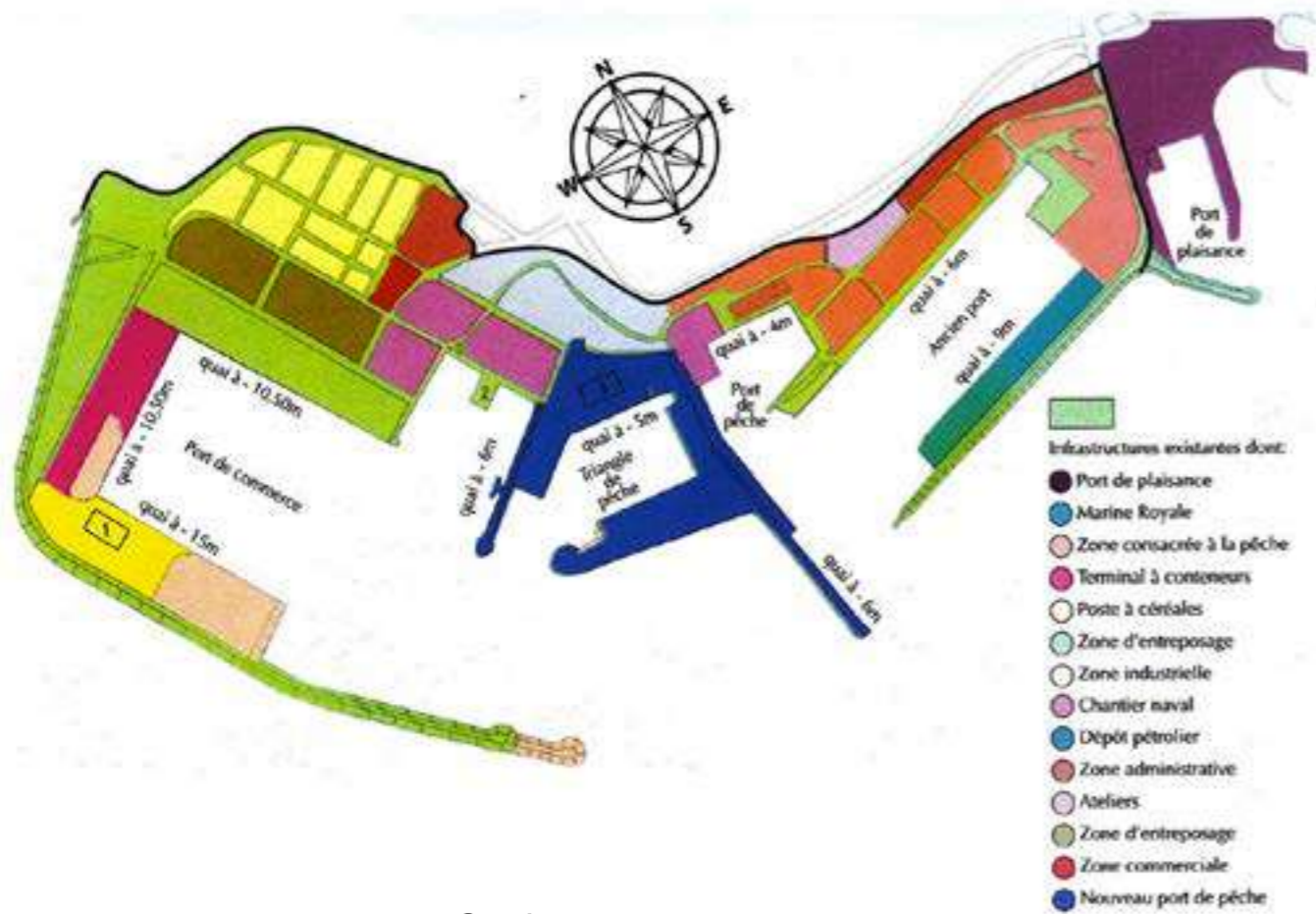
From late March to early June, a strong wind from the Northwest rises every day at noon and falls at sunset. In winter, strong winds from the West to Southwest may settle for a few days, in which case it is frequently the surf along the quays. The fog is quite common from June to October (more than 5 days per month in July and August at Cape Ghir).

Anchorage

The anchorage area by more than 20 m of water is bounded by

- 30 0 25'N-9 39'W, 30 25'N
- 9 r 40W, 30 26'N - 9 40'W,





Port of Agadir

The port of Agadir is situated 40 Km South of Cap Ghir and at some Kilometres of town centre. Port is connected to Essaouira with the main road n°8. Port is connected to Essaouira with the main road n°8.



Infrastructures, Equipment & Services

Accessibility port : the port has an access channel of 250m and a 500m turning circle diameter. So the port can accommodate vessels with a draft of 13 m and a length of 250m. After approval of the commander and assistance of the tug, the port can accommodate ships of 300m length and 15m draft

Facilities and services dedicated to cruises : Two bridges adapted to the ships: Terminal for refueling vessels 50m each flow 60 m³ / h; Parking for tour buses; A shuttle to downtown and the promenade; Three culverts to house the reception and control; A walkway built from the commercial port to the marina.



Transport Service in Agadir

There is a shuttle service between the port, the town and the promenade. There is no fixed schedule for these buses but the operators departures coincide with the shuttle arrivals and departures of the ship.

Several means of transport are available to cruise passengers for shopping or tours:

Tandems: Ecological City Transport for the ride to town. Noddy Train: to make a 30min ride and visit the main attraction of the city. Little Red Taxi: to run an errand in town or go to a specific place quickly. Big White Taxi: to move outside the city of Agadir. Bus: Bus stops are readable by either bus shelters or simply stop plates. Also, many rental cars with drivers are present in the city (see directory), for urban travel, long distance or in the rural hinterland.



Agadir Life Style



Area of Imouzer Ida Outanane

The village of Immouzer Idda Outanane lies north of Agadir and is famous for its natural honey (slightly peppery), Imouzer celebrates every year in July), the Honey Festival, the fair of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants. The country also offers several theme trails with Honey Circuit, Atlantic circuit, and the Circuit Aourir. Also, for lovers of mountain biking and trekking, you can enjoy various paths and trails.

Chtouka Ait Baha

Chtouka Province Ait Baha is a natural and ecological area, namely for the argan trees, the Kasbah, oases Igoudar, and Berber granaries. These advantages make it a tourist destination for lovers of cultural tourism, adventure and ecotourism. It is for this purpose that the areas tourism Chtouka is worth a visit because it offers several themed tours: the kasbah routes; the routes of Igoudar and Almonds trees; the tour of the Anti-Atlas to Atlantic; circuit of valleys; the treks in the country of Bahia

Taroudant

Further east at 80km from Agadir, rises the medina of Taroudant, one of the oldest cities in the kingdom. Lively and rich in experience, craftsmanship and architectural heritage. Its copper-colored ramparts of the 16th century adds to the imposing beauty. Not to be missed are the Kasbahs of Taliouine and Ighill N'oughou and the imposing beauty of Tiout. Located at the intersection of the Souss valley and mountains of the High Atlas. The little Marrakech gives an excellent panorama of southern Morocco. The first capital of the sixteenth century Saadi, was a refuge for rebel princes, coveted by the tribes

of South Taroudant and occupied an important place in the history of Morocco. Since Oqba Ben Nafi (who introduced Islam in Morocco) passed through the town of Taroudant, The residents are now a mixture of people of Arab and Berber origin.

Taliouine

Taliouine is a Berber village in the Atlas Mountains, 1200m above sea level. Tiznit was founded in 1882 after the military-expedition of the Alawite level, connected to the world by Tisintest pass and the road Agadir / Sultan Moulay Hassan I in the region of Souss. This city occupies a special place in the region of Souss. It is a true commercial and cultural crossroads between the Saharan provinces in the Anti Atlas and with Quarzazate. It is the capital of saffron, the cultivation and production are entirely manual and performed by men and women of the village. Taroudant, is one of the historic cities of Souss.

Tiznit

A unique and valuable herb, saffron comes from stigmas of purple flowers (Crocus sativus Linnaeus of the family Iridaceae) hand picked. The importance of Tiznit also lies within its walls as it would appear to early in the morning. The stigmas are then dried in the sun for a few days to be the last Andalusian Maghreb military defence structure of that period, and used in cooking as seasoning or as colouring agent. Therefore it became a National Heritage site in 1932. Tiznit is also distinguished by its prestigious handicrafts, mainly the offering visitors adorable necklaces of dried and colored saffron, production of jewelry and leather garments, slippers and sandals).

Cruise, Sea & Discovery



Tiout

A Berber village at the top of the Anti-Atlas, Tiout is located 33 km from Taroudant. Perched on a hill, overlooking a beautiful grove. It has a kasbah sixteenth century, which dominates the small village with houses of red ochre ... A magnificent site, which offers a landscape that is both lush and barren, perfect for relaxing mule rides. The villagers earn their living from the land and by breeding goats. Tiout hosted the filming of the famous film «Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves», starring the famous Fernandel.

Mirleft

Situated approximately 30 km north of Sidi Ifni on the coast road to Tiznit, Mirleft was originally a small hamlet consisting of just a few shacks on the side of a small rocky cove at the mouth of Oued Mirleft. Mirleft village enjoys a solid reputation: it is «paradise» for lovers of the ocean and its pleasures. Sea bathing, fishing, windsurfing and surfing mainly, in addition to the already long list of attractions as in southern Berber cuisine, sunshine and friendly people. For a long time Mirleft was almost inaccessible, nestled between a fortified hill and cliffs overlooking the ocean. Mirleft has always attracted a large fan base. Like Essaouira, the phenomenon of horseracing was already very well developed. From the 80s, Mirleft started to become a popular summer destination. Mirleft now attracts international tourists. It is frequented by a more elegant population: rich Moroccan and some Europeans have built sumptuous villas on the cliff overlooking the oasis and the main beach of Mirleft.

Sidi Ifni

Looking towards the Southern Atlantic coast, 160km from Agadir, Sidi Ifni, is the Atlantic Sahara, and has major tourism potential. The hinterland is dotted with argan trees and prickly pears from which the inhabitants earn their living. In addition to its famous beaches like Legzira and Mirleft they are developing several resorts and residential areas. Sidi Ifni is located close to many pristine beaches, like the Plage Blanc that attracts surfers in summer and winter.

Draa Valley

The Draa Valley is one of the most attractive regions of south-eastern Morocco. Located between the north and Djebel Sghro the Anti-Atlas to the west. It is the largest palm grove in the world, stretching over 220 km long and 18 km wide. It offers a rich and diversified nature: mountains, plains, oases and desert. A majestic desert landscape dotted with green oasis: The palm grove Mezquita on about 34 km near the town of Agdaz; Tinzouline, the longest grove extends over 48 kilometers; the one in Tamata with its Ksar of Tisserguate is 17 km from Zagora, and Ktaoua 40 kilometers south of Zagora and finally, the smallest one, M'Hamid The Ghizlane, which is lost in the Sahara desert with the famous sand dunes Cheguaga; a place of rare beauty ideal for several days of camel ride. According to historians, 7000 years ago, there was a wet climate on the Draa Valley. The vegetation was dense and allowed the existence of a rich wildlife, including elephants, rhinos and antelopes. Portrayed by the wealth of rock paintings mainly in the area of Ail Ouazik, but also in the region of Nkob and Tamgrout.



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