

# The LUEX Guide

To Surfing Around

# Taghazout & Tamraght



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# A Few Useful Things Before You Go

Morocco is pretty kind to travelers from most parts of the world. Still, there are a few things you need to know before you book your ticket bound to the land of reeling point breaks, snake charmers, and Berber tagine.

## Do I need a Visa to travel to Morocco?

First things first. Most visitors don't need a visa to travel to Morocco for up to 90 days. BUT you do need a passport that's valid for at least 6 months, and you must show a return ticket if requested. Other than that, it's pretty much smooth sailing for passport holders from Europe, the US, Canada, Australia, and most other "surf nations."

Not sure if you need a Visa for Morocco? Check-in with our pals over at <https://visalist.io/>.

## How do I get there?

For a handful of lucky European countries, it's a pretty straight shot to get to Taghazout with a few European Airlines flying to Al-Massira Airport in Agadir, depending on the season. From there, it's a one hour drive to the sleepy fishing village with not-so-sleepy-surf.

However, for most travelers wanting to get their feet wet on the country's west coast, a more scenic route is required. Most surfers from North & South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia will find themselves on a plane en route to either Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca or



Marrakesh Menara Airport. Depending on your budget, your choice of commute, and time, you'll have several options to make it down to Taghazout.

Easy, and most expensive options are to hop on another domestic flight or catch a ride with a taxi driver down south. If you want to save some cash on transport, you can always take the train or hop on a long-haul bus from either Casablanca or Marrakesh. It might set you back a few hours, but it's relatively cheap.

## What do things cost in Morocco?

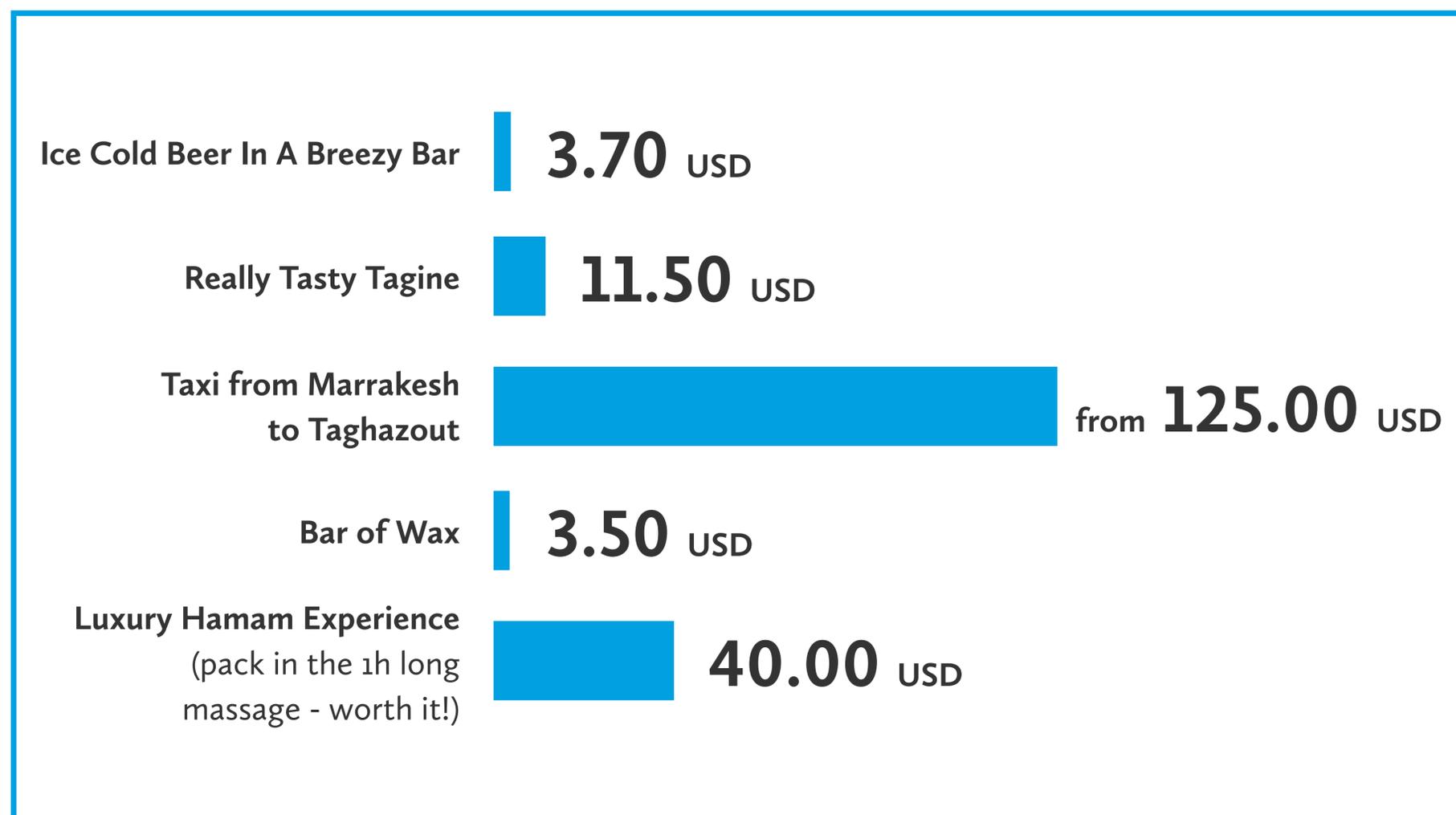
Depending on where you are from, Morocco can be a real bargain to travel. Make sure you stock up on the local currency at one of the major cities (airports) as ATMs are scarce around Taghazout. And just to give you a head's up, your 3.37 inches x 2.125 inches card of endless dreams, won't always work as planned.

**1 USD = 9,67 MAD**

**1 GBP = 12,41 MAD**

**1 EUR = 10,66 MAD**

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## Oh, a couple of tips to stay out of trouble in Morocco

### Morocco is a Muslim country

This goes without saying but respect the locals and their culture. Make sure you dress appropriately when you go to public places and cover-up where required.

It's probably also a good idea to stay off the booze while there or at least never have the great idea to check out a Bazar with a cold brewy in your hand. Drinking in public is prohibited and will definitely get you in trouble. Get amongst the Mint Teas instead!

P.S. If you happen to be there around Halloween and you're thinking of dressing up as the King of Morocco - think again! Disrespecting the Monarchy is a close second to disrespecting Islam, and that is never a good place to be in.

P.P.S. Lefties, you might be in trouble without actually having done anything. Well, it's not that bad, and people will probably just look at you with a chuckle but TRY to refrain from using your left hand when you eat as it's typically the hand Moroccans use to take care of their toilet business.

### Keep your clothes on

While most Morrocans are okay to greet you in boardies and bikinis on the beach, they certainly won't be okay if you decide to explore the cities and nearby sites in your beach get up. Always throw on a shirt and bottoms if you decide to keep the party going away from the beach.



### Say no to drugs

The smell in the air joined by street hustlers trying to sell you hashish at every better corner might suggest otherwise. But drugs (yes, including marijuana) are strictly illegal. It's also wise to point out that under Moroccan law, you can get in trouble by "association" - so pick your buddies and galpals wisely, or it can land you in hot water. Oh, and ignorance is no excuse - ask article 2 of Morocco's penal code

### Leave your Drones at home

I know, this one stings, especially for the Instagram heroes & influencers. Unless you have special permission from the Moroccan Civil Aviation Authority, Morocco is a no-fly zone for aspiring drone pilots. Without a permit, you run the risk to rack up hefty fines and even have your passport taken away.



## The Area - Taghazout & Tamraght

The Taghazout & Tamraght area is one magical place, especially for us surfers. An easy 60-minute commute from the next big city Agadir, the 5.5 miles (9km) stretch of gold between Taghazout and Tamraght seems like a world away from all the worries & responsibilities you have back home. The minute you arrive on the country's west coast, you feel different. You feel at peace. It seems like the world has slowed down, and no one cares about it.

A sleepy fishing resort, once famous for calamari and hippies, has transformed into a premier surf destination without losing its mystic Berber charm and stylish Bohemian vibe.

Both towns have plenty of chic cafes, restaurants, and hangout spots to enjoy a pre-surf breaky or a post-surf feast. While life in Taghazout and Tamraght pretty much revolves around surfing, the area has an amazing history and its Berber culture is something you can't easily find anywhere else in the world. The people are super friendly and genuinely interested in where you're from. Return the favor and learn a few words - you'll see it will go a long way.

# Berber Lingo Table

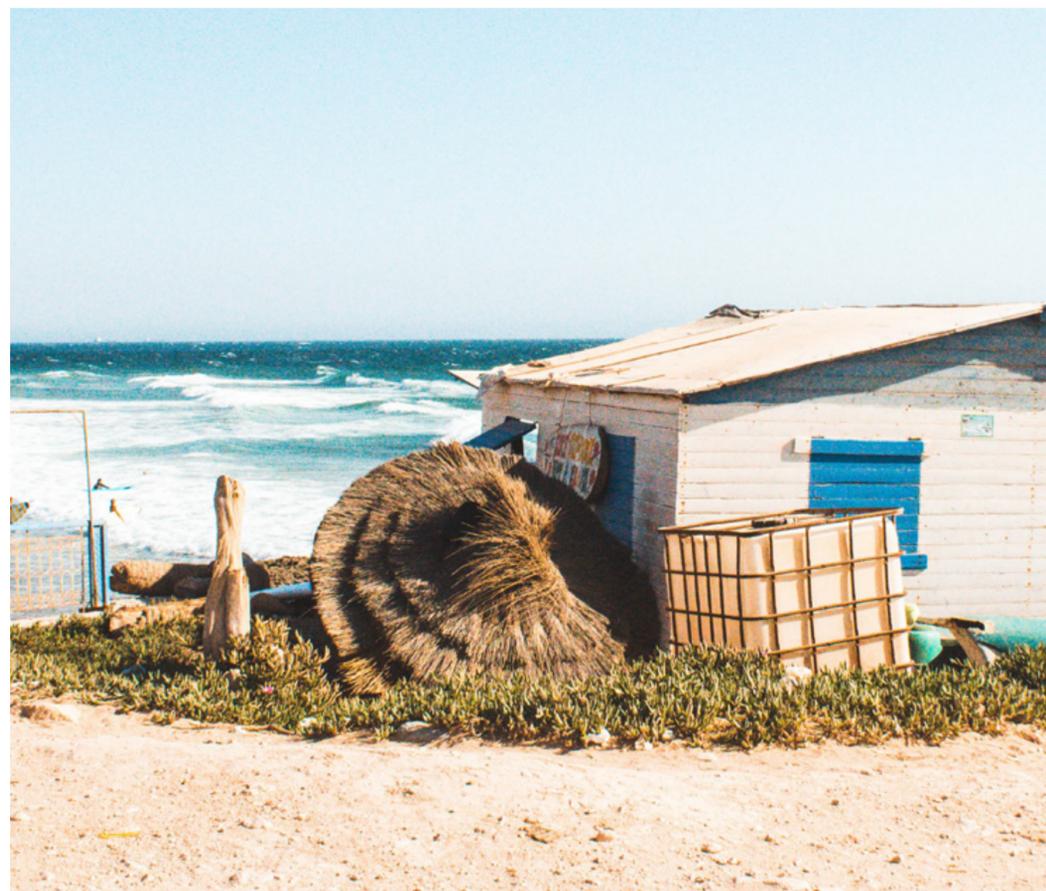
English	Berber
Hi	Azul
How are you?	mataànit
I'm good	labas
Good morning	Sbah Lkhir
Good evening	temsiwin
Goodbye	layàwn
Yes	Ah
No	Oho
My name is	Manismank
Thank you	Tanmert / saha
Coffee	lqehwa
Tea	atag
Cheers!	Besha / Stsant
How much is it?	Mechta
Can I get a discount?	Imkan atnaqst
Deal	Netafq
I like you	Tehlit Ghorì
I love you	Righk

# Taghazout vs Tamraght – Which town is for you?

Whether you decide to stay in Taghazout or Tamraght, epic waves are always nearby. Although smaller than Tamraght, Taghazout is where it's at in terms of restaurants, bars and the closest you can get to nightlife. Taghazout has a pretty cool, up-and-coming arts scene and is more progressive in the traditional sense. Staying in Taghazout is for everyone who's after great waves during the day and great times at night.

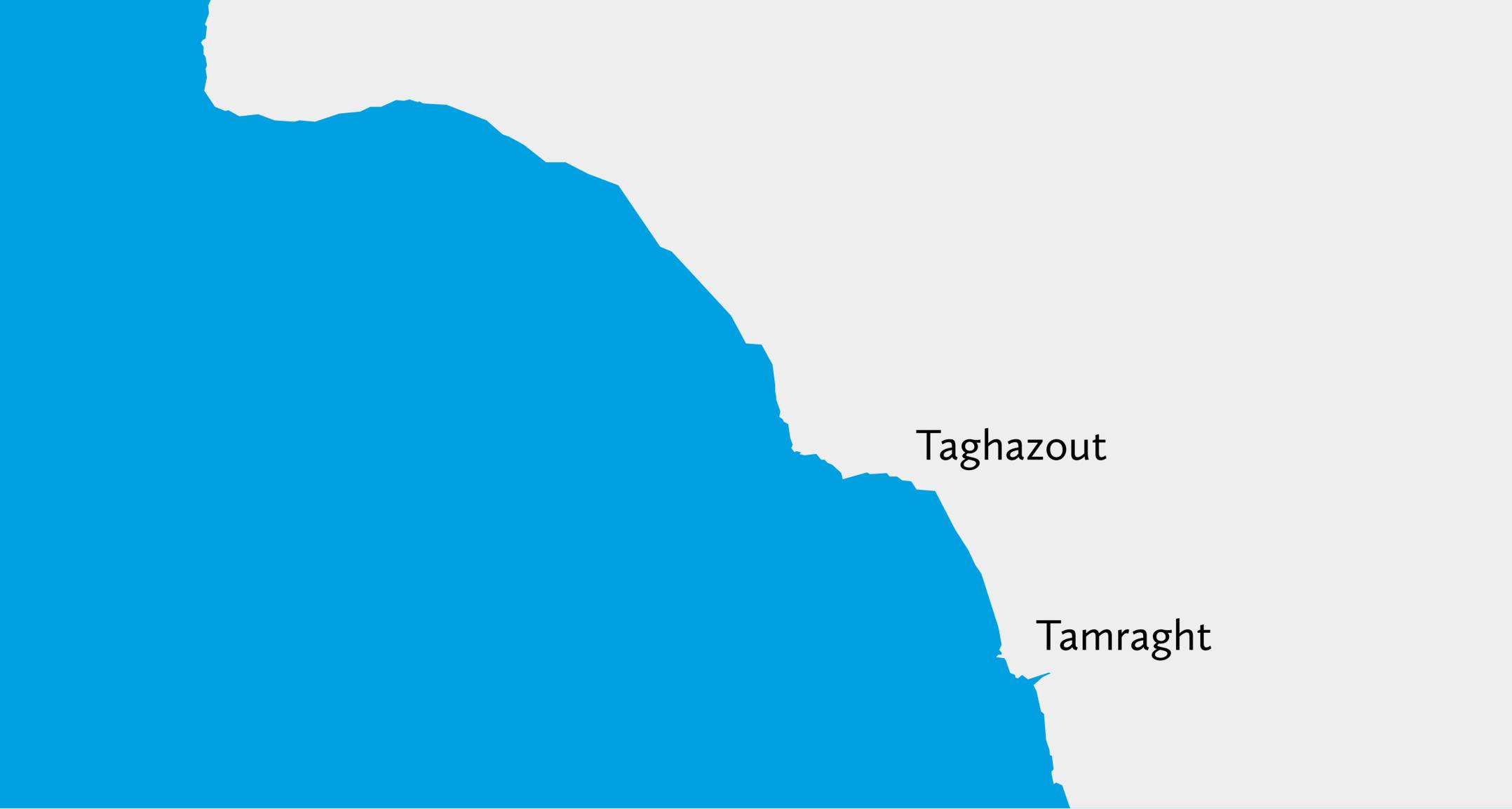


Tamraght, on the other hand, takes you back in time. A lot more traditional and chilled than its noisy brother up the road, Tamraght has no short supply on waves either. Everything you need is right in town, and best of all, waves are within walking distance to pretty much every accommodation in the village.



The only drawback for some surfers might be that Tamraght is a “dry” village, which means that there is no alcohol, no nightlife - but nonetheless plenty of good times. There is a beautiful mix of old and new where local Berber families blend in with surfers from all over the world who call the little town their temporary home.

Both towns are used to tourism. Most people speak English or French and have been welcoming salty warriors with open arms since the late 60s.



Taghazout

Tamraght

## Where to Stay

[Solhouse Taghazout Bay](#) ↗

[Surf Maroc Taghazout Villa](#) ↗

[Dfrost Almugar Surf & Yoga Taghazout](#) ↗

[Moroccan Surf Adventures](#) ↗

[Morocco Surf Holidays](#) ↗

[Lapoint Surf Camp Morocco](#) ↗

[Villa Surya](#) ↗

[Truck Surf Hotel Morocco](#) ↗

[Surf Maroc Amouage](#) ↗

[Hashpoint Surf Camp](#) ↗

[Paradis Plage Resort](#) ↗

[Sunshine Surf](#) ↗

[Solid Surf & Yoga House Morocco](#) ↗

[Surf Maroc Villa Mandala \(Yoga Retreats\)](#) ↗

[Original Surf Morocco](#) ↗

[Surf Star Morocco](#) ↗



# The Waves

Drumroll, please! Undoubtedly the main event on Morocco's rugged west coast is the surf. From late October - February, both towns, Taghazout and Tamraght, offer world-class waves in infinite supply. Welcome to paradise!

What might sound like a cliché is nothing but the truth with perfect setups, 360 days of sunshine, and warm-ish water all year around. From point-breaks to sheltered beach breaks or empty slabs - you'll find what you're looking for.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Swell Size (ft)</b>	5	4-5	3-4	1-2	4	5						
<b>Consistency (%)</b>	80	60	30	30	60	70						
<b>Water Temp (°C/°F)</b>	16/61	17/62	19/66	22/72	21/70	18/64						
<b>Wetsuit</b>												

# Spot Map





# Taghazout

## 1. Boilers

Technically just out of town, but we dig the wave so much that we had to include it. Boilers is a classic swell magnet and always bigger than other spots around. Named after the washed-up shipwreck nearby, Boilers is a super consistent and powerful righthand pointbreak with thick, vertical lips and speed sections that are tricky to get around. Boilers is expert territory only as it can get pretty nasty to get in and out of the break.

Timing is key, or you'll get to meet the sea urchins and the sharp rock shelf, but the long, fast walls are worth the occasional beating. Works best on a mid-tide with northeasterly winds.



Mid Tide



Right-hand  
Pointbreak



Reef



SW-N



NE



Advanced -  
Pro



## 2. Killer Point

5 words: Super Fun and Super Consistent! Another swell magnet closer to town sucking up all available N-W swells. The paddle out can be a mission, but you are rewarded with powerful, vertical walls and the occasional barrel if you're lucky. It can get pretty crowded, but there are various take-off spots all the way down the point.

It handles a lot of size and doesn't really closeout. Fully protected from north winds, the inside is the spot to be at high tide. Killer Point has a relatively easy take-off; however, the wave is pretty fast and not really for beginners. Don't paddle out if you aren't comfortable in larger surf with the occasional set on the head.



All Tides



Right-hand  
Pointbreak



Reef/  
Sand



W-N



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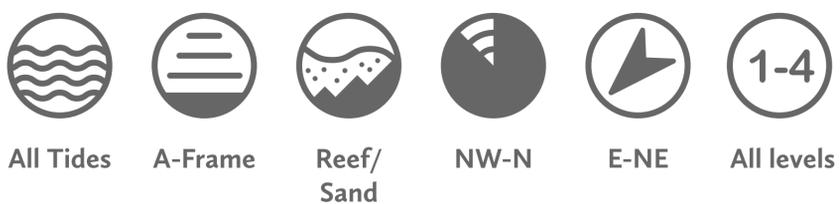


Intermediate -  
Pro



### 3. La Source

La Source is a fun, easy accessible A-frame that breaks over the mellow reef. A dream for beginners and intermediate as the wave has a pretty easy take-off and fun little sections to improve your turns. Pretty safe on all tides, the wave never gets too big. Super consistent during the season, it works best with an NW- W push and east winds.



### 4. Mysteries

Just up the road from La Source is yet another world-class pointbreak you have to check out while in the area. Mysteries is way easier than other pointbreaks in the area and breaks over sand. But don't let that fool you. Mysteries offers a barrel fest on the right tide with some insane rides through the mid-section. Super rippable for all levels. Fires on low to mid tide but unfortunately tends to close out on larger swells.





## 5. Anchor Point

This guide wouldn't be complete without mentioning Morocco's most famous wave. Anchor Point is one of those rare waves that can bless you with the ride of your life and the beating of your life, all in the same session.

The wave has three sections. A steep take-off fades into a fast and rippable wall that can stretch forever before it turns into a hollow end section for some barrel time. Anchor Point never closes out! Or at least it doesn't close out in 15ft+ surf! The wave runs forever, and you might find yourself catching a ride back into town when it's huge.

Anchor Point's perfection definitely attracts the crowd, and you'll always find yourself surfing with a few heads in the water. Get your paddle muscles up to speed as the current can be a real pain when it's big.



Low -  
Mid Tide



Right-hand  
Pointbreak



Reef/  
Sand



N-W



NE



Intermediate -  
Pro



## 6. Hash Point

Right next to its big, potent brother, Hash Point is a lot more mellow and great fun for intermediate surfers or anyone who wants to escape the crowd at Anchor Point.

A righthand pointbreak that breaks over sand works best when it's a touch bigger and more powerful. It offers fast, rippable walls with a pretty epic end section.

Hash Point is on the more fickle side, and currents can be a pain. However, fewer people in the water and the occasional barrel makes up for it. Watch out for closeouts and rocks when getting in and out of the break.



Mid-High  
Tide



Right-hand  
Pointbreak



Reef/  
Sand



N-W



NE



Beginner -  
Advanced



## 7. Panorama Point / Panorama Beach

Little wildcard among the stars, Panorama Point, is a pretty fun righthand pointbreak that gets often overlooked. A little less consistent and more fickle than other points around, but definitely less crowded. On its days and on the right tide, Panorama Point produces long, rippable walls with a pretty epic barrel section towards the end.

A little further down is Panorama Beach. This little A-frame screamer is perfect for beginners and intermediates who just want to have a hoot without the standard Moroccan safety hazards. It's super sheltered and works on all tides.



Mid-High  
Tide



Right-hand  
Pointbreak



Sand



N-W



NE



Beginner -  
Advanced



# Tamraght

## 8. K17

Just follow the stretch of gold a little further south and you'll find a sand-bottom pointbreak called K17. 17km north of Agadir, hence its name, K17 is a prime beginner spot with gentle, long waves running as far as the eye can see on a mid to high tide. It has a pretty easy take-off over a small reef formation before it turns into a rippable section over sand. Keep an eye out for the cross-current that drags you away from the take-off spot as well as the occasional (wide) closeout set.

Mid-High Tide	Right-hand Pointbreak	Reef/Sand	N-W	NE	Beginner - Advanced

## 9. Crocodiles

A super fun and consistent beachbreak right in the heart of town. It can get crowded with surf schools and beginners, but there are multiple peaks up and down the beach. You might want to bring a slightly bigger board (funboard) to get the most out of the long, rippable, and peaky lefts and rights that are coming through. Unlike the name suggests, there are no real hazards other than other surfers in the water. Works best on a rising tide.

Mid-High Tide	Beachbreak	Sand	N-W	NE	Beginner - Advanced



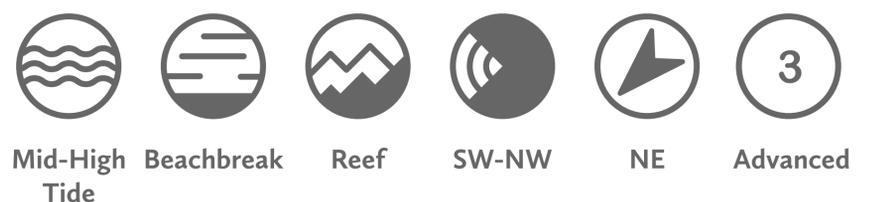
## 10. Devil's Rock

Another quality pointbreak that breaks over sand. It has a relatively easy take-off right next to the rocky headland with 3 distinct sections. Rippable for intermediates & above through the mid section, with a really fun and occasionally steep end section for one last hooray. Perfect for beginners and lower intermediates on a higher tide. Tends to close out when it gets too big but protected from North winds.



## 11. Spiders

This fast right-hand pointbreak is for the experienced surfer - only! Pretty sketchy take-off over a shallow reef formation with a zipping, thick lip. Needs a little bit more swell to truly come alive but you are rewarded with hollow, make-able waves all the way through the inside. Fires on an NW swell and big periods.





## 12. Banana Point

Perfect setup for intermediates who want to get their first taste on surfing a pointbreak. Forgiving take-off over sand, Banana Point offers super long and rippable rides from all the way up the point and into the bay. Protected from North winds, which is the main reason why it can get crowded if it's blown out everywhere else. Kind of a wild-card on big swells as it turns gentle pointbreak style waves into fast, zipping walls, ideal for more advanced surfers to work on their maneuvers.



## 13. Banana Beach

Directly adjacent to Banana Point is a pretty fun little beachbreak, perfect for beginners and long-boarders. Super protected from north winds that works on all tides. Pretty consistent with peaks all the way up and down the beach. Watch out for beginners and the occasional closeout set when it's bigger.



# Taghazout, Tamraght and beyond

With over 1,835 km (1,140 miles) of coastline, that stretches from the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta & Melilla and the Mediterranean Sea in the north all the way down to Western Sahara in the south, Morocco's surf goes beyond the famous points of Taghazout.

Go off the beaten track with nothing but a few good mates and a sturdy 4x4 and drive south of Agadir in search of uncrowded, rugged waves. Or if city life is more what you are after, then head up north and surf around the busy cities of Casablanca, Rabat or Tangier.

Either way, we got you covered. Contact our Morocco Surf Travel Experts for more info on your next epic surf adventure.



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