



## **On the Trail of the Classical Hollywood Film: Royal Air Maroc Links Vienna and Casablanca**

**Morocco's largest airline operates flights from Vienna after an absence of 20 years**

**Royal Air Maroc has returned to Vienna. An aircraft operated by Morocco's largest airline landed at Vienna Airport on Monday evening, April 1, 2019 after an absence of more than 20 years. Accordingly, one of Africa's top airlines is resuming flight service between its home airport of Casablanca and Vienna. Thus the airport and the airline are continuing a "beautiful friendship" (words from the film). Film enthusiasts can even discover the famous bar in Casablanca, which was reconstructed down to the last detail in line with the blockbuster film with the same name.**

"After several years, direct and regular flight service will be offered from Vienna to Casablanca. We are very pleased that Royal Air Maroc has decided to once again connect our capital city to the bustling economic metropolis. Flight traffic to Africa rose 29.8% last year, and the new flight connection will provide further impetus to growth", explains Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

Morocco is one of the most important travel destinations in North Africa. Within the country, the City of Casablanca, known from the Hollywood film bearing the same name, is the biggest city in Morocco, and at the same time a significant trading centre and port city. Together with the nearby capital of Rabat, it serves as the pulsating economic heart of Morocco. Travel enthusiasts will discover numerous sights in Casablanca, such as the Hassan II Mosque. With its 210-meter-high minaret, it is the highest religious building anywhere in the world. The city on the Atlantic coast inhabited since the eighth century also offers the perfect opportunity for a swimming holiday as well as snorkelling or boat trips thanks to its magnificent beaches and coasts. The city offers a special highlight to fans of the Classical Hollywood film "Casablanca". In the well-known Hotel El Minzah and in "Rick's Bar" recreated faithfully from the bar in the movie, tourists can take a journey through time back to the year 1942, when the popular blockbuster was shown in cinemas.

### **Two direct flights per week from Vienna to Casablanca**

The new direct flight connection will be served by an Embraer E90 or Boeing 737 aircraft every Monday and Saturday. The Moroccan airline will take off from Casablanca at 1:15 p.m. and arrive in Vienna at 5:55 p.m. The return flight will leave Vienna at 6:55 p.m. and land in Morocco at 9:45 p.m. On Saturdays Royal Air Maroc will depart from Casablanca at 1 p.m. and arrive in Vienna at 5:40 p.m., the return flight will leave Vienna at 6:40 p.m. and arrive in Morocco at 9:30 p.m. Starting on April 19, 2019, the airline will operate the Saturday flight on Fridays instead.



### **Royal Air Maroc: State-owned and Morocco's largest airline based in Casablanca**

The largest airline in Morocco used to be represented in Vienna up to October 1998. Thanks to the new flight connection, it is finally returning to Vienna again after an absence of 20 years. Royal Air Maroc operates its flight hub in Casablanca, boasting more than 90 flight connections from the city to Europe, North America, the Middle East and North Africa. The fleet consists of more than 50 Airbus, Boeing and Embraer aircraft. More information is available at [www.royalairmaroc.com](http://www.royalairmaroc.com).

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