

THE 10th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PALEONTOLOGICAL HERITAGE

4–8 May 2027 MARRAKECH MOROCCO

FIRST CIRCULAR



« Paleontological Heritage: Bridging Scientific Research, Conservation, and Sustainable Development »

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morocco stands as a true paradise for geologists, owing to its exceptional geological diversity, the remarkable quality and accessibility of its geological outcrops, and the richness of its fossil record. From the ancient Precambrian terrains of the Anti-Atlas to the Paleozoic basins, the Atlas Mountains, and the sedimentary successions of the Rif and Atlantic margins, the country offers an outstanding natural laboratory for investigating major stages in Earth history and the evolution of life.

Among Morocco's most remarkable natural assets, its paleontological heritage occupies a particularly important place. Fossiliferous localities across the country provide exceptional evidence of the evolution of life and of major biological, environmental, and geological changes through deep time. The study, protection, conservation, and responsible promotion of this heritage are therefore essential not only for advancing scientific knowledge, but also for raising public awareness and supporting sustainable geotourism and education.

It is within this framework that the 10th International Conference on Paleontological Heritage (ICPH10) will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, bringing together researchers, academics, students, heritage professionals, and other members of the international scientific community. The conference will provide a forum for presenting recent advances in paleontology and related geosciences (sedimentology, stratigraphy, archaeology...), and discussing approaches to the documentation, conservation, management, and valorization of paleontological heritage, and strengthening international scientific collaboration.

On behalf of the organizers, we are pleased to invite the scientific community to participate in this important event, which will combine academic sessions, scientific discussions, and opportunities to explore some of Morocco's classic and exceptionally well-exposed geological and paleontological localities. Through this combination of scientific exchange and field-based discovery, ICPH10 aims to contribute to a better understanding and sustainable preservation of paleontological heritage, while highlighting Morocco's outstanding contribution to the Earth sciences.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

15 October 2026: Issue of the First Circular and preliminary registration

30 December 2026: Opening of early-bird registration and abstract submission

30 January 2027: Issue of the Second Circular (with final fees)

28 February 2027: Deadline for abstract submission

15 April 2027: Issue of the Third (final) Circular (with detailed arrangements)

Tuesday 4 May 2027: Registration, opening, oral and poster presentations

Wednesday 5 May 2027: Registration, oral and poster presentations, workshop

Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 May 2027: Post-conference field trip to the western

Anti-Atlas and High-Atlas Mountains

The indoor sessions with keynote talks and regular lectures will take place in the conference center of Cadi Ayyad University Club. They are scheduled for Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 May 2027.

PRELIMINARY INTEREST FORM

Please register your interests by filling the form below:

<https://forms.gle/gTRj46qtFAYRsBCS6>



The conference center of Cadi Ayyad University Club

FIELD TRIP

A POST-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP TO AGADIR AND TAROUDANT (WESTERN ANTI-ATLAS AND HIGH- ATLAS MOUNTAINS, MOROCCO)

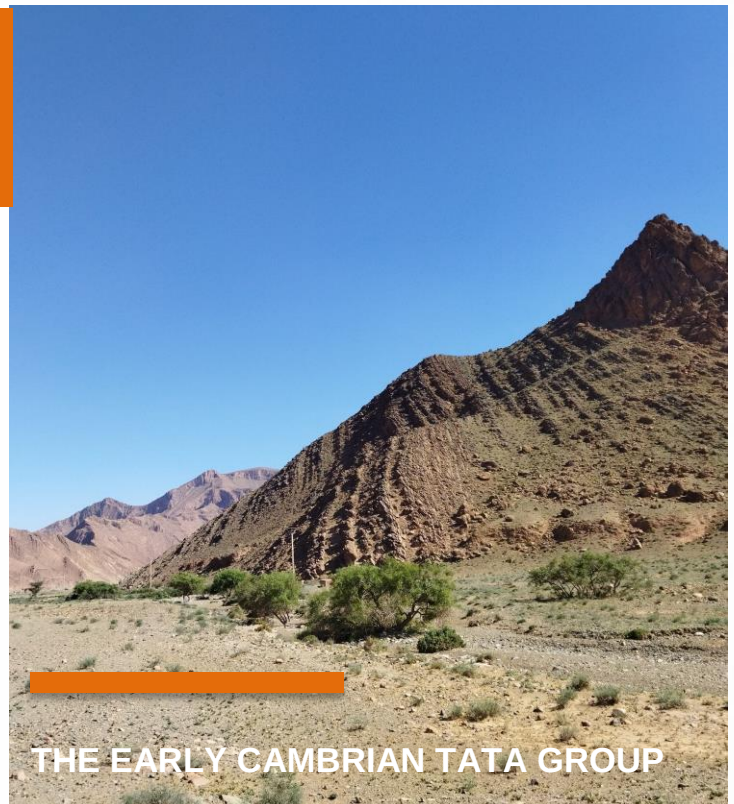
A post-conference excursion to several iconic paleontological and archaeological sites in the western Anti-Atlas and High-Atlas Mountains, Morocco.

DURATION

3 days, from Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 May 2027. Including travel to Taroudant from Marrakech.

ESTIMATED COSTS

350 € (including travel, field-trip guidebook, accommodation and food)



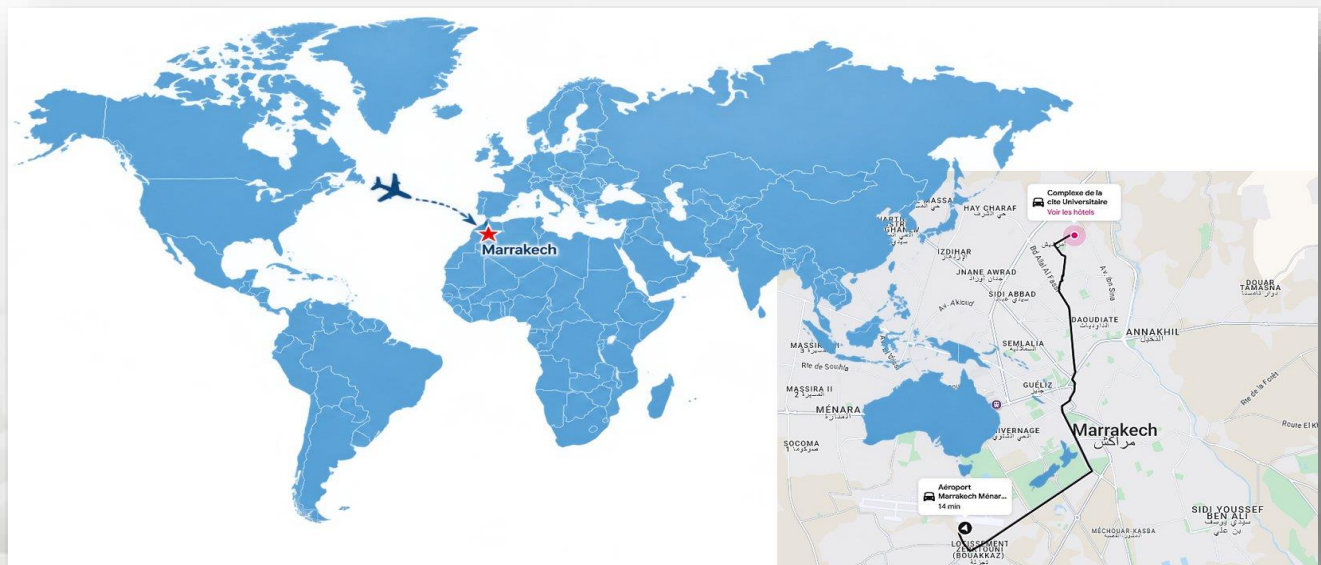


Marrakech is the fourth largest city in the Kingdom of Morocco. It is one of the four Imperial cities of Morocco and is the capital of the Marrakech-Safi region. The city is situated west of the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.

Marrakech was founded in 1070 as the imperial capital of the Almoravid Empire. The Almoravids established the first major structures in the city and shaped its layout for centuries. The red walls of the city, and various buildings constructed with red sandstone afterwards, have given the city the nickname of the "Red City" or "Ochre City". This medina quarter is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today it is one of the busiest cities in Africa and serves as a major economic center and tourist destination.

<https://www.visitmorocco.com/en/travel/marrakech>

Marrakech is served by the Menara International Airport and by Marrakech railway station, which connects the city to Casablanca and northern Morocco.



ESTIMATED REGISTRATION FEES

Note that all the registration fees here are estimates, and the final registration fees and methods of payment will be posted in the Second Circular.

The registration fee for the scientific sessions covers the icebreaker, coffee breaks and programme.

Concept	Early Bird Fee	Regular Fee
Academics & Researchers	€250	€300
Students	€150	€200
Accompanying Persons	€100	€120
Field trip	€300	€350

Bank Account

Account in the name of: ASSOSDS-NT

Address of account-holders: Faculté des sciences Semlalia, Département Physique, 40025 Marrakech, Morocco.

Name of the Bank: Crédit du Maroc.

Address of the Bank: Agence n° 220 Sidi Abbad, Marrakech Morocco.

Currency: Moroccan Dirham (MAD)

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NB. When you pay the registration fees, scan the receipt and send it by email to icph10@uca.ac.ma

PRESENTATIONS

Oral: Depending on the final numbers, the duration of regular oral presentations will be specified in the Second Circular. Slides should be prepared in MS PowerPoint (.ppt, .pptx) or PDF formats.

Posters: Vertical A0 size (80x100 cm) will be displayed throughout the entire meeting and presented during dedicated poster sessions.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

A publication of the presentations is planned in the « Bulletin de l'Institut Scientifique, Rabat » or in the « Journal of the Academy of Sciences and Technics Hassan II »

A field-trip guidebook will be distributed to the excursion participants.

USEFUL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

Each participant is responsible for his or her own hotel accommodation. Marrakech has a very wide range of hotels and other types of accommodation such as youth hostels and guest houses. We advise you to make your booking through recognized websites such as www.booking.com. It is strongly recommended to choose an accommodation close to the event location.

DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER MOROCCO

Each visitor to Morocco must have a valid passport and a visa, if required. Foreign participants whose countries are subject to visa requirements should contact the Moroccan Embassy or Consulate in their country. Be sure to allow sufficient time to apply for your visa before your departure date.

The list of countries whose nationals are exempt from visa requirements for Morocco is available at this [link](#).

YOUR ARRIVAL TO MARRAKECH

Participants can take direct flights from their home countries to Marrakech-Menara Airport or make a stop-over at Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca.

The Marrakech-Menara airport is located approximately 6 km south of the city centre. To get to the hotel you can take bus 19 to the city centre and then take a cab to your hotel. You can also take a cab directly from the airport to your hotel. Do not hesitate to contact your hotel, they may offer free shuttle services or at negotiated rates.

It is recommended to have a small amount of cash (500 MAD) with you upon arrival, or to have Euros or Dollars. Cabs and buses do not accept credit cards.

MONEY

The local currency is the Moroccan dirham (MAD): 1 USD = 9 MAD and 1 Euro = 11 MAD (approximately).

You can find the current exchange rate on websites such as:

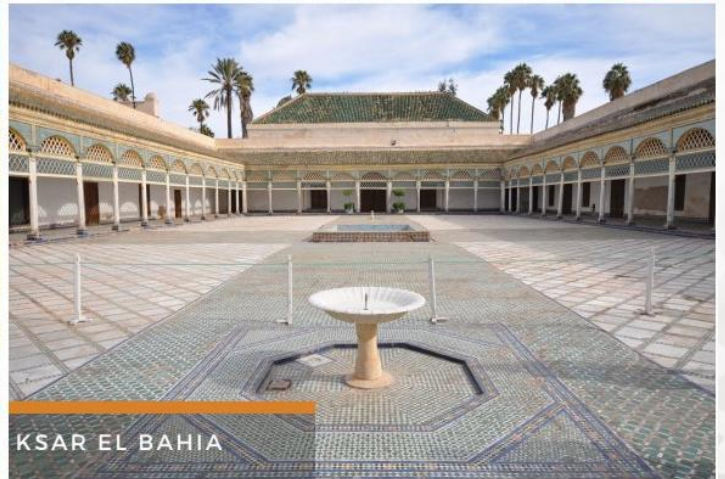
<https://countryeconomy.com/currencies/morocco>

<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=MAD>

OTHER DETAILS

- The electrical outlets used in Morocco are two-pin and operate on 220 V / 50 Hz. Adapters are hard to find, so it is best to bring your own.
- May in Marrakech is mostly sunny. Average rainfall is 21 mm, Minimum temperatures average 17°C and maximums 30°C. Temperatures are generally cool in the morning and evening and warmer during the day.
- It is recommended that participants in the excursion bring all the necessary equipment for a field trip (shoes, hammer, magnifying glass, ...).
- Participants are also asked to inform the organizers in advance of any medical or dietary requirements.

AREA TO VISIT IN MARRAKECH



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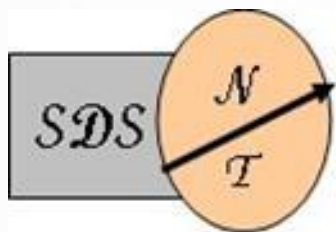
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