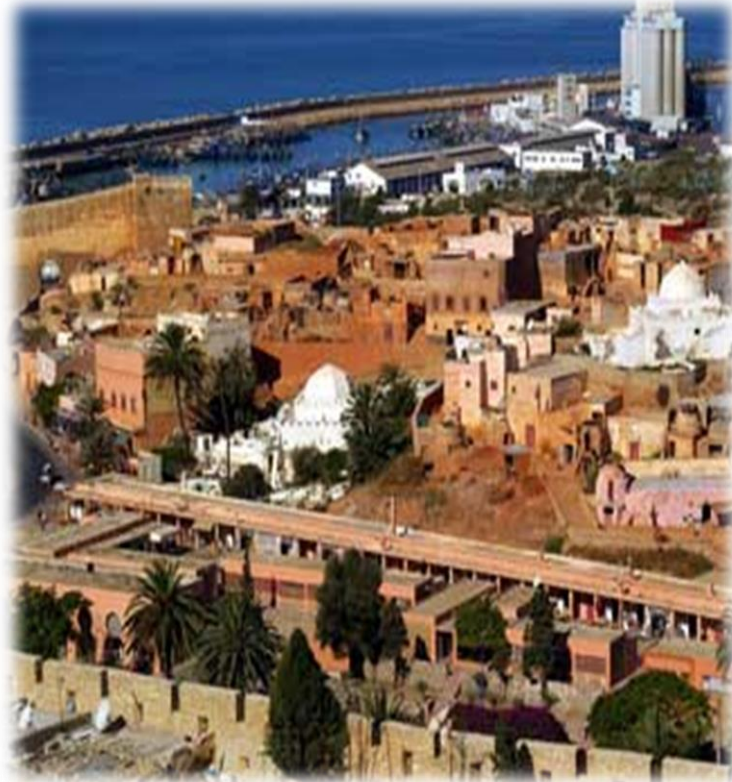




Morocco 3 : From the mysterious Essaouira to Agadir



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This second chapter takes us to Essaouira, formerly known as 'Mogador', this whitewashed fortified town was planned out by the French engineer Cornut, in the 18th century.

Today it is a favourite destination for intellectuals and painters from all over the world.

Agadir, meaning « fortified collective granary » in tachelhit (berber), is the principal town the Souss region of south-west Morocco.

It is situated on the Atlantic coast, 508 km south of Casablanca, 173km from Essaouira, and 235 km west of Marrakech.

Agadir is the capital of the administrative region of Souss-Massa-Drâa and the seat of the Prefecture of Agadir Ida-Outanane.

On a more modest scale, are the holy town of Moulay – Idriss, site of the tomb of Zaouïa, of the Idriss dynasty, and the archaeological site of Volubilis, with its impressive collection of Roman ruins, including a Triumphant Arch dating from the 3rd century.

Further down the valley of Draa, we go through a series of Ksour, small fortified villages, oases, gorges, as well as grenadine, fig, and rose plantations.