



Marrakesh

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A city steeped in medieval allure, Marrakesh is a tapestry of myths, drama, and the enigma that entraps all who enter its ochre-hued embrace. Step inside, and you'll journey back through time into a world largely preserved in historical chronicles. With its maze-like Medina, the sensory overload of the bustling souks, the theatrical spectacle at Jemaa el-Fna square, and the towering Atlas Mountains serving as a dramatic backdrop, Marrakesh indisputably reigns as Morocco's most dazzling gem.

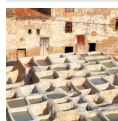


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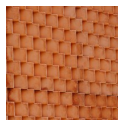
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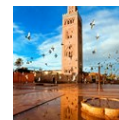
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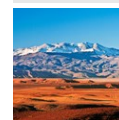
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THE CITY



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On 8th September 2023, Morocco experienced a catastrophic 6.8-magnitude earthquake. The quake's origin was a mere 70 km southwest of Marrakesh, within the towering peaks of the High Atlas Mountains. Marking the most potent seismic event in central Morocco in over a century, this earthquake stands as the country's most lethal since 1960. Such seismic events are rare occurrences in this part of the world.

Marrakesh, often rendered as Marrakech in French, served as the jewel of Morocco's four imperial cities and is the core of the Marrakesh-Safi administrative region. Populated by Berber agriculturalists since ancient times, Marrakesh came into its own in 1070, under the auspices of Emir Abu Bakr ibn Umar. He founded it as the primary city of the Almoravid Dynasty, which laid down the urban structure that would define Marrakesh for generations. Today, the city presents a tapestry of contrast: the millennia-old Medina juxtaposes sharply against the Ville Nouvelle, a product of French colonial modernism.

Jemaa el-Fna, the pulsing epicentre of daily life in Marrakesh, undergoes a captivating transformation each evening. As dusk falls, the square fills with an array of culinary vendors offering delectable local fares. The air is

saturated with the sights and sounds of snake charmers, impassioned storytellers, and myriad entertainers that evoke an almost medieval atmosphere. North of this bustling square lies a cluster of religious edifices and bustling marketplaces, while the south is adorned with regal palaces and landmarks.

In stark contrast, the Ville Nouvelle offers a more structured and calm ambiance, divided into the Gueliz and Hivernage districts. This area houses modern civic structures, international lodgings, and a diverse range of eateries and bars akin to a contemporary European metropolis.

DO & SEE



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The city is split into two dramatically different areas, each a testament to a distinct period in Moroccan history. First, there's the ancient Medina, a labyrinthine quarter established almost a millennium ago by the Almoravids. Then, in stark contrast, is the Ville Nouvelle, born out of early 20th-century French colonial ambitions and modernist ideals. But it's the Medina — particularly its bustling central square, Jemaa el-Fna — that truly kindles the imagination.

El Badi Palace



Constructed in the 16th century under the orders of Sultan Ahmad al-Mansur of the Saadian dynasty, El Badi Palace — the "Incomparable

Palace" — was once hailed as a marvel of its era. Initially featuring 360 rooms, an expansive courtyard, and a 90-metre-long pool, the palace was a monument to the Sultan's affluence and influence.

Adorned with a lavish selection of materials sourced globally — from Italian marble to Malian gold — the palace was envisioned as an opulent space for grand receptions and ceremonies. However, following al-Mansur's death in 1603, the palace was abandoned and gradually succumbed to decay, especially during the waning years of the Saadian rule. Many of its precious elements, particularly its marble, were harvested and repurposed in various Moroccan structures.

Nowadays, El Badi stands as a significant point of interest in Marrakesh, housing various exhibitions and even showcasing the Minbar of the Kutubiyya Mosque. Though largely in ruins, the palace still whispers stories of a bygone era of wealth and grandeur.

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Address: Ksibat Nhass, Marrakesh
Internet: badipalace.com

Highlights of Marrakech: Private Half-Day City Tour



Immerse yourself in the rich culture of Marrakesh as you embark on a city sightseeing tour. Visit the top highlights, including the Majorelle Gardens, the Berber Museum, Koutoubia Mosque, and the Medina. While you explore, your guide provides context on the history of Morocco as well as the local culture.

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Internet: www.onelifetrips.com/experiences/marrakech-private-city-tour

Koutoubia Mosque & Minaret



Erected in 1120, the Koutoubia Mosque and its 70-metre-tall Minaret serve as the spiritual and architectural heart of Marrakesh, framed by expansive gardens. Situated in the southwest area of Marrakesh's medina, close to the bustling Jemaa el-Fna marketplace, the mosque is not just the city's largest but also one of its most iconic. Although entry is restricted to Muslims, the mosque's exterior is an awe-inspiring sight that can be appreciated by all.

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Address: Avenue Mohammed V, Marrakesh
Phone: +212 5244 33407

Jemaa el-Fna



Jemaa el-Fna, the vibrant epicentre of Marrakesh's medina, is a riot of colours, sounds and scents, especially at sunset. Though the square has transitioned from its roots as a daily food market for mountain traders, its hustle and energy remain palpable. During the day, vendors offer refreshing fruit juices, but it's at dusk when the place truly transforms.

Street theatre, or 'halqa,' has been a mainstay here since the 11th century, and the tradition continues in modern times. As the sun dips below the horizon, food stalls magically unfold, adding tantalising aromas to the air. Musicians tune their instruments, snake charmers enchant both serpents and tourists, and the spectacle crescendos into a nightly celebration of Marrakeshi life and culture.

Photo: Lucky Business/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jemaa el-Fna, Marrakesh

Atlas Mountains & Three Valleys Day Trip



Step away from the hustle and bustle of Marrakech to witness the impressive Atlas Mountains and traditional Moroccan life. Explore broad valleys and lush orchards with views of Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa. Ride a camel through a broad gorge, pause for tea in Imlil Valley, then hike to the isolated village of Ait Souka to share a meal in a Berber family's home. A truly unforgettable experience.

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Majorelle Garden

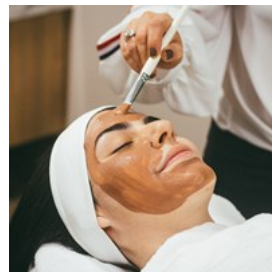


When the chaos of the city becomes too much for you to handle, the one-hectare botanical Majorelle Garden is a perfect refuge. Stroll in the shade of the palms and watch beautiful plants, fountains and birds and when you're tired you can sit down at the garden café.

The iconic Villa Oasis — the private residence of Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Berge — is a must-see. Its vividly blue walls are a perfect match with the verdant greenery of the garden.

Photo: John_Walker/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue Yves Saint Laurent, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Daily 8am-6:30pm
Phone: +212 5242 98686
Internet: www.jardinmajorelle.com/en

Royal Mansour Marrakesh Hammam Spa



A trip to a hammam is an essential Marrakesh experience for rejuvenating both body and spirit. Berbers have honed their skincare rituals for centuries to keep their skin radiant in the harsh desert climate. Relish the bliss of a cleansing session with black olive soap, hair care, and thorough scrubbing with exfoliating mitts.

For a top-tier experience, the Royal Mansour hosts Marrakesh's premier hammam. Here, luxury meets tradition: you'll recline on heated marble while water from intricately designed silver buckets is poured over you. They use premium Moroccan ingredients in their signature rhassoul scrub, featuring a blend of

rose, basil, and other natural elements. Diverse treatments are available, and advance booking is a must.

Photo: Raphael Lovaski/unsplash

Address: Abou Abbas El Sebti Royal Mansour, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +212 52980 8200

Internet: www.royalmansour.com/en/the-spa/the-hammam

Bab Debbagh Tanneries



Witnessing the age-old craft of leather treatment at the Bab Debbagh tanneries is a fascinating experience. Situated near a river for water supply,

these tanneries have been operating for centuries. The distinctive odour, resulting from ammonia used in the leather-softening process, will let you know you've arrived. Unlike some other Moroccan tanneries, the focus here is on treating leather in its natural state; the dyeing happens elsewhere.

Visiting the site can be a bit tricky due to the presence of unofficial 'guides' demanding payment. If you prefer a hassle-free experience, consider hiring a certified guide as part of a medina tour. Otherwise, prepare to navigate past these unofficial attendants by offering a small tip and insisting on entering without their assistance.

Photo: Inu / Shutterstock.com

Address: Nr Bab Debbagh Gate, Marrakesh

More Info: The best time to see the tanners at work is in the morning

Souks



Step into the sensory whirlwind that is Marrakech's sprawling labyrinth of souks. Known as Morocco's largest and among the world's most exotic marketplaces, they offer a feast for the senses — vibrant colours, intoxicating aromas, and the ceaseless hum of haggling. While the thrill of the hunt and the art of bargaining are all part of the experience, first-time visitors may find the maze-like alleys a bit disorienting. The narrow, often-covered passageways, brimming with goods, can seem indistinguishable one from another. To help you navigate this complex web and truly appreciate what's on offer, consider taking a guided tour to get your bearings and avoid getting lost.

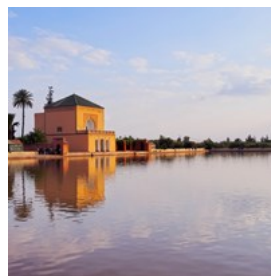
Photo: Maurizio De Mattei / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jemaa el-Fna, Marrakesh

Internet: continenthop.com/blog/marrakech-souk-guide

More Info: North of Jemaa el-Fna

Menara Gardens



Dating back to the 12th century, the Menara Gardens offer a serene oasis, enveloped by olive trees and framed by the Atlas Mountains. Initially developed by Abd al-Mu'min, a ruler of the Almohad Caliphate, the gardens hold the distinction of being a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985.

Photo: Karol Kozlowski / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue de la Menara, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm

Phone: +212 524 426 887

Internet: menaragardens.com

Saadian Tombs



The Saadian Tombs stand as an opulent tribute to the Saadian dynasty. Originating from the 16th century, the site was envisioned by Sultan

Ahmad al-Mansur as a monumental homage to his lineage. Found within the aged Kasbah Mosque, the tombs are divided into multiple sections, each boasting a collection of chambers festooned with ornate stucco work and vibrant tiling.

The architectural flair of the Saadian Tombs is nothing short of mesmerising. From ceilings embellished with kaleidoscopic tiles to walls etched with intricate Islamic motifs, every element contributes to the site's majestic ambiance. Domed chambers further add to the grandiosity, featuring complex geometric and arabesque patterns.

Photo: Stephane Bidouze / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue de la Kasbah, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +212 5244 33407

Internet: saadiantombs.com

City Walls



The iconic walls of Marrakesh, stretching over 12 km, are more a statement of aesthetic grandeur than a fortification for defence.

Originally erected in the early 12th century by the city's Almoravid founders, the walls have undergone several expansions, including the notable addition of the Kasbah to the south and later extensions towards the northern districts. These walls offer an idyllic backdrop for

romantic interludes, especially as dusk settles over the city.

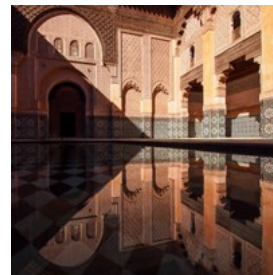
For those looking to explore further, caleches — traditional horse-drawn carts — are available for leisurely tours around the medina and the ramparts.

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Address: Place de Foucault, Marrakesh

More Info: North side of Place de Foucault

Ben Youssef Madrasa



Ali Ben Youssef Madrasa is an old Koranic school, built in the 14th century. It housed up to 900 students at its peak, and it was one of the largest

theological schools in North Africa. It closed down in the 1960s but opened again in 1982 as a public sight. Even though the building looks modest on the outside, the inside will amaze you with its intricate beauty.

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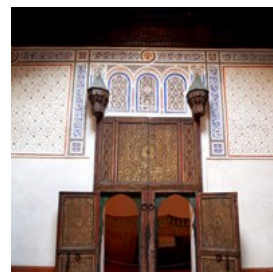
Address: Rue Souk el Khemis, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Internet: medersabenyoussef.com

More Info: Just off Rue Souk el Khemis

House of Photography



This museum, located in the heart of the city, shows the history of Morocco through 3,500 photographs taken between 1870 and 1950.

From the rooftop, one of the highest in the area, you can enjoy the beautiful view while eating a light lunch.

Photo: Philip Reeve/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maison de la Photographie de Marrakech, 46 Rue Ahel Fes, Marrakesh

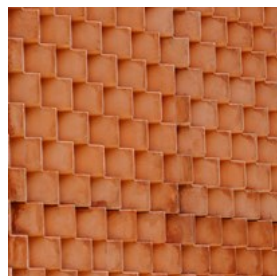
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-7pm

Phone: +212 5243 85721

Internet: maisondelaphotographie.ma

More Info: Located in the medina, 200 metres behind Ben Youssef Medrasa Koranic School

Yves Saint Laurent Museum



Inaugurated in 2017, the Yves Saint Laurent Museum is an architectural marvel featuring a captivating blend of curves, straight lines, and intricate patterns, all rendered in brick. Located conveniently near Majorelle Garden, the museum houses exhibition spaces, an auditorium, and a library. Showcasing the pivotal works of the iconic French designer, the museum also hosts rotating exhibitions. It's an ideal spot for aficionados of fashion and design to spend an enriching afternoon.

Photo: Alejandro Barba/unsplash

Address: Rue Yves St Laurent, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu-Sun 10am-6:30pm; Wed closed

Phone: +212 5242 98686

Internet: www.museeyslmarakech.com/en

Email: info@museeyslmarakech.com

Cactus Thiemann



At 17 acres and over 150 varieties of cacti, Thiemann is the biggest cactus farm in the whole of Africa. The farm was founded by a German agricultural engineer who wanted to expand beyond growing cacti in grow house conditions and thus came to Morocco in the 60s. Today, you can admire his life's work of lined-up rows of

cacti, in what amounts to a massive pool of different types and shapes.

Photo: Keren Noya/Shutterstock.com

Address: Km 10 route de Casablanca, Marrakech

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun-Tue closed. Closed in August

Phone: +212 6778 42206

Internet: www.cactusthiemann.com

Oasiria-Amizmiz Waterpark



For a fun and cooling escape from the city's hustle and bustle, consider heading to Oasiria-Amizmiz Waterpark. Offering a blend of water slides and pools, as well as laid-back lounge spaces in shaded areas, it's an ideal spot for family-friendly relaxation.

With a plethora of slides, a wave pool, and even a lazy river, this expansive water park also has splash zones specifically designed for kids.

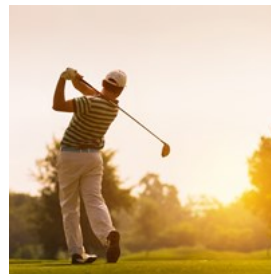
Photo: Poznyakov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Km 4, route d'Amizmiz, Chrifia, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 5243 80438

Internet: www.oasiria.com

Royal Golf Marrakech



Golf is considered a royal sport in Morocco and in the area of Marrakesh you find several courses at which to play. The oldest one — Royal Golf Marrakech — is from 1933, but there are also more modern clubs to choose from.

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Address: Old route of Ouarzazate B.P 634, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 5244 04705

Internet: royal-golf-marrakech.com

DINING



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Moroccan cuisine, in general, consists of the staples of meat — mainly chicken and lamb — a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, and couscous. The most renowned Moroccan dish is the tajine, a slowly cooked stew of meat, vegetables, fruit and nuts. Another famous dish is pastilla, which is composed of either chicken or pigeon between layers of pastry.

Jemaa el-Fna Food Stalls



For the most authentic Moroccan dining experience, head for the Jemaa el-Fna, sit among the crowds at the open-air food stalls, and dine on such traditional delicacies as steamed snails or stewed sheep's head.

Photo: Alex Andrei / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jemaa el-Fna, Marrakesh

Dar Marjana



Marrakesh dining options.

Dar Marjana serves delicious traditional food. A spectacular setting and live traditional music makes this a gem in the imperial crown of

Photo: Elzbieta Sekowska / Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Derb Sidi Ali Tair, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 661 462313

Internet: www.darmarjana.com

Email: dar.marjana@menara.ma

Ksar El Hamra



Ksar El Hamra serves excellent Moroccan specialities accompanied by the rhythms of a folkloric show. Guests can choose to sit inside the house where the dining room is decorated with enchanting details or outside in the beautiful courtyard with orange trees and fountains.

Photo: sebastiancaptures/Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 Riad Zitoune Lakdim, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 5244 27607

Internet: restaurant-ksarelhamra.net

Casa Lalla



At Casa Lalla you find exquisite food conjured by a Michelin starred chef. With only 14 settings a night, you'd be best to book ahead. The gourmet dishes are served at tables underneath the stars.

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Address: Riad Zitoun Lakdime, 16 Derb Jamaa, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6:30pm-11pm

Phone: +212 674 984460

Internet: www.casalalla.com/en/restaurant-marrakech.html

Email: contact@casalalla-restaurant.com

More Info: Set in Riad Zitoune Lakdime

Dar Moha



Dar Moha offers a unique dining experience, blending traditional Moroccan flavours with a modern touch. The restaurant exudes

elegance, with guests dining around a peaceful pool and enjoying subtle live music. Though on the pricier side, the set menu offers substantial and tasty portions.

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Address: 81 Rue Dar el Bacha, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily noon-4pm / 7pm-11pm

Phone: +212 524 386400

Internet: www.darmoha.ma

Le Foundouk



Le Foundouk serves wonderful Moroccan classics with an interesting fusion of European and Asian influences. This is a

trendy restaurant with beautiful décor, where the jet setters of Marrakesh meet and eat together.

Photo: Bernd Juergens / Shutterstock.com

Address: 55, Souk Hal Fes - Kaat Bennahid, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 670 129515

Internet: www.foundouk.com

Al Fassia Guéliz



This women's cooperative serves some of the finest tagines and offer a wide range of meat dishes in Marrakesh. This is one of

just a few restaurants in the city, where you can choose different dishes from the á la carte and not just between set

menus.

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Address: 55 Boulevard Zerktouni, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 5244 34060

Internet: alfassia.com

Email: info@alfassia.com

Pepe Nero



Pepe Nero features two different menus that still go very good together. There is one Italian and one Moroccan and the drink-list provides wines

that accompany both menus. Enjoy your fusion meal in a romantic atmosphere at this restaurant.

Photo: David FR / Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 Derb Cherkaoui, Douar Graoua, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6pm-11:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +212 524 389067

Internet: pepenero-marrakech.com

Les Jardins de la Medina



For a Moroccan fine-dining experience you should head to Les Jardins de la Medina. Relax in the lush garden or feel the atmosphere of

ancient times in the dining room while you savour the gastronomic dishes.

Photo: karelnoppe / Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 Rue derb Chtouka, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-9pm

Phone: +212 524 381851

Internet: www.lesjardinsdelamedina.com

Azar



Azar serves delicious Lebanese mezze in a stylish and modern décor. The atmosphere is glamorous yet cool and the cocktail list tempts to long nights at this trendy restaurant.

Photo: bonchan / Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue Hassan 2, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Daily 7pm-1am
Phone: +212 524 43 09 20
Internet: www.azarmarrakech.com
Email: contact@azar-marrakech.com

Limoni



Limoni is a charming hideaway located in the medina, serving exceptional Italian cuisine. Guests dine in a romantic courtyard featuring actual lemon trees. Notable dishes include the signature lemon ravioli and the intriguing camel burger.

Photo: Francesco83 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 40 Rue Diour Saboun, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Daily noon-10:30pm
Phone: +212 5243 83030
Internet: limoni.ma

Bagatelle



Bagatelle restaurant will not disappoint you if your thing is French cuisine. Escargots, oysters and escalope cordon bleu are just a few of the dishes you find on the menu. A wide array of fine wines are also there to accompany the food.

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Address: 103 Rue de Yougoslavie, Guèliz, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm / 7pm-11pm; Sun noon-4pm / 7pm-11pm
Phone: +212 524 430274
Internet: www.bagatelle-marrakech.com

The Restaurant of La Sultana



For a romantic moment, book a table at The Restaurant of La Sultana and let you and your loved one indulge in the beautiful view from the rooftop and the delicious Moroccan dishes. This is one of the city's fine-dining options and here you can also sign up for one of their cooking classes.

Photo: ytyoung / Shutterstock.com
Address: La Sultana Hotel, 403 Rue de La Kasbah, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Daily 7:30pm-11pm
Phone: +212 5243 88008
Internet: www.lasultanahotels.com/Marrakech/les_tables
More Info: If you're not a hotel guest, you'll need to book a table

CAFÉS



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Enjoy the different sounds and views in Marrakesh at a nice café with a cup of strong Moroccan coffee in your hand. Moroccans also have a liking for sweet things, so be sure to try out their desserts and pastries, washed down with an aromatic glass of "thé à la menthe" or

mint tea.

Pâtisserie des Princes



Pâtisserie des Princes is a well-established patisserie in the city.

They serve excellent pastries and strong Moroccan coffee at

reasonable prices.

Photo: Alewtincka/Shutterstock.com

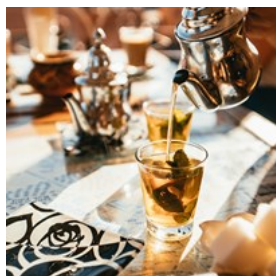
Address: Passage Prince Moulay Rachid, Marrakech

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 6:30am-11pm

Phone: +212 524 443033

Internet: patisseriesdesprinces.com

Dar Cherifa



Dar Cherifa is an attractive literary café and gallery housed in a 17th-century riad. It is located in lovely surroundings and from the rooftop you have a stunning view over the city.

Photo: sebastiancaptures/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Derb Cherifa Lakhbir, Mouassine, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Phone: +212 5244 26550

Internet: marrakech-riads.com/restaurant-dar-cherifa

Email: reservation@marrakech-riads.com

Café du Livre



Watch the world go by or sit back with a book in this literary café. Don't pass up the chance to indulge in their scrumptious pancakes,

generously drizzled with honey. It's a perfect spot for some quiet reading or observing the

bustling world outside.

Photo: apolonia / Shutterstock.com

Address: 44 Rue Tarkiq Ben Ziad, Gueliz, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-1am, Sun 5pm-1am

Phone: +212 524 446921

Internet: www.instagram.com/cafedulivre/

Café de France



This is probably the most famous café in Marrakesh, owing to its rooftop terrace overlooking Jemaa el-Fna. Sip a cup of mint tea

while watching the drama unfold below.

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Address: Place Jemaa El Fna, Rue des Banques, Marrakesh

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Cafe-de-France-Marrakesh

Pâtisserie Amandine



After your visit to the Majorelle Garden, this bakery offers an idyllic spot for a coffee pause. The atmosphere is modern yet peaceful, and

it has a small but inviting outdoor seating area. Whether you're craving traditional pastries or something more contemporary like smoked salmon bagels and Turkish eggs, the bakery has it all. Don't skip their legendary pastries or freshly squeezed orange juice — truly a must-visit for an authentic breakfast experience in Marrakech.

Photo: karnavalfoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Rue de la Liberté, Marrakech

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:15am-8pm, Sun closed

Phone: +212 524 435683

Internet: www.instagram.com/amandinemarrakech

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Enjoying a tippie in Marrakesh is a subtle event, unfolding in carefully concealed locales. Yet, once you're on the inside, the atmosphere transforms — expect a lively scene pulsating to the beat of Gnawa music. Located mostly on the city's fringes, these nightspots offer a haven for both locals and tourists eager to embrace the city's vibrant energy. Brace yourself for an unforgettable night of Marrakshi revelry!

Palais Jad Mahal



For an evening of excitement in a classy low-lit atmosphere, Jad Mahal is your go-to spot. The venue offers a lavish blend of Moroccan aesthetics and international flair, featuring dancers and musicians. Indulge in an eclectic menu that marries Moroccan, Thai and French cuisines before hitting the dance floor. Given its popularity, reserving a table in advance is highly advisable.

Photo: OurWhisky Foundation/unsplash
Address: 10 Rue Haroun Errachid, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Daily from 7pm
Phone: +212 524 436984
Internet: palaisjadmahal.com

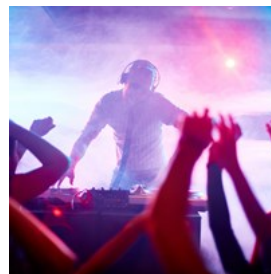
Comptoir Darna



Comptoir Darna isn't just a restaurant; it's a whole destination. With its chic two-story layout and exotic decor, this hotspot is frequented by a diverse crowd — locals, tourists and business professionals. The venue serves a delightful mix of Moroccan and global cuisines, alongside delectable cocktails. Add belly dancing shows to the mix, and you've got a recipe for an unforgettable Arabic night. This is certainly the place to see and be seen.

Photo: Evgeny Starkov / Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue Echouhada, Hivernage, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Restaurant: daily 7pm-1am. Club & bar: daily 7pm-3am
Phone: +212 524 43 77 02
Internet: www.comptoirmarrakech.com

Theatro



Once a theatre, Theatro has been reimagined as a pulsating hub for techno and house music. Featuring renowned DJs on a regular basis, this venue is a magnet for the young and fashionable.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue Ibrahim El Mazini, Marrakesh
Opening hours: Daily from 11:30pm
Phone: +212 664 860 339
Internet: theatromarrakech.com

Nikki Beach



Unwind in style at Nikki Beach. Nestled within the luxurious five-star Palmeraie Gold Palace, this upscale venue offers an exclusive oasis to relax

on expansive sun beds while sipping cocktails. With resident DJs setting the vibe, Nikki Beach is the ultimate chill-out spot for the city's discerning crowd.

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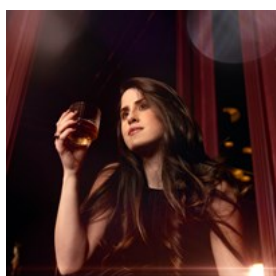
Address: Circuit de la Palmeraie, Marrakech

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-8pm

Phone: +212 664 292945

Internet: rotana.menu/en/palmeraierotanaresort/nikkibeach

Bars at the Royal Mansour



The upscale Royal Mansour hotel offers a luxurious nightlife experience and fully lives up to its claim to royalty — expect above average

prices and experiences.

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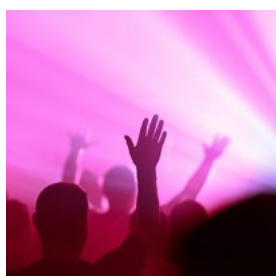
Address: Rue Abou Abbas El Sebti, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 11am-1:00am

Phone: +212 529 808282

Internet: www.royalmansour.com/en/dining/bars

555 Famous Club



One of the hottest clubs in town, 555 Famous knows how to get a good party going. With dynamic lighting and a spacious dance floor, this

high-end venue hosts renowned guest DJs that keep the atmosphere electric. Ladies' nights grant free entry and drinks to female guests, and

all patrons are welcome both in the lounge area and on the dance floor.

Photo: James Coleman/unsplash

Address: Hotel Ushuaïa Clubbing, Avenue Mohamed VI, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 11pm-5am

Phone: +212 678 643940

Internet: 555marrakech.com

Cantobar



Cantobar is located half-way between the old and new parts of the city, and is known as the place to go for karaoke lovers.

The solid wine list and fun vibe make it a great choice for a night out in Marrakesh.

Photo: Theo Eilertsen Photography/unsplash

Address: 38/39 Avenue Moulay El Hassan, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 9pm-5am

Phone: +212 524 433350

Internet: www.instagram.com/cantobar_marrakech

Bar Le Churchill in La Mamounia



Claimed to once have been Winston Churchill's favourite spot, this historic bar is an upscale drink and cocktail venue for a pleasant evening in

the city.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Mamounia Hotel, Avenue Bab Jdid, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 3pm-1am

Phone: +212 5243 88600

Internet: mamounia.com/fr/bars/le-churchill.html

SHOPPING



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Marrakesh is a shopper's paradise. It is a place where some of the finest hand crafted goods won't cost you an arm and a leg and you're actively expected to bargain. If this sounds like your idea of consumer heaven, then head directly to the souks in the north of the medina, where you will find artisans fashioning all manner of products.

There's also the slipper market, for that most essential of Moroccan footwear: the babouche, which you can slip into after the night's revelries. Other markets to look out for include the leather market and the carpet market where you can pick-up high quality hand-woven rugs. For sheer interest alone, and to watch real craftsmen at work, be sure to wander through the markets of blacksmiths, dyers and carpenters. If the bustle of the souk gets to be too much, and you're all bartered out, then head over to the Ville Nouvelle where the shopping experience comes air conditioned-boutique style. Here you will find exclusive designer wear and one-off original items, artisan and antique shops and warehouse outlets. Happy shopping!

Souk El Kebir & Souk Cherratin



For an accessory-shopping adventure, set your sights on Souk El Kebir and neighbouring Souk Cherratin. Situated just off Attarine (the copper souk) and locally known as Ta'ala, these souks are the epicentre of leather craftsmanship in Marrakech. From intricate bags and belts to butter-soft wallets and purses, these markets offer an array of sizes and designs.

If you're on the hunt for the iconic Moroccan babouches slippers, you're in luck — these souks offer a rich tapestry of colours, patterned cuts and intricate stitching at a fraction of European or North American prices.

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Address: Medina, Marrakesh

Ensemble Artisanal



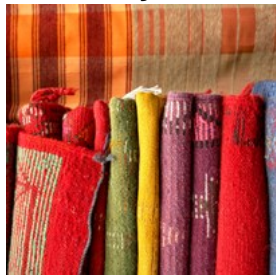
Ensemble Artisanal is a shopping complex with colourful artwork, housewares, musical instruments, clothes & fabrics. It's good to come here if the loud medina gets a little too much to handle, to get an idea of what to expect in terms of pricing or simply if haggling isn't exactly your cup of tea. Many of the items found in abundance in the souks can be shopped here in a much calmer environment and at a fixed price.

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Address: Avenue Mohammed V, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-7pm, Sun 9am-2pm

33 Rue Majorelle



Located a stone's throw away from Majorelle Gardens and the YSL museum, 33 Rue Majorelle is a boutique that sells unique items of decor and clothing. Resembling a chic Barcelona boutique, this upscale store resides in one of Marrakech's most luxurious neighbourhoods. Though on the pricier side, the carefully curated selection of home décor and fashion items make it well worth a visit. From whimsical paper-mâché desk lamps to artisanal infused honeys, 33 Rue Majorelle offers an eclectic array of goods that add a dash of flair to any home or wardrobe.

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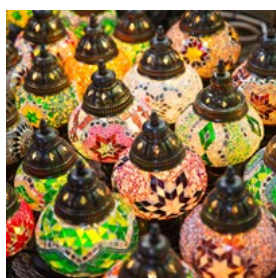
Address: 33 Rue Yves St Laurent, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +212 5243 14195

Internet: 33ruemajorelle.com

Mustapha Blaoui



A museum in its own right, this lesser known shop houses a stunning display of local arts and crafts that are a pleasure to browse through and purchase at reasonable, fixed prices.

Photo: mariakraynova / Shutterstock.com

Address: 142-144 Arset Aouzale, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7:30pm

Phone: +212 5243 85240

Internet: www.instagram.com/mustaphablaoui

Carre Eden Shopping Center



This compact shopping centre may not compare to some of the giant mega malls an experienced traveller may have enjoyed, yet it still houses quite a few designer boutiques and cafes, including a Starbucks.

Photo: Andresr / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue Mohammed V, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-10pm, Sat & Sun 10am-11pm

Phone: +212 5244 37246

Internet: www.carreedenshoppingcenter.com

Herboriste Des Amis



Natural oils, spices and aromas are the stars in this unique little boutique whose staff are there to help you navigate the sea of mysterious oriental herb products. There is a restaurant in the same building if you decide to extend your visit.

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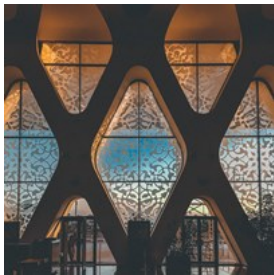
Address: Around the corner from Mederssa Ben Youssef, Souk Ahl Fes 3, Marrakesh

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Marrakesh Menara Airport (RAK)



Menara Airport is located 6 km from Marrakesh. Bus number 19 runs to Djemaa el-Fna every 20 minutes during the week and less frequently during weekends and public holidays. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes. A taxi for maximum 5 people plus baggage from the airport to the city centre takes about 20 minutes. Agree on the price before taking off.

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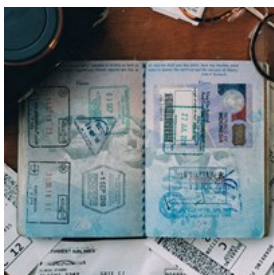
Address: Aéroport Marrakech Ménara, Marrakesh

Phone: +212 5 2444 7910

Internet:

www.onda.ma/en/Our-Airports/Marrakech-Ménara-Airport

Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, as well as the United States, Australia, and dozens of world countries can enter and remain in Morocco visa-free for up to 90 days. Look up individual prerequisites prior to travel in order to possibly apply for visa in time.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash

Internet: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Morocco

Public Transport



Youssef Ben Tachfine.

The primary hub for intercity and local buses in Marrakech is Bab Doukkala Station, with most routes stopping at Djemaa El-Fna and Place

Youssef Ben Tachfine. For train travel, head to the Marrakech Train Station. Established in 1923 during the French protectorate era, the original station was situated on Hasan II Avenue and functioned as the rail network's terminus. A new, larger station was unveiled in 2008, just adjacent to the old one and closer to the city centre. Designed to accommodate future rail extensions to Agadir and Laayoune, the modern station also offers shopping and dining options.

Direct trains run daily to Fez via Casablanca Voyageurs, with two more direct connections to Tangier. Transfers for Oujda and Mohammed V International Airport are also available, and additional routes to Tangier can be accessed with a change in Casablanca.

Photo: Linda Gerbec/unsplash

Internet: www.alsa.ma

Taxis



Taxi is the favoured method of transport around Marrakesh. There are small taxis (petits taxis) which can take up to three passengers. For destinations further afield, there are large taxis (grands taxis). Prices are reasonable but should

be agreed in advance.

Photo: Mourad Saadi/unsplash

Post



You can buy stamps in several shops around the medina and also in some of the most upscale hotels. The main Post Office in the city is

located at Place du 16 Novembre.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Poste Centrale, Place du 16 Novembre, Gueliz, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4:15pm, Sat & Sun closed

Pharmacy



You don't have to go far to find a pharmacy since there are a lot of them in the city, particularly in the area of avenue Mohammed V between

Place Abdelmoumen Ben Ali and Place de la Liberté. A sign in the window indicates which pharmacies are open after-hours.

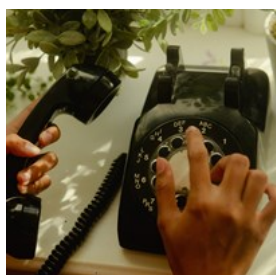
Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Address: Pharmacie El Filali, Rue Khalid ben el-Oualid, Marrakesh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12:30pm / 3pm-7:30pm; Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +212 5244 32700

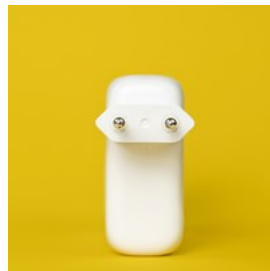
Telephone



Country code: +212 Area code: 052

Photo: Wesley Hilario/unsplash

Electricity



In Morocco, you will encounter two types of electrical outlets: Type C and Type E, both with round prongs. The country's electrical

system runs on a 220V supply voltage and a frequency of 50Hz. Make sure to bring appropriate adaptors if your devices are not compatible with these specifications.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Population

1,060,000

Currency

Moroccan dirham (MAD) 1 dirham = 100 centimes

Opening hours

Bank offices are open from Monday to Friday 8:30am-11:30am and 2:30pm-4:30pm. Most shops and consumer-facing businesses are open from Monday to Saturday 9am-1pm and 3pm-7pm.

Internet

visitmarrakech.com/en
www.visitmorocco.com/en/travel/marrakesh

Newspapers

Morocco World News (in English) — www.moroccoworldnews.com
The North Africa Post (in English) — northafricapost.com

Le Matin (in French) — lematin.ma

TelQuel (in French) — telquel.ma

Hespress (in Arabic and English) — en.hespress.com

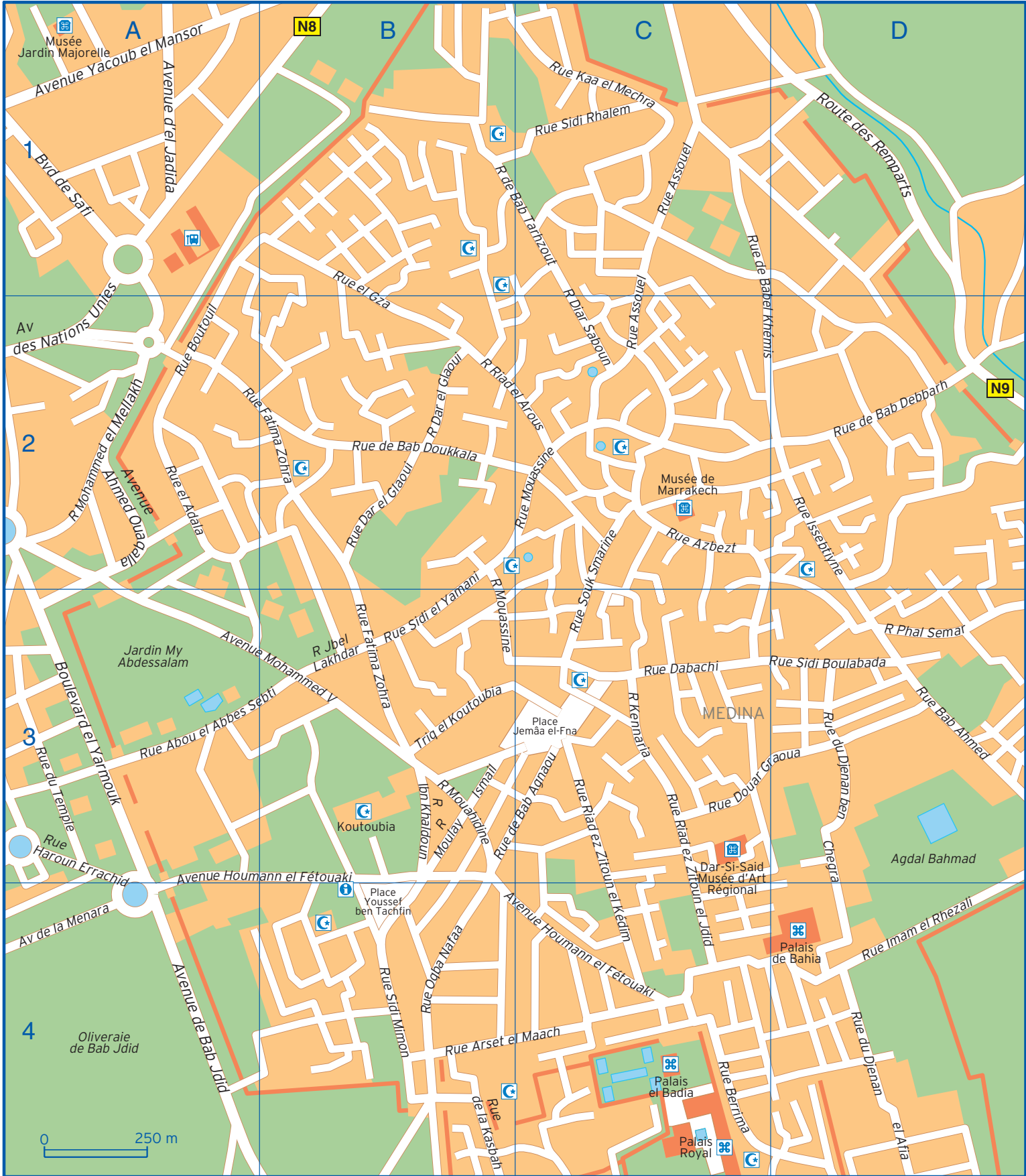
Emergency numbers

Police: 19

Ambulance/Fire: 15

Tourist information

Visit Marrakech Morocco
(Conseil Régional du Tourisme de Marrakech)
Rue Cadi Ayad, 42, apt 4, Imm Jnane Atlas Guéliz, Morocco
+212 5244 33407
Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm, Sat & Sun closed



Destination: Marrakesh

Avenue Ahmed Ouaqalla	A2	Rue Dabachi	C3	Rue Issebtiyne	D2
Avenue de Bab Jdid	A4	Rue Dar el Glaoui	B2	Rue Jbel Lakhdar	B3
Avenue de la Menara	A4	Rue de Bab Agnaou	B3 C3	Rue Kaa el Mechra	C1
Avenue des Nations Unies	A1 A2	Rue de Bab Debbarh	D2	Rue Kennaria	C3
Avenue d'el Jadida	A1	Rue de Bab Doukkala	B2	Rue Mohammed el Mellakh	A2
Avenue Houmann el Fétouaki	A3 B3 B4 C4	Rue de Bab Tarhzout	B1 C1	Rue Mouahidine	B3
Avenue Mohammed V	A3 B3	Rue de Babel Khémis	C1 C2	Rue Mouassine	B2 B3 C2
Avenue Yacoub el Mansor	A1	Rue de la Kasbah	B4	Rue Moulay Ismail	B3
Boulevard de Safi	A1	Rue Diar Saboun	C1 C2	Rue Oqba Nafaa	B4
Boulevard el Yarmouk	A3	Rue Douar Graoua	C3 D3	Rue Phal Semar	D3
Place Jemâa el-Fna	C3	Rue du Djenan ben Chegra	D3	Rue Riad el Arous	B2 C2
Place Youssef ben Tachfin	B4	Rue du Djenan el Afia	D4	Rue Riad ez Zitoun el Jdid	C3 C4
Route des Remparts	D1	Rue du Temple	A3	Rue Riad ez Zitoun el Kédim	C3 C4
Rue Abou el Abbas Sebti	A3 B3	Rue el Adala	A2	Rue Sidi Boulabada	C3 D3
Rue Arset el Maach	B4 C4	Rue el Gza	B1 B2	Rue Sidi el Yamani	B2 B3
Rue Assouel	C1 C2	Rue Fatima Zohra	A2 B2 B3	Rue Sidi Mimon	B4
Rue Azbezt	C2	Rue Haroun Errachid	A3 A4	Rue Sidi Rhalem	C1
Rue Bab Ahmed	D3	Rue Ibn Khaldoun	B3	Rue Souk Smarine	C2 C3
Rue Berrima	C4	Rue Imam el Rhezali	D4	Triq el Koutoubia	B3
Rue Boutouil	A2				

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