

Marrakech In Morocco



The Jemaa el Fna square in Marrakech, Morocco.

Morocco's beauty lies in its munificence. This imperial (and liberal) city in Northern Africa is a prelude to the layered beauty of Moroccan culture. Burgeoning economy, consumerist landscape, traditional Berber markets, Atlas highlands, ancient ramparts of Medina, and omnipresent Orange trees are the underlying filaments of Marrakech. This erstwhile capital of Almoravid dynasty is a more regal cousin of Casablanca and Tangier.

Things to Do in Marrakech

Arts & Museum Tour – Dar Si Said Museum and Marrakech Museum are two major museums in the city. Dar Si Said – a cultural museum – exhibits musical instruments, wooden Ferris wheel, jewelries, carpets, and apparels. Marrakech Museum, representing Andalusian architecture, is housed in Dar Menebhi Palace and showcases fine examples of both modern and traditional Moroccan Art.

Hot Air Balloon Rides – As you take this safe and comfortable ride, what appears before you is a mesmerizing view of Atlas mountains, secluded Berber villages, and desert landscape near the city. You can relish the comforting silence while having breakfast in your balloon basket. These flights are run by a few private operators, usually in the early morning.

Spend Your Dirhams – Medina is an old historic district and a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for labyrinthine alleys, refreshing Hammams, and the gifted craftsmen. The whiff of olives, sights of colorful lanterns, rich carpets & rugs, haggling shopkeepers, and an understandable curiosity among the tourists make the souks (open-air markets) even more bustling. Learn to say no, bargain before buying, and launch a shopping spree. Souk Semmarine, Souk Ableuh, Souk Kchacha, and the Mellah are must-visit places in Medina.

Desert Trekking – Do not miss out on half-day excursions to enjoy a Camel trek through the Palm Grove of Marrakech.

Marrakech Attractions

DJemaa el-Fnaa – Once founded by Almoravids, this main square is a UNESCO-recognized site. A melting pot of street performers, storytellers, magicians, snake charmers, and herb sellers – this is the most animated place in the city. Its market is filled with frolics, voices, gestures, smells, touches, and tastes.

Koutoubia Mosque – It is the oldest of the three great Almohad minarets left in the world. Curved windows, decorative arches, and pointed merlons add to the everlasting beauty of this 70-m-tall mosque made out of red stone.

El Badi Palace – Although only the remains of this 'incomparable one' are present, yet the palace still holds its reputation for being a top destination in the city. Marrakech Folklore Festival is organized every June, within this vast Saadian structure.

Ben Youssef Mosque – Built in late 12th century, it is arguably the oldest and most significant building in the Medina

quarters of the city. This sacred site is a place of worship for Muslim visitors.

Saadian Tombs – This mausoleum has the interred remains of the members of the Saadi Dynasty. The room with 12 columns is the highlight of this monument.

Almoravid Koubba – The only surviving remnant of Almoravid architecture has gone through several restorations.

Majorelle Garden (Jardin Majorelle) – Covering an area of more than 12 acres, this garden has a collection of cacti, pools, and fountains. Over 15 bird species can be spotted inside the garden. The blue building of Museum of Islamic Arts displays Islamic artifacts, Irke pottery, and vintage decorations.

Bahia Palace, Théâtre Royal, Tizi-n-Test Pass, and Toubkal National Park are other tourist attractions around the city.

Marrakech Restaurants

Devote your time to savoring Berber cuisine and trying Mediterranean and Arabic delicacies in between. French elegance of Le Jardin, traditional Moroccan setting of Dor Moha, Le Marrakchi and Dar Yacout, and contemporary Bo-Zin are too tempting for diners to resist. You can also eat like locals in the food stalls of DJemaa el-Fnaa.

Where is Marrakech?

Often cited as the Red City or Ochre city, Marrakech lies in the foothills of Atlas mountain range of Morocco in the south-western region.

Marrakech Map

How to Reach?

By Air – Marrakech-Menara Airport (RAK) is about 9 km southwest from Medina and has flights to nearby European cities. Bus no.19 runs between airport and major parts of the city.

By Train – Station Marrakech connects the city with direct trains to Casablanca, Tangier, and Fez.

By Road – A7 is an expressway that connects the city with Casablanca to the north and Agadir to the west. CTM, Pullman du sud, and Supratours are notable bus companies for long-distance travel.

Marrakech Hotels

Marrakech is famous for its lavish Riads (traditional Moroccan house or palace). For a luxurious stay, you can choose from La Mamounia, Amanjena, Dar Ayniwen, Riad Kniza, and Riad Farnatchi. For mid-range accommodations, Riad Chennaoui, Ryad Dyor Marrakech, Riad Tibibt, and Hotel Almas are good options. For budget travelers, Hotel Amalay, Riad Dar Tuscia, Marrakech Hotel Cecil, and Hotel Atlas are some of the value-for-money accommodations.

Hotels Name	Website	Type	Address
La Mamounia	mamounia.com	5 star	Avenue Bab Jdid - 40 040 Marrakech - Maroc informations@mamounia.com
Amanjena	aman.com/resorts/amanjena	5 star	Route de Ouarzazate km 12, Marrakech Morocco 40000 amanjena@amanresorts.com
Dar Ayniwen	www.dar-ayniwen.com	5 star	Tafrata – Palmeraie de Marrakech 40 000 Marrakech – Morocco infos@dar-ayniwen.com
Riad Kniza	www.riadkniza.com	5 star	34 DERB L'HOTEL, BAB DOUKALA - MARRAKECH - MÉDINA, MAROC
Riad Farnatchi	riadfarnatchi.com/	5 star	Riad Farnatchi Derb el Farnatchi Rue Souk el Fassis Qua'at Ben Ahid Marrakech Medina MOROCCO enquiries@riadfarnatchi.com
Riad Chennaoui	riad-chennaoui- marrakech.com	3 star	Riad Zitoune Jdid Farès N° 1 40000, Derb Sidi, Marrakesh, Morocco riad.chennaoui@gmail.com
Ryad Dyor	www.ryaddyor.com	3 star	1 Driba Jdida, Sidi Ben Slimane, Marrakesh 40000, Morocco info@ryaddyor.com

Riad Tibibt Best Time to Visit Marrakech		3 star	Le Foundouk, Souk Ahl Fes, Marrakech 40000, Morocco riadtibibt@yahoo.fr
Hotel Almas	hotelalmasmarrakech.com	3 star	79, Avenue Moulay Rachid 40000 Marrakech contact@hotelalmasmarrakech.com
Hotel Anaray		3 star	87, Bd. Mohamed V, Marrakech 40000, Morocco
Riad Dar Tusein	www.dar-tusein.com	2 star	
Hotel Cecil	diemaaelinahotelcecil.org	2 star	Couscous is the iconic dish of the city. Cecil Hotel Marrakech, Derb Sidi Boulokate, Marrakech, Morocco
Hotel Atlas		3 star	Boulokate, Marrakech 40000, Morocco

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