

Marrakech

Morocco

Morocco's celebrated Red city has welcomed foreign visitors for many years. Its heady combination of the magical, exotic and mystical has enchanted many, including the late Yves Saint Laurent. Today, the resurgent Medina means Marrakech sits resplendent.

Essentials

- 01 While most Marrakshi speak French, simply saying “*salam alikom*” (“peace be upon you”) is always appreciated.
- 02 Alcohol in the Medina is restricted to upscale restaurants and Riad hotels (private guest houses).
- 03 With over 20km of runs, and a super recent refurb Oukaimedén is Morocco's premier ski resort. Just over an hour from the city.
- 04 Make sure you get your shopping done before midday Friday prayers.
- 05 Try Pastilla, a local sweet and savoury pastry dish with pigeon and almonds spiced with cinnamon.



Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

Riad Yima
52 Derb Aajane
Rahba Lakdima
+ 212 524 39 19 87
riadyima.com

Dependable

Riad El Fenn
Derb Moullay Abdullah
Ben Hezzian
Bab El Ksour
+ 212 524 44 12 10
riadelfenn.com

Premium

Riad Tizwa
Derb Gueraba
Dar El Bacha
+ 212 668 19 08 72
riadtizwa.com

Dining

Fast breakfast

Café des Épices
75 Rahba Lakdima
Place Rahba
Qedima Medina
+ 212 524 39 17 70
cafedesepices.net

Leisurely breakfast

Kechmara
3 rue De La Liberté Guéliz
+ 212 524 42 25 32

Mid-morning coffee

Cafe Poste
Blvd el-Mansour Eddahbi,
Nouvelle Ville Guilez

Lunch by the pool

Beldi Country Club
km6 route du Barrage
+ 212 524 38 39 50
beldicountryclub.com

Lunch on a roof terrace

Terrasse des Épices
15 Souk Cherifia
Sidi Abdelaziz
+ 212 524 37 59 04
terrasedesepices.com

Lunch on your own

Café Du Livre
44 rue Tarik Ibn Ziad Ville
Nouvelle
+ 212 524 43 21 49
cafedulivre.com

Lunch with friends

Alizia
Rue Echouhada Nouvelle
Ville
+ 212 524 43 83 60

Dinner for two

Portofino
279 avenue Mohammed v,
Medina
+ 212 524 39 16 65

Dinner with friends

Le Comptoir
Avenue Echouhada,
Hivernage
+ 212 524 43 77 02
comptoirdarna.com

Big dinner with friends

Ksar Essaoussan
3 Derb El Messoudyenne
+ 212 524 44 06 32

Romantic dinner

Dar Moha
81 rue dar el Bacha,
Medina
+ 212 524 38 64 00
darmoha.ma

Late drinks

Riad El Fenn
Derb Moullay Abdullah
Ben Hezzian,
Bab El Ksour
+ 212 524 44 12 10
riadelfenn.com

Dinner to see and be seen

Bab Hotel
Angle Bd Mansour
Eddahbi
Rue Mohamed El Beqqal
+ 212 524 43 52 50
babhotelmarrakech.com

Reading

Bookshop

Multilingual titles at
Librarie Chatter
19-21 avenue
Mohammed v
+ 212 524 44 79 97

Thank yous

Flower market

Avenue Mohammed v

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Atelier Moro
114 place de Mouassine
+ 212 524 39 16 78

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

The Souk
Enter to the left of the
Argana café on the Djemaa
El Fna square. Blend in a
gandora robe, available
from several places, with
your existing clothing.

Something for the kids

The Souk
Address as above

Something for someone you love

Kif Kif
8 rue des Ksours
Bab Laksour
+ 212 661 08 20 41
kifkifbystef.com

For modern Morocco home make-over essentials

Ginger Shop
Creation Chez Lamine,
17 Souk des Teinturiers
Mouassine

Two-hour tour

- 01 **Ben Youssef Madrasa**
This is a Koranic school with the best architecture in the city.
+ 212 524 44 18 93
- 02 **Musée de Marrakech**
Exhibition includes jewellery, pottery traditional weapons, costume, furniture, Judaic worship, calligraphy and contemporary design.
Place Ben Youssef
+ 212 524 44 18 93
museedemarrakech.ma
- 03 **Jardin Majorelle**
In 1980 Pierre Bergé and Yves Saint Laurent bought this garden and restored it. The Islamic art collections are housed in the garden museum.
Yakoub el Mansour
+ 212 524 30 18 52
jardinmajorelle.com

Limousine/cab

Limousine
Ali Targhi Transport
+ 212 661 21 16 57

Cabs

Marrakech's taxis are cheap. Within the city you'll be able to get pretty much anywhere in a Petit Taxi for under €2.

Transport

Walking

Use your legs and buy comfy shoes and you're off on the Marrakech walking work out.

Fitness

Good gym

Hivernage Hotel & Spa
Echouhada Avenue at the intersection of rue Temples, Hivernage
+ 212 524 42 41 00
hivernage-hotel.com