

Brought to Fez by the fortunes of life, I immediately fell under the charm of the city. The city completely bowled me over. Initially, I wanted to create a simple home, intimate and friendly where I could come to relax and recharge with family and friends.

others to my discoveries, I decided to open a charming guest-house and to share my passion for travel and culture.

Riad Anata is a real project from the heart and a beautiful human adventure that started in 2008...

Riad Ancifa

However, with my passionate nature and as someone who likes to introduce

Riad Anata...

In this gem of a city I was supported by all kinds of men and women, by all cultures who helped and accompanied me in constructing this ancient masonry, the Riad in which I welcome you today.

Valérie Janczewski. Your personal waitress

valérie



a true gem!



## 'Marhaba'!

Fez is the oldest imperial city. It was founded in 190 during Idriss's Hegira.

Fez is situated among the plains of Saïss and it became a major city

This travel guide aims to help you thoroughly enjoy your stay in Fez... I hope it will be your best friend during a break in time...

whose Merinide dynasty made it its capital in the late thirteenth century.

The fame surrounding Fez enticed Muslim students and scholars, Jews and Christians from all walks of life. Fez guickly became the intellectual capital but also the economic capital through its well-known arts and crafts.



before leaving for Fez, consider calling your bank to arrange the use of your MAESTRO debit card in Morocco. Otherwise, you can withdraw cash using your visa card or Mastercard.

Fez is home to Al Quaraouiyine University, considered the oldest university in the world still in operation. Fez is a spiritual, authentic and mysterious city.

Medina is a living witness of the past and continues to maintain its traditions through time. The Medina of Fez is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is considered the largest in the world.

Far from the fast-moving western cities, Fez offers

# "Welcome"!

a stop in time. To discover its secrets, let yourself gradually penetrate its pace and energy of its own. Fez invites you to "be" ... simply.

Back to Riad Anata, let yourself be pampered by the staff who are completely at your disposal!

Enjoy the fine cuisine, recharge your batteries, take time to talk, and relax far away from the teeming activities of the Medina... Take advantage of our many books, board games, library...

## Riad Anata is also...



#### A TEAM AT YOUR SERVICE ...

Zhour, chef and cooking teacher. She is there to pamper you and cater to all your needs!

Simo, administrative manager and receptionist at the Riad. Call him to organize and book your activities throughout your stay...!

Sara, responsible for house keeping and good maintenance of the Riad so you can fully enjoy your holiday!

Said, amazing maître d'hôtel and night manager. Enjoy your dinner while Said does the rest!

Iolanda, our French-Sicilian neighboring, reservation manager and genuine fan of fez!

#### **JUST LIKE HOME**

Our home, is your home! Each day, compose your own personal menu according to your wishes and the daily market produce. You can also rely on the daily inspirations of Riad Anata,. We ask just one thing: Order the day before at breakfast... Enjoy!

- @ breakfast: served from 8.30am to loam (for earlier check-out, please ask for our breakfast box to take to the airport)
- @ riad anata is 100% non-smoking, except on the terrace of course!

#### ... THE POSSIBILITY TO RENT PRIVATELY!

The Riad is exclusively yours. The personnel are at your disposal to take care of you and prepare your meals on request while you relax or go about the many various activities.

(Baby-phone available if needed during your stay)

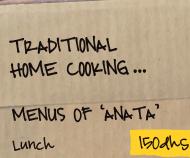
Ideal for wedding anniversaries, Christmas parties, hen and bachelor parties, family holidays, etc.. More information on our website!



#### **ORGANISATION OF RECEPTIONS!**

We take care of the preparation of all the guest-rooms at the Riad as well as the organisation of the reception, and if you wish, a musical band from Fez, Gnawa or another oriental style, all in a fragrant atmosphere of heady incense and soft candlelight... More information available from Simo or Samira or by e-mail!

6 RIAD ANATA, A TRUE GEM 7



basic menu 250dhs

(main course & dessert)

7 courses menu 700dhs (starter & main course & dessert)

We offer a selection of tapas as starters, spanish style! Choose from the following:

#### COLD STARTERS (salads)

Aubergine valouk
Courgettes
Mcharmel (Sweet and Sour carrots)
Carmelised pumpkin
beans
Sweet tomatoes
Tomates of peppers, olive oil and candied lemon

#### WARM STARTERS

Loubia (White beans in tomato sauce) Lentils bissara (bean soup)

#### MAIN COURSES

Shoulder of lamb with stuffed dates Lamb Tajine with prunes and sesame chicken Tajine with candied lemon Lamb Tajine, artichokes and peas Meat Kofta with eggs Meat couscous with vegetables vegetable couscous (vegetarian) Fish Tajine Sardine Kofta

#### DESSERTS

briwat with rice and almonds briwat with bananas and apples Pastilla with myk

Dessert with malk and tangerines (samura's speciality) seasonal fruits

in Fez, the real local

traditional cuisine can be

enjoyed only in the Riads...

Tangerines and/or oranges with cinnamon and orange blossom water

#### DRINKS

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Enjoy the cooking lessons of Riad Anata!

#### LEARN TO COOK TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN FOOD WITH RIAD ANATA'S **GREAT CHEF!**

During the cooking class: she'll teach you some basic Moroccan traditional technics. Kitchen's chef will share her best secrets and mysteries of authentic and local cuisine with you.

Finally enjoy the fruits of your labor on the terrace of the Riad.

to not hesitate to discover our cooking in image on www.riad-anata.com on youtube

WE ARE ALREADY SHARING ONE OF OUR SECRETS WITH YOU: LAMB TAJINE WITH ALMONDS **AND PRUNES (FOR 2 PEOPLE)** 



#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 150ar of prunes
- \* 2 lamb shank
- \* 40g Whole blanched
- \* 500Gr of onions
- \* 50Gr of rancid butter
- \* I pinch of cinnamon powder
- \* I pinch of Ginger powder

Put the meat in a large pot, add the sliced onions as well as the spices, the oil, the butter, and let it cook gently for 1h30 min...

At term, remove the meat, leaving the onions in the pot until all the juices have evaporated, then add the honey in order to caramelize the onions.

In a small pot mix the spices, the prunes, a drizzle of olive oil and a bit of water and cook until tender.

Once cooked, add a bit more honey and caramelize them, pit the prunes and instead place a whole almond, which has been previously fried in a bit of oil

Coat the stuffed prunes with the roasted sesame seeds

Enjoy!





# smart tips...

#### HOW TO GET TO THE NEW TOWN

#### **RED TAXIS**

At Batha square, close to the Riad Anata, you will find small red taxis waiting to take you anywhere in the city for only a few dirhams. The price is displayed on the meter. Everywhere else, just wait on the side of the road in the direction you're going and hail a taxi when you see one.

(2) Taxis are collective and will take up to 3 people. Each 'group' should pay the amount shown on the meter. A great way of making new contacts!

(2) In Fez, we do not give the street name to the taxi driver, but the 'locality' near to where you actually want to go. Eg: 'Hotel Jnan Palace' to get to the 'la Maison Blanche' restaurant.

Why? Just because the taxi drivers do not know all the hotspots in the city!

ATTENTION: Your passport must be valid 3 months after your return date!

We organize airport or train station pick-up.



Wifi riad anata / PASSWORD: PLADANATAI

#### **TIPS**

For your stay, buy a phone card from one of these three operators: Morocco Telecom. Meditel or Inwi to make it easier to contact us and communicate among you. Foresee 20dhs for a new number. You can find them in all the small grocery shops...

You leave the Riad by car? Call the emergency number 160 in case something goes wrong!



(2) You wish to discover the Medina? We recommend you to take one of the official guides we work with. 400dhs/day + 150 dhs/visit Medina surroundings by car, head up for one of the best panoramas of the city, Borj Sud &Borj Nord, Merenid tombs, King's palace ramparts. Ideal departure: 10 am.

(5) What is the exchange rate for the dirham? €1 equals approximately 11 dhs. Just divide the price you see by 10 to get the approximate price in euros! You can withdraw money or change euros at the bank Bab Boujloud (closed Saturday afternoon and Sunday), at any exchange shop along the perpendicular street (open on Sundays) or at the Riad.

Would you like to bring small gifts home from your travels? Think of soap, spices, argan oil, handmade carpets, pottery made with tadelakt in all kinds of colours, hand-carved bottle openers, but especially the speciality from Fez,

cobalt blue pottery.

some useful words in berrija (Moroccan dialect) SALAM ALIKUM: Hello (litterally: May the peace be with you) ALIKUMSALAM: Hello (GOVG in response to 'salam Alikum') SCHAAL: HOW many TAMELM ZIEN: GOOD price RALIBZEF: H'S too expensive NKASCHWIYA: LOWER Your price MZIENI: GOOD! SAFÉ: That's enough CHOUKRAN: Thanks CHOUKPANDZEF: Thanks a lot PSLEMA: GOOdbyce INCH' ALLAH: IF GOD WILLS

BELDI: Moroccan

avoid the Medina on Fridays during the day of prayer and where most shops are closedi



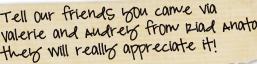
# CHEZ LAURENCE, MEDIN'ART



#### **BOUTIQUE JARDIN DES BIEHN**

A selection of Moroccan artisanal products: pottery from Fez and Salé, basketry, weaving, babouches and jewelry chosen by Michel Biehn. Renowned collector of fabrics and antique costumes, here Michel Biehn offers embroidery from Fez and from the ancient world. FezFabrik designers come from all over the world and work with the artisans of Fez to create throws bags, jewellery and accessories.

Tell our friends you came via valerie and andrew from Riad anata, they will really appreciate it!





Audrey's favourite deco tips



German.half-Kazakh) whose work is featured in Voque, Elle, Harpers Bazaar, and Architectural Digest owns a house in the medina and her exquisite range of 'Couture Cushions' is hand-made in Fez. Before being shipped for sale to Europe, Karina's cushions can be bought directly from her home in Fez when she is in town. To enquire send an email to

karina@tamerlanesdaughters.com www.tamerlanesdaughters.com

ANAJAM HOME

Rebecca Eve (business woman) and Tara

Stevens (lifestyle journalist) have put

together a tightly curated collection of

contemporary and vintage Moroccan

homewares, all handmade by artisans,

hand blown recycled glassware, hand-

modern Fez ceramics

**TAMERLANE'S DAUGHTERS** 

London based fashion and interiors

carved orchard wood serving bowls and

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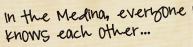
including 100% wool, chunky weave 'Debdou' blankets, cactus silk table linens.

If you are looking for traditional Avarko handcrafts with perspective, definitively call the Palestinian-American textile designer Nina Alami. She sells her collection of handwoven scarves and blankets out of an unmarked, by-appointment-only in her atelier in the medina. Nina also offers sourcing services for the "serious shopper." artisanprojectinc@gmail.com Write her an e-mail or ask us to call her.

#### **CHEZ LAURENCE AU MEDIN'ART**

A concept store in the heart of the medina, a spacious shop furnished by 'iron attitude' where you will find 'revisited' crafts, unique pieces: Everything is handmade & done in Morocco with a contemporary spirit. You will find brands such as: The Moors Collection, Kif Kif, Mr. Michelin, Mouhib. SissiMorocco, among other artists.

To get there, walk down the Talaa Srira heading to Place Nejjarine.



bon't hesitate to ask passerbys where to find a shop or shopkeeper that you are looking for!



TAMEPLANE'S DAUGHTERS



CHEZ NINA ALAMI



# valerie's top adresses

#### **ORIENTAL BEAUTY RITUAL ... NFW IN TOWN**

The beauty rituals from Maghreb are an opportunity to reconnect with a natural beauty regime and organic

products: black soap to ex-foliate, purifying Rasul, Argan oil to moisturise... Discover the secrets of the beautiful East...



For a Hammam&Peeling in a '1001 nights' atmosphere, ideal for couple, we highly recommend the following spas:

RIAD LAAROUSSA 730 dhs/pers\*

RIAD SHEREHAZADE Anne Sémonin's spa 370 dhs/pers

Find the location on our map of the medina (p.38-39)

\*Price for hammam+massage



Traditionnal Hammam between friends. The hammam is not mixed! Local atmosphere!

Taxi reference: Anas Wahed neighborhood

#### LES BAINS D'INES 400dhs/pers\*

Exclusively for women.

For a smaller budget but also very nice! From 10am-8pm 7/7 days

Taxi reference: Café Le Bouquet

#### THE MEDINA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

It is the only public library in the Medina and the only children's library in Fez. It offers medina's children to discover books and develop a love of reading. More than 1000 kids are coming to the little library each month. Visitors are welcome so please stop by, maybe read a story to the kids or consider making a small donation.



#### **ARABIAN PORTRAITS**

Would you like to dress up as an Arabian princess or a Berber prince? Violeta Caldes offers personalized photo sessions in an ancient riad of Fez providing you with clothes, jewellery and make up. You'll have lots of fun during the session (3-4 hours) and leave with your digital photos. 250dhs

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Want to take part in a craft workshop with Hamza? Craft Draft is a Multidisciplinary Art Studio that is keen to keep Traditional Visual Crafts of Fes Medina alive through offering workshops for all age groups.

Find more: Facebook.com/Craft.Draft.Fez Hamza +212 649 89 41 97



#### **ALFRED BERLIN**

Carmelo Tedeschi, an Italian artist and designer based in Berlin and Fez. Visit his showroom to see his beautiful leather accessories.

+212 631 04 36 30 (Right after NUR, on your right)

#### **ADITI YOGA CENTER**

Located derb bniaiiche, in a beautifully renovated masriyah (8 minutes walk from Riad Anata), Aditi Yoga Center offers regular Hatha Yoga classes almost everyday of the week at 9am. Each yoga class is adapted to the individual needs of the students and are taught by Aditi, native from Spain and certified yoga teacher (RYS200) member of the Yoga Alliance. Feel free to come and enjoy a relaxing and powerful yoga session. Chakras and hot stone massages available. Namaste.

+212 624 97 73 02 (WhatsApp available)



#### FOFO. FRIENDS OF FEZ ORPHANS

Young Moroccan association created to improve the lives of the little orphans in Fez by providing socialization, therapy, and education along with hugs, smiles, and compassion. If you would like to visit the orphanage they are working at, feel free to send them an email. AmisFOFO@gmail.com









#### NUR -\$\$-

Insolite in the medina... The space has intentionally been embellished with traditional tiling that is exclusively black and white. The owner, Najat Kaanache is a celebrity chef who was born and raised in San Sebastian of Spain's Basque Country.

15 minutes from the Riad beside Riad LAROUSSA (porter service available from the Riad to the restaurant. (20 dhs/trip). Closed Mon&Tue



#### RUINED GARDEN - RIAD IDRISSY -\$\$-

Café/Restaurant - A fabulous place located in the remains of a beautiful mansion, next to the Idrissy Riad. The perfect place to relax and enjoy lunch or tea. Robert hails from London and has opened the doors to this atmospheric place in spring 2013. Simple, tasty salads, teas, Moroccan cuisine. Guests can sample a seven hour grilled mechoui lamb but need to order it the day before. 100m from Jardin des Biehn.



#### LE JARDIN DES BIEHN -\$\$-

In a beautiful green area abundant with fruit trees, you can enjoy lunch on the terrace in the shade. The Chef, Hicham, combines a

10 minutes from the Riad on the way to ALKANTARA. Leaving the Riad right hand, take the left lane, at the end, turn right at the grocery store, walk along the collapsed garden wall and you'll find it.

good kitchen with fresh market products.



#### FEZ RIAD (RELAIS CHÂTEAUX) -\$\$\$-

Boasting elegance and refinement, the setting here is very chic! I advise you to enjoy an aperitif and then follow your heart to the table!

10 minutes from the Riad near the Batha Square.



# IN MEDINA...

#### DAR ROUMANA -\$\$\$-

The food prepared by Vincent, a French chef, arises from Moroccan traditions. The address is ideal for a romantic candlelit dinner...

Located in Ain Azliten (porter service available from the Riad to the restaurant. (20 dhs/trip).



#### THE CLOCK CAFÉ

A real institution for both locals, expats and intrepid travelers, this place is perfect for a drink in a really friendly atmosphere! Snacks are available (I suggest you try 'The Burger'). Sunday evening concert starts around 6.30, popular musicians will regale you with traditional music.

Talaa Skhrira, on your left, 15 minutes from the Riad.



Start a perfect Sunday with a good breakfast; go for "eggs Khlie", a moroccan specialty served by Outhman, the chef of Valérie & Lionel, owners of this beautiful Riad, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (180 dhs/person) or come for lunch on the week-end and enjoy the beautiful terrace marinated grilled meat. (250dhs/pers).

Located in Rcif, next to the cinema el Amal.



#### MOI ANAN - THAI RESTAURANT & FASHION BOUTIQUE -\$\$-

On the ground floor is an up-market boutique & the main eating area is on the floor above. The 'green' terrace will be wonderful on warm evenings. In the winter, 2 interior intimate dining spaces provide a stylish backdrop to diners.

Few minutes away from parking lot of Aïn Azliten (the house makes angle with Talaa Kbira).





#### THE ALMONDIER AT FARAJ PALACE -\$\$\$-

Nestling in the south hill of Fez, the Faraj Palace is a brand new hotel created by JB Baryan. Breathtaking panorama.

10 minutes from Riad, along Rcif road on the edge of The Medina. Leaving The Medina by Bab Ziat...

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### WOULD YOU REALLY LIKE TO DISCOVER THE MEDINA? ASK SIMO TO ORGANISE IT FOR YOU.

Budget about 400dhs for the day (an ideal departure is around 10am) + 150dhs for the large white taxi you will need to take to visit the outskirts of the Medina: Borj North &

South, The Merinids and surrounding walls...

#### RIAD AL BARTAL -\$\$-

Traditional cooking from Fez composed of multiple origins and influences. Riad Bartal was built by a weavers family at the beginning of the XXth century. To protect the intimacy of their guests only one or two tables are opened, exclusively on reservation for non-residents. Reservations are to be taken before noon for the very evening.

5min walking distance from the Riad in the Talaa Srira.



#### A MUST SEE...

- The Chouara Tanneries
- the Foundouk Nejjarine, the Wood Museum (Take the opportunity to pose on the terasse!)
- the Mellah neighbourhood (the Jewish Quarter, where there is a daily flea market except on Friday mornings)
- · the Jewish cemetery of Mellah



#### THE BARCELONA -\$-

Ideal place to eat a pastry in a trendy setting with soft lighting and cosy atmosphere. The place is amazing as all the decor is for sale!

Talaa Kgbira, above the carpark at Ain El Zlitten, 15 minutes from the Riad.



#### RIAD ALKANTARA

Perfect for sunbathing in dreamy surroundings...

Just 10 minutes by foot from Riad Anata, take the small street to the right just to the right of le Jardin des Biehn! (150 dhs/pers/day).

### sweetness

#### MADE IN M

A small shop with ability to freshen up. A space dedicated to design items, made from tadelakt with a modern and sophisticated style. Beautiful small candles and colourful towel rings...

In the Medina just after Barcelona, in the Talaa Srira.



#### JNAN SBILBOTANICAL PARK

A set of 'lungs' in the middle of the city, founded by the Princess and redesigned in 2012. Walking there is a real pleasure. If there is water (depending on the season and drought), it's really nice to sit in front of the lake!

Just 10 minutes walk from Riad Anata. Just head back up to the left from Batha Place.





#### LA MAISON BLANCHE -\$\$\$-

For a luxurious break at an affordable price, go for a drink in the lounge bar, then take a table and enjoy gourmet cuisine by Thierry Vaissière in a setting designed by Christophe Pillet. The carpaccio of foie gras with pineapple is superb and the staff are wonderful! Wine lovers will be in heaven!

Taxi ref.: In front of the Jnan Palace Hotel. Champs de course (racetracks).



#### HOTEL SAHRAI & RESTAURANTS **RELAIS DE PARIS / L'AMARAZ**

Relais de Paris has an informal chic atmosphere serving a Parisian brasserie menu that will particularly appeal to red meat lovers.

Amaraz invites you to sample gourmet Moroccan cuisine in a setting that's in tune with the spirit of the place.

#### LE KIOSK -\$\$-

Be it on a warm and sunny day, outdoor dining is one of the very best ways to enjoy Fez New City! Taste their delicious pizza cooked with a traditional wood-fire oven. Free Wi-Fi and coffee available

Taxi ref.: The new Park City of Champs de course.



#### THE ADIL GRILL - ocal rates-

A popular little terrace where you can eat good meat grilled at various prices among the shadow of the argan trees. Colourful local spot.

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Taxi ref.: Splendid Hotel. Once you are in front of the hotel, take the road diagonally to the left. If you need to, ask passerbys on Hansali Road.



# IN THE NEW TOWN ...



#### THE KAITAI -\$\$-

Fancy changing continent for dinner or for the evening, the KaiTai offers superb quality Thai and Japanese cuisine. The Crunchy Sushi are absolutely irresistible!

Taxi ref.: Opposite the Jnan Palace Hotel



#### THE MEZZANINE -\$\$-

The perfect place to enjoy a cocktail with some tapas. Enjoy the chilled and sophisticated atmosphere. The terrace is beautiful, overlooking an amazing park and with a view on the old battlement site of Fez! From Batha Place, set up towards the Royal Palace. The Mezzanine is located along the main entrance to the Jnan-Sbil park at the entrance of the district of Fez Jdid 20 min, walk to the Riad.

#### THE MAIMONIDE CENTER -\$\$-

Maimonide center, located in the center of the new city, close to the synagogue SADOUN, welcomes you in a pleasant surrounding and offers you, a Jewish kosher Moroccan restoration, lunch or dinner including Shabbat.

It is required to book in advance though +212-676286099 and especially because the



#### CHEZ ISMAEL - | ocal rates-

Do you fancy a little snack specializing in fried fish, in a typical setting? Nothing but great home cooking. Fez is an institution for fish. I recommend the shrimp Pilpil which are deliciously spicy...

Taxi ref.: Well known by taxis, along the road perpindicular to the French consulate on the left.





#### **MERINIDES HOTEL**

Would you like to drink a good cocktail or glass of wine? This hotel boasts a large panoramic terrace overlooking the Medina of Fez. An ideal location for an aperitif and admiring the sunset.

Taxi reference: Merinides Hotel which everyone knows!

## coming soon!

#### THE MAMOUNIA PALAIS JAMAÏ

Dating from 1879, this luxury, mythical hotel is an Arab-Mauresque architectural treasure and an absolute must see.

The famous Fassi palace should be reorganized and renamed Mamounia.

Taxi ref.: Everyone knows!



#### **OUED FEZ GOLF**

18 holes Golf with a semi-link course, thought by the architect Jonathan Gaunt, designer of the most renowned golf course of the world! Greenfee is 600dhs/pers for 18 holes and 400dhs/pers for 9 holes. This rate includes unlimited practice and the trolley if necessary. Rent of golf cart for 300dhs or "taylor made" complete golf set bag for 300dhs for 18 holes. Only 10 min by car from the Riad (closed Mon) tel. +212 664 72 10 50

#### THERMAL SOURCES OF MOULAY YACOUB

The most well know thermal centre in Morocco, located in the relaxing and hilly countryside, 20 kilometers northwest of the city of Fez. The Thermal Sources are currently in renovation process. The French company Vichy Spa subsidiary of the French group Vichy will handle the operation and management of the station. Book a taxi driver (400dhs)





#### THE ROOFTOP / ARCADES - HOTEL SAHRAI

Just upstairs from the lobby, this area has a charming atmosphere with a New York vibe. The ROOF TERRACE, immense and comfortably furnished, offers a marvelous view of the surrounding landscape. At the ARCADES, the white marble bar beneath the arches makes an ideal setting for socializing, people watching and enjoying a laid-back lunch, afternoon tea or dinner.

#### THE AIN MAYER EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Trips across the country, riding lessons, competitions and a club house and pool, Azzedine Msefer has created a real equestrian paradise.

Near Fez airport, 2.5 Kilometers away. In the direction of Ifrane, turn right (facing the BMCE Bank) and follow the pink signs.

#### PROJECTIONS FROM THE FRENCH INSTITUTS AT REX CINEMA

If you want to see a good copyright film in a dilapidated but authentic room, ask for the program from Simo or Samira.

#### **TEMPORARY EXPOSITIONS**

Throughout the year, temporary exhibitions are held at Fez. If you are interested, just ask us for information!

COMING SOON... OPENING OF AN ART **GALLERY IN FEZ!** 



#### **PAUL** -\$\$-

The well-known and much appreciated French bakery has finally and recently opened its doors to Fez. Perfect for breakfast and for gourmands during the small hours.

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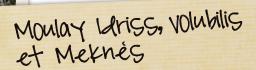


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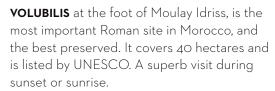


MOULAY IDRISS, a holy city 22km from Meknes and 55km Meknes Fez, where the founder of the first Muslim dynasty of North Africa is buried, the Idrissid. Famous for its popular 'moussem' (religious celebration) celebrated every year in late August - early September. It is perched on several hills where the view is exceptional: you can see Volubilis and the surrounding countryside by climbing the narrow streets. Visit the Souk on Saturday and the Festival Beni Amar 14km in June (crafts, music and cinema).

You can also go to Meknes by train for 60dhs/ pers and take a shared taxi to Volubilis for around 200dhs.







I suggest you take an official guide once there (100dhs)

**MEKNES**, the city of Moulay Ismael boasting gigantic doors, a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You can visit the mausoleum of Moulay Ismael, the pottery museum in Rif, Dar Jamai museum, the royal stud...

Once there use the services of a guide for 200dhs in Meknes.

Taza and Tazzeka NATIONAL PAZK

For a nature based or sporty day out...

**TAZEKKA NATIONAL PARK** is located in the northernmost part of the Middle Atlas Mountains, 160 km from Fez. We advise you to leave at 8am to enjoy this day.

The park is part of a remarkable tour with a total length of 76 km, which starts from the town of Taza.

Possibility of trekking: A tour of 20 min for a distance of 1.4 km for the less athletic, 1h30 for a distance of 4.6 km or 4h30 for a distance of 17.3km for the brave.

Climb down half way the Friouato Grottos, a real gulf that opens out onto a open air crater that is 20m in diamter. From this platform, the view is really striking.

Once there, count on 300dhs for a mountain guide. Avoid going there on Friday because the guides are not there...

stop at the Gite at point ain bechar if you want to have lunch, but do let them know in advance to ensure they get the necessary supplies!!

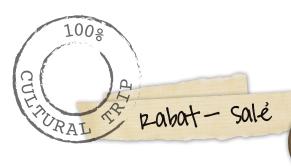






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RABAT is the administrative capital at the main residence of the king, you can admire the beautiful coastal town. With the imminent reopening of the garden of botanical trials, Rabat will be declared the first green city in Morocco.

1000 ahs

Make sure to visit: The Hassan Tower -Shrine of Mohamed V - The Hassan II Avenue in the Kasbah - Museum Oudaïas-Oudaïas -Bab er-Ruach-Palace - Royal Park Chellah - Magic Park - The brand new zoo garden.

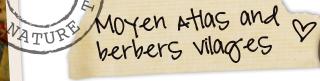
#### VIP Guide

#### HIKING IN THE REGION WITH A VIP GUIDE?

Kamal regained his Moroccan roots after an absence of 29 years in France and Germany. His concept is to devote all his time to allow you to decode Moroccan culture ... Through his hiking / excursions and programmed and spontaneous encounters with local

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**AZROU** is a city located in the very heart of the Atlas, at an altitude of 1200m. Its forest of oaks and cedars are a great reason to make a stop here ... Again surprisingly, the little 'Nest Egg' monkeys appear out of everywhere and you can buy them peanuts for a few dirhams ... Very nice for the small and the big kids.

**IFRANE**, an excellent tourist town, under the allure of a Swiss village that no one would think to find in the Berber regions.

Stop for tea at the beautiful 5 star Hotel Michlifen, lush and totally unexpected! + Toboggan and quad rental possible at Hotel Michlifen.

NB: The Middle Atlas was the first to see the evolution of skiers in Morocco, and it is the city of Azrou who had the privilege to attract top athletes there nearly 75 years ago.

**AÏT ALI**, on the road to Ain Leuh, stop for lunch at Nerrahte Cottage owned by our dear friend Aziz. He will share with you with ease the simplicity of their daily life and can also take you on excursions in the green hills in the spring....

"Alibaba's cave in the mountains, ideal to find a great carpet Bouchrouite or Handira, mottled throughout Morocco by our friend Aziz". Audrey, interior designer of Riad Anata (page 29).

**AÏN LEUH**, a large Berber village., is not included in this tour of the Middle Atlas, but we can arrange it for you, if your heart tells you...

The cherry harvest at the end of May, National Ahidouss Arts Festival of the Berbers from the Atlas the first weekend of July where all the Berber tribes are involved, you will discover a unique fantasia and many dance performances and songs.



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Trails...

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We'll visit three different food souks allowing the chance to try traditional Moroccan street food including dried meats, milawi, harsha, briwats, spicy sardines, spicy potato cakes, soups, olives and more. At the honey souk where you'll be able to taste an array of delicious wild honeys, so important in Moroccan cooking. We'll investigate traditional cooking methods.

Discover the world of spices, their uses and their secrets, try cooking 'on-street', followed by a

tasting tour or learn to bake a bread in a 400 year old community oven with the baker overseeing your hands-on efforts. You can also live this discovery in the early evening. Our «Tasting trail by night» reveals the captivating appeal of the medina as the sun goes down and the locals enjoy the specialities that only the evening offers.

Possible any day of the week except on Friday / Duration: 3.5 hours

\*Prices based on 2 people

# overnight Tour Fez-Sahara Desert

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#### DAY 1: FEZ - MERZOUGA

Through the cedar forests, the Barbary Apes at Ifrane, then the Ziz valley and view the Efous oasis we'll arrive for our first night in Merzouga, the threshold of the Sahara.

#### DAY 2: SAHARA DESERT - FEZ

Rise early in the morning to see the amazing sunrise over the dunes before making your way back by camel we'll be taking breakfast before departing back to Fez, the scenery across the Atlas Mountains through the South of Morocco is truly mesmerizing and dramatic.

the scenery across the Atlas Mountains through the south of Morocco is truly mesmerizing...

Includes: Transportation in a deluxe minivan, private English speaking driver/escort available 24 hours for the duration of your tour. Camel Excursion in the Sahara with expert local guide, overnight in the desert in a Berber Bivouac with breakfast & dinner.

Duration: 2 days...

... and even more spectacular on a canvell



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#### Count 4 hours trip to get there

**CHEFCHAOUEN**, otherwise known as the "blue city" is a charming small town of around 400,000 inhabitants located on the slopes of Mount Tisouka Megou and the Rif Cordillera, which rise above the city like two horns, giving its name to the city "Chefchaouen" in Berber means "look at the horns."

At about 660m above sea level and with very little car traffic, breathe in the clear and fresh air.

1500 dhs

#### chefchaouen

**THE MEDINA OF CHEFCHAOUEN** - is fairly quiet and small. When you enter through one of its five doors and get carried away by your senses, you will find yourself inundated with many smells ...

The wide variety of colours of the shops and bazaars contrast with the dazzling blue-white houses.

Bask on the terrace of a restaurant or cafe, while observing the comings and goings of passers-by and the beauty of the Grand Mosque and the Kasbah across the way.

A few steps away you can find Makhzan Place, the Parador Hotel and the public car park, where you can take a lane which leads northeast to Bab el-Ansar and the Ras el-Maa, one of the most beautiful places in Chefchaouen.

@ We also organise tours in the Merzouga desert passing through ovarzazate and Marrakech... Ask us more info!

# coming back to Fez...

#### THE FESTIVAL OF WORLD SACRED MUSIC - MAI/JUIN

The most important cultural event in Fez since 18 years, this Festival brings the masses together and aims to contribute to global peace. It is at Bab Machina, a large intimate space in a magical setting, enchanting and timeless, where artists like Ben Harper, Bjork, Joan Baez and many others come to share their talents and passion for music.

www.fezfestival.com



#### **CULTURAL FESTIVAL OF SOUFIE- IN OCTOBER**

Internationally renowned, this is the most important cultural event in Morocco. Its aim is to discover the artistic wealth inspired by Sufism, the mystery of Islam, through conferences, workshops, painting and calligraphy, singing, music, screenplays, books and various exhibitions.

www.feztivalsoufte.com

#### **HOLI COULOURS FES TIVAL (MAY)**

Phalgunotsava traditionally called: the "Festival of Colours" It is celebrated every year in India with the arrival of spring and thus heralds the end of winter. An explosion of color and happiness!

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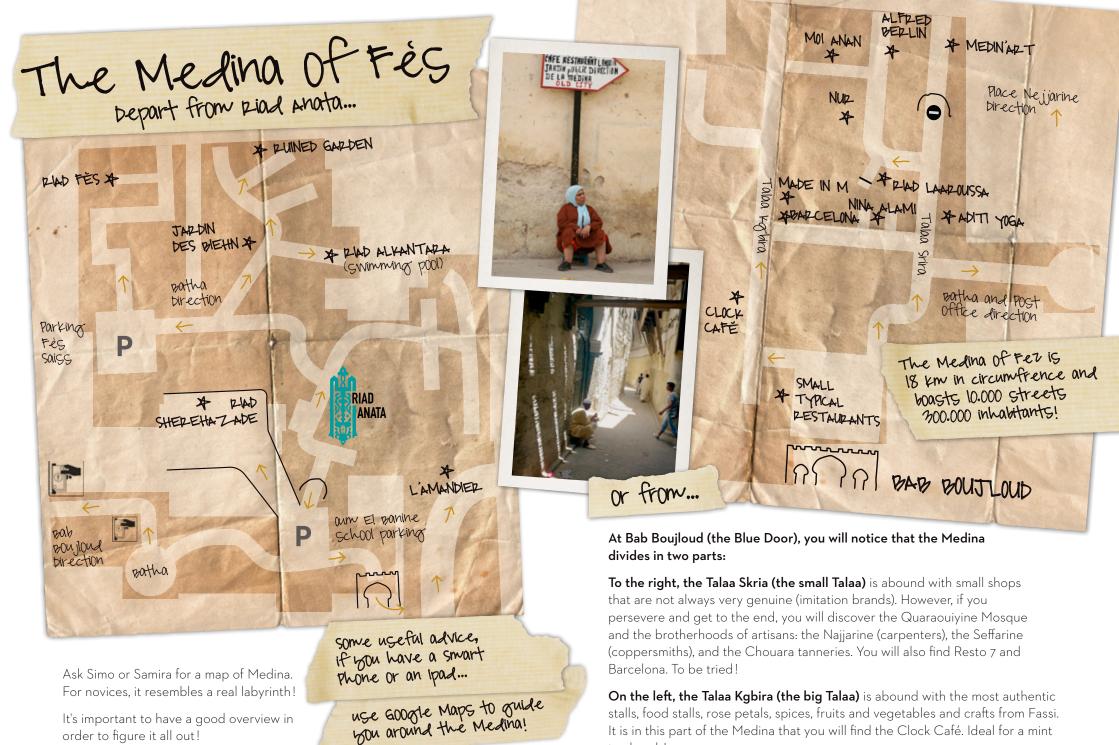
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