



Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences: Medina, Palaces & Tombs

Tour City

Marrakech

Tour Snapshot

With alleys within alleys, and lane ways that lead nowhere, navigating Marrakech's medina alone is a one-way ticket to Planet Frustration. Join this Marrakech tour to see it all, minus the sweaty confusion and language fails!

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Highlights

- Explore the labyrinth-like Marrakech medina, with a local to guide you
- Savour the scent and taste of freshly baked bread at a local bakery and see how tanjia is prepared at a traditional hammam
- Listen to the stories of sultans and slaves in a decadent palace

- Discover photographs of Marrakech from over 100 years ago
- Visit Djemaa El-Fna, an iconic Marrakech treasure
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Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour:

- All the stops you make on this tour are 100% local, which means the local community directly benefits from the tour.
- You visit the culturally important Jemaa el-Fna Square, listed by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- Your tour includes entrance fees to Palais De Bahia and the Photography Museum, which helps to maintain the sites and preserve local cultural heritage.

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, sample of freshly baked bread, entrance fees to Palais De Bahia and the Photography Museum.

Exclusions: Tips / gratuities for your guide, items of a personal nature.

Schedule details

- Duration:4 hours
- Meeting point:
Outside Café France in Djemaa El-Fna. As you walk into Djemaa El-Fna through the main entrance this is a 3-storey café on the right side of the square. Look for the guide holding an Urban Adventures sign or badge.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///cobbled.burns.line](https://www.what3words.com/cobbled.burns.line)
- Starting time: 9.00 AM
- Ending point:

Djemma El Fna Square.

Full Itinerary

There is no other place in this Moroccan city that screams authentic Marrakech than the bustling medina. Diving into this chaotic city centre is a must-do for any visitor, but trying to navigate this labyrinth alone is like trying to find your way out of a rabbit hole. Luckily, on this Marrakech medina tour with a local, you don't have to be a master navigator to get the full experience!

Your first stop is the Palais de Bahia. This palace and its gardens are one of the most beautiful areas in Marrakech, and signify the epitome of decadence in the city's history. This haven of shady courtyards and mosaics was once home to the high and mighty of Marrakech, a place where rich men and their various wives and concubines would leisurely glide around, relaxing in their luxurious surroundings. Here you can stroll through the many, many rooms, whilst your guide tells you all the local stories about slaves and sultans.

After the palace, we'll take a walk inside the Medina and stop at one of the local bakeries. Here, we'll get to see how locals in the Medina prepare their bread then bring it here to be baked. We'll even get a taste! Not far from here, we'll make another food stop at a local neighbourhood hammam to see how the traditional Moroccan dish tanjia is prepared.

Your final stop on this Marrakech tour will show you a vision of the city in pictures, with a visit to the Photography Museum. Here you can browse the rotating selection of 4,500 photos, and get as close as you possibly can to glancing into the world of Marrakech 100 years ago. With portraits of the locals, vintage village scenes, and even photos of the Berber tribes of the Atlas Mountains, a visit to the Photography Museum is one of the essential things to do in Marrakech to really understand its history and culture.

Your tour will finish up back in Djemaa El-Fna, where your local guide will either be able to give you directions back to your accommodation, or you can continue your own Marrakech adventure in the souks and medina.

Note: All through Djemaa El-Fna there are fake guides who will try to convince you to do a tour with them. Please make sure you find the official guide, who will be holding an Urban Adventures sign or badge and will be waiting for you in front of the café.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Morocco is considered by many to be a liberal Muslim country. Many Moroccan women do not wear

headscarves, for example, but you may find that Morocco is very conservative compared to what you're used to at home, so you should dress accordingly. As a general guideline your shoulders, chest, and knees should be covered at all times. Wearing shorts (men or women), low-cut tops, and showing midriff is not recommended as it will restrict your entry into buildings of a religious nature and family homes. Covering these parts of your body will be considered as respectful amongst the locals. Lightweight sleeved shirts, trousers and skirts are respectful, cover your body, and keep you cool in the heat.

Your Trip: Maximum group size is 12.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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