



TRIP GLOBAL

4 Days in Marrakech: Medina, Gardens & a Desert Day

Marrakech, Morocco · March · 4 days

Tailored for couples - includes romantic spots, intimate dining, and couple-friendly activities

Four days in Marrakech for two: a first evening on Jemaa el-Fnaa, a full day in the souks, and a day in the Atlas foothills at Imlil. Finish with Jardin Majorelle and a rooftop lunch at Terrasse des Épices.

Open the interactive trip: live map, photos and links

Before you go:

Get a Morocco eSIM: data on landing

What this trip might cost, per person for 4 days, flights extra:

Budget \$140 · Mid-range \$280 · Comfort \$560

Opening hours, prices and transport change. Please double-check bookings and times before you go.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

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Hamam Dar el-Bacha and Jemaa el-Fnaa

Medina, Marrakech · 4 nights

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Jardin Majorelle, Menara Gardens and Terrasse des Épices

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AFTER THE LAST DAY

Before you go: Marrakech

Hamмам Dar el-Bacha and Jemaa el-Fnaa

Arrival day: an easy start close to your stay

Sunrise 6:44 AM

Golden hour 6:08 PM

Sunset 6:40 PM

Your base for 4 nights: Medina, Marrakech

Start with a hammam at Dar el-Bacha, then head to Jemaa el-Fnaa and the literary café Dar Cherifa, and end the day at Kasbah Cafe.

GO

12:30 PM · 45 minutes

Menara Airport to Medina, Marrakech

Fly into Menara, then take a taxi or ride-share to your riad in the Medina (about 30 minutes, 150-200 MAD). Drop bags and freshen up before heading out.

- Taxi from rank · 25-35 minutes · \$10-15 per car, shared with others
- Ride-sharing (Uber/Careem) · 25-35 minutes · \$8-12 per person
- Private transfer (pre-booked) · 25-35 minutes · \$15-20 per person

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1

3:00 PM · 90 minutes

Hamмам Dar el-Bacha

\$8-10 per person · Open 4 PM-8 PM

A traditional bathhouse in a restored palace, perfect for easing jet lag. You'll soak in steam, get scrubbed down, and emerge soft. A 5-minute walk from the Medina's main square (Jemaa el-Fnaa).

Insider tip: Go women-only (afternoons) or mixed (mornings). Bring your own towel or rent one for 10 MAD. Tip the hammam attendant 20-30 MAD.

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2



4:45 PM · 90 minutes

Jemaa el-Fnaa

Free

The Medina's pulsing heart: snake charmers, storytellers, food stalls, and crowds. Wander the square, grab a fresh orange juice (10 MAD), and watch the energy. Walk straight from the hammam.

Insider tip: Skip the snake charmers' photos unless you tip well. Sit on the north terrace at sunset for the best light and people-watching.

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3

6:00 PM · 60 minutes

Dar Cherifa

Free · Open 10 AM-7 PM

A restored riad with a small gallery, courtyard cafe, and quiet reading room filled with books on Moroccan culture. Sip mint tea as the light softens. A 10-minute walk south from Jemaa el-Fnaa.

Insider tip: Go just before sunset to catch the courtyard light. Mint tea and pastries cost 40-60 MAD.

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7:30 PM · 90 minutes

Book ahead

Kasbah Cafe

\$8-12 per person for tea and snacks · Open 8 AM-11 PM

Rooftop dining with views over the Medina's terracotta roofs and the Atlas beyond. Tagine, couscous, and grilled fish are solid. About 8 minutes walk from Dar Cherifa (head north, ask locals).

Insider tip: Book ahead (WhatsApp +212 6 XXXX XXXX or ask your riad); rooftop tables fill fast. Order the lamb tagine with apricots (120 MAD).

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If you land early (optional, close to your stay, before the plan above)

Mellah Market: The daily fruit and vegetable market (open mornings), less touristy than the souks. Bright piles of citrus, olives, and dates. 15 minutes south of the Medina by taxi.

Koutoubia Mosque Gardens: Palm-lined gardens below the iconic mosque, peaceful and leafy. A 10-minute walk west of your riad; free and open dawn to dusk.

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Where to stay in Medina, Marrakech

Book a riad in the Medina within 10 minutes' walk of Jemaa el-Fnaa square: you're central to souks, restaurants, and the call to prayer at dawn. Riads near Rue Riad Zitoun el-Jdid are quieter but still close.

Equity Point Marrakech

Budget · Hostel · \$

Budget option with private doubles, good communal areas. Social but not loud. Central Medina.

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Equity Point Marrakech Hostel

Budget · Hostel · \$

Social Medina hostel. Private couple room available, rooftop terrace, budget-friendly.

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Riad Karmela

Mid-range · Guesthouse · \$\$

Central Medina location, peaceful courtyard, attentive staff. Strong hammam partnerships nearby.

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Riad Dar Anika

Mid-range · Guesthouse · \$\$

Quiet corner riad, rooftop terrace, excellent breakfast. Walking distance to souks and hammams.

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Riad Khannate

Mid-range · Guesthouse · \$\$

Quiet backstreet location. Hammam onsite, traditional decor, generous helpings.

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Riad Ksar Kasbah

Luxury · Guesthouse · \$\$\$

Luxe riad with pool, spa services, quiet Medina pocket near Bab Agnaou.

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Where to eat

Café Arabe

Moroccan · Lunch · \$\$

Rooftop views of the Medina. Order tagine and mint tea. Go early, crowds hit by 1pm.

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Dar Moha

Moroccan fine dining · Dinner · \$\$\$

Riad garden setting, refined Moroccan dishes. Book ahead. Couscous Friday is worth timing around.

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DAY 1: HAMMAM DAR EL-BACHA AND JEMAA EL-FNAA (CONTINUED)

TOURS & DAY TRIPS FROM MARRAKECH

2-3 HOURS

Private hammam and spa treatment

A couples massage in a traditional hammam is the most Moroccan way to unwind. Book through your riad for a private session if the public hammam feels too raw.

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3-4 HOURS

Food tour of the medina and souks

A local guide takes you to stalls tourists miss, explains each dish, and handles the haggling. You'll eat better and understand the market.

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2-3 HOURS

Majorelle Garden and Berber Museum

The electric blue villa and gardens are photogenic without being touristy. Pair it with the nearby Berber Museum for depth.

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1-2 HOURS

Sunset mint tea at a rooftop riad

Book a table at a riad terrace (ask your own riad to recommend a neighbour) and watch the medina glow as the call to prayer echoes across the city.

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The Souks, Café Clock and Hammam Baï

Sunrise 6:44 AM

Golden hour 6:08 PM

Sunset 6:40 PM

Sleep in Medina, Marrakech · night 2 of 4

Spend the morning walking Souk Semmarine and Souk el-Attarine, stop for lunch at Café Clock, then relax at Hammam Baï.

1

7:30 AM · 1.5 hours

Souk Semmarine

Free

The main spice and textile souk winds deep into the Medina with vendors selling cardamom, saffron, and smen (preserved butter). It's less crowded before 9 AM. A 5-minute walk from most riads in the Medina.

Insider tip: Arrive at 7:30 AM when shop doors are still opening. Wander without purpose; get lost on purpose.

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2

9:15 AM · 1 hour

Souk el-Attarine

Free

The fragrance souk next door sells argan oil, rose water, and dried herbs. The smells hit you first, then the colours of the stacked bottles. Connected to Semmarine, 2 minutes on foot.

Insider tip: Buy a small bottle of quality argan oil (around 80-120 MAD) as a gift. Ask the seller to show you how to tell genuine from blended.

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3

10:30 AM · 1 hour

Café Clock

\$4-6 per person for breakfast · Open 7 AM-8 PM

A calm courtyard café with eggs, pastries, and strong coffee, perfect after the souk rush. Known for its baked eggs and fresh juice. A 10-minute walk from Souk el-Attarine.

Insider tip: Order the eggs with preserved lemon and the avocado smoothie. Sit upstairs for a view of the Medina rooftops.

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4

12:00 PM · 2 hours

Book ahead

Hammam Baï

\$6-8 per person · Open 9 AM-8 PM

A working hammam (not touristy) in the Medina where locals go. Hot steam, scrubbing, massage. Bring your own towel or rent one. Budget 1.5-2 hours. A 12-minute taxi ride from Café Clock.

Insider tip: Go with a guide or call ahead (0661 66 77 77) to book. Women and men use separate areas; bring swimwear if you're shy.

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5

5:15 PM · 1.5 hours

Rue Riad Zitoun al-Qedim

Free

The main artery of the Medina lined with carpet and lantern shops, jewellers, and clothing stalls. Busier by late afternoon but still navigable. A 5-minute walk from Dar Cherifa.

Insider tip: Bargain gently on carpets and lanterns. A Moroccan silk scarf costs 150-300 MAD; expect to negotiate down 20 percent.

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6

7:15 PM · 2 hours

Book ahead

Taros Café & Restaurant

\$15-20 for dinner per person · Open 5 PM-11 PM

A rooftop restaurant with tagines and tagines overlooking the square. Dinner starts around 7 PM and goes late. Just above Jemaa el-Fnaa square.

Insider tip: Book a table by the edge for the square view. The beef and prune tagine is reliable. Wine is available but pricey (90-150 MAD).

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Where to eat

Café Kif Kif

Moroccan breakfast · Breakfast · \$

Busy corner spot. Order msemen with honey and almonds, fresh orange juice.

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Souk Spice Market vendors

Street food · Lunch · \$

Grilled merguez sandwiches near Spice Souk. Eat standing, watch the crowds.

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Dar Cherifa

Moroccan · Dinner · \$\$

Quiet riad in Medina. Tagine or couscous, candlelit courtyard, book ahead.

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Day Trip to Imlil and Aremd

Sunrise 6:44 AM

Golden hour 6:08 PM

Sunset 6:40 PM

Sleep in Medina, Marrakech · night 3 of 4

Leave the city for Imlil in the Atlas foothills, walk to Aremd village, have a break at Dar Imlil, and stop at Le Jardin on the way.

GO

7:00 AM · 1.5 hours

Medina, Marrakech to Imlil via taxi

Drive south through the foothills to Imlil village, gateway to Mount Toubkal. About 90 minutes, 300-350 MAD by shared taxi from Jemaa el-Fnaa square (7 seats, depart when full, usually 7-8 AM). Ask your riad to arrange the pickup at 7 AM from your door.

- Shared taxi from Bab Aghmat or Bab Rob · 1.5 hours · \$6-8 per person
- Private taxi · 1.5 hours · \$30-40 per car
- Guided tour with transport · 1.5 hours · \$15-20 per person plus activities

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1

8:45 AM · 1 hour

Imlil

Free

Wander the stone village, greet Berber families, and scope out lunch spots with mountain views. The main square has a simple shop and a water tap. Thirty minutes on foot reveals terraced fields and valley views without a guide.

Insider tip: Walk uphill from the taxi rank to the ridge above the village for the best light and alone time.

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2

10:00 AM · 2 hours

Book ahead

Dar Imlil

\$10-15 per person · Open 9 AM-6 PM

Sit down in this Berber family home (run as a guesthouse and restaurant) for tagine with views over the valleys toward Toubkal. Lamb or chicken tagine, fresh bread, mint tea. The terrace catches the morning sun and the family will chat about village life. One hour from Imlil on foot, or ask the taxi to drop you partway.

Insider tip: Call ahead (+212 634 481 701) to tell them you're coming and your preferred tagine. Lunch costs around 100 MAD per person.

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3

12:15 PM · 1.5 hours

Aremd village

Free

Hike down to this quiet Berber settlement with stone houses and garden orchards. The path takes 45 minutes and drops through apple and walnut trees. Stop at a homestay for mint tea and pastry (20 MAD), or just walk through and take photos without spending.

Insider tip: Wear good shoes. The descent is steep but well-trodden. Return the same way or arrange a guide (200 MAD for 3 hours).

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DAY 3: DAY TRIP TO IMLIL AND AREMD (CONTINUED)

GO

3:30 PM · 1.5 hours

Imlil to Medina via shared taxi

Return journey by shared taxi, about 90 minutes. Depart Imlil around 3:30 PM. Taxis back are more relaxed than the morning run. Cost 300-350 MAD.

- Shared taxi · 1.5 hours · \$6-8 per person
- Private taxi · 1.5 hours · \$30-40 per car

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4

7:30 PM · 1.5 hours

[Book ahead](#)

Le Jardin

\$12-18 for dinner per person · Open 5 PM-11 PM

Dinner at this calm riad restaurant with a leafy courtyard, Moroccan and French fusion, and a wine list. Couscous, fish, or vegetable tagine. Quiet enough to hear each other talk. Book a table by the fountain. Ten-minute walk from Hammam Dar el Bacha through the Medina.

Insider tip: Reserve ahead (ask your riad to call +212 524 377 995). The grilled fish with lemon is the best dish.

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PREFER A GUIDE? · FULL DAY

Atlas Mountains and Berber villages day trip

You'll hike through cedar forests, visit a traditional Berber home, share lunch with a family, and see snow-capped peaks. It's the best day escape from Marrakech.

[Book this tour](#)

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Where to eat

Kasbah Tamadot

Moroccan · Lunch · \$\$

Stunning kasbah with valley views. Order tagine, mint tea. Book ahead.

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Cafe Arabe

Moroccan · Breakfast · \$

Grab strong coffee and msemen (flaky pastry) before heading to mountains.

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Riad Dar Anika

Moroccan · Dinner · \$\$

Back in Medina. Couscous Friday special, rooftop setting, intimate atmosphere.

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Jardin Majorelle, Menara Gardens and Terrasse des Épices

Sunrise 6:44 AM

Golden hour 6:08 PM

Sunset 6:40 PM

Sleep in Medina, Marrakech · night 4 of 4

See Jardin Majorelle with coffee at Café Majorelle, stroll the Menara Gardens in the afternoon, and finish with a meal at Terrasse des Épices.

1

8:30 AM · 1.5 hours

Jardin Majorelle

\$9 per person · Open 8 AM-6 PM

Art Deco garden with electric-blue buildings, exotic palms, and a small Berber museum. You'll have it nearly to yourself at opening time before tour groups arrive. A 15-minute taxi ride from the Medina.

Insider tip: Arrive by 8:45 AM. Skip the central pool; the north section with tall palms photographs best in morning light.

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2

10:15 AM · 45 minutes

Café Majorelle

\$5-8 per person for coffee and pastry · Open 9 AM-6 PM

Light breakfast or coffee on the terrace overlooking the garden's exit. Pastries and fresh juice. A two-minute walk from the garden exit.

Insider tip: Order jus d'orange frais (fresh orange juice) and a pain au chocolat. Sit outside if the weather's clear.

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3

11:15 AM · 1.5 hours

Menara Gardens

\$8 per person · Open 8 AM-6 PM

Olive groves, a reflecting pool, and views of the Atlas Mountains. Quieter than Majorelle and perfect for a stroll before lunch. A 20-minute taxi ride from Café Majorelle.

Insider tip: Walk the western perimeter path for clearer mountain views and fewer visitors. Bring water; there's no shade.

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4

1:00 PM · 1.5 hours

Book ahead

Terrasse des Épices

\$10-15 per person for lunch · Open 11 AM-6 PM

Rooftop restaurant overlooking the Medina souks with tagines, couscous, and views across the old town. Lunch with a view. A 15-minute taxi ride back to the Medina.

Insider tip: Order the lamb tagine with apricots and almonds. Sit at the northwest corner table for the best souk views.

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DAY 4: JARDIN MAJORELLE, MENARA GARDENS AND TERRASSE DES ÉPICES (CONTINUED)

5

5:45 PM · 1.5 hours

Riad Karmela Café

\$6-10 per person for tea and snacks · Open 8 AM-8 PM

Quiet riad with a rooftop terrace serving mint tea and pastries at sunset. Watch the city turn golden from your chair. A 10-minute walk from Souk Smata through the Medina.

Insider tip: Arrive by 5:50 PM for the best light. Order Moroccan mint tea and almond pastries. Photograph from the northeast corner.

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6

7:30 PM · 2 hours

Book ahead

L'Azahar

\$18-25 for dinner per person · Open 6 PM-11 PM

Intimate riad restaurant with Moroccan cuisine, lantern-lit dining, and a calm atmosphere to end your trip. Order ahead to guarantee a table. A five-minute walk from Riad Karmela through narrow streets.

Insider tip: Try the fish tagine or slow-cooked kefta. Sit in the courtyard if weather permits. Book a table for two by 7 PM.

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Where to eat

Café Kessabine

Moroccan breakfast · Breakfast · \$

Local spot near Bab Agnaou. Order msemen with honey and almond milk.

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L'Artisan

Modern Moroccan · Lunch · \$\$

Quiet riad courtyard in the Medina. Try the slow-cooked lamb with preserved lemon.

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Terrasse des Epices

Moroccan-Mediterranean · Dinner · \$\$

Rooftop in the Medina with city views. Book for golden hour, order the local fish tagine.

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BEFORE YOU GO: MARRAKECH

Which riad should I book?

Pick one in the medina (Kasbah or Ben Youssef area) with at least 8 reviews mentioning the hosts or staff. Avoid the massive ones near Jemaa el-Fnaa; smaller, 4-6 room riads are quieter and more personal. Budget 350-450 MAD a night for mid-range.

What's the best hammam experience?

Book a couple's package at your riad or through a local spa; it costs 250-400 MAD for two and includes the hot room, scrub, and massage. Public hammams are authentic but confusing for first-timers and women-only hours vary. March crowds mean private options are worth it.

Will the Atlas day trip be too touristy?

Most tours hit Imlil village and a Berber family lunch; it's fairly standard but the mountain views and culture are genuine. Book early March to beat crowds, and ask your operator if they do a smaller group (under 8 people) or a private option.

Do I need cash?

Yes. Many souks, small restaurants, and riads take only dirhams (cash). ATMs are everywhere in the new town; withdraw 500-800 MAD for your 4 days. Cards work in bigger restaurants and hotels but don't rely on it.

What's the weather like in Marrakech in March?

Expect 20-25°C (68-77°F) days and 10-12°C (50-54°F) nights. Pack layers, sunscreen, and a light jacket for evenings and mountain air.

Do people speak English in Marrakech?

Spoken here: Arabic (Darija dialect). French is widely spoken. English works in tourist areas, hotels, and restaurants, but less so in small shops and the medina.

Useful phrases:

- Salam alaikum (sah-LAHM ah-LAY-kum): hello (formal)
- Labas (lah-BAHS): hi, how are you (casual)
- Shukran (SHOO-krun): thank you
- Wahed kbira, wahed sgira (WAH-hed KBEE-rah, WAH-hed SGEE-rah): one large, one small
- Bslama (buh-slah-MAH): goodbye

Is Marrakech safe for visitors?

Marrakech is safe for tourists. Watch your bag in crowded souks and avoid wandering alone late at night.

What's the emergency number in Morocco?

Police 19 in cities (177 for the gendarmerie in the countryside). Ambulance and fire 15.

Do you tip in Morocco?

Tipping isn't obligatory but is appreciated. Round up restaurant bills or leave 10% for good service. Tip guides \$5-10 per person for half-day trips.

What do only locals know about Marrakech?

- Book your riad in advance. The best ones fill up fast, and staying in one transforms the trip; they're peaceful oases away from the souks.
- The medina is a maze by design. Get lost for an hour, then ask for directions back to your riad or a landmark. You'll find better food stalls and quieter passages this way.
- Visit Jemaa el-Fnaa square early morning (before 10am) or after sunset. Midday is tourist chaos and snake charmers at their most aggressive.
- Hammams close to women after midday. Book yours for morning and expect to pay \$5-10. Bring a towel or rent one there.