

MARVELLOUS MORROCCO

Foreword

Welcome to Morocco! Morocco is a wonderful place to be – whether it's a relaxing trip on holiday or living you're daily life. Morocco's exuberant culture is what captures most eyes, as walking in the souks of Marrakech, the fish markets of Essaouria and the scenery in the Atlas Mountains will most certainly flabbergast even the hardest to impress! Most will find the fraternity in the markets of Marrakech unbelievable, as even I witnessed someone knocking over another person's whole shop and he didn't mind; he just said "It's alright," in a calm tone and let him walk away. **(You can press ctrl + click on the flag to find out where Morocco is.)** So, I hope you find the information you need while reading this



report. I hope you enjoy!!!

Marrakech- the Souks and the nature of the Old Town

Marrakech. It's a place of wonders. The heartbeat of Marrakech is undoubtedly the "Souks": it's the epitome of the action! If you visit Marrakech, wherever you stay –whether it's in the old town or new, the Souks are something you just MUST NOT MISS! In fact, I would advise you go more than once to really get the zest of the robust culture and the spirit of true Marrakech. Just in case, you haven't caught on yet, the Souks are the markets of Marrakech. **(Press the Picture on the "Souks" to find more about them!)**With its Main Square, Jemaa-el-Fnaa these markets of the old town stand out as the best place to go in Marrakech.



History of Marrakech

The history of Marrakech a city in southern Morocco stretches back nearly a thousand years. The country of Morocco itself is named after it! Founded in 1070 AD by the “Almoravids” as their capital, Marrakech also went on to brilliantly serve as the imperial capital of the Alhomad caliphate from 1147. (The Alhomad caliphate was a Moroccan-Berber movement in the 12th century.)

The Marinids, who captured Marrakesh in 1269 – by overthrowing the Alhomad caliphate which as shown above, controlled Morocco - relocated the capital to Fez, leaving Marrakesh as a regional capital of the south. During this period, it often broke off in rebellion into a semi-autonomous state. (Free to govern itself.)

Marrakesh was captured by the Saadian sharifs in 1525, who defeated the Wattasids in an indecisive battle and conquered Morocco, and resumed its status as imperial capital for a unified Morocco after they captured Fez in 1549. Marrakesh reached its epic grandeur under the Saadians, who greatly embellished the city.

The Alawite sharifs captured Marrakesh in 1669. Although it served frequently as the residence of the Alawite sultans, Marrakesh was not their definitive capital, as Alawite sultans moved their courts frequently between various cities!!!

In the course of its history, Marrakesh achieved periods of great splendor, interrupted by repeated political struggles, military disorders, famine, plagues and a couple of sacks. Much of it was rebuilt in the 19th century. It was conquered by French troops in 1912, and became part of the French protectorate of Morocco. It remained part of the Kingdom of Morocco after independence in 1956. Throughout their wondrous history, Marrakech has maintained stiff rivalry with Fez, as the

leading city of Morocco. The rivalry was colossal enough to politically fragment the country into two halves with Fez capital of the north and Marrakech for the south.

The choice of Rabat as the capital of modern Morocco can be seen as a compromise that afforded neither of the two rival cities primacy over the other!!!!

Morocco in Numbers

. The current population of Morocco is 36,168,045 as of Thursday, June 14, 2018, based on the latest United Nations estimates.

. Morocco population is equivalent to 0.47% of the total world population.

. Morocco ranks number 40 in the list of countries (and dependencies) by population.

. The population density in Morocco is 81 per Km² (210 people per mi²).

. The total land area is 446,300 Km² (172,317 sq. miles)

. 59.9 % of the population is urban - live in a town/city area - (21,691,011 people in 2018)

. The median age in Morocco is 28.3 years.

As you can see, Morocco most certainly is a marvellous phenomenon.

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