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Known as one of the imperial cities of Morocco, the opulent city of Fès is the country's oldest city, and it is split into two areas - Fès-el-Bali (old Fès) and Fès-el-Djedid (new Fès) - as some mystical fusion of an ancient Islamic past and the French-influenced present. The endless Medina, which contains 9,500 streets, sells everything from jewellery to furniture, crafts, carpets, leather goods and spices.



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## THE CITY



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Life in this sand-coloured city can seem provincial at times but this ancient feeling only adds to its charm, and its sense of otherness: while donkeys still navigate the Medina as the main mode of transport for goods, you will see everything from cases of Coca-Cola to mattresses perched expertly and delicately atop the backs of docile beasts.

Fès is known for its handicrafts, and particularly for its famous blue and white tiles. Arabic is the main language in Morocco but French is widely spoken so it gets easier to get around compared to many other Arabic countries. People in Fès are exceptionally friendly and hospitable, and they love to talk to travellers and to proudly boast about their city. If you speak with locals for any length of time, be prepared to be invited to their house for tea - this is a genuine and innocent offer, so do not shy away from it, as it is a great way to get to know people and to get a feel for life here.

## DO & SEE



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As the third largest city in Morocco, Fès has a vast cultural heritage and a historic value for the region, and in the three districts Medina, Fès el Jedid and Ville Nouvelle, an ancient past meets the modern world: the decades of French rule in Morocco have left a unique influence that is visible in the infrastructure and cuisine. Be prepared that you can easily lose yourself in the many sights of the maze-like and car-free Old Town that, on the other hand, is absolutely worth the adventure. As the Medina is not for tourists only, due to its integral part in daily life, and in conducting business, you can here experience the traditional life.

### The Mellah



The 14th-century Jewish quarter of Fès has currently 160,000 inhabitants that live among and along its 9,500 streets. The various sites of Jewish heritage are well worth a visit but due to the maze of streets, it is wise to explore the mellah with an official guide.

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Address: The Mellah, Fès

### Jewish Cemetery & Habarim Synagogue



In the southwest corner of The Mellah and next to the Habarim Synagogue, a sea of white tombs stretch down the hill, and it is easy to spot which

are the graves of rabbis. As this is one of the oldest cemeteries in Morocco, you will find here Rabbi Vidal Hasserfaty, who died in 1600 already.

Photo: Josep Renalias/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: The Mellah, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 7am-7pm

### Synagogue Ibn Danan



In the southwest corner of the Mellah, and past the Habarim Synagogue, Ibn Danan is an intimate synagogue with a fascinating atmosphere

and a traditional ritual bath in the basement. Head here for getting an authentic feeling of religious experience.

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Address: Mellah, Fès

### Royal Palace Dar El-Makhzen



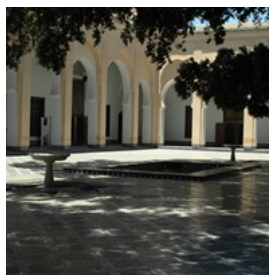
The Royal Place is a graceful building with an impressive facade of 80 hectare, and its seven 80 feet high doors symbolise the seven days of the

week. Although the palace is not open to public, it is worth the visit for an astonishing view onto its outstanding structure.

Photo: Josep Renalias/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Place des Alaouites, Fès

### Dar Batha Museum



Located in an a century old Spanish-Moorish palace, the Dar Batha museum features a unique collection of traditional Moroccan arts

and crafts. Made out of wood, iron, plaster and other material, these art works will definitely impress you.

Photo: Maureen/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Place du Batha Fez, Fès

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 9am-5pm

Email: darbatha@fez-guide.com

### Riad Belghazi Museum



Belghazi is a private museum housed in a 17th-century palace, whose collection nearly rivals the one of Dar

Batha Museum. As many of the items on display are actually for sale, do have a proper look for taking home a really unique souvenir.

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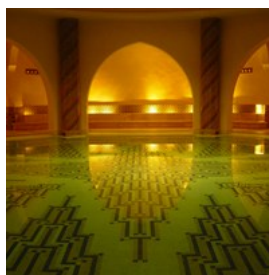
Address: Darb Ghorba 19, Garniz, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +212 53 563 8440

Email: medabdelilahbelrhazi@gmail.com

### Hammam Mernessi



At the top of Talaa Seghira, in Old Fès, this conveniently located hammam is one of the tourists' favourite Arabic spas throughout Medina

as foreigners will also feel comfortable. Please note that men and women are allowed in at different times so do check upon your arrival.

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Address: Rue Talaa Sghira, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 11am-8pm

Phone: +212 53 574 1854

### Chouara Tanneries

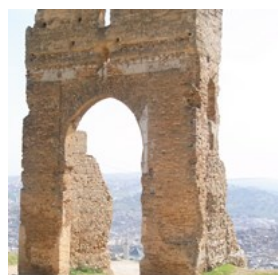


This famous tanneries produces, among the three tanneries in the city of Fès in total, some of the finest leather in the world, using century old practices and also best materials. Find out more about the interesting procedure by visiting the sight in the oldest medina quarter, and by probably purchasing a souvenir.

Photo: Pejman Parvandi/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Fes El Bali, Fès

### Merenid Tombs at Borj Nord

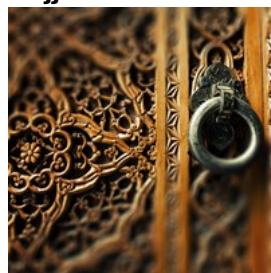


Although dramatically advanced in their state of ruin, some of the ancient tombs and the 16th-century fortress remain their fine original decoration, and they spread a most impressive atmosphere. Best climb up at dusk for enjoying a dramatic and breathtaking view over Fès but keep in mind to head back early as the path is not featured with light.

Photo: Andrés Romanos/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Borj Nord, Fès

### Nejjarine Museum



Nejjarine Museum features wooden arts and crafts in a lovely, and well preserved building that, all alone, is already worth the visit. The museum shows the importance of art craft in Moroccan history, and it provides you with a funded understanding of the country's history in general as well.

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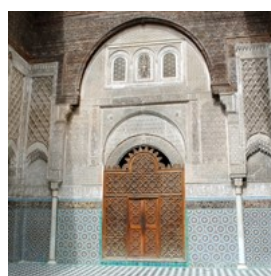
Address: Place Nejjarine, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Internet: [www.nejjarine.co.ma](http://www.nejjarine.co.ma)

Email: [nejjarine@wanadoo.net.ma](mailto:nejjarine@wanadoo.net.ma)

### Attarin Medersa



The Attarin Medersa, a former koran school, might not be the biggest one in town but, instead of an impressive size, quite stunning for many reasons. The different tiles in lovely colours, and the overall architecture design make for a place that is a must see on your itinerary.

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Address: Rue Talaa Kebira, Fès

### Jnan Sbil Garden



If you are craving a break from the bustling energy of Fès, then this little sanctuary is a perfect get away: the gardens are beautiful with French influence, and a lovely waterfall that invites you to stay at least for a bit.

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Address: Avenue Moulay Hassan, Fès

### Karaouiyne Mosque



Fès has many beautiful buildings, and the Karaouine Mosque is definitely one of the most impressive ones. While the University of

Al-Karaouine is located at its mosque, established in 859, there are also beautiful embellishments and decorations to discover.

Photo: Khonsali/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Fes el-Bali, Fès

### Bab Boujloud



At one time or another, you will pass through Bab Bou Jeloud, The Blue Gates, and it is highly recommended to get a guide that shows you around while explaining the gates' history. In this area, you will also find many restaurants to go to for lunch, or for just grabbing a cooling drink.

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Address: Talaa, Fès

### Walk from Bab to Bab



Experience the impressive gates of Fès, as they will provide a great view of the city, and also memories of keyhole-perspective

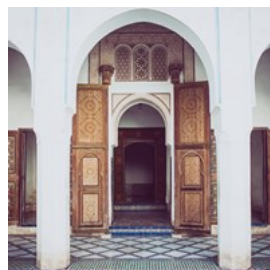
pictures taken at these very places. Pass both ancient and recent ones, on a walk from Bab Mahrouk (13th Century) to Bab Chorfa (14th Centure) and Bab Boujeloud (20th Century), and

do also take in the peculiarities of the Old Town.

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Address: Fès

### El Mokri Palace



This 20th Century palace was built by the Pasha of Casablanca, and it is both a great example of Moroccan architecture and a popular movie

setting that also hosts music festivals. Although the palace is not open to the public, its great décor and outside appearance are well worth a visit.

Photo: MennOoyen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Derb Mokri, Fès

### Art Naji



This family-run business has been creating pottery for generations already, and their beautiful products are well-known in the area. From vases

over plates to cups, you can get everything within this authentic shop, so take your time and get a good look on the mosaic and the painted ceramics - you may also find a piece to take home.

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Address: 20 Quartier Industriel Ain Nokbi, Fès

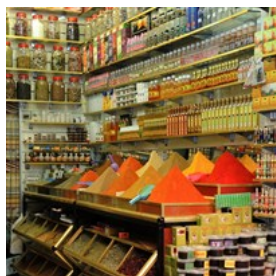
Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Phone: +212 535 669 166

Internet: [www.artnaji.com/fr](http://www.artnaji.com/fr)

Email: [info@artnaji.com](mailto:info@artnaji.com)

### Berber Pharmacies



Whether you believe in the cleansing power of spices and herbs or not, the Berber Pharmacies are an impressive sight, and also quite typical in Morocco: the big jars on sale hold obscure powders and peculiar dried plants, and many of them are believed to cure aches and pains. Get yourself a special blend or just take a picture of the mystical markets, as it is always worth a visit, and a try.

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Address: Fès

### Volubilis



Not far from busy Fès, the former Roman city of Volubilis, an UNESCO World Heritage site, contains ancient vestiges of the Roman Empire.

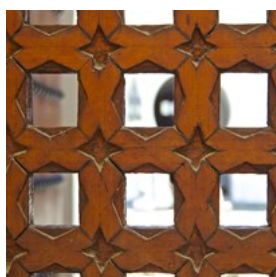
You can easily spend hours here for taking in all the colourful mosaics, and for exploring the ruins of houses, gates and palaces. To get here, you can either join an organised tour from Fès or catch a train to Meknes nearby.

Photo: Subhros/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Volubilis, Fès

Internet: [whc.unesco.org/en/list/836](http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/836)

### Al-Qarawiyyin Library



Reportedly the world's oldest library, first established in Fes over an entire millennium ago (9th century), the Al-Qarawiyyin Library recently opened its doors to the public once

again following a restoration effort. The library still belongs to Qarawiyyin University, the oldest continuously operating university on Earth.

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### Bou Inania Medersa



Bou Inania Medersa is a religious educational building in Talaa Kebira, and as itself already a real artwork well worth a visit. Ask for a guide in order to get a better understanding of the medersa and its history, and let its atmosphere fascinate you.

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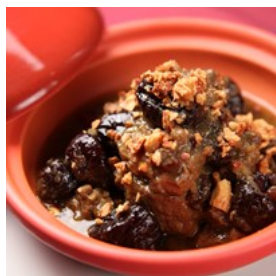
## DINING



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Fès has a delightful dining scene with plenty of traditional Moroccan cuisine rounded out by chic European, an particularly French inspired eateries. Due to the temperate climate, many restaurants have outdoor gardens or patios, which add an enchanting element to the experience of traditional Moroccan food culture.

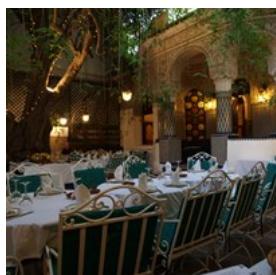
### Riad Rcif



Experience Medina from above while exploring the spices of Moroccan dishes at the Restaurant of Riad Rcif, which offers you homemade food by acclaimed chef and owner Fatima. The friendly staff is happy to prepare meals to your taste, and they guarantee high quality meat and seasonable vegetables.

Photo: naimbic/Pixabay.com (image cropped)  
Address: Avenue Ben Mohamed El Alaoui, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 574 0037  
Internet: [www.riadrcif.com](http://www.riadrcif.com)  
Email: [contact@riadrcif.com](mailto:contact@riadrcif.com)

### Les Jardins de Sheherazade



If you are you looking for traditional food with a modern twist, then visit Les Jardins de Sheherazade and try the specialty couscous dishes.

This restaurant is spacious with an intimate atmosphere, and it offers you all the Moroccan cuisine you could wish for, so let yourself get carried away by the luxurious interior and stunning decorations, and you will not be disappointed.

Photo: mararie/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: 23 arsat bennis, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 574 1642  
Internet: [www.sheheraz.com](http://www.sheheraz.com)  
Email: [sheheraz@menara.ma](mailto:sheheraz@menara.ma)

### Riad Dar Bensouda



Dine at the pool and enjoy the nice weather on the rooftop at Dar Bensouda, and both the ambience and the music will make your evening a lasting memory; and so will the dishes, so try the Menu Marrakech - the beansoup is quite spicy but the orange salad with cinnamon tastes heavenly!

Photo: Anthony Tong Lee/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: 14 Zkak El Bghel, Fès  
Phone: +212 52 439 1609  
Internet: [www.riaddarbensouda.com](http://www.riaddarbensouda.com)  
Email: [contact@riaddarbensouda.com](mailto:contact@riaddarbensouda.com)

### La Maison Bleue



La Maison Bleue is a sumptuous restaurant with an exquisite cuisine varying from traditional to contemporary Moroccan fare. Housed in a riad, an open air courtyard invites you to having an aperitif, while the venue in general is widely regarded as one of Fès finest restaurants.

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Address: 2 Place Batha, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 574 068 6  
Internet: [www.maisonbleue.com](http://www.maisonbleue.com)  
Email: [resa@maisonbleue.com](mailto:resa@maisonbleue.com)

### Le Kasbah



Le Kasbah is a friendly three-story restaurant with a rooftop patio, from where you can enjoy a spectacular view over the medina. Although the menu itself is quite classic, ranging from tajines



and couscous to pastillas, the authentic experience and the restaurant's prime spot is already worth a visit.

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Address: Rue Talaa Sghira, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am

Phone: +212 35 741 533

### Chez Vittorio



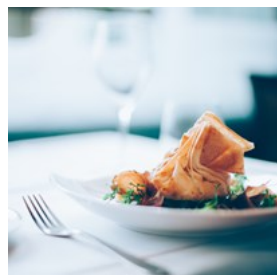
Chez Vittorio is a cosy restaurant serving classical rustic Italian cuisine, providing a welcome change from tajines, and bringing in flavours from Southern Europe. Pizzas are highly recommended here, but just follow your taste, however, and you won't be disappointed.

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Address: 21 Rue Brahim Roudani, Fès

Phone: +212 53 562 4730

### Riad Andalib



Located in a luxurious hotel, this restaurant serves excellent Moroccan cuisine, and an authentic setting of Moroccan culture on top.

The fruit salads are lovely here, but the choice between their different and always tasty dishes may not be easy.

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Address: 54 Ben Mohamed Alaoui, Fès

Phone: +212 53 576 4563

Internet: [www.riadandalib.ma/restaurant-panorama-riadfes-medina.php](http://www.riadandalib.ma/restaurant-panorama-riadfes-medina.php)

Email: [reibalidrissi@live.com](mailto:reibalidrissi@live.com)

### L'Amandier



At Palais Faraj, L'Amandier offers a traditional Moroccan cuisine, and an amazing view over Medina on top. Both the staff and the

atmosphere make this an excellent place for a lovely evening dinner, so head here for enjoying the evening best.

Photo: jeffreyw/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 16-18 Quartier Ziat, Fès

Phone: +212 53 563 5356

Internet: [www.palaisfaraj.com](http://www.palaisfaraj.com)

Email: [sales@palaisfaraj.com](mailto:sales@palaisfaraj.com)

### Dar Roumana



Dar Roumana serves a kitchen beyond tajine and couscous, so do start with goat cheese, followed by a perfectly cooked fillet and rounded up with a

sweet creme brûlée. With its lovely atmosphere, as to luxurious rooms and beautiful decor, dinner at Dar Roumana will make for a perfect evening.

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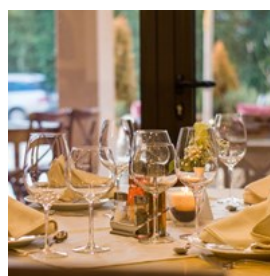
Address: 30 Derb el-Amer, Fès

Phone: +212 53 574 1637

Internet: [www.darroumana.com/restaurant](http://www.darroumana.com/restaurant)

Email: [info@darroumana.com](mailto:info@darroumana.com)

### Palais Amani



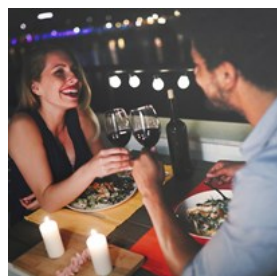
Palais Amani offers a mix of African, French, Mediterranean and contemporary cuisine. As to its great selection of different dishes and

menus, you can come here for every meal of the day, and also every day again as well.



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Address: 12 Derb el Miter, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 563 3209  
Internet: [www.palaisamani.com/our-restaurant](http://www.palaisamani.com/our-restaurant)  
Email: [contact@palaisamani.com](mailto:contact@palaisamani.com)

## Mb



Mb is a hip restaurant with outstanding food and delicious martinis. As their selection of both food and wine is spectaculars, staying at

their rooftop terrace will make for a perfect night.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rue Ahmed Chaouki, 12, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 562 2727  
Internet: [www.mbrestraurantlounge.com/restaurant](http://www.mbrestraurantlounge.com/restaurant)  
Email: [bestplans.berrada@gmail.com](mailto:bestplans.berrada@gmail.com)

## The Ruined Garden



This restaurant serves refreshing bites and delicious meals, and their garden provides an ideal dinner atmosphere, and a great starting point for a

night out. If you are planning to come in a group, a table reservation is recommended, and you can then enjoy the evening to its very best.

Photo: Jonathan Hood/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: 15 Derb Idrissy Sidi Ahmed Chaoui Medina, Siaj, Fès  
Opening hours: Daily 1pm-9:30pm  
Phone: +212 64 919 1410  
Internet: [www.ruinedgarden.com](http://www.ruinedgarden.com)

## Dar Anebar



Ideally located in the heart of Medina, this high class restaurant serves guests the best of Moroccan food, as several courses are prepared to

your taste, one more delicious than the other. Overlook the city from their terrace, enjoy the garden atmosphere by the fountain, or take a seat in the glamorous salons, and you will remember this evening forever.

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Address: 15 Derb Miter Zenjfour, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 563 5785  
Internet: [www.daranebar.com](http://www.daranebar.com)  
Email: [info@daranebar.com](mailto:info@daranebar.com)

## CAFES



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No matter where you stop in Fès, you can always get Maghrebi mint tea, the traditional light sugared green tea with mint leaves that will refresh you throughout the whole day. Many of the cafés are delightfully French-inspired, with a delectable array of sweets and pastries. Note that most of the buildings in Fès shorter streets are not assigned numbers, so keep track of the streets' names only.

### Broadway Café



In the new part of town, Broadway Café is only a short walk away from the nearby shopping centre, and it is definitely worth the time. While the friendly staff will serve you with everything from paninis and pizzas to milkshakes and sweet treats, you can also join here for a game of pool while having a nice chat with the owners themselves.

Photo: issam elhafti/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Rue Mohammed Diouri, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm

### Café La Renaissance



Make sure to not miss the fresh juices that are a staple of Moroccan daily life, and best for having a break during a hot day of sightseeing. Head to this café for enjoying both great treats and an authentic atmosphere.

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Address: Pond Point Mohammed 5, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +212 55 653 003

### Café Glacier New Peacock



The New Peacock is a newly redesigned café with a stylish, relaxed and airy atmosphere, where numerous mouth-watering sweets tempt to try literally all of them. While enjoying a break during sightseeing, a stay here is an experience on its own.

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Address: 29 Avenue Mohammed Slaoui, Fès

Phone: +212 55 911 87

### Cafe Clock



Cafe Clock is considered to be one of the best cafes in Fès, as it offers food of all kind for any time of the day - come here and try their camel burger, and finish afterwards with a delicious dessert, and you will probably also catch some live music within. On weekends, drop in to meet some new people as the place gets crowded in the evenings.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Derb El Magana, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +212 53 563 7855

Internet: [www.cafeclock.com](http://www.cafeclock.com)

Email: [fez@cafeclock.com](mailto:fez@cafeclock.com)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Since the Islam, the main religion in Morocco, prohibits the consumption of alcohol, bars can be difficult to find and nightlife gets a bit scarce. Unaccompanied women do not often frequent bars but there are quite a few good options where men and women will both feel comfortable: hotels and venues in the new part of town are a good option if you fancy a drink,



while you will there also find most of the existing discos and nightlife.

### Pub Cala Iris



Inside the New Fez in the vibrant area of Ville Nouvelle, Pub Cala Iris is a two floor English style pub serving cool beers and classic nuts. Do also

check out the upstairs bar for a slightly more upscale but also more expensive atmosphere.

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Address: 26 Avenue Hassan II, Fès

Phone: +212 53 574 1077

### Hotel Les Mérinides



Hotel Les Mérinides is a sophisticated option with a chic clientele, where you can choose between two restaurants and a terrace for enjoying both great food as well as delicious cocktails. With the stunning view of Fès Medina, you will definitely enjoy your stay here.

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Address: Avenue des Mérinides 30000, Fès

Phone: +212 53 564 5226

Internet: [www.lesmerinides.com](http://www.lesmerinides.com)

Email: [commercial@lesmerinides.com](mailto:commercial@lesmerinides.com)

### Sofitel Palais Jamaï



This hotel features a luxurious bar with creative cocktails and sumptuous appetizers that will definitely apply to your taste. Do not miss

out their outdoor patio for enjoying some stunning views of the Medina.

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Address: Bab Guissa, Fès

Phone: +212 53 563 4331

### Bar Lounge l'Alcazar



At Bar Lounge l'Alcazar, a beautiful place with a warm atmosphere awaits you, so step in and get amazed by wooden furniture, high class

décor and quality offers on the cocktail menu.

You can enjoy international bites by the pool or relax with some friends at the bar, as this place leaves nothing to be desired.

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Address: 5 Derb Ben Slimane Zerbtana, Fès

Phone: +212 53 594 7610

Internet: [www.riadfes.com/en/bar-lounge-alcazar-fez](http://www.riadfes.com/en/bar-lounge-alcazar-fez)

### Ramada Hotel



If you are looking for some House or R'n'B music to move your body to, then head over to the V.I.P. Club at Hotel Ramada. As the hotel

features different spacious bars with dancefloors and comfy seats, its atmosphere will bring you and your friends to party all night long.

Photo: AlessandroBiascioli/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue des Forces Armées Royales, Fès

Phone: +212 53 594 8000

Internet: [www.ramadafes.com](http://www.ramadafes.com)

### The Golden Bar



The streets in Fès can get quite busy so finding a bar like this, at the end of a long day, comes right in time. The Golden Bar is located on the top of

Palais Faraj, and it will give you a bird's eye view of the city. Pour another glass here, and share some stories while relaxing in the laid back atmosphere.

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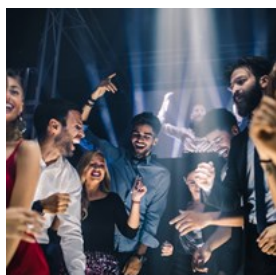
Address: Bab Ziat, Quartier Ziat, Fès

Phone: +212 53 563 5356

Internet: [www.palaisfaraj.com/NS/Bars.html](http://www.palaisfaraj.com/NS/Bars.html)

Email: [sales@palaisfaraj.com](mailto:sales@palaisfaraj.com)

### Felix Nightclub



If you're looking for a party crowd, drop into Felix Nightclub at Hotel Tghat, where you can expect great drinks and a stylish clientele of 20 to

30 something. Dance until you drop, or relax in the cozy lounge atmosphere, as Felix has something for everyone.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 Avenue Des Far, Fès

Phone: + 212 53 565 2677

### La Mezzanine



This pub and bar in the heart of Fès serves beers, smoothies and international bites as well as live music and DJ sets for pleasing a lively party

crowd. Have a drink on their outside terrace or take a seat on the comfy sofas, as La Mezzanine promises an exciting evening.

Photo: Picnote/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kasbat Chems, Fès

Phone: +212 53 563 8668

## SHOPPING



*TheUjulala/Pixabay.com (image cropped)*

Fès is a wonderland of shopping, with endless stalls in the medina, and quite a few there in particular. It is always expected that you will bargain over prices, and most shopkeepers give discounts for buying more than one item - also, the discount will grow with every additional item purchased.

### The Medina



The Medina, the Old Town of Fes, is a maze-like district holding many surprises for passionate buyers, so come here for

handicrafts, carpets or leather products. Be prepared for bargaining, as there rarely exists any fixed price.

Photo: Dafydd Vaughan/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Medina, Fès



### Art D'Argile



Ceramic products and pottery have been popular trades in Morocco for centuries, and today, the craft is still much valued by

locals and visitors alike. Art Agile keeps up the art of handmade ceramics and pottery since four generations, producing vases, bowls or plates decorated with great dexterity and traditional patterns. Step in and take home a piece of Morocco's national heritage.

Photo: Shantanu Shah/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: N 41 Hay Lala Yakout Rue 3 Ain Nokbi, Fès

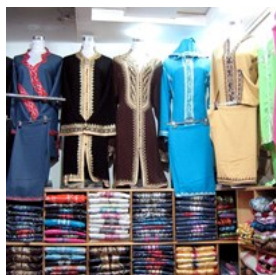
Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm

Phone: +212 66 234 8754

Internet: [www.artargile.com](http://www.artargile.com)

Email: [contact@artargile.com](mailto:contact@artargile.com)

### Association des Femmes de Fès



The Association des Femmes de Fès is a particularly impressive store full of beautiful handmade clothes, table clothes, pillow coverings

and bedspreads. The shop is, quite unusual for Morocco, owned and run by women only, and the association employs and donates money to underprivileged women.

Photo: Amjahed/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Derb El Miter 18, Fès

### Ensemble Artisanal



Ensemble Artisanal is an exceptional place for traditional ceramics and pottery, and you can also see the craftspeople designing and creating

pieces. As this is one of the best spots for finding some souvenirs, it is definitely worth a visit.

Photo: Henry Zbyszynski/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Avenue Hassan II, Fès

### Talaa Kebira Market



This market features many small stalls with most different products, so do have a stroll around for getting some overview before hunting down

unique little treats. Do not forget to bargain as the first price should not be the last.

Photo: Luc Viatour0/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Talaa Kebira, Fès

### Art Naji



This family-run business has been creating pottery for generations already, and their beautiful products are well-known in the area. From vases

over plates to cups, you can get everything within this authentic shop, so take your time and get a good look on the mosaic and the painted ceramics - you may also find a piece to take home.

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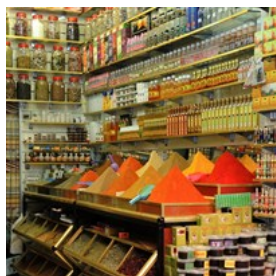
Address: 20 Quartier Industriel Ain Nokbi, Fès

Phone: +212 53 566 9166

Internet: [www.artnaji.com](http://www.artnaji.com)

Email: [info@artnaji.com](mailto:info@artnaji.com)

### Berber Pharmacies



Whether you believe in the cleansing power of spices and herbs or not, the Berber Pharmacies are an impressive sight, and also quite typical in Morocco: the big jars on sale hold obscure powders and peculiar dried plants, and many of them are believed to cure aches and pains. Get yourself a special blend or just take a picture of the mystical markets, as it is always worth a visit, and a try.

Photo: Güldem Üstün/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: Medina, Fès

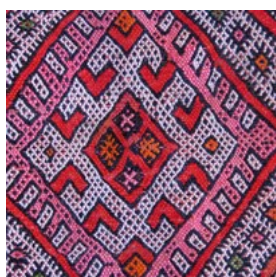
### Chez Hamidou



Nestled between Chouara Tannery and markets, Chez Hamidou might be hard to find but it is worth a visit. As a local's insider tip, you can here buy high quality rugs and cushions from local producers but mind that you are expected to bargain.

Photo: Nancy Williams/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: Fes El Bali, Fès  
Email: hamidou.shop@gmail.com

### Tissage Berbere



At this authentic Moroccan place, carpets, woven cloths and handicraft can be purchased, while you can also watch people producing heavy rugs with great dexterity and speed. The well-known owner of the shop, Mouhammed, is always on your side, and he will

show you the newest works of art that will definitely match your taste.

Photo: 16:9clue/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: 4 Derb Taouil, Fès  
Phone: +212 67 597 2886  
Email: Tissageberber@yahoo.fr

### Rue el-Attarine



This vibrant market street welcomes you with stalls of food, spices, woven products and fresh fruit, so come here for taking in the flavours and scents of Fès. Be also prepared for some haggling.

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Address: Rue el-Attarine, Fès

### Le Jardin des Biehn



This collection of arts and antiques will certainly impress you, as you will find clothes, pottery, weaving, baskets and the famous babouches slippers as well as jewelry from all over the region. The acclaimed collector Michel Biehn offers a glimpse into local art, and he indeed holds something for everyone, from contemporary design to traditional handicraft.

Photo: Feliciano Guimarães/Flickr.com (image cropped)  
Address: 13 Akbat Sbaa, Fès  
Phone: +212 53 574 1036  
Internet: [www.jardindesbiehn.com/en/shop](http://www.jardindesbiehn.com/en/shop)  
Email: [contact@jardindesbiehn.com](mailto:contact@jardindesbiehn.com)



### Tamerlane's Daughter



Founded by Karina Duebner, a passionate collector of antiques and textiles, the label holds high quality fashion as well as exquisite

jewellery, traditional fabrics, unique designs and other luxurious treasures. There are regular Open Studio sessions in Fès, but otherwise, you can purchase the designs by appointment only.

Photo: GregMontani/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 13 Derb Ben Ziane, Fès

Phone: +44 20 758 495 48

Internet: [www.tamerlanesdaughters.com](http://www.tamerlanesdaughters.com)

Email: [karina@tamerlanesdaughters.com](mailto:karina@tamerlanesdaughters.com)

### Coin Berbere



At Coin Berbere, you will find handcrafted carpets, carved wooden doors and skillfully decorated pottery. The shop is run by the two brothers

Khalid and Mohamed Bouzidi-Idrissi who are happy to show you their antiques, and advise you to find your match.

Photo: Khalid Albaih/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 67 Haddadine Talaa Kebira, Fès

Phone: +212 53 563 6946

### Gallery Chez Mehdi



This gallery sells various Berber arts and Moroccan antiques, and everything is so well-organised that the place feels more like a

museum than a shop. The staff speaks French and English, and it can give you background information to all of their objects.

Photo: Cait/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Rue Ahmed Mekouar, Batha, Fès

### Place Seffarine



On this street market, you can watch Moroccans creating art with techniques that have not changed in centuries.

Come here and gape at the crafts, or buy some skillfully decorated pottery, shiny copper utensils or beautiful jewelry.

Photo: akaitori/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Place Seffarine, Fès

### Borj Fez Mall



Located between old and new Fès, the Borj Mall provides shopping and entertainment on three levels, where you can find over 80 shops as well as a

big supermarket that has everything you need. You can even step in with a busy sightseeing schedule as it is close to major tourist attractions in the city.

Photo: Naiyana/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ville Nouvelle, Fès

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +212 53 562 0492

Internet: [www.borjfez.com](http://www.borjfez.com)

Email: [borjfez@petra.ma](mailto:borjfez@petra.ma)

More Info: Opening hours can vary depending on the season.

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Fès-Saïss Airport



Fès-Saïss airport is located 15 km south of the city centre, and the establishment is both modern and easy to navigate. Taxis are still

the best way to get to and from the airport to the city centre, and luckily, they are quite cheap. You can also use public transport and shuttle buses to get to Fès, just step on the bus line 16 or choose one of the airport shuttles that run ever 30 minutes from Fès airport. You can buy the tickets on the bus.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Fès-Saïss airport, Fès

Phone: +212 35 624 800

Internet: [www.onda.ma](http://www.onda.ma)

More Info: [info@onda.org.ma](mailto:info@onda.org.ma)

### Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Fès for ideal weather, referring to both average temperature and humidity, is from April to November, as the days

are long and sunny. Although it feels nice nearly

all year long, the outside markets and the restaurants' terraces can best be enjoyed during summer – however, July and August are the hottest months so take advantage or avoid depending on personal preference.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

### Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, as well as the United States, Australia, and dozens of world countries can enter and remain in Morocco

visa-free for up to 90 days. Look up individual prerequisites prior to travel in order to possibly apply for visa in time.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.morocco.visahq.de/en](http://www.morocco.visahq.de/en)

### Public transport



The central train station is in the ville nouvelle, and there are daily trains to all the main destinations in Morocco. The trains are very

comfortable and almost live up to European standards, but do buy your tickets in advance as first class seats are often sold out. You may also reserve tickets on the website or purchase them in person at the local station.

The main bus station is situated outside of Bab el-Mahrouk, and it has services to other destinations in Morocco with daily departures. Within the city, you do normally pass by foot or by car/cab.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair



Phone: +212 53 777 4747

Internet: www.oncf.ma

## Taxi



There are two types of taxis in Fès: the red petit taxi and the white grand taxi. The petit taxis all have meters, and a ride anywhere in the city can

only carry 3 people by law. The grand taxis are often hired for day trips, so they are more difficult to come by - you may arrange one through your hotel if you desire a day trip out of Fès.

Petit Taxi

+212 61 781 7528

Photo: Taxi

## Post



The Main Post Office is located at the corner of Avenue Hassan II and Boulevard Mohammad V, open Mon-Sat 8am-closing. Different

post offices can be found across town but keep in mind that opening hours may greatly vary.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

## Pharmacy



The pharmacy at Boulevard Moulay Youssef is staffed by both a doctor and a pharmacist, and as it is open 24/7, you can head

here all the time. You will also find other venues across town.

Hôpital Ghassani is one of the city's biggest hospitals, and doctors here speak several foreign languages.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Phone: +212 55 623 493

## Telephone



Country Code: +212 Area Code: 55

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



220V , 50Hz, C/E

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

1,07 Million

## Currency

1 Dirham = 100 Centimes

## Opening hours

While businesses are usually open from 9am-10pm, some of them may close for midday between 12pm and 3pm. Most shops are open daily while others establish individual opening hours.

## Newspapers

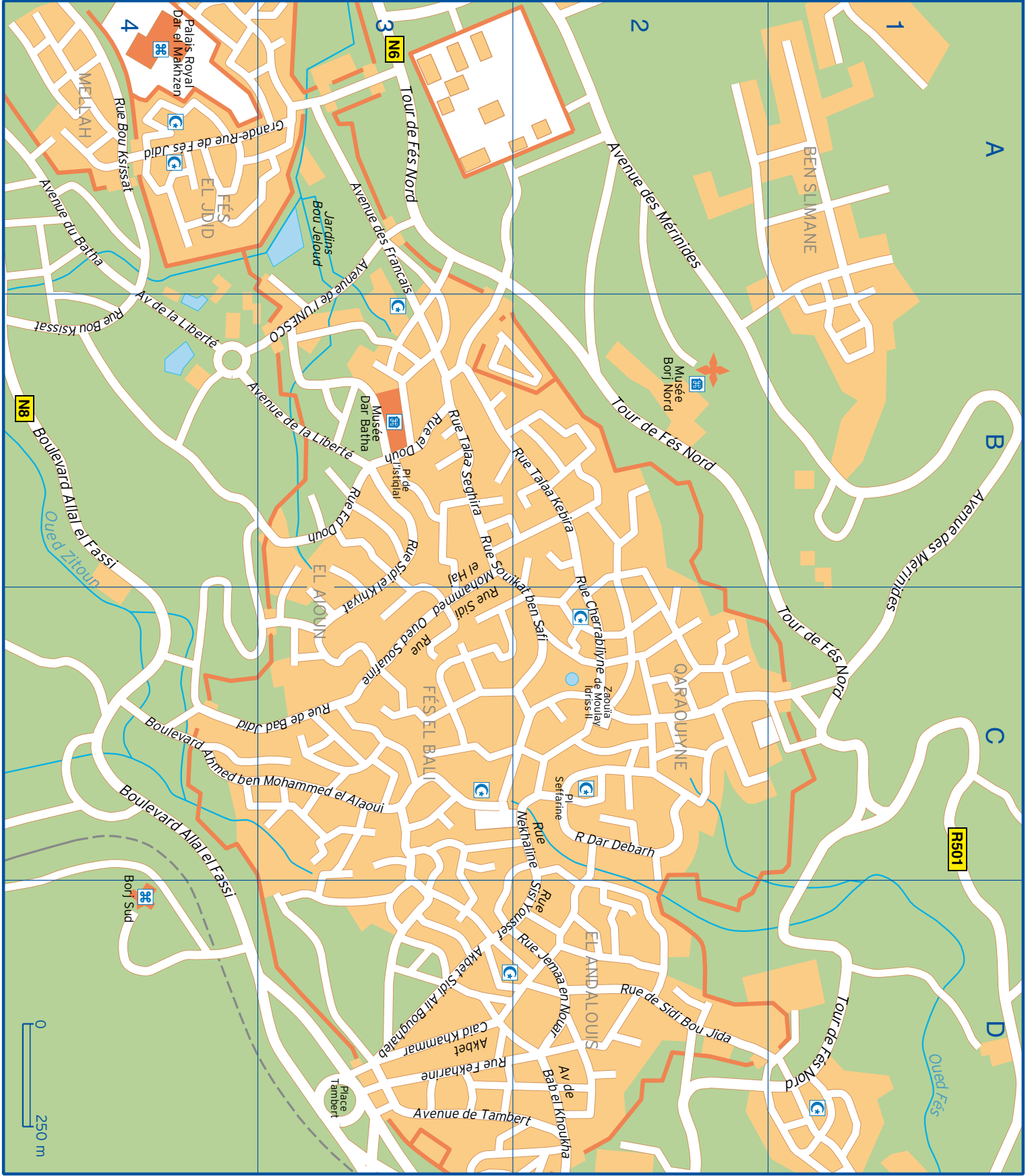
L'Opinion, National Libération  
Al-Bayane  
International Herald Tribune

## Emergency numbers

Police: 190 (112 from mobile phones)

Ambulance: 150

Fire Brigade: 15



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Rue Sidi al Kkhyat

Rue de Bad Jdid

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Boulevard Allal el Fassi

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EL ANDALOUS

Avenue de Tambert

Rue Talaa Seghira

Rue Talaa Kebira

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Avenue de la Liberté	B3 B4	Rue Cherrabliyne	B2 C2	Rue Sidi Mohammed el Haj	B3 C3
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Avenue des Francais	A3 B3	Rue de Bad Jdid	C3 C4	Rue Souikat ben Safi	B3 C2
Avenue des Mérinides	A2 B1 C1	Rue de Sidi Bou Jida	D2	Rue Talaa Kebira	B2 B3
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