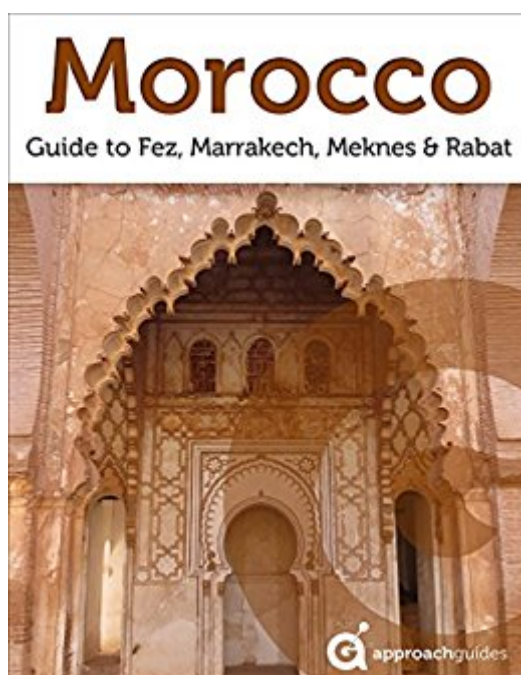


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Synopsis

RECENTLY UPDATED FOR 2017! With more than 100 high-resolution images, a new video and detailed tour itinerary, this is the definitive guide to Morocco's imperial cities. Four imperial cities • Fez, Marrakech, Meknes and Rabat • hold a magnificent collection of Islamic art and architecture, the legacy of seven dynasties that have controlled Morocco for over 1,200 years. With towering minarets that call the faithful to prayer, multi-colored glazed ceramic tiles that recreate the flora of Quranic paradise and stucco decoration that affords the impression of infinity, Morocco offers visitors an experience like no other. It is yours to discover.

What's in this guidebook* Comprehensive look at Morocco's art and architecture. We provide an overview of Moroccan art and architecture, isolating trademark features that you will see again and again as you make your way through the country's highlights. To make things come alive, we have packed our review with high-resolution images.* A tour that goes deeper on the most important sites. Following our tradition of being the most valuable resource for culture-focused travelers, we offer a detailed tour of the premier sites in each imperial city, from fantastically-decorated city gates, to grand mosques, to jewel box madrasas. For each site, we present information on its history, a detailed plan that highlights its most important architectural and artistic features, high-resolution images, and a discussion that ties it all together.* Advice for getting the best cultural experience. To help you plan your visit, this guidebook supplies logistical advice, maps and links to online resources. Plus, we give our personal tips for getting the most from your experience while on location.* Information the way you like it. As with all of our guides, this book is optimized for intuitive, quick navigation; information is organized into bullet points to make absorption easy; and images are marked up with text that explains important features.* NEW! Customers can now print this guidebook with our new PDF-on-Demand service. See the final chapter in the book for details.

ItineraryIn total, this guidebook profiles twenty-three of Morocco's top sites for art and architecture. To help you prioritize your touring itinerary, we mark the absolute must-see sites with asterisks (*). The tour follows a clockwise rotation through the country's four imperial cities, beginning in Rabat and Salé.* In Rabat and Salé: Abu al-Hasan madrasa*, Bab Mrisa, Bab Oudaia*, Bab Rouah, Chellah necropolis and Hassan mosque*. In Meknes: Bab Mansour* and Bou Inania madrasa*. In Fez: Al-Attarine madrasa*, Al-Sahrij madrasa*, Andalous mosque, Bou Inania madrasa*, Cherratine madrasa, Kairaouine mosque* and Nejjarine fondouk.* In Marrakech: Bab Agnaou, Badi palace, Ben Youssef madrasa*, Koubba Ba'adiyn*, Koutoubia mosque*, Saadian tombs and Tin Mal mosque (daytrip)*. In Casablanca: Hassan II mosque*.

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I used their guides for S. E. Asia and found them very detailed and very useful if you are interested in the culture and architecture. Not a "cheap shopping" guide. Since I spend a lot of time in Morocco I was curious on how they presented it. Bottom line, I wished I had seen this book before. Am going back in April and will use a lot of the information on things I had missed. Make sure you watch their linked videos.

Don't leave home without it! I was on tour for 2 weeks in Morocco in Nov. and Dec. 2014 and found this guide invaluable. It begins with generous introductory material about the architecture and decoration seen in Morocco. Monuments in 6 cities are well described with maps and highlighted closeup photographs: Rabat, Salé, Meknes, Fez, Marrakech, Casablanca. The most important sites are indicated by a * (13 out of 23). I visited 13 of the 23 monuments described in the guide and found the * rankings very helpful to prioritize the most important sites to see with limited time. I learned about some gems only through this guide: 1) Abu al-Hasan Madrasa in Salé, which is a beautiful courtyard building that you will have all to yourself and that is similar in style to the most famous madrasas in Fez and Marrakech, 2) Koutoubia Mosque's Minbar in the Badi Palace in Marrakech, which is described by the authors as the highlight of Badi Palace; in my experience, this is one of the highlights of my trip to Morocco. This sacred pulpit was constructed in Córdoba, Spain, in 1137 and stood in an earlier mosque in Marrakech that was replaced with the Koutoubia Mosque, where it stood until the 1900s. It was restored by a U.S.-Moroccan team headed by the Metropolitan Museum in the late 1990s. The guide provides links to the texts of 2 very complete and helpful references with closeup photographs; no photos are allowed at the actual site. Although other guidebooks mention or describe briefly the Minbar, only this guidebook goes into detail.

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