

CIVILIZATIONS



Lost Civilizations:

Marocco: Imperial cities and great dynasties



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The greater part of Morocco's history is found in the country's heart, in the imperial cities.

Each succeeding sultan and emperor from the Moroccan dynasties chose his own capital city.

With a 12-century rich history, Fes is the city to discover remnants of Andalusia's culture. Both modern and traditional, the city, founded by sultan Idris the 1st, combined contemporary elements with 13th century relics edified by the Marinids.

The Bâb-Boujloud gate offers us an enrapturing discovery of the historical city through its tanneries, souks and palaces.

Meknes, founded by the Alaouite sultan Moulay Ismail in 1672, has kept its freshness. Meknes, just like Fes, was built gradually throughout the dynasties.

Visiting the Basilisk, the Efebo House, the House of Columns, the house of Hercules' works or the Guardians' Palace brings us back through the ages.

Marrakech, or the "Southern Pearl", is bustling with treasures such as the Medina.

Its serpentine alleys, its fountains and its gardens give its visitors the calm coolness needed to enjoy the city.

Rabat, Morocco's capital is calmer than its sisters. Its history is as rich, and between the Medina, the Udaya Kasbah and Muhammad the 5^{th's} mausoleum, one discovers the great events and the great hours of the Moroccan sultans.

By assembling the history of these four imperial cities, this film will take you through the Morocco of princes and emperors.