



Marocco : The Imperial cities : Marrakech, Meknes, Fès and Volubilis

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The greater part of Morocco's history is found in the imperial cities at the heart of the country. Each succeeding sultan and emperor from the Moroccan dynasties has chosen his capital city.

Marrakech, or the "Southern Pearl", is bustling with treasures such as the Medina. Its serpentine alleys, its fountains and its gardens bring the cool air and peacefulness required to enjoy the city. The Bahia Palace, built around 1880 is one of the splendid must-sees of Marrakech.

Over the past century, tourists have enjoyed the enchanting and immense square Jema el Fna, the famous Koutoubia Mosque, the emblem of Marrakech, as well as the the Saadian tombs, the souks...

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

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With a 12 century history, Fes is the city to explore the remnants of Andalusia culture.

Both modern and traditional, the city, founded by Sultan Idris the 1st, combined contemporary elements with 13th century relics edified by the Marinids.

As for the site at Volubilis, it has preserved ruins from Roman times, notably an arch of triumph built in the IIIrd century. It is an important site on the cultural and artistic map. Its temples, baths, ruins, basilica...make Volunilis the symbol and representative of ancient Moroccan architecture.

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

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