



THE MAYFEZ RHYTHM

CURATED STAYS THROUGH FES



TRAVEL AT A DIFFERENT PACE

THE SIGNATURE MAYFEZ EXPERIENCES



**At Mayfez, we do not simply organise stays.
We compose journeys around the living rhythms of Fez.**

Designed around the shifting pace of Fez and the surrounding landscapes, our Signature Experiences invite you to discover Morocco differently, through hidden medina alleys, artisan encounters, mountain escapes, vineyard lunches, wellness rituals, and moments of quiet contemplation.

Some journeys are vibrant and expansive. Others unfold more slowly, shaped by light, mood and seasons. All are designed to let you experience Fès beyond the expected.

Luxury here is not about doing more, but about finally having the freedom to do less, but better.



THE RHYTHM OF THE SEASONS

EACH SEASON REVEALS A DIFFERENT MOOD OF FEZ.

At Mayfez, we compose each journey around the changing rhythms of the seasons.

During the cooler months, Fez becomes more intimate and contemplative, revealing a quieter and more soulful side of the city.

In the temperate seasons, the medina opens outward, toward gardens, terraces and surrounding landscapes, creating a feeling of movement, vibrancy and discovery.

As summer settles over Fez, the rhythm slows beneath shaded patios and still afternoons, before the city awakens again through vibrant evenings and cooler nights.

Each season reveals a different perception of Fez, more atmospheric, more expansive, more sensory or more meditative, yet always deeply authentic to the city itself.



« Fez stretched out before us in the golden light of sunset....»

(Ibn Khaldoum 1332-1406)

Fez is not a city to conquer.
It is a city to surrender to.

Behind its ancient walls lies a world where time softens.

Morning prayers echo through hidden alleys.
Artisans repeat centuries-old gestures, and daily life still follows a deeply human rhythm.

Here, luxury is not defined by excess, but by space, silence, beauty, and time.

Then maybe, in slightly larger typography:
See less. Feel more.

THE ART OF SLOWNESS

HERE, THE RHYTHM OF LIFE MATTERS
MORE THAN THE RHYTHM OF THE CLOCK.

A FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE SOUL OF FÈS.

Designed for shorter stays, this journey reveals the essential rhythm of the city through intimate medina walks, hidden cafés, rooftop evenings, artisan encounters, and moments of deep relaxation.

Ideal for travellers seeking a vibrant yet restorative break.

A typical stay may include:

- A private guided discovery of the medina
- A traditionnal hammam ritual
- Rooftop dining at sunset
- Encounters with local artisans
- A Moroccan cooking class

THE MAYFEZ ESCAPE

3 NIGHTS



STILLNESS

TO INHABIT FEZ RATHER THAN SIMPLY VISIT IT.

Over four nights, the journey unfolds progressively: the medina, the surrounding landscapes, gastronomy, craftsmanship, wellness, and the quiet beauty of slowing down.

A perfectly balanced immersion into the spirit of Mayfez.

A typical stay may include:

- A private Medina Journey
- A full day escape to the Middle Atlas
- A historical discovery of Volubilis paired with vineyard experience
- A signature hammam experience
- An elegant Picnic with or without trekking in the Hills
- A creative or artisan workshop

THE MAYFEZ EXPERIENCE

4 NIGHTS



A WARMER RYTHM

TO UNDERSTAND FEZ FROM WITHIN.

Designed for travellers wishing to experience Fès beyond the surface, this journey creates space for deeper exploration, meaningful encounters, rest, creativity, and contemplation.

The perfect rhythm for those who believe the greatest luxury is time.

A typical stay may include:

- In-depth medina explorations at a gentler pace
- Journeys through the Middle Atlas and surrounding countryside
- Artisan and creative workshops
- Slow gastronomic experiences and vineyard discoveries
- Wellness rituals and moments of stillness
- Time intentionally left unplanned

THE MAYFEZ RESIDENCY

5 TO 7 NIGHTS



Nights in Fez unfold differently

MEDINA TOUR

In the maze of alleyways, little squares, mosques and souks, dive into the hustle and bustle, come across a mule driver and his donkey delivering goods deep into the medina, be dazzled by the rich ornamentation of the medersas and carried away by the incantations rising from the mosques.

Rather than seeing as much as possible, see less, but better. Don't hesitate to sit down in authentic cafes and sip a glass of mint tea, as you watch life unfold around you.

FEEL THE VIBE

The walls of Fez breathe serenity and spirituality. Open-up yourself to the natural effects of the spiritual power and ancestral atmosphere of Fez and embark on a sensory journey, where you may well rediscover a sense of inner peace.

Walk at your own pace, and indulge in the pleasures of local gastronomy.

WALKING TOURS



THE BLUE DOOR

Blue, the colour of the city, on the outside; green, the colour of Islam, on the inside.

More than just the entrance to the two main streets of the medina, the door is the symbol of the transition from the secular world to the sacred world.



THE KARAOUIYINE MOSQUE.

This place always makes an impression. It was built in the 9th century by a woman, who devoted her fortune to creating an educational centre. Unfortunately, in Morocco, mosques are not open to non-Muslims. A legacy of Marshal Lyautey...

Yet you can take a far glimpse at the main courtyard. Once you get over the disappointment of not being able to see more, a special emotion wash over you as you watch the worshippers gathering there.



MONUMENTS NOT TO BE MISSED

MOULAY IDRIS MAUSOLEUM

Home to the remains of the founder of the city of Fez, it is also a place of prayer and contemplation. In the little alleys around, the scents of incense, oud and burnt wax mingle to create a unique atmosphere. Onlookers crowd around to make offerings to the city's Saint.

A striking spectacle unfolds before your eyes, more reminiscent of a Buddhist temple than a mosque.



THE MEDERSAS

Small Koranic school built in the 14th century, and renowned for the delicacy of its ornate walls, **Medersa Attarine** is adjacent to Moulay Idriss and open to visitors.

Closer to the blue door is the **Bouanania Medersa**, dating from the same period, it is larger than the Attarine Madrasa, but no less finely decorated. In the past, it housed boarding students. Some of the rooms are open to visitors.

MONUMENTS NOT TO BE MISSED



SOUK EL HENNA

Charming little square, full of character, where pottery stalls and herbalists' shops cluster together.

Home to Rachid's herbalist shop. His knowledge of plants is striking and his humour caustic. He likes to remind anyone who will listen that this small, quiet and charming square was once the courtyard of a psychiatric hospital, one of the first in the world.

DISCOVER

PLACE SEFFARINE

Known for its coppersmiths, Place Seffarine is animated by the constant rhythm of artisans hammering, shaping, and engraving copper by hand, their workshops opening directly onto the square. It also serves as a gateway to the Al-Qarawiyyin Library, said to house around 4,000 scientific and historical works, some unique in the world, though it unfortunately remains closed to the public.



DAR BATHA MUSEUM

Once a summer palace, the museum showcases a rich collection of traditional Moroccan arts, including finely crafted zellige tilework, carved wood, sculpted plaster, textiles, and an important display of Fassi ceramics.

Moving through its rooms and galleries, visitors gain a clear understanding of the craftsmanship and decorative traditions that define the medina's architectural identity.



DISCOVER

MELLAH

The Mellah is the historic Jewish quarter dating back to the 15th century. It offers a distinct atmosphere with its outward-facing balconies and more open architecture.

Walking through its streets, visitors discover sites such as the Ibn Danan Synagogue and the Jewish cemetery, providing a clear glimpse into an important part of the city's cultural and historical identity.



MUST SEE

THE TANNERIES

Dating back to the 10th century, they are considered the oldest tanneries in the world. According to some writings, their hides were exported as far as Baghdad. Tanners represent the oldest professional guild in Fez and still exists today.

When entering the tanneries, do not refuse the sprig of mint that is offered to you. This is not just a trivial gesture, as the smell in the tanneries is unlike anything else you can imagine. But it is an experience that is worth having at least once in your life.



OFF THE BEATEN PATH DISCOVERY

AMERICAN FONDOUK

In Fes, daily life in the medina still depends on working animals, especially donkeys, carrying goods through alleys too narrow for vehicles. This discreet but essential presence remains part of the city's living rhythm.

The American Fondouk, founded in 1927 by Amy Bend Bishop, provides veterinary care and shelter for these animals.

By supporting this institution, we contribute, at our own scale, to the preservation of this vital and often unseen aspect of life in Fes.



JNAN SBIL GARDEN

Created in the 18th century by Sultan Moulay Abdallah, it remains the ideal place to rest.

Here you can discover a variety of Mediterranean plants and enjoy a break in the shade, to recharge your batteries.



TAKE A QUIET BREAK

INTIMATE PICNIC IN THE HILLS

A simple moment, elevated by nature and refined detail. A private picnic unfolds in quiet elegance, at the foothills of Jbel Zalagh,

Crisp linens, lanterns, and open skies set the scene as a butler welcomes you and the Chef prepares grilled skewers, warm bread, and fresh Moroccan salads on site.



TOUR DES REMPARTS

Encircling Fes, the ramparts' tour offer a wider reading of the city beyond the medina's narrow streets.

This private, driver-led excursion follows the walls and takes you in key landmarks such as Bab Boujloud, the gates of the Royal Palace, the Mellah, and the viewpoints of Borj Nord, overlooking the medina.

The route also passes along the vast cemetery on the city's edge before continuing toward the potters' quarter and zellige workshops, offering a concise yet insightful overview of Fes and its living traditions.

RIDE TOURS



VOLUBILIS & THE VINEYARDS

As the road rises toward Meknes, vineyards unfold across the wide, sunlit plains of one of Morocco's most fertile regions.

Nearby, Volubilis stands as a remarkable legacy of the Roman Empire. Founded in the 3rd century BC and later developed as a thriving provincial city, it is renowned for its mosaics, olive presses, and monumental architecture.



MARVELS IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF FES



To fully experience this unique landscape, Mayfez offers a curated day blending cultural discovery and vineyard immersion. From the timeless elegance of Volubilis to the refined pleasures of wine tasting in the surrounding estates, the journey reveals a Morocco where history and pleasure of flavours meet.

Between ancient ruins and cultivated vines, the region offers a rare continuity, where heritage is not only preserved, but quietly savoured.



MIDDLE ATLAS, THE CEDAR FOREST, TOUMLILINE MONASTERY & AZROU SOUK

Beyond the bustle of Fes, the air turns cooler, scented with cedar and pine. The Middle Atlas reveals a quieter Morocco, wilder, more contemplative.

In the forests of Ben Smim, paths wind beneath ancient cedars toward the Toumliline Monastery, once a place of intellectual and spiritual exchange in the mid-20th century.



Nearby, a discreet dam, a clear spring, and the remains of a former sanatorium echo a past shaped by retreat, reflection, and renewal.

On Tuesdays, the nearby town of Azrou comes alive with its traditional souk, where richly colored Berber carpets unfurl beside the murmurs of the livestock market, offering a vivid glimpse into a timeless, rural rhythm.

MARVELS IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF FES



COOKING SCHOOL

Journeys of Flavours and soul. Our cooking classes are designed as moments of well-being as much as culinary discovery.

They offer an intimate introduction to Moroccan gastronomy through hands-on workshops led by our Chef. From full menu experiences, to more focused sessions on pastries, bread, or Moroccan Jewish cuisine, each class combines technique, tradition, and sensory discovery.



CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Journeys of craft and spirit. Our artistic workshops offer a hands-on introduction to Moroccan heritage through moments of calm, creativity, and focus.

The calligraphy workshop approaches writing as a form of meditation, while the Zouak painting workshop explores traditional wood decoration, transforming surfaces into expressive works.

Together, they offer a refined immersion into craftsmanship and mindful creation.

EXPERIENCES

AWAKEN YOUR CREATIVE SPIRIT



GOLFING

For golf enthusiasts, Fez and its surroundings offer a compact yet diverse circuit.

Fez provides two distinct 18-Holes playing experiences. Nearby, Meknes features a unique 9-hole course set within the grounds of a former palace, close to the historic center. Higher in the Middle Atlas, near Michlifen, the course, often regarded as one of Africa's most beautiful, unfolds at 1,500 meters, with panoramic views and a striking natural setting.

HORSE RIDING

Around Fez, horseback riding offers a natural way to explore the region's changing landscapes.

From the olive groves and plains surrounding the city to the the Middle Atlas, routes adapt to all levels, from gentle rides to longer tours.

Accompanied by experienced guides, these outings provide both a sense of freedom and a deeper connection to the land.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



You will not go hungry in Fez, far from it.

Until about twenty years ago, gourmet restaurants did not exist in Morocco. The best cuisine was that of the homes, where recipes and secrets were passed down from mother to daughter over several generations.

Today, fine dining restaurants remain rare. The Geiza restaurant at Riad Fez and the Odalisque Mayfez have set themselves the goal of preserving and passing on the best of Moroccan culinary art.



EATING OUT IN FEZ

However, quality 'everyday' cuisine can be found throughout the medina.

We would just like to give you a little tip: avoid all restaurants with ornate decor that claim to be 'authentic-chic' and where touts work their magic with colourful menus at the door steps.

If you are looking for authenticity and good flavours, simply wander through the narrow streets and let yourself be tempted by more typical eateries.

Some have made a name for themselves and deserve their reputations, such as Cafe Clock or Foundouk Bazaar, ideal for those who want a change from 'traditional Moroccan' cuisine. Le Tarbouch, Ruined Garden, and Café M, the testing ground for the now renowned and trendy Ishq, are also worth a try.



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