

# Marrakech — Day Plan

4 nights · Riad Palais Sebban in the Medina · 92°F days, sightsee morning/evening

## OFFLINE-READY — MOROCCO

**Before leaving Madrid:** open Apple Maps → search "**Marrakech**" → tap the region card → "**Download**". Same for "**Essaouira**". ~250 MB each; works fully offline (search, routing, POI cards).

- **Riad pinned offline:** *Riad Palais Sebban*, Derb El Farnatchi, Medina Marrakech 40000. Drop a manual pin in Apple Maps now so you can route to it without signal.
- **Petit taxi (yellow) flat rates:** day ~30-50 MAD inside medina/Gueliz/Hivernage; night +50%. Insist on the meter or agree price before boarding.
- **Wifi / eSIM:** grab a **Maroc Telecom eSIM at RAK airport (~150 MAD / ~\$15)** for the week — instant data, no SIM swap. Backup: Airalo Morocco eSIM via app before landing.
- **Medina reality:** cars do NOT reach the riad — walk the last 5 min from the closest gate. Pre-arrange porter pickup for arrival.

## GETTING AROUND AFTER DARK

- **No night buses.** ALSA city buses ~6 AM-9:30 PM only.
- **Petit taxis** (yellow, metered) — 24/7 but scarce after midnight outside Jemaa el-Fna / Gueliz / Hivernage. Night fare +50%.
- **Inside the medina cars do not reach the riad** — walk last 5 min from closest gate.
- Pre-arrange riad pickup for late arrivals. Careem works.

## ★ KNOWN FOR

*The Red City* — souks, riads, snake charmers, hammams

- 🍷 Djemaa el-Fna — UNESCO oral-heritage square: storytellers + food stalls + drum circles
- 🛍 Souks — leather (tanneries), spices, lanterns, rugs, argan oil
- 🧖 Hammam culture — Berber bathhouse ritual: steam → black soap → scrub → mint tea

## Sun Jun 14 · Late arrival (optional late night)

Land 9:25 PM · pick your energy level

10:30 PM

### Riad transfer pickup

Pre-booked private car. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

11:00 PM

### Check in at Riad Palais Sebban ↗

Drop bags. Quick shower + change if going out. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

CHILL

### 🏠 **Option A: Stay in — mint tea on the rooftop** (\$)

If you're wrecked from the Malaga + Ryanair day, just wind down on the riad rooftop with mint tea. Welcome to Morocco. Save energy for Mon's food tour + Tue's Agafay + clubs.

11:45 PM

### 🍷 **Option B: Djemaa el-Fna NUMBERED FOOD STALLS at night (BEST first-night move + Dani-coded)** (\$)

The square TRANSFORMS at night — ~100 numbered food stalls go up at sundown.

#### **Dani's hit list:**

**Stall #14** (running since 1966, fried fish + calamari, ~30 MAD/plate). **Stall #1 "Aicha"** (family-run generations, brochettes + tajines). **Stall #3 "Mr."** [📍 Open in Maps](#)

▶ Details

12:30 AM

### 🍸 **Option C: Theatro arrival night?** (\$\$\$)

If you napped on the plane and feel ready for a club: Theatro opens 11:30 PM, runs til 5 AM. Sunday night = lighter crowd than Tue-Sat (peak nights). 12 min taxi from riad. [📍 Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

## Mon Jun 15 · Spa Day (Les Bains) + food tour

Hamмам afternoon · pool first · medina food walk evening

10:00 AM

### Slow breakfast at riad

Coffee, mint tea, msemmen pancakes. No alarms. [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

### Bahia Palace ↗

19th-century royal residence. 10 min walk. ~70 MAD (\$7) at the door, walk-up. Keep it tight — spa pool time at 12:30! [Open in Maps](#)

12:00 PM

### 🚗 Transport to Les Bains — ARRANGE THIS

#### Vendor confirmed they do NOT provide pickup.

Options: (1) ask Riad Palais Sebban concierge to book a petit taxi (cheapest, ~30-50 MAD), (2) walk ~12-15 min from riad via Bab Laksour, OR (3) book a private transfer through riad. [MORE +](#)

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12:30 PM

### 🏊 Arrive Les Bains EARLY — pool time before treatment ↗

#### Vendor recommended: arrive 1 hr early to enjoy the pools.

Pool access only BEFORE treatment — once the hammam starts at 2 PM, no re-entry. Bring swimsuit; towel/robe/slippers provided. [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 PM

### 🧘 Spa — Les Bains de Marrakech "Signature 3" 3-hr couples CONFIRMED \$\$\$

Treatment 2:00-5:00 PM. €302 (3,100 MAD) total for 2. Hammam (1h) + Mud wrap (1h) + Massage (1h). NO henna available (vendor confirmed).

#### Cancel = 48 hrs prior, in writing only.

contact@lesbainsdemarrakech.com / WhatsApp +212 651 17 19 10 / Tél +212 524 38 14 28.

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💡 **Plan B:** if Les Bains de Marrakech "Signature 3" 3-hr couples falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

5:00 PM

### 🚗 Transport back to riad — JELLO mode

Petit taxi or 12-min walk. You'll be wrecked in the best way. Hydrate aggressively. [Open in Maps](#)

5:45 PM

### Walk to food tour meeting point

Confirm location with the operator after booking. [Open in Maps](#)

6:00 PM

### Authentic Moroccan Food Tour \$\$

BOOKED — conf BK798268668129230. Evening medina food walk for 2 with local guide. ~3.5 hrs (back ~9:30 PM). [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

**Spa — Le Bain de Kasbah (couples hammam, ~1 hr) ⏰ CONFIRM WITH DANI** (\$\$)

Grab a light breakfast first, then walk down. ~550–750 MAD **per person** per the vendor → likely ~1,100–1,500 MAD (\$110–150) for two; confirm what Dani actually paid. Derb El Hammam, Kasbah, by the Saadian Tombs. +212 668 13 05 77 · lebaindekasbah@gmail.com. ~12–15 min walk or petit taxi.

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11:30 AM

**Saadian Tombs** ↗

Hidden 16th-century royal tombs in the kasbah. 10-min walk from the riad. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

**Djemaa el-Fna by day** ↗

Iconic square. Snake charmers, juice stalls. 10 min walk from Saadian. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 PM

**Mechoui Alley lunch — Chez Lamine Hadj Mustapha** (\$) 

The OG since 1965, just off north side of Djemaa el-Fna. Founder cooked for King Hassan II. **Order:** 250g mechoui (slow-roast lamb pulled from underground wood oven, ~60 MAD/\$6) + tangia marrakchia (clay-pot beef, ~80 MAD). 📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

3:00 PM

**Pool / nap at riad**

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

4:30 PM

**Pickup for Agafay** ↗

Pre-booked. Be ready 30 min before booking time. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 PM

**Agafay Camel Ride + Sunset Dinner + Fire Show** (\$\$)

BOOKED — conf 1388525187. 2 guests. Stony desert 30 min away. Camel ride at sunset, dinner under stars, fire/dance show. ~6 hrs (back ~11 PM). Free refund until Jun 15 5 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:30 PM

**Quick change at riad → Theatro Marrakech** ↗ (\$\$\$)

Es Saadi Resort. Marrakech's #1 club ("top 50 in the world"). Cover ~300 MAD (\$30) incl. 1 drink. Smart elegant dress. 12 min taxi. Open til 5 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 AM

**Or Club 555** (\$\$\$)

If Theatro winding down, head to 555 Famous Club (Bd Mohamed VI, Agdal) — younger crowd, runs til 5 AM.

## Wed Jun 17 · Souks + dinner + clubs (sleep in the car tomorrow)

Recovery morning → souks → dinner → Theatro





- 9:30 AM **Quick breakfast at riad**  
Mint tea + msemmen whenever you surface. Easy recovery morning after Theatro. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 11:00 AM **Free morning — pool or early souks**  
Hammam moved to Tue Jun 16, 10 AM. Ease into the day after Theatro, then head into the souks below. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 12:30 PM **Souks browse — kaftan / pashmina + SPICE CORNER for Dani ↗**  
Souk Semmarine (iron-trellis roof N of Djemaa) → fork RIGHT into Souk Ableuh = the **spice + olive corner**.  
Mountains of multi-colored olives in plastic tubs, preserved lemons, capers, harissa by weight. [MORE](#)  
📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 3:00 PM **Pool / nap at riad**  
Free afternoon (Mon spa replaced this slot). Save energy for tonight — Theatro till 5 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 6:30 PM **Quick change for the night**  
Smart elegant for Theatro. Dani: kaftan or fitted dress. Eddie: dark slacks + button-down. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 8:30 PM **Pre-club dinner — Nomad rooftop OR La Grande Table Marocaine (\$\$\$)**  
Light enough to dance after. La Grande Table is the 1-star option if going big. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 11:30 PM 🎵 **Theatro Marrakech ↗ (\$\$\$)**  
Es Saadi Resort. "Top 50 clubs in the world." Cover ~300 MAD (\$30) incl. 1 drink. Smart elegant dress. 12 min taxi. Open til 5 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 2:00 AM **Or Club 555 (Agdal) (\$\$\$)**  
If Theatro winding down. Younger crowd, runs til 5 AM.
- 5:00 AM **Cab back to riad, crash**  
Sleep til 11 AM. Brunch. 12:30 PM transfer = sleep 3 more hrs in the car. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

## Thu Jun 18 · Lazy morning + transfer

Sleep in the car · 3-hr drive

- 11:00 AM **Late wakeup + slow brunch**  
Pack while the coffee brews. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 12:30 PM **Check out + private car to Essaouira**  
Pre-booked. ~3 hrs. Stops for argan oil cooperative + tea. SLEEP in the car. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 3:30 PM **Arrive Essaouira**  
Continue to Riad Emotion. Easy first afternoon. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

## BEFORE YOU GO

- **Sleep-in logic:** after late nights, start mornings later; no full day blocks. Plane sleep counts as recovery credit.
- **Hammams (final plan): Mon Jun 15** — Les Bains de Marrakech "Signature 3" 3-hr couples  confirmed €302 total, hammam + mud wrap + massage. **Tue Jun 16, 10 AM** — Le Bain de Kasbah 1-hr local-style · +212 668 13 05 77 · lebaindekasbah@gmail.com · Derb El Hammam, Kasbah (by Saadian Tombs).  Confirm with Dani what was actually paid. NO transport from either, walk or petit taxi. NO henna at Les Bains.
- **Booked tours:** Authentic Moroccan Food Tour (Sun night), Agafay Camel + Dinner + Fire Show (Mon night).
- **Bath houses / spa:** 2 hammam visits planned — Mon afternoon (Les Bains) + Tue morning (Le Bain de Kasbah). Couples treatment recommended.
- **Skipped:** Jardin Majorelle, Koutoubia Mosque, Atlas Mountains day trip, O'Mulligan Irish Pub.
- Drink lots of water — Morocco gets to 95°F+. Always carry a bottle.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in around the souks / post-hammam windows):**
  - **Le Jardin Secret**  — Rue Mouassine 121, 8 min walk from Djemaa el-Fna. A 400-year-old riad-garden buried in the medina, restored 2016, two distinct courtyards (Exotic + Islamic) with channels of water + orange trees + a climbable tower for medina rooftop views. 80 MAD, daily 9:30-6. **Way calmer + more photogenic than Majorelle** (since Eddie's no on Majorelle, this is the substitute). Café inside.
  - **Maison de la Photographie**  — 46 Rue Souk Ahal Fassi, behind the Madrasa Ben Youssef. 3-floor riad displaying 4,500 vintage Moroccan photos (1870-1950) — Berber women, oasis caravans, Casablanca port at dawn. ROOFTOP CAFÉ has the best view in the medina + mint tea + couscous, 60 MAD entry. Daily 9:30-7. Tiny + barely on tourist radar.
  - **Topolina vintage / Norya Ayron / Max & Jan**  — souk fashion trio. Topolina (Rue Riad Zitoun el Kdim, near Bahia) = French-Moroccan vintage caftans + curated 1970s pieces, 800-2,500 MAD. Max & Jan (Rue Amesfah 14, Mouassine) = Belgian-Moroccan design house, mod kaftans + concept-store everything. Both insider's-Marrakech, almost no tour groups. Open daily 10-7.
  - **Henna by Mehdi (Henna Café)**  — 93 Arset Aouzal Rd, 6 min walk from Djemaa. Real plant henna by appointed artists (not the toxic black "henna" tout traps), set prices listed on a board, designs ~150-400 MAD, profits fund local literacy school. Daily 10-7 + reservations welcome. **The Dani-friendly henna play** — no scams.
-  **Sensual / couples extras (slot in opportunistically):**
  - **Royal Mansour — La Table rooftop cocktail + spa-courtyard peek**  · Rue Abou Abbas El Sebti, Hivernage. The most expensive hotel in Africa (HM the King's own — 53 private riads, gold-leaf hallways). You don't need to stay — just **book a 6 PM aperitivo** at La Table or the cigar bar. Cocktails 200-280 MAD (\$22-30); entry gets you the underground service-city hallways + silver-tiled spa courtyard (full day-pass to the spa pool 350 MAD/\$38, no treatment required). Smart elegant. **Why couple:** Marrakech's dress-up moment, the silver hammam-courtyard alone is the photo. **Slot:** Wed Jun 17 7 PM, then pre-club dinner, then Theatro.
  - **Selman Marrakech — Arabian horses golden hour + cocktail**  · Km 5, Route d'Amizmiz (15 min cab S of medina). Jacques Garcia-designed boutique hotel with a private stable of 12 pure-blood Arabian stallions visible through a glass wall from the pool bar. Book **"Horse + Apéro"**: stable-master shows you the horses at 6:30 PM golden hour (no riding), then poolside cocktails under olive trees. **~800 MAD (\$85) for two** incl. drinks. Email [hospitality@selman-marrakech.com](mailto:hospitality@selman-marrakech.com) or +212 524 459 600. Garcia velvet + Arabian horses + Atlas backdrop. **Slot:** Mon Jun 15 — push the food tour to ~7:30 PM start, do Selman 5:30-7 PM right after Les Bains.

- **Le Jardin Secret — private after-hours hammam ↗** · Rue Mouassine 121, medina. The 17th-c restored riad-garden is tourist-during-day, but they run an evening "Privatisé" couples hammam in the basement: black-soap gommage + ghassoul wrap + double massage + tea on the moonlit roof, just the two of you in the entire palace 8-10 PM. **~1,800 MAD (\$195) for two, 2 hrs.** Book 48h ahead via [info@lejardinsecretmarrakech.com](mailto:info@lejardinsecretmarrakech.com) or +212 524 39 00 40. **Why couple:** Les Bains is day-spa, this is night-spa — and you get a 17th-c riad to yourselves. Slot: Wed Jun 17 evening (instead of pre-club dinner — combine spa + dinner-at-Nomad into one move, then Teatro).
- **Henna Café — private courtyard appointment (already noted, expand) ↗** · skip the Djemaa tous entirely. Book the **"Bridal Henna for 2"**: 60-90 min upstairs courtyard, both arms/hands for Dani + a token line for Eddie, mint tea + msemmen, ~400 MAD (\$45) for two. Eddie's "hours-long henna sit" wishlist item — done properly.
- **Riad Yima café + Hassan Hajjaj boutique ↗** — Derb Aârojane 52, near the Mellah. The Moroccan pop artist's actual atelier — recycled-can lampshades, tin-frame portraits, kaftan capsule lines, ~200-2,000 MAD. The café itself is the photo: zellij + technicolor cushions + Hajjaj's signature aesthetic. Daily 10-6. Mint tea ~30 MAD.
- 📄 **Time Out Marrakech — Best Restaurants:** <https://www.timeout.com/marrakech/restaurants/best-restaurants-in-marrakech> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.