

FES

Fes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded in the 9th century and is home to the oldest university in the world, built in 1350. Fez reached its height in the 13th-14th centuries under the Merinids, when it replaced Marrakech as the capital of the kingdom. Although the political capital of Morocco was transferred to Rabat in 1912, Fes has retained its status as the country's cultural and spiritual centre.

Narrow cobbled streets are filled with ancient mosques and towering green-glazed minarets. Places of interest to visit in Fes include the Medersa el-Attarine (Koranic University), Foundouk Nejjarine, and the shrine of Moulay Idriss II, You can also explore the Dar Batha Museum, the recently restored Ibn Danan Synagogue and the impressive gates of the Royal Palace.

Fes also provides an excellent base from which to explore Meknes and the Roman ruins at Volubis, a day trip from Fes.

To enjoy the hidden delights of this city, a licensed guide is recommended.



Nearby - Meknes and Volubis

