



# Car rental Fes — imperial city & FEZ airport

Fes rewards walkers in the medina and drivers for day trips to Meknes or Ifrane. RentCars.Casa: a practical hub for international travellers with a rental car.



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Park outside the old medina walls and explore on foot. Your rental car is ideal for Volubilis, Meknes and the Middle Atlas cedar forests. The tanneries and dyeing workshops in the northern part of the medina are still working businesses, not museum pieces, and the smell is exactly as famous as the views — most terraces nearby will hand you a sprig of mint on the way up.

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## City guide

- Fes el-Bali viewpoints
- Bou Inania Madrasa
- Nejjarine Museum of Wood Arts & Crafts
- Volubilis
- Ifrane day trip

Saïss Airport (FEZ) meet available. Narrow medina lanes — hotel delivery is convenient. Fes traffic is heavier than Meknes or Rabat, so build in more time if you're combining a city-centre stop with an airport run. Book via RentCars.Casa to lock your preferred car.

## Highlights



### Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque & University

Founded in 859, Al-Qarawiyyin is recognised as one of the oldest continuously operating universities in the world. The mosque and library are not open to non-Muslim visitors inside, but the surrounding lanes of the medina give a real sense of its scale and importance to the old city.

It sits deep inside Fes el Bali, so plan to walk in from a medina gate rather than trying to drive close to it.



### Fes el Bali (Old Medina)

The largest car-free urban area in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site — a dense maze of tanneries, workshops, souks and centuries-old houses. It rewards slow wandering more than any fixed itinerary, though a local guide for the first hour or two helps with orientation.

Leave the car at a guarded lot near one of the main gates (Bab Boujloud is the most common starting point) and continue on foot — no vehicles can enter the medina itself.

## Things to do

### Guided medina walk — tanneries & souks

Chouara Tannery, Al-Qarawiyyin, Bab Bou Jeloud — best arranged through your riad host

## Where to eat

### Café Clock

Moroccan & international in the medina — famous camel burger

### La Maison Bleue

One of Fes' oldest traditional restaurants — couscous, pastilla, zellij interior

## Riads & places to stay

### Riad Fes

Luxury guesthouse in the medina — stained glass, carved cedar doors

### Dar Bensouda

Rooftop terrace & pool, 5 min walk from the souks

## Good to know

### A little history

Founded in the 9th century, Fes is home to the University of Al-Qarawiyyin (859 AD), widely recognised as one of the oldest continuously operating universities in the world. Fes el Bali, its old walled medina, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest car-free urban areas anywhere.

### Local customs

- Dress modestly, especially at religious sites and in more traditional neighbourhoods.
- Ask before photographing people directly, especially women.
- Hagglng is expected in souks and markets; fixed-price shops and restaurants are not negotiable.
- A tip of around 10% is customary at restaurants; small tips for guides and porters are appreciated.
- Friday is the main day of prayer — some businesses close or reduce hours around midday.
- During Ramadan, avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public during daylight hours out of respect.
- Alcohol is available at licensed hotels, bars and some restaurants, but not sold everywhere — public intoxication is frowned upon.
- Driving is on the right; seatbelts are mandatory, and traffic already in a roundabout generally has priority.



## Emergency information

- **Police: 19** (from any phone)
- **Gendarmerie Royale (rural areas / highways): 177**
- **Fire & ambulance (Protection Civile): 15**
- **Highway emergency (Autoroutes du Maroc): 5050**

For anything involving the rental car itself — breakdown, accident, or any question at all — call or WhatsApp us directly first; we're reachable and can usually help faster than a general hotline. Keep your embassy or consulate's contact details with you separately; Moroccan emergency operators may not speak English.

- **Clinic Rachid** — Private clinic · +212 535 64 01 23

Embassy & consulate phone numbers for Rabat are on the next page. Need a hospital, clinic, translator or other useful address? See our full, growing directory (<https://rentcars.casa/en/guide/>).

## Embassies & consulates in Rabat

Phone numbers only, most missions are based in Rabat. Numbers can change — if unreachable, ask your hotel or local police for help.

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