

Morocco North Africa

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Grave and complex of Shaykh Abu al-'Abbās al-Sabti (RH)

خريح سيكى أبو العباس السبنني

The Mausoleum of Sidi Bel Abbes Sebti

This was the righteous Saint Bel Abbes Ahmad Ben Jaafar Al-Khazraji by descent. He was born in Ceuta in 544 Ah /1129 Ad, and died in Marrakesh in 601 Ah / January 26,1204/Ad. As an orphan, his mother referred him to a weaver to acquire the craft. Not interested, he sought knowledge passionately in koranic schools. He was known for his seclusion of 40 years, his eloquence as well as his ability to convince, and his inclination to benevolence. He sheltered strangers, fed the poor during famine and crisis, secured trade routes and helped anyone in need. He was rightfully considered as one of the valiant seven saints of Marrakech.





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Grave of Shaykh Yūsuf ibn 'Ali as-Sanhāji (RH)

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The Mausoleum of Sidi Youssef Ben Ali Senhaji

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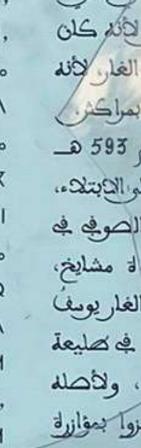
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Abou Yacoub Youssef Ben Ali Senhaji, Yemeni originally came from the Himyar tribe, was nicknamed "Al-Moubtala" because he was afflicted with leprosy. He was also called the caveman as he always sheltered in a cave outside Bab Aghmat in Marrakesh. He was buried in this cave following his death in 593 AH 1196 AD. He was an example of patience for affliction and sincerity at work. He Followed the Sufi approach in science and «Figh», and trained a large number of Sheikhs, and was praised in a poem: «Among them is Abou Yacoub Dhul-Ghar (caveman) Youssef ... To whom hands palms and fingers are pointing». He counts as one of the seven saints because of his patience and also his Yemeni origin, in honor of the people of Yemen who were known for their support of the Prophet and their abutment of Islam.





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Grave and complex of Shaykh Abū Muhammad 'Abdullāh al-Ghazwāni (RH)

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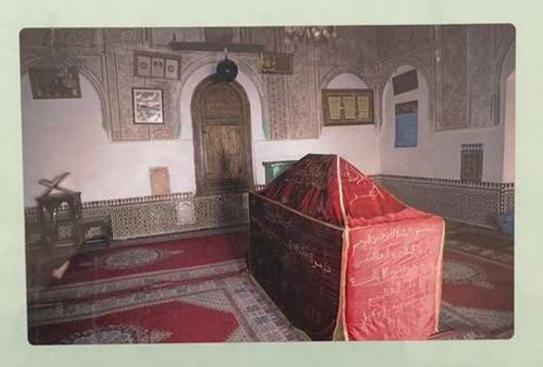
The Mausoleum of Sidi Abu Mohamed Abdellah El Ghazouani Moul El Ksour (Owner of palaces)

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Mohamed Abdellah Ben Ajjal Abou El Ghazouani in reference to his tribe Ghazouan. Born in the middle of the ninth century AH/ fifteenth century AD and educated in Fez, El-Ghazouani's mystical tendencies emerged and were later fueled by Sheikh Tebbaa in Marrakesh, who advised him to found his own Zaouïa. Many disciples joined in, learned from him and reported his many virtues like depth of vision and abundance of writings characterized by depth analysis as in his book "Al Noqta AL Azalia Fi sir Addat Al-Mohamadia". He was famous for saving the people of Marrakesh from the siege; hence, he was chosen as one of its seven saints. El Ghazouani died in 935 AH/1528 AD, and was buried in his own Zaouïa in "Houmt El ksour".









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Grave and complex of Shaykh 'Abd al-Azīz al-Tabbā' (RH)

خريح سيكى عبك العزيز التبلع

The Mausoleum of Sidi Abou Faris Abdelaziz Tebbaa

He grew up in Derb Ben Hareb in Marrakech where the notables of the city dwelt in in the middle of the ninth century AH. He ranked high among his contemporaries in science, knowledge and honesty. He was blessed by Sheikh Al Jazouli who nominated him the heir of his secret, and his successor favouring him over older and more experienced people. He had many titles including Alharrar (silker) in reference to his family's manufacture and trade in silk. He was also called Sheikh Al-Kamel, who thought to be an inspiration for those who saw him. Another title he had was «Moul Tabaa» meaning that his disciples could not access the ranks they hoped for without his approval and recommendation. He died in Marrakesh in 914 AH/1508 AD and his honorable legacy qualified him to be one of the seven saints of the city.





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Kutubiyya Masjid - Marrakesh

According to some sources the Masjid was founded in 1147 and was rebuilt, entirely, around 1158, finalising the construction of the minaret around 1195. This second Masjid is the structure that stands today. Kutubiyya Masjid is over 800 years old.





Madrasah Ibn Yūsuf



Unfortunately the Madrasah is now a tourist site.



About the madrasa

The Ibn Yusuf Madrasa was built by Sultan Abdullah Al-Ghaleb Assaadi between the years 1564 and 1565, and for four centuries, it remained a stronghold for scholars and a destination for knowledge-thirsty students in various fields, particularly in religious sciences.

The madrasa has 136 rooms spread across its ground floor and upper floor, a prayer hall, a courtyard, and an ablution room. It is an architectural masterpiece of extreme beauty that chronicles the original art of Moroccan architecture and showcases a rich artistic repertoire with diverse motifs, vibrant colors, and joyful forms born out of Moroccan creativity.

This madrasa has been restored, thanks to the great care of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, the Commander of the Faithful, may God assist him, by specialists in sciences, history, archaeology, engineering, and traditional craftsmen (maallams) who excelled in rehabilitating the madrasa using inherited techniques.

The Ibn Yusuf Madrasa is considered a historical treasure and a testament to the genius of our ancestors in architecture and decoration during its founding era. Its architectural construction and aesthetic creativity reflect the founders' high regard for the pursuit of knowledge for which it was built, their concern for learning conditions, and the comfort of the students for whom this madrasa was constructed and endowed as an inalienable endowment property to live in architectural atmospheres where everything exudes prestige, beauty, and majesty.

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Badii Palace



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Coins in Badii Palace



Ja'far ibn ldrīs, Silver dirham from 225H, 1.23g, 20mm

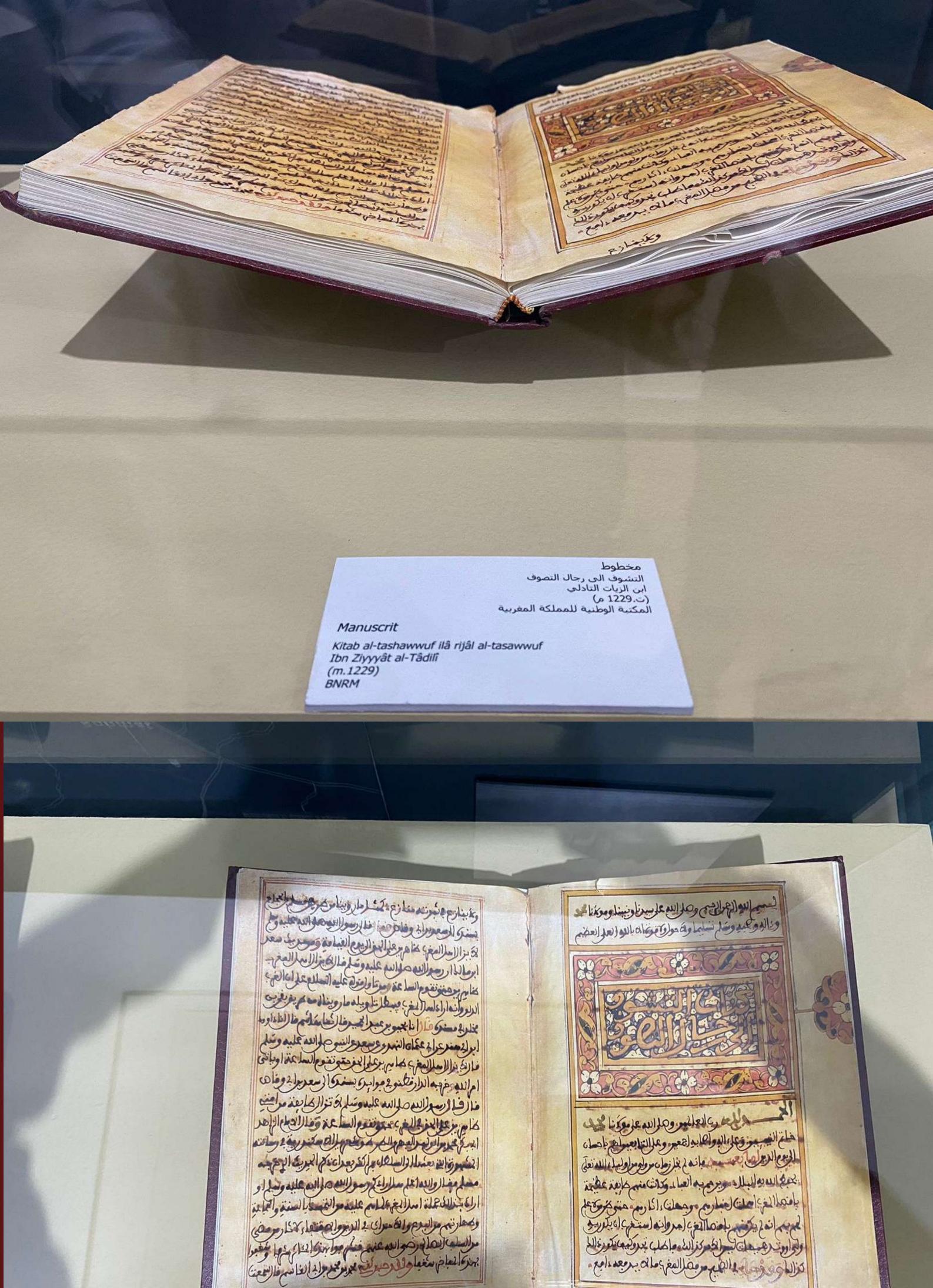
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Manuscript of Al-Tashawwuf ilā rijāl at-tasawwuf in Badii Palace

lbn al-Zayyāt al-Tādili (ابن الزيات التادلي) was a Sufi, influential jurist and hagiographer from Morocco.

He is the biographer of many Sufi
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the At-Tashawwuf ilā rijāl attasawwuf (Looking upon the men of
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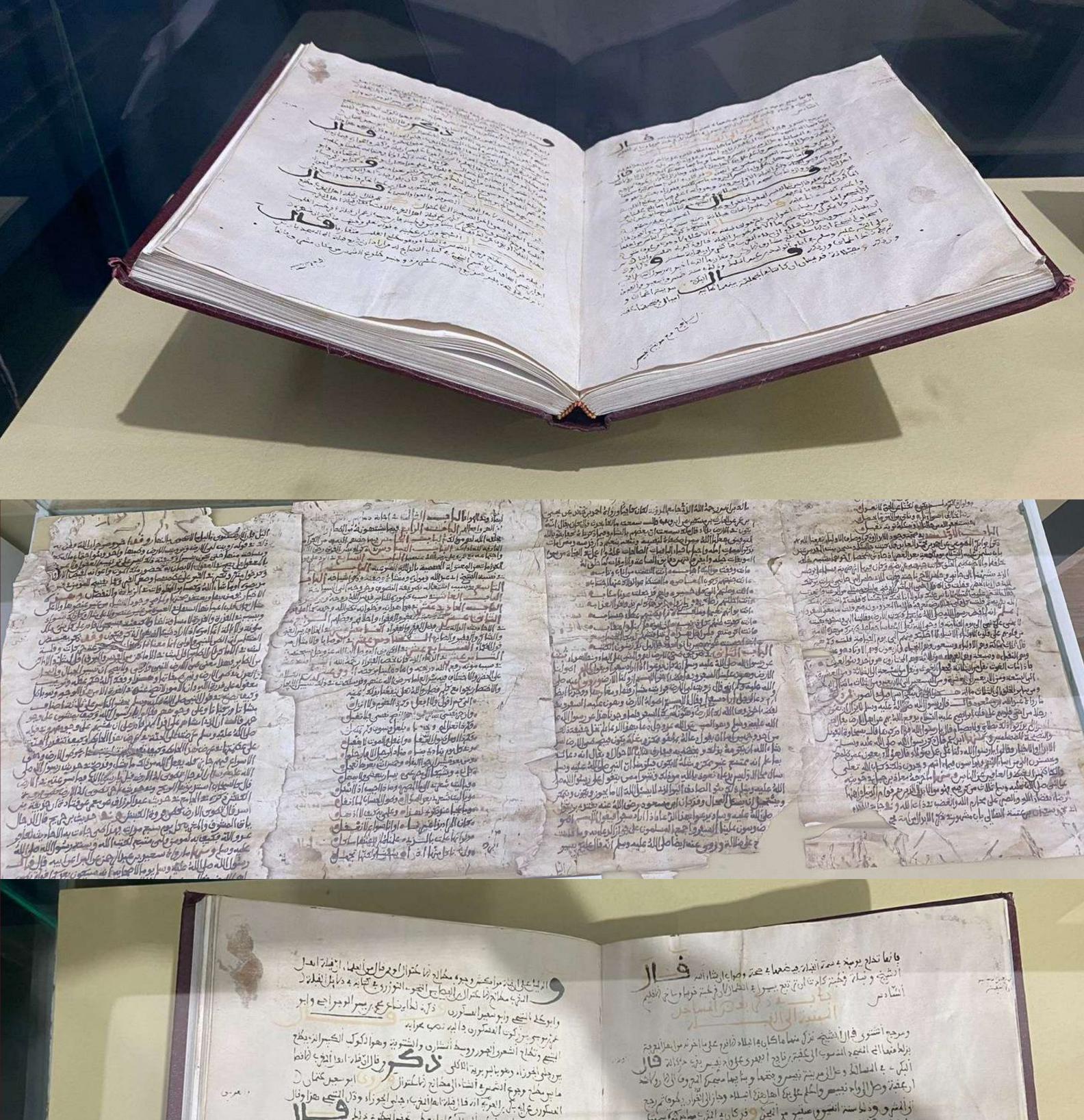


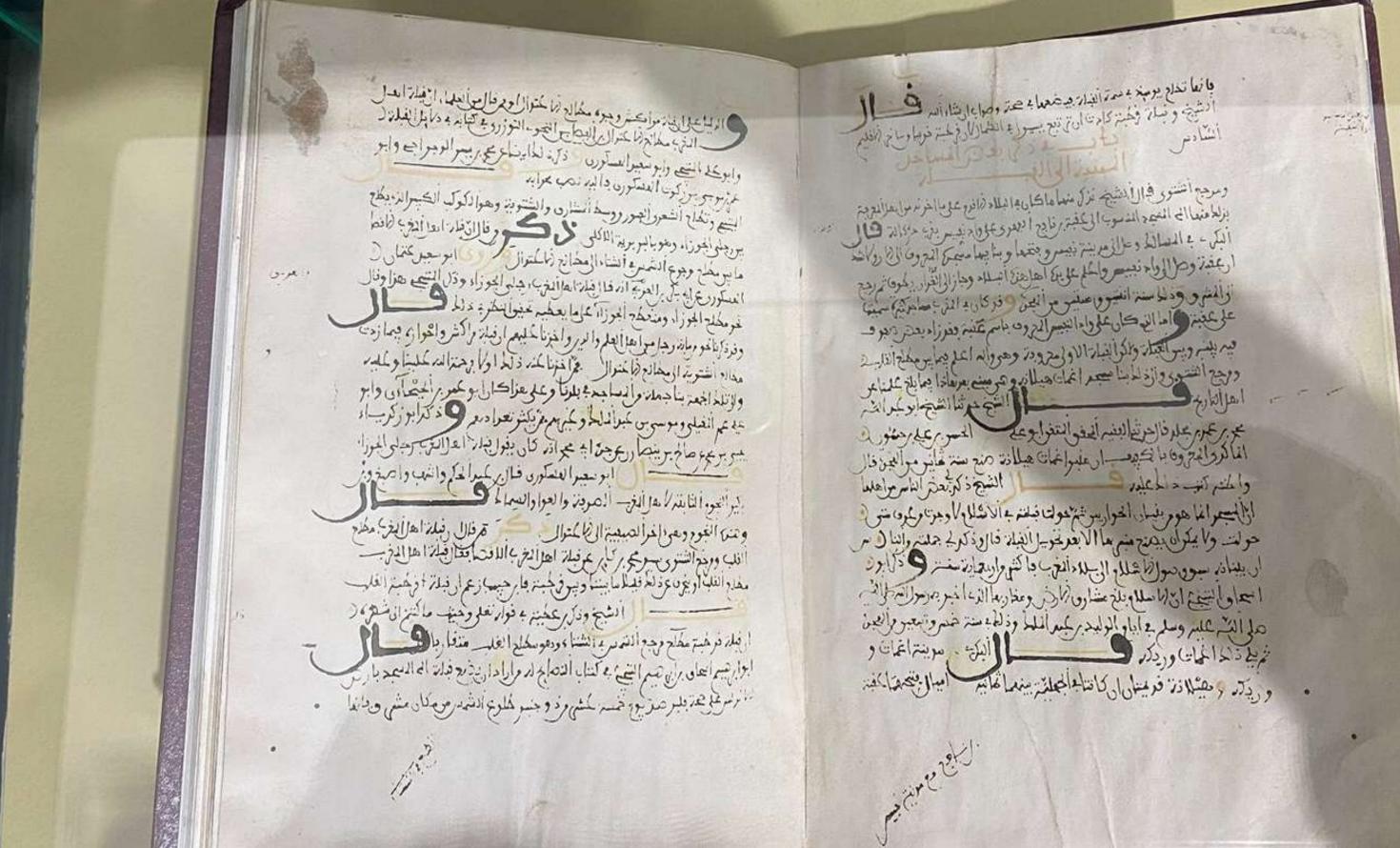
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More manuscripts in Badii Palace



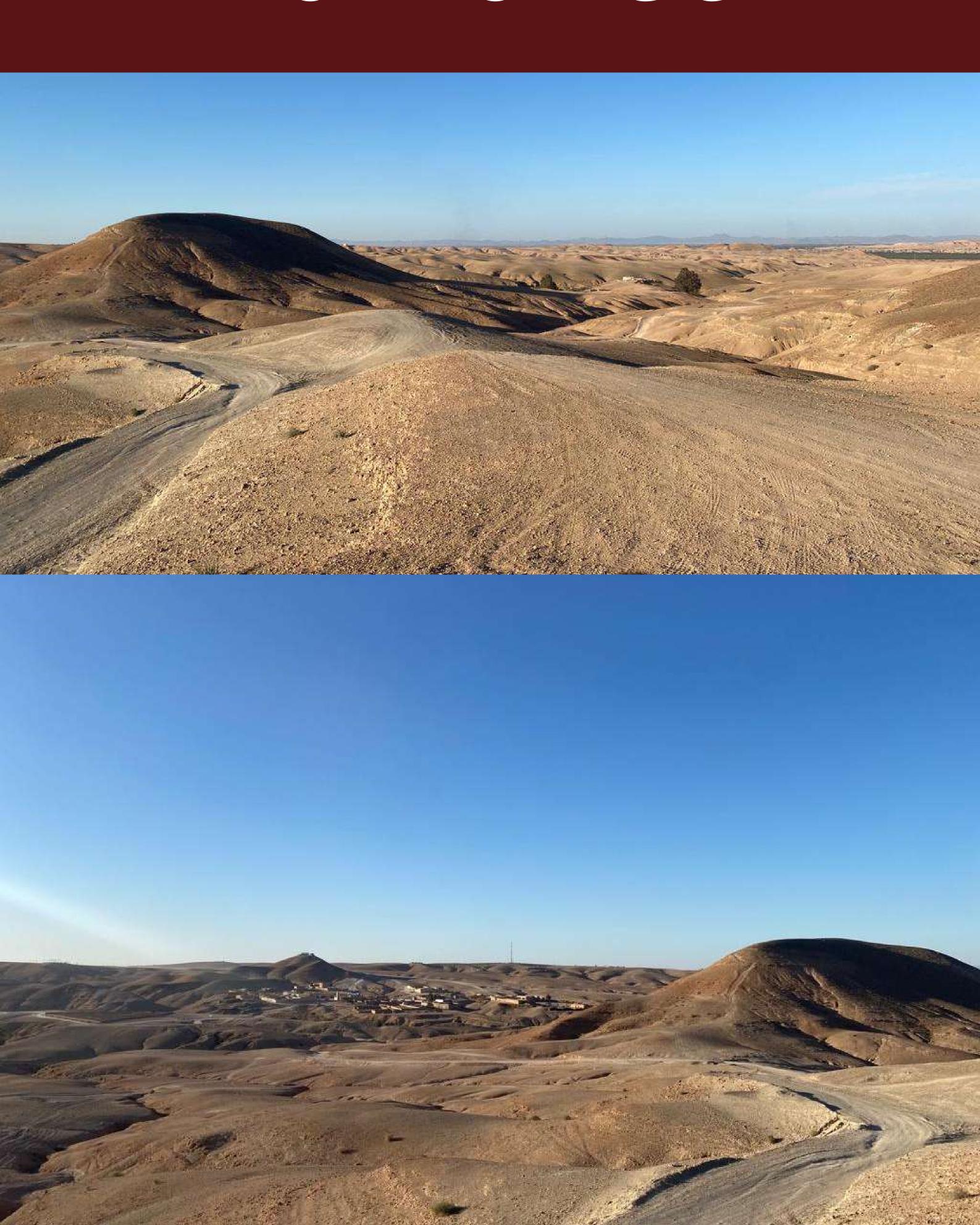






The first Minbar of the Kutubiyya Masjid in Badii Palace was crafted in Cordoba, Spain (al-Andalus at the time), in the early 12th century.

Marrakech





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On our way to Casablanca, Morocco, we saw Masājid at every service station, fully segregated for men and women.



We saw many olive trees on our way to Casablanca



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