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Tangier

Things to Do Tips

St Andrews Church

Source: Tangier Things to Do by freya_heaven; Feb 11, 2004

Description: Very related to the above tip about Michael Palin. St Andrews is a 19th century Anglican church in the heart of Tangier. Expat congregation numbers are very small, down to 15 or so. But the church is livened up at the 11am Sunday service when many people from the sub-Saharan countries come along. Apparently its a constant stream of people coming in and out throughout the service, with the sound of ringing mobile phones being common place. One of the more unusual features of St Andrews is the Lords Prayer written in Arabic on an archway behind the Altar. (It can be seen in the background, lit up in the photo). Mustapha, featured in the photo is available to give you a tour of the church. Have to admit I am not a religious person myself, but St Andrews is a familiar haven in a very foreign city, and a lovely break from the hustle & bustle of Tangier

Address: Rue d'Angleterre

Directions: Just south of the Grand Socco

Riding the camels

Source: Tangier Things to Do by mvtouring; Aug 3, 2004

Description: They smell poorly, not sure why anyone would ever fall in love with them. They have buck teeth, they are built funny, but we had fun. We decided that we had to ride a camel just to experience it, and I can tell you it is a weird sensation when the thing tries to get up, you feel like you are going to fall off and once it is up, it ishigh!

The Kasbah

Source: Tangier Things to Do by raabenb; Dec 4, 2004

Description: The Kasbah in Tangier is an amazing place. It has so much to offer, from great food to great bargains on pottery, jewelry, and spices. Try not to get lost because there are many tiny alley ways all throughout.

Address: Tangier, Morocco

Directions: Ask anybody who knows English and they will tell you how to get there. I suggest going on a guided tour.

The Grand Socco

Source: Tangier Things to Do by dlytle; Nov 2, 2003

Description: The word socco is the Spanish version of souk, or market, which has stuck to this square in the heart of Tangier because of its Spanish heritage. The Grand Socco is located northeast of the medina. The square is, however, no longer a marketplace, but rather a city crossroads, fronted by cafes, outside the walled in, old part of the city. The Grand Socco really is the heart of Tangier and a good place to start a tour since it is also the point where the modern city's streets are forced to continue into the narrow streets of the old city. This area was once full of snake charmers, musicians and storytellers while today it is a meeting place and a transportation junction, principally for taxis. It is an interesting spot to spend time watching the passing parade of people including the Rif women in their colorful traditional costume. The rattle and hum of the Grand Socco has entranced all who watched" .. from morning to evening, the vendors, the customers and the plain curious milling around in sun and wind among the hundred colors of canopy and thousand tongues at work..." It was in this square, on April 9th 1947, that sultan Mohammed V made a famous speech in which he referred to independence for Morocco. In a place where life styles and house styles mix as much as at the Grand Socco, it only feels natural that the old gate to the old city is flanked by modern Western-style houses.

Visit the Museum of Moroccan Art

Source: Tangier Things to Do by seagoingJLW; Sep 11, 2002

Description: There are so many wonderful things to see here. There are mosaic tiles, jewelry, carpets, ceramics, copper and brass, and leather. Even Moroccan rooms are on display. The museum is housed in the Prince's apartments of the Dar el Makhzen, once the Governor's Palace. It was built in the seventeenth century and is laid out around a patio.

Address: Dar el Makhzen, Place de la Kasbah

Directions: In the Casbah

Phone: (212 9) 93 20 97

Tangiers's Kasbah - see two continents at once!

Source: Tangier Things to Do by dlytle; Oct 27, 2003

Description: Tangiers Kasbah is built on the highest point of the city. Its gate opens on to a large open courtyard that leads to Dar el Makhzen, the 17th century former Sultan's palace that now serves as a museum. The building boasts some beautifully carved wooden ceilings and a marble courtyard. There is also a museum devoted to Moroccan arts and archeology. From the open courtyard you have one of the best views of the world since the Kasbah is standing on the top of the hill on which Tangier is built. There aren't many places where you can see two continents at once. It has an incredible view across the Straits of Gibraltar to Spain. This definitely rates as a major attraction of Tangier. The road all the way up from the harbor to the hill top is steep and colorful.

The Petit Socco

Source: Tangier Things to Do by dlytle; Nov 2, 2003

Description: Located in the heart of the Medina, this little square is one of the most picturesque sites in Tangier. The noisy bustling crowd in multi-colored clothing really contrasts with those who have time to idle away over a cup of mint tea at the terraces of the cafes. This is an interesting place to have a cup of mint tea and ponder on this busy little square's colorful but sleazy atmosphere. It's not hard to imagine artists such as William Burroughs, Jean Genet and Jack Kerouac sipping their tea and dreaming up their fictional worlds. Also, the Petit Socco - where cafes and hotels crowd around - is as good a spot as any to have a meal. Although it's a Muslim country, alcohol is served in quite a few places in Tangier. Actually the manufacture of beer and spirits was one of its industries so it shouldn't be hard to have a beer with your lunch. For your meal, try the Moroccan national dish, tagine (pronounced tah-JEEN), a kind of stew named for the pot in which it's cooked, and whose ingredients vary greatly from place to place. With couscous, a grain-like pasta, and mint tea - the other Moroccan staple - it hits the spot. If you want a bit more refined repast, order up the pastilla, flaky pastry stuffed with pigeon and almonds. Moroccan food is unique and flavorful, and worth investigating.

The Beach

Source: Tangier Things to Do by realde14; Aug 12, 2003

Description: Tangier's Beach does not rank among the best in Morocco and it is too crowded. However, in the forties and fifties it used to be ranked alongside Miami Beach and Rio Copacabana as one of the most fashionable beach locations in the world.

~ Gate To the Kasbah ~

Source: Tangier Things to Do by Carnation; Feb 25, 2003

Description: Walk on in The Kasbah fronts the former sultanate palace, which has been converted into a museum. The Kasbah was earlier last century one of the most attractive areas of Tangier, but it's lost quite a bit of its old attractions. It is dominated by its fortifications which are in quite good condition.

Dar el Makhzen

Source: Tangier Things to Do by Carmela71; Aug 19, 2005

Description: This museum sited at Kasbah square used to be the palace of the sultan, but now offers to the people that find it and want to pay the 1 euro (10 dirhams) lots of ancient discoveries since the Neolithic times of Morocco. It deserves not only because of that, also it is nice to see the carved ceilings and the gardens.

American Legation - not just for Americans.

Source: Tangier Things to Do by Urban_Kitten; Jan 5, 2004

Description: Granted, I'm not American and 99% of my friends aren't either - but I'm still amazed that not one of my friends who have visited Morocco has visited the American Legation in Tangier. A working legation from 1821 until 1956, it is now a museum and serves to illustrate through art, furniture, maps (by Mercator), carpets, letters & objets d'art the history of the relationship between the United States and Morocco (Morocco being one of the first countries to recognize the US as an independent country), as well as Tangerine history. For WWII buffs, the Allied Forces planned part of their 1942 North African landings in these rooms. Of special interest to me was its museum-within-a-museum: the Paul Bowles Museum. As an ardent Bowles' admirer, I visited the Legation primarily to experience the spirit of the man who wrote, among other works, *The Sheltering Sky* - to touch his steamer trunks & sit in his chair. Admission is free. Guided tours are available.

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Directions: Old Medina

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