



ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on 20th Century Heritage Annual Meeting, Morocco 11-13 October 2019





ABOUT SIDI HARAZEM

Sidi Harazem Thermal Station (SHTS) complex was designed in the 1960's by Jean-François Zevaco, a French-Moroccan architect of Corsican descent. It is not only an extraordinary architectural project, emblematic of Moroccan post-colonial, situated modernism that aimed to root modernist ideals within the country's geographic and social contexts, but also a civic tour de force, imbued with a highly poetic series of public spaces. These public spaces, organized around a large courtyard, are significant for Moroccans as the Sidi Harazem's water is considered to hold holy and healing powers and is treasured among Morocco's oldest and most visited springs.

Built and continuously owned by the same government organization, the Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion, the SHTS has undergone a series of changes that have undermined both its architecture and functionality: the closure, and subsequent weather damage, of several its buildings, the inadequate rehabilitation of its hotel, and an ad hoc addition in front of its pool entrance.

In July 2017 Aziza Chaouni, supported by a Keeping It Modern Grant, started the conservation management plan (CMP) of Sidi Harazem. Its goal is to prepare a detailed phasing rehabilitation plan for the entire station while sharing with both Moroccan professionals and the general public the importance of their post-independence modernist heritage through the showcasing and dissemination of the SHTS' history, architectural significance and CMP.



Dinner at Nur - Image courtesy of nur.ma/



Le Jardin des Biehn - Image courtesy of Sembo.com

NUR RESTAURANT, FES.

We are fortunate to have secured a booking at the award winning restaurant of internationally renowned Moroccan chef Najat Kaanache (Moroccan Restaurant of the year 2017) on Friday 11th October for the ISC20C Annual Dinner. Nur is housed in a dar (traditional house) in the centre of the Fes medina.

This is a fine-dining experience of around 10 courses that are improvised, depending on what is sourced in the medina each day. Wine is available. Nur and Sidi Harazem are investigating opportunities for collaborative ventures to use the water gardens for gourmet produce.

<https://www.nur.ma/>

Note: The dinner at Nur is an optional additional cost.

FES

The medina of Fez was world heritage listed in 1981. Founded in the 9th century and home to the oldest university in the world, Fez reached its height in the 13th–14th centuries under the Marinids, when it replaced Marrakesh as the capital of the kingdom. The urban fabric and the principal monuments in the medina – madrasas, fondouks, palaces, residences, mosques and fountains - date from this period.

Although the political capital of Morocco was transferred to Rabat in 1912, Fez has retained its status as the country's cultural and spiritual centre. The medina is entirely pedestrianized (with donkey carts for deliveries) so good walking shoes and a local guide will be essential. We will have booked for a relaxing lunch of local food at the Fes café in Le jardin des Biehn the summer palace of a Pacha, hidden in a magnificent Andalusian garden within the medina.

<https://www.jardindesbiehn.com/riad>

Note: Lunch at Cafe Fes, Le Jardin des Biehn is included in the meeting registration fee.

RABAT

Rabat was world heritage listed in 2012, as “the product of a fertile exchange between the Arabo-Muslim past and Western modernism. The inscribed city encompasses the new town conceived and built under the French Protectorate from 1912 to the 1930s, including royal and administrative areas, residential and commercial developments and the Jardins d’Essais botanical and pleasure gardens....[and] older parts of the city dating back to the 12th century. The new town is one of the largest and most ambitious modern urban projects built in Africa in the 20th century and probably the most complete”. We will be guided in Rabat by members of ICOMOS Morocco.

ACCOMMODATION

SIDI HARAZEM

Group accommodation for members has been reserved by ISC20C at a discounted rate at the Sidi Harazem Thermal Baths Hotel for the 10 and 11th of October.

Please book and pay directly with the hotel and mention that you are part of the ICOMOS ISC20C in order to secure your accommodation. This will allow you to book at the discounted rate of 350 DH per single room (with breakfast) plus 8 DH communal tax, per person, per night.

RABAT

Please make your own accommodation arrangements in Rabat. Refer to the Useful Links below.

MARRAKESH

Please make your own accommodation arrangements in Marrakesh.

The ICOMOS AGA website is now live and includes accommodation details at <http://icomosmaroc.org/>

TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORTS TO SIDI HARAZEM (10TH OCTOBER)

The closest international airports to Sidi Harazem are Rabat (Salé) and Casablanca (Mohammed V). You need to personally arrange transportation to our meeting at Sidi Harazem. One transport provider is Navette Casablanca, whose costs are as follows:

Casablanca to Sidi Harazem:

1 pax : 178€
2-3 pax : 185€
4-5 pax : 220€

Rabat to Sidi Harazem:

1 pax : 135€
2-3 pax : 150€
4-5 pax : 180€

Please contact Navette Casablanca directly to make your personal transport arrangements and ensure that you explain you are attending the ICOMOS ISC20C meeting.

Contact Navette at info@navettecasablanca.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please ensure you make **appropriate visa** arrangements for Morocco.

Please ensure that you have adequate **travel insurance**.

The meeting and tour are being organized by ISC20C volunteers, for volunteers, please be patient and note that the ISC20C cannot accept any liability.

USEFUL LINKS

ICOMOS Morocco: <http://icomosmaroc.org/>

Information on Marrakesh: <https://visitmarrakech.com/>

Airport Transfers: <https://www.navettecasablanca.com/>

Sidi Harazem Hotel: <https://hotelsidiharazem.com-morocco.com/>

Nur Restaurant: <https://www.nur.ma/>

Le Jardin des Biehn: <https://www.jardindesbiehn.com/fez-cafe-restaurant>

Dar Shaân Riad, Rabat: <http://dar-shaan.com/Riad>

Dar Mayssane Riad, Rabat: <http://www.rabat-riad.com/>

Dar Meftaha Riad, Rabat: <http://riad-meftaha.com/>

Hotel Des Oudaias, Rabat: <https://hoteldesoudaias.com-morocco.com/>

Marrakesh: <http://icomosmaroc.org/accommodation/>

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

ICOMOS ISC20C Annual Meeting, held at the extraordinary Sidi Harazem Thermal Baths Hotel.

Accommodation: Sidi Harazem Thermal Baths Hotel. A group booking for ISC20C has been made in advance. Please book direct with hotel (mention ICOMOS) via email: mbahri_2 mbahri_2@yahoo.fr

08.00-09.00 Sidi Harazem Hotel tour with Aziza Chaouni.

09.00 -12.30 ISC20C Annual Meeting

12.30-13.30 Lunch at Sidi Harazem Thermal Baths Hotel

13.30-18.00 Concrete Conservation Symposium

19.00-22.00 Annual ISC20C Dinner at the spectacular restaurant Nur, Fes (via shared taxi) (NB: additional cost). Please indicate on the registration form if you will have an accompanying guest or guests to dinner at Nur, as it is essential that we book in advance.

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

A tour of World Heritage listed city of Fes followed by lunch at the celebrated Cafe Fes at Le Jardin des Biehn.

Accommodation: Rabat. Please make your own accommodation arrangements. See Useful Links.

09.00-14.00 Guided Tour of Fes World Heritage site with lunch at Le Jardin des Biehn

14.00-17:00 Group bus transfer from Fes to Rabat (approx 2.5-3hrs)

19.00-22.00 ISC20C Dinner hosted by ICOMOS Morocco.

Please indicate on the registration form if you will attend and if you have an accompanying guest(s) at the following:

- Tour of Fes and Lunch at Fes Cafe at Le Jardin des Biehn
- Bus Transfer from Fes to Rabat
- Official Dinner hosted by ICOMOS Morocco in Rabat

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Concrete Work Shop and a tour of the World Heritage listed city of Rabat. For those travelling to the ICOMOS AGA in Marrakesh, there will be a group bus transfer.

Accommodation: Marrakesh. Please make your own accommodation arrangements.

09.00-12.00 INNOVA Concrete Working Group meeting

12.00-16:00 Lunch and Guided Tour of World Heritage listed city of Rabat.

17:00 Bus transfer (for those attending the ICOMOS AGA -approx 3.5-4hrs) from Rabat to Marrakesh.

Please indicate on the registration form if you will attend and if you will have an accompanying guest(s) at the following:

- Tour of Rabat and Lunch in Rabat
- Bus Transfer from Rabat to Marrakesh

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS TO SHERIDAN BURKE
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