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In Arabic, Medina literally means "city." Where we stayed, Fes is a city that consists of two parts: the medina and the new town. The medina is like a treasure chest that reflects its history in its stunning architecture and monuments. During the group tours, I was able to see the architecture from up close. I was amazed by the intricate details of the decorations of the buildings. The inside of a Moroccan household is interesting as well. The standard house consists of a big salon or a main room that has a fountain and wall couches. From the living room rooms are separated in regards to respectfully dividing the space between men and women. Because the main religion is Islam, women are discreet about dressing inappropriately. However, when I went to the Hammam, which is a Moroccan bath house, it was one of the most interesting experiences I've encountered. The bath house is public with three main rooms having different water temperatures. My Moroccan host mom and I went to the middle room where it wasn't too hot. She brought her special traditional soaps and masks. After several soaps and masks an older Moroccan lady came and helped me wash myself. It was very humanistic and I felt a sense of sisterhood between women. People there seemed like their age ranged from 7-year-old girls to older women in their 70s. I was very humbled by the space among fellow women in Morocco. How strong the sense of sisterhood is.