

The Muslim West | Court Life

The military entourage

Equalling and occasionally outdoing the pageantry and refinement of the Eastern courts, the monarchs of the Muslim West surrounded themselves with high-ranking, trusted individuals who, like the sovereigns themselves, were players in the courtly ceremonies befitting their greatness, sovereignty and desire to inspire awe in the people. The chosen few would accompany the sovereign in his public duties, attending official dinners and receptions and assisting with the tasks of government. They were part of the royal entourage when the king travelled, contributing to the admiration he inspired.



Name:
Horse tack

Dynasty:
Late Hegira 13th / AD 19th century Alawid

Details:
Museum of the Udayas
Rabat, Morocco

Justification:
The solemn royal entourage also included high-ranking soldiers, richly adorned and equipped riding expensively harnessed horses.



Name:
Horse bridle

Dynasty:
Hegira late 9th–early 10th century / AD late 15th–early 16th century Nasrid

Details:
The British Museum
London, England, United Kingdom

Justification:
The solemn royal entourage also included high-ranking soldiers, richly adorned and equipped riding expensively harnessed horses.



Name:
Bridle fragment

Dynasty:
Hegira 9th century / AD 15th century Nasrid

Details:
National Archaeological Museum
Madrid, Spain

Justification:
The solemn royal entourage also included high-ranking soldiers, richly adorned and equipped riding expensively harnessed horses.



Name:
Jineta Sword

Dynasty:

Hegira 9th century / AD 15th century Nasrid

Details:

National Archaeological Museum
Madrid, Spain

Justification:

The solemn royal entourage also included high-ranking soldiers, richly adorned and equipped riding expensively harnessed horses.



Name:

Powder container

Dynasty:

Hegira 13th–14th century / AD 19th century Alawid

Details:

Museum of the Udayas
Rabat, Morocco

Justification:

The solemn royal entourage also included high-ranking soldiers, richly adorned and equipped, and riding expensively harnessed horses.
