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mihrab, an empty niche that points the direction to the holy Mecca. It is often decorated with precious colorful ceramics.

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imam, the spiritual guide of Islam, who stands on the **minbar**, a sort of altar next to the *mihrab*, to tell the prayers.

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covered zone, where men pray knelt barefoot on carpets. Women have to pray in a different zone, separated by a different entry too.

MOSQUE MAP

THE MOSQUE

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sahn, *central court*: it welcomes the believers and it gives shelters to beggars. It contains a fountain in the middle, for ablutions, done before the prayers.

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central fountain, where the believers get prepared for their prayers, washing their hands, teeth, arms, head, neck and feet.

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minaret, the great tower from which the **muezzin** calls the believers for the prayer five times a day.