

# AZIZA OTHMANA

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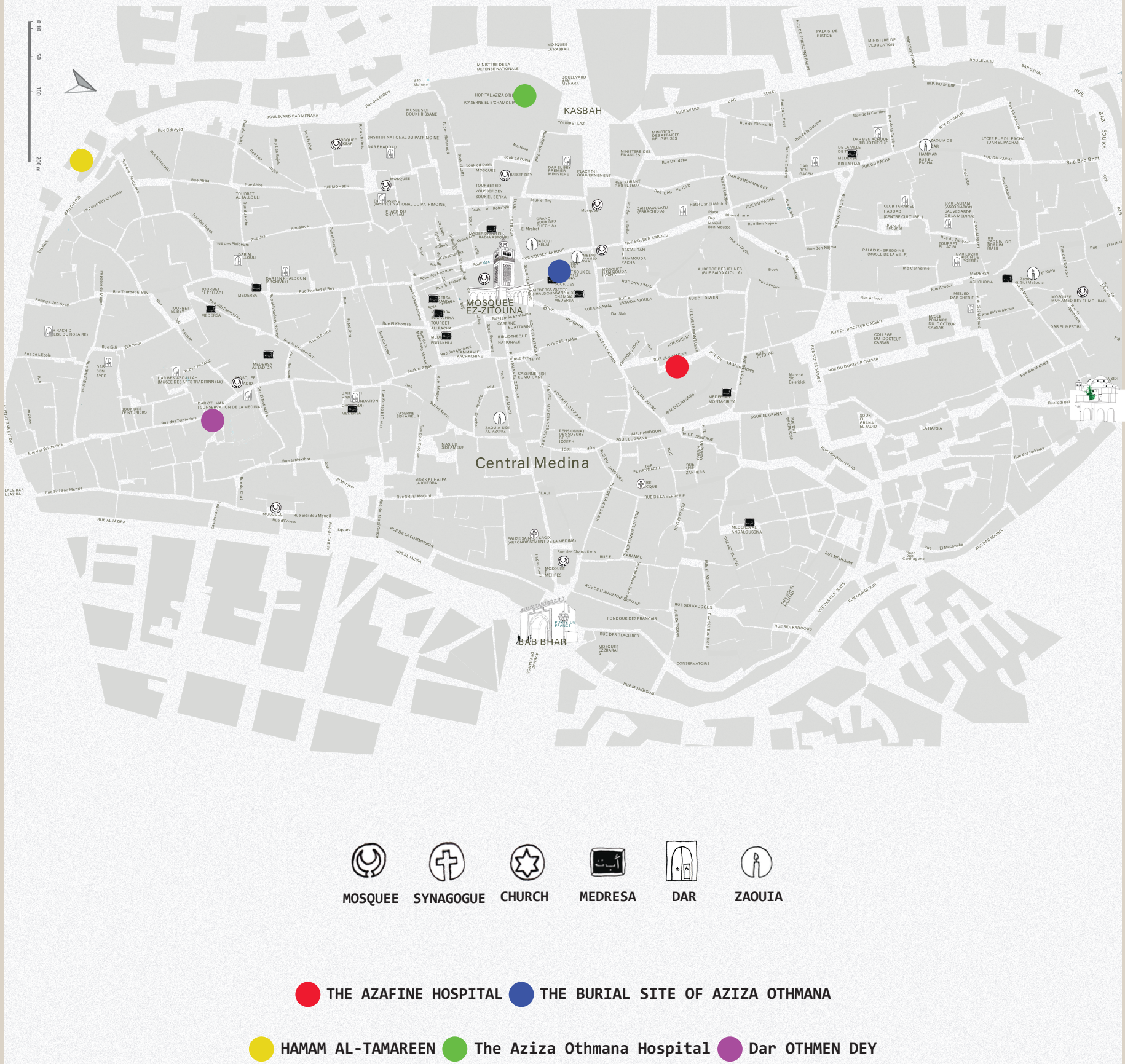


THE AZAFINE HOSPITAL, also known as Azafine Maristan, is the oldest hospital in the city of Tunis, dating back to the Muradid era. It was established in the year 1662 by the order of the Muradid Bey, Hamouda Pasha. This hospital is considered one of the historical medical institutions in Tunisia, with a long history of serving the medical community. Located in the Copper Market, the Azafine Maristan is a part of the medical heritage of Tunisia. Its name is associated with Princess Aziza Othmana, the granddaughter of Othman Dey and the daughter of Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Othman Dey, who, at some point, held a portion of its properties. This later explains the connection of the hospital's name to her.

HAMAM AL-TAMAREEN is an ancient bathhouse located in the city of Tunis, specifical-ly in the Souk Al-Silah (Weapon Market). In the past, Hamam Al-Tamareen served as a hbous of Princess Aziza Othmana. Tunisia takes pride in the diversity of its bathhouses, contributing to its cul-tural and architectural heritage.

THE BURIAL SITE OF AZIZA OTHMANA is locat-ed in the Shamaia Alley but can be accessed from zaouia Sidi Ben Arous. The entrance leads to a rectangular courtyard overlooking the tomb of Aziza Othmana. The tomb is divided into three parts, with the burial place of Aziza Othmana found within it. To the north, there is a room for her servants and funeral family. The main part of the tomb is characterized by intricate decorations made of colored Qallalin ceramics and iron engravings that adorn the entire dome from the inside. In front of the entrance court-yard, there is a wooden wall replacing the stone wall at the bottom of the room, serving as a separation between the burial site of Aziza Othmana and the Sidi Ben Arous zaouia.

## Aziza Othmana: A Tunisian Philanthropic Princess



Dar OTHMEN DEY, In this residence, Aziza was born in the year 1660. She belonged to the Othman family established by Dey Othman, who passed away in 1611. Aziza was his niece and was one of the fortunate women of that period. She received educa-tion in both literary and religious fields, benefiting from all the knowledge available during that time.

The Aziza Othmana Hospital, formerly known as the Sadiqi Hospital, is located today in the Government Square in the Kasbah, between the Prime Ministry and the Ministry of National Defense. It was inaugurated by Mohamed Sadiq Pasha on a historic day, February 12, 1879. However, it was Khayr al-Din Pasha who worked on its establishment and ensured its comple-tion. On April 5, 1996, recognition was restored to this hospital to continue providing health services to the city's residents and to preserve a landmark that immortalizes the name of Aziza Othmana.

AZIZA OTHMANA, also known as Fetima Othmana, was a prominent Tunisian princess from the Mouradites dynasty. Born in 1606 and passing away in 1669, she left an indelible mark on Tunisian history. Aziza is renowned for her philanthropic endeavors. Her contributions extended beyond mere royal titles, showcasing a commitment to the well-being of her people. Despite the limited available infor-mation, Aziza Othmana's legacy per-sists through various historical accounts, underscoring her signifi-cance as an iconic Tunisian figure. The combination of her royal lineage and benevolent actions solidifies her as a symbol of compassion and gener-osity in Tunisian history.