

Riad Mentha

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 12

Overview

A beautifully restored ancient riad in the heart of the Marrakech medina, Mentha is the perfect base for exploring the vibrant, exciting and exotic Marrakech- or if you feel like simply chilling in the sunshine then Mentha has one hell of a roof terrace for you!

Tranquil, flower-filled courtyards lead to simple, luxurious rooms, where every comfort has been considered, from goosedown pillows to a well-stocked honesty bar. Sleeping up to thirteen in six en-suite bedrooms, it's a great party house, particularly as the staff of three will take care of all the logistics for you. Breakfast is provided, with other meals to order - the riad's cook is one of the best in town!

The entrance to the riad is unassuming - a door in a wall - but inside the riad opens up.

The entire riad is decorated in a simple but luxurious way, making use of local craftspeople; there are lots of antiques and artefacts, goosedown pillows, Egyptian cotton sheets and towels, top quality mattresses, interesting paintings, prints and textiles.

Pool, hammam and massage are on site, and the roof terrace is a perfect sun trap with amazing views across the rooftops to the Atlas mountains. Brahim, the excellent English and French speaking manager/concierge, can arrange trips, excursions and activities around Marrakech and beyond to the beach and desert - he will ensure that you have everything you need for a wonderful holiday, from restaurant reservations to a round of golf.

Facilities

Quirky • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Spa/Massage • Sauna/Steam • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Fenced Grounds • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

The Villa

The riad was originally two very old houses, which now interconnect, but there are still two separate courtyards on the ground floor.

Interior

Ahead of you is the Salon; this has a working fireplace, long kelim-covered moroccan sofas and pouffes, a library, and is great for winter evenings.

Next is the first bedroom, which is our suggested room for children and teenagers (although it is perfectly comfortable for adults too). This has a double bed in a sleeping alcove, plus a separate single.

Up one floor is another room, glamorously furnished in silver and white, with a double bed, walk-in wardrobe, tadelakt bathroom and fantastic bedhead made from an ancient fortress door. It is romantic and tranquil. Also on this floor are two other double bedrooms.

Going upstairs again brings you to the roof kitchen, where the honesty bar fridge is. Just go in and help yourself to wine, beer or soft drinks at any time. Then through the door to the roof terrace. This provides a shady, bougainvillea covered dining area that can sit up to 20, comfortable sun-loungers and parasols, a guest loo, and the hammam and massage room.

Descending to the main roof, take the other staircase and arrive at another bedroom which occupies the entire first floor of this side of the house. It has its own bhou overlooking the pool, lavish bathroom, working fireplace, beautiful moucharabie window seat, superking bed and plentiful wardrobes. Sophisticated, private, romantic...

Exterior Grounds

- To the left is the pool courtyard, planted with palms, ferns, jasmine and bougainvillea
- The plunge pool is tiled in dark blue, and features a handy ledge for sitting in it with a drink!
- Next to the pool is the pool bhou, an outdoor covered seating area, perfect for congregating for pre-dinner drinks or for examining souk purchases. Next to that is the media room, with Tv, DVD, ipod dock, games, squishy sofas, books etc.
- Turning right from the front door brings you into the fountain courtyard, which has a fountain complete with fish



Location & Local Information

Riad Mentha is in the very heart of the old town or medina, about five minutes walk from the big square and the souks. Despite this it is very peaceful and tranquil. The derb it sits on is too narrow for cars so there is no traffic noise. There is a team of drivers to collect guests from the airport or station, and Brahim is on hand to guide guests to the house - tricky at first as the medina is like a rabbit warren!

Fishing, ski-ing and golf are all readily available - Brahim can arrange trips for all of them - and also white-water rafting, hot air ballooning, beach, and desert overnight trips. There is parking about five minutes away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marrakech Menara (8 Km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Tangier (over 100 Km)
Nearest Train Station	Marrakech (5 Km)
Nearest Restaurant	In the medina
Nearest Bar/Pub	In the medina
Nearest Shop	In the medina
Nearest Supermarket	In the Medina
Nearest Supermarket	Marjane (5 Km)
Nearest Beach	Essouira (Over 100 Km)
Nearest Golf	Palmariaie (5 Km)
Nearest Tennis	Gueliz/Hivernage/Palmeraie (5 Km)
Nearest Piste	Atlas Moutains (46-50 Km)



What Oliver loves...

- The riad oozes simple, understated chic and luxury
- Fantastic staff who are discreet, courteous and delightful
- We just love that this tranquil, beautiful property is located in the heart of the medina, just a stone's throw away from the square

What you should know...

- The pool is unfenced and unfortunately unsuitable for small children
- Sometimes there can be some street noise - not cars, but traders calling
- The stairs to top roof terrace are extremely steep

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4pm
- Departure time: 10am
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Bed linen and bath towels are included in the rental price. Please bring your own pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Internet access?: The property has complimentary Wifi connection. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- Minimum stay: 3 nights
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted inside the villa
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.