

Riad Gypsum

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 6 - 14

Overview

Tucked at the heart of the incredible Medina area of Marrakesh, Riad Gypsum is a spectacular, traditional home for up to 14 guests, complete with a hammam, spa and rooftop terrace!

An unassuming entrance leads you through an intricate doorway and into a dazzling courtyard at the centre of the home itself, with an enormous pool and a seating area, with elaborated first-floor balconies surrounding it. There are several living spaces throughout the property, all wonderfully designed, with a range of comfortable sofas and relaxed areas, including alfresco living on the roof terrace! What's more, in addition to all the usual living spaces of a conventional riad, there's even a hammam and spa for your exclusive enjoyment. This traditional hammam is the perfect place for a little relaxation, allowing the heat to cleanse your skin and revitalise you, while we will be more than happy to arrange for a masseuse to visit the villa to make the most of this spa room. On-site staff are available for advice and information, to arrange tours, dinner parties, and much more, as well as housekeeping, while there's also an on-site chef to prepare breakfast for you each day.

There are six sublime suites awaiting you, with a total of seven bedrooms between them, all equally majestic with superb attention to detail and radiant beauty. Five of the rooms feature a wonderful double bed, while one has both a double bed and a single bed and the final room has a single bed. Ancient Berber doors lead into each spacious room, setting the tone for the traditional delights within. Each suite is complete with not only sumptuous bedrooms but also cosy living rooms in some, and many feature intricately decorated ceilings, including mesmerising domes, ornate chandeliers and more. Rich red and browns and mostly wood furniture fill each space with warmth and beauty. And what's more – each suite includes a characteristic Moroccan-style ensuite bathroom, so you can enjoy privacy and comfort throughout.

When it's time to venture out and into the sunshine, head up to this incredible roof terrace for a wonderful spot for a little sunbathing and socialising. This is the most spacious and elegant of the living areas in the villa, with a chill-out area bursting with day beds, plush sofas, quaint coffee and dining tables and the all-important sun loungers! And of course, like all traditional riads, there is a perfectly private courtyard at the heart of the home which you can spend a little time in enjoying the relative coolness of the shade and of course in this wonderful pool!



What was once a stop-off for hippies and hedonists has emerged through centuries of global visitors to become an unmissable capital of African tourism, with an alluring mix of North African culture and modern delights. Get lost in the maze-like Medina, splash-out in the souks, indulge in the extraordinary cuisine in any of the hundreds of food stalls and be sure to chat with the friendly locals during your time in Marrakesh! It's all part of the experience!

Facilities

Quirky • Instagrammable • Wellness • Vill'otel (Like a Hotel!) • Private Pool
• Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village •
Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Ground Floor Bed & Bath •
Spa/Massage • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

The Riad

Riad Gypsum is an authentic and traditional Moroccan Riad, placed in the heart of the medina of Marrakech. Rented as a whole, including on-site staff taking care of cleaning, cooking, serving and night guardian. It can welcome up to 14 guests.

Ground Floor

- A large open air patio (with winter protection) with pool (2m x 5,50m) and a fountain
- A traditional bhou (open U-shaped sitting room)
- Massage room and a traditional hammam
- Queen-size canopy bedroom with traditional wood ceiling and an en suite bathroom
- Living room with sofas, poufs and fireplace with traditional wood ceiling
- Large fully equipped kitchen with cook
- Twin bedroom (can be made Queen-size) with traditional wood ceiling and an en-suite bathroom
- Two storage rooms
- Guest toilet

First Floor

- One traditional Moroccan Douiria (an apartments where the ancient master of the house used to receive visitors avoiding them to see the women of the riad) that includes 1 twin bedroom (can be made Queen-size bed) with an ancient dome ceiling with handmade plaster decoration and an en suite bathroom, 1 triple bedroom (can be made Queen-size bed + 1 single bed) with an ancient, handmade coffered ceiling with a private bathroom, and a shared living room, (can be made a twin room) with an ancient, handmade coffered ceiling.
- Lounge area with sofas, tables and sittings
- Twin bedroom (can be made Queen-size) with en-suite bathroom
- Twin bedroom (can be made Queen-size) with en-suite bathroom and balcony



Second Floor

- Rooftop terrace
- Sun loungers
- Shaded sofas with alfresco typical Moroccan dining area
- Tables and chairs with alfresco dining area
- Shower
- Seating areas
- Garden
- Parking 200m away

Additional Facilities

- Air conditioning
- Heating
- Daily cleaning service
- Night guardian service
- Hairdryers in all rooms
- Toiletries in bathrooms
- Washing Machine
- Iron

Additional Facilities (extra charges applies)

- Laundry service
- Cooking service
- Shopping service
- Driver service
- Hammam & SPA service
- Tour & activities booking service

Location & Local Information

Right in the bustling heart of the city, Riad Gypsum is a haven of peace and tranquillity in the most interesting location: the Medina! In 1985, Marrakesh's Medina, the densely packed, walled medieval city at the heart of the modern city, was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and once you've wandered its charming, vibrant streets, you'll understand why. Colour and chaos burst from every corner!

You will enjoy days of strolling around the fascinating, sensory-overloading city of Marrakesh, otherwise known as the 'Red City', brimming with mosques, palaces and gardens and each as magnificent as the last! Indeed, the saying goes that, back in the 1930s, Winston Churchill described Marrakesh as 'the last paradise on Earth'! And we can see why!

Lose yourself in the maze of vendors, food stalls and entertainers – with snake charmers, acrobats and fortune-tellers all showing off their talents and charms! And for the tamer holiday-maker, worry not – the chaos is interspersed with luxury spas, coffee shops, and high-end restaurants if you just want a moment of calm in this mad city! Do as the locals do and unwind at a hammam – it's how they've coped for hundreds of years.

And if ever you decide it's a little too hot in the city, you need only venture a few miles out to the cooler heights of the mountains! Northern Africa's highest peak, Mount Toubkal, is just a short distance away, enveloped in miles and miles of stunning mountains that are simply perfect for a hike. As well as the mountains, just a 20-minute drive away from the villa you will find some of the best golf courses in Marrakesh: the Amelkis Championship Golf course and the Marrakesh Royal Golf Club!

From your base in this fabulous villa, you can take many unforgettable day trips, and not only to the city! Morocco itself is a fascinating country with many beautiful places to visit – and with the breath-taking Atlas Mountains inland, and both an Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea coast, you're guaranteed some incredible scenery wherever you decide to venture! And with a mesmerising mix of Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences, the country is as diverse as it is beautiful.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marrakesh (7.9km)
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Nearest Town/City	Marrakesh (100 m)
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Nearest Supermarket	Minimarket (100 m)
Nearest Restaurant	Various restaurants (100 m)
Sightseeing	Jardin Majorelle, Yves St Laurent Garden (2.5 km)
Sightseeing	Jama El f'na Square (1 km)

What Oliver loves...

- Enjoy your freshly prepared breakfast alfresco on the terrace each day, amid this enchanting roof terrace that exudes beauty and charm!
- With a private pool and a traditional hammam and massage room, you can be sure to relax throughout your stay in Riad Gypsum!
- With two staff members arranging a daily breakfast, tours around town and to the breath-taking Atlas Mountains, and housekeeping, you can simply relax and enjoy every moment of your visit!

What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- There's no parking on the property, but you can get a taxi just 200 meters away, as well as parking here
- Breakfast is included and we can organize delicious lunch and dinner for a fee - please note guests are not allowed to enter the kitchen for safety reasons

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €200 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: Check-in from 14:00 until midnight
- Departure time: Checkout by 10:00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- End of stay cleaning included?: No, it is charged at £45, this should be paid at the time of booking. A light daily clean is included.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- 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.
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price. 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
- Other Ts and Cs: Breakfast is included on rental price; lunch and dinner can be organized for a fee. Guests are not allowed to enter the kitchen for safety reasons.
- Tax: Tourist taxes are payable locally; 23 Dirham (approximately £2) per adult per night and 15 Dirham (Approximately £1.50) per child under 12 per night.

Visitors to Morocco are reminded to carry passports at all times to comply with local regulations.