

Riad Youssef

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 16 - 20

Overview

With charm, character, elegance and authenticity in abundance, Riad Youssef is a hot pick for groups of friends or a multi-generational family wanting to enjoy Marrakech and all that it offers. This truly exceptional riad offers five-star service, superb entertainment spaces, incredible views and some wonderful treats. It has been brilliantly renovated to offer modern comforts whilst maintaining its Moroccan charm and style. The location could not be better; just five minutes walk from the dazzling Jemaa el Fna Square in the heart of the Medina. The riad comes fully staffed, so you will enjoy delicious breakfasts before heading to the souks or outside of the city centre to the mountains. There are plenty of extra options for lunches, dinners, excursions, hammam treatments, massages and transport that the staff will be only too pleased to arrange for you.

Marrakech will set your heart racing. Framed by its blush-coloured city walls, the city was constructed in the 12th century and is known as the 'Red City'. Its opulent vibrancy, bustling souks and squares, a myriad of narrow alleyways and street entertainment are all incredible. European, African, and Middle Eastern influences mingle and charge the air with an intoxicating, captivating charm. Snake charmers, acrobats, countless musicians, freshly-dyed carpets, silver lamps, delicious smells and colourful stalls will catch your eye. The city enjoys extravagant palaces, interesting museums and beautiful gardens, including the gorgeous Menara Gardens and the striking Jardin Majorelle, which was owned by Yves Saint Laurent until his death. The riad is just a few metres from the Marrakech Museum.

Riad Joussef is a sumptuous six hundred metre square riad with nine bedrooms sleeping sixteen guests very comfortably and up to twenty with children. It is an oasis of calm in the wild Medina. The door will shut, and you will find yourselves in this oasis of gracious and glorious living. Its rooms are organised around a traditional patio sprinkled with towering palms and other greenery. You will discover gorgeous outdoor spaces, including a spectacular rooftop where you can take your meals if desired and listen to the lively sounds of the city. With 360-degree views, the rooftop offers sensational vistas of the snow-covered chain of the Atlas Mountains, along with the city colours, mosques and rooftops. The terrace offers shaded alfresco lounge spaces where you can take pre-dinner drinks, an alfresco dining space and plenty of gorgeous potted plants. Below, the courtyard garden is cool and totally captivating with its plants and adjacent living spaces. You can also dine here



amongst the calm or inside. Just off the courtyard are a number of colourful, elegant lounge spaces where you can plan your Marrakech adventures and relax. Another interior living space is cute and cosy, with sumptuous sofas and an open fire for a crackling atmosphere.

Each of the bedroom suites offers lavish furnishings, luxurious fabrics, sensational wall art and fabulous ensuite bathrooms. There are three bedrooms on the ground floor and five above, all opening to terraces. There is a ninth bedroom available with twin beds that is available on request for children. The upper terraces are calm, gracious spots where you can enjoy a little private time and perhaps a quiet read of your holiday book. The bedrooms are seriously generous in size, with many enjoying living areas and extra beds where you can sleep, additional children. They boast vibrant colour schemes, and lavish beds, all beautifully adorned with luxury throws and scatter cushions, modern artwork and fabulous, characterful accessories. You will enjoy the sleep of kings. Your immaculate ensuite bathrooms come with gorgeous tiles, excellent fittings, fluffy towels, luxury toiletries and wonderful plaster finishes in many cases.

Facilities

Townhouse/Apartment • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Spa/Massage • Indoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Large living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Ample reading room with comfortable seating
- Various dining areas
- Hammam room (available on request)
- Massage room (available on request)
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
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First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

Top Floor

- Roof terrace with outdoor dining

Exterior Grounds

- Large patio and garden area
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Bath products
- Safe boxes
- Cot and high chair
- Cards and board games
- Books



Location & Local Information

Riad Youssef boasts a fabulous location in the Medina of Marrakech, just minutes from the main square and steps from one of the city's excellent museums. This bustling, colourful city will awaken all of your senses. Colourful spices, glistening lamps with the promise of a genie, colourful carpets and leather in every shade imaginable are combined with rich, ancient architecture to capture your heart and soul. Its souks are loud, thrilling and very exciting. You will discover snake charmers, storytellers and potion sellers. Dining in the Medina is an adventure and will set your tastebuds tingling. Smoke rises from barbecues which are enjoyed along with Gnawa musicians, acrobats and fortune tellers. The famous Patisserie des Princes is perfect for sweet treats and ice cream afterwards. Many of the riads boast exquisite restaurants for fine dining experiences where you will enjoy creative, spice-laced modern Moroccan menus. In 1985, Marrakech's Medina was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hammams were introduced to the city by the Romans and adapted to fit Islamic ablution rituals. Visitors enjoy wonderful hammam experiences at Hammam de la Rose, the Farnatchi Spa, the deluxe Royal Mansour and many other spas.

Marrakech boasts an excellent collection of museums, including the Musee Tiskiwin, where you can learn about the history of Marrakech and the region in general. The Dar Si Said Museum is an exhibition of historic and contemporary Moroccan art, full of intricate Byzantine designs and colours. The Music Museum is located in the Saadian quarter, built in the 16th and 17th centuries. The reception of the museum is a jewel of Arab-Andalusian architecture.

You can discover some of the city's history at the 16th-century Saadian Tombs, where the Sultan al-Mansour spared no expense in decorating his opulent mausoleum with imported Italian Carrara marble and a gilded honeycomb muqarnas ceiling. The once magnificent Bali Palace is now a monumental ruin with giant reflecting pools and breathtaking views of the city. The stunning Bahia Palace is amazing and offers the mesmerising quarters of Bou Ahmed's favourite concubine, Lalla Zineb.

As well as magnificent mosques and palaces, Marrakech enjoys a calm cloak of green. The area around the city is sprinkled with magical gardens. Le Jardin Secret is one of Medina's largest and most important gardens, with a Persian garden full of tufty grasses and olive, pomegranate, fig and date trees and a second smaller garden offering exotic plants. An elaborate irrigation system weaves its way through the gardens, part of an ancient network that once distributed water from artesian wells and fed by the mountains. When fashion icon Yves St Laurent arrived in the city in 1964, he was overwhelmed by the city and its vivacity. He lived in the Jardin Majorelle with his partner, a lush



garden painted with an intense shade of ultramarine blue. It is sprinkled with giant cacti, palms and bamboo groves. The Berber Museum is filled with Yves St Laurent's personal jewellery and fashion collection, and the Musee Yves St Laurent offers a stunning choreography presentation of the clothes in a dramatic black hall.

Once you have sampled the vibrancy and energy of the city, you can 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, surrounded by the magnificent wonder of stunning mountains that are simply perfect for a hike. Within easy reach from the riad, you will also find some of the best golf courses in Marrakech, including the Amelkis Championship Golf Course and the Marrakech Royal Golf Club. You will enjoy unforgettable day trips, visit traditional villages, taste delicious food, and enjoy the fabulous scenery and a mesmerising mix of Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences. Morocco is as diverse as it is beautiful.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marrakech Menara Airport (8 km)
Nearest Train Station	Riad Laarousse Bus Stop L2 (700 m)
Nearest Town/City	Marrakech (450 m)
Nearest Restaurant	Le Foundouk (200 m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	British Pub (3 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour (3 km)
Nearest Golf	Amelkis Golf Club (5 km)
Nearest Tennis	Marrakech Tennis Club (3 km)
Sightseeing	Majorelle-Yves Saint Laurent Gardens (2 km)

What we love

- Riad Youssef enjoys a fabulous position in the very heart of Marrakech's Medina
- The riad has been beautifully renovated to offer sensational, elegant living and sleeping spaces
- You will enjoy delicious breakfasts on your stunning rooftop or in the courtyard every day and can add on extra meals on request
- Dedicated staff members are on hand to make sure that your Marrakech stay exceeds your expectations

What you should know...

- Breakfast is included in the price of the riad, but you can also enjoy delicious lunches and dinners for an extra fee
- Extra beds can be used in many of the rooms on request, also for an additional small fee
- Child care and babysitting, hammam treatments and lots of other additional services are available
- Please bear in mind that during Ramadan, the traditional month of fasting and purification, some restaurants and cafes close during the day and general business hours are reduced

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2,000 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3 pm
- Departure time: 11 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Not available on this property.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Pool towels included?: No.
- 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Minimum stay: 2 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available on this property.
- Tax: Tourist Taxes are not included in the rental price and are to be paid locally in cash on arrival (the correct total per person per night will be sent to you after booking confirmation).
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: Housekeeping and daily breakfast are included in the rental price.

The following services are available at an extra cost to be paid directly to the owner:

- Dinner: €30 per person per day
- Hammam treatments: please enquire
- Laundry service: please enquire
- Baby sitting: please enquire
- Other Ts and Cs: A non-refundable 40% deposit is required to confirm a booking at this property (or full payment if booking within 12 weeks of departure).