

# Villa Shama

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 12 - 14

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## Overview

After an afternoon of being dazzled by the frantic pace of Marrakech's Medina or worn out by hiking in the Atlas Mountains, Villa Shama is a blissful oasis of calm and beauty. This incredible villa sits on three and a half acres of manicured lawns, palm trees, centuries-old olive trees and orange trees. It is the perfect abode for a spot of switch-off, and with six sublime bedroom suites, it is the perfect pick to bring the generations together or take a holiday with your favourite friends. Villa Shama enjoys wonderful Moroccan styling, gorgeous colour palettes, carefully curated furnishings and a warm and welcoming ambience. Not only does it come with a giant swimming pool, a shared tennis court and gorgeous terraces, but it also comes with a dedicated team who will ensure that the villa is immaculate, the gardens are manicured, the pool is pristine and that you enjoy delicious meals throughout your stay.

Villa Shama is comprised of a main villa, a cottage, a pool house and a small separate house near the entrance for staff. The main villa enjoys four bedrooms, four bathrooms and superb living spaces, while the cottage offers two bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and a living space. This is a perfect arrangement for multi-generational families or groups of friends. The cottage is perfect for those that might appreciate a little private time. Villa Shama enjoys a warm colour palette throughout, all blending beautifully with vintage rugs, sumptuous Moroccan fabrics and wonderful features such as the fireplaces in the living room and dining room. Your heart will sing as you tour this terrific villa, acknowledging the high level of attention to detail and the love that has been poured into its presentation. The main living room is utterly beautiful in a lived-in way. It boasts lavish sofas, chairs and day beds, a gorgeous fireplace, bookshelves laden with books, a card or games table and lots of wonderful accessories. The room enjoys double doors that open directly to the gardens and allow the sun to stream through, drowning this gorgeous space in natural light. The dining room is a mesmerising space with a delightful colour scheme, superb windows and doors, a sensational fireplace and the most comfortable dining chairs ever! It is a brilliant setting for a celebratory meal. The villa comes with an excellent kitchen though your cook at the villa provides a full catering service for you. You just pay for the groceries and tipping. What a brilliant way to take a holiday!

Three of the bedrooms in the main villa are located on the ground floor, with doors opening onto the stunning gardens. The remaining room is on the first floor with a private terrace and extraordinary views over the grounds. Two of



the ground floor bedrooms offer kingsize beds that can be set up as twins. The other ground floor room and the top floor room enjoy sumptuous kingsize beds, one being a stylish four-poster bed. All of the beds are beautifully dressed with fine linens and lovely soft furnishings. The bedrooms are all incredibly spacious, enjoying comfy chairs, vintage rugs and wonderful tapestries or vibrant artworks. The bedrooms at Villa Shama all come with ensuite bathrooms, some with baths and showers and others just with showers. They are all classically styled with wonderful Moroccan plaster finishes. The final two bedrooms are found in the very attractive cottage. Both enjoy kingsize beds that can be set up as twins, ensuite bathrooms and private terraces that look out to the gardens.

Within the villa's vast landscaped gardens, you will discover a giant 15m x 5m swimming pool that is surrounded by luxury loungers, lawns and a varied collection of trees that offer some shade. The reflection of the trees in the pool is absolutely beautiful. It is a truly wonderful setting where you can relax and enjoy your holiday books and several glasses of your favourite tippie. You will also discover a sublime shaded alfresco lounge with stylish furnishings. It is such a great spot for your pre-dinner drinks. Guests enjoy access to a fabulous tennis court which is shared with neighbouring villas.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Tennis Court • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Indoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Parking Space • Rural Location • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Ample living room with various seating areas, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Separated formal dining area for 10 people and access to a terrace
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Reading and studio room
- Bedroom with king size configurable in twin beds, access to the garden and en-suite bathroom
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- Bedroom with king size bed, access to the garden and en-suite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower

## First Floor

- Bedroom with king size bed, access to a private terrace and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower

## The Cottage

- Ample living room with comfortable seating and access to a terrace
- Bedroom with king size configurable in twin beds, access to a private terrace and en-suite bathroom
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## Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (15 x 5 m)
- Tennis court (shared with neighbouring villas)
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Bar and chill out area
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Central heating
- Safe deposit box
- DVD library
- Music system
- Satellite TV
- Cards and board games
- Cot and high chair







## Location & Local Information

Villa Shama enjoys a very peaceful, tranquil location just outside of Marrakech's Medina. This beautifully landscaped area of the Palmeraie is calm and sophisticated. It connects Casablanca to Fez. Golf enthusiasts enjoy the Golf de la Palmeraie club, which is close to the villa. An equestrian centre and camel riding are also nearby. Quad bikes are also popular, and hot air balloon rides with Marrakech Balloon. The villa is only twenty-five minutes' drive from the airport, so you will be relaxing in no time!

Marrakech is a bustling, colourful city that will blow your mind with its heady smells, sounds and sights. In 1985 its Medina was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Full of fragrant, colourful spices, glistening silver lamps with the promise of a genie, vibrant carpets and leather in every shade imaginable, it also offers rich, ancient architecture. Its souks are loud, thrilling and fun. You can learn to barter, and you will discover snake charmers, storytellers and potion sellers. Dining in the Medina is an adventure which 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. Many of the restaurants are on rooftops with glorious views of the city and the mountains. 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 enjoys many stunning buildings. The Bahia Palace was built in the late 19th century and now forms the centre of the city's culture. It boasts incredible decor along with high, gilded ceilings, mosaics, stuccos, paintings, the mesmerising quarters of Bou Ahmed's favourite concubine, Lalla Zineb and an enormous landscaped garden.

Marrakech enjoys an excellent collection of museums, including Maison de la Photographie, a three-storey riad-turned-gallery housing the vintage Moroccan photography collection of Patrick Menac'h and Marrakshi Hamid Mergani. Its rooftop cafe is one of the highest in Medina. The Musee Tiskiwin displays 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.

The area around Marrakech's Medina is sprinkled with magical gardens. Le Jardin Secret is one of the 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 full of giant cacti, palms and bamboo groves. The Berber Museum is filled with Yves St Laurent's personal jewellery and fashion collection, the Musee Yves St Laurent offers a stunning choreography presentation of the clothes in a dramatic black hall.

Visitors to Marrakech usually enjoy combining trips to the Medina with excursions into the mountains and its mountain villages. It is the perfect contrast to the thrillingly frantic energy of the Medina and the buzz of its museums, palaces and gardens. After a delicious Moroccan feast around Djemaa El Fna, you can trek up Northern Africa's highest peak, Mount Toubkal or enjoy a surprising experience of North African skiing at Oukaimeden. The Atlas Mountains are sprinkled with pretty villages, beautiful waterfalls and dramatic viewpoints. Imlil is a popular hub to start exploring, and the Bureau des Guides d'Imlil can arrange guides. 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. You will also discover some of the best golf courses in Marrakech, including the Amelkis Championship Golf Course and the Marrakech Royal Golf Club.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Marrakech Menara Airport (7 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Annakhil (4 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marrakech (7 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Palmerire Palace Restaurant (1 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour (7 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Marrakech Palm Golf Course (4 km)</b>

Nearest Tennis	<b>Palm Tennis and Padel Club (5 km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Majorelle-Yves Saint Laurent (6 km)</b>

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## What we love

- Villa Shama is absolutely stunning! You will discover beautiful, incredibly spacious bedroom suites, glorious entertaining spaces and superb features
- The villa sits in an astonishing three-and-a-half acre garden brimming with towering palms, ancient olive trees, fruit trees and extensive lawns. It also features a huge swimming pool and a shared tennis court
- The villa comes with very attentive yet discreet staff, including a cook, maid, caretaker and a villa manager who offer an exceptional catering and cleaning service. Your grocery shopping will all be taken care of so that you can just relax and spend precious time with your loved ones

## What you should know...

- Four of the bedrooms are located in the main villa, and two are in the cottage
- There are some additional costs for groceries, drinks, the heating of the pool, laundry services and any other additional requested services. If you have received good service, please tip the staff
- Please supervise children around the pool
- 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: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- 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: 5 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €70 per day (to be paid locally on arrival). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- 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: The villa is fully staffed with a caretaker, maid and cook. Youssef, the villa manager, will take care of grocery shopping for you and our cook will prepare a wonderful traditional Moroccan cuisine. The cost of food is not included in the rental price and will be bill to you at the end of your stay, payable locally in cash or by bank transfer.
- 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).