

# Villa Al Haouz

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

Villa Al Haouz is a sublime, luxurious property that has been lovingly decorated and furnished by its owners to create a superb villa that invites relaxation and rejuvenation. It boasts seven charming bedrooms and gorgeous living spaces, all surrounded by three acres of beautifully manicured gardens. Villa Al Haouz is perfect for multi-generational families or groups of friends looking for somewhere out of the city but close enough to pop in and with a good array of entertainment. The villa boasts a brilliantly well-maintained clay tennis court, a fabulous swimming pool, a petanque court and table tennis, plenty to keep the young ones entertained!

Villa Al Haouz consists of a main villa boasting four bedrooms, a stylish living room, a television room and a smart, well-equipped kitchen and a second villa with three bedrooms and another living space. It works very well for multi-generational families, two families or groups of friends. The interiors enjoy an elegant, subtle mix of oriental, colonial and contemporary decor. The rooms radiate out from a beautiful courtyard where water features add a heavenly, soothing soundtrack and lounge seats offer wonderful resting spots. The main living room offers sumptuous vintage sofas and accent chairs, a gorgeous fireplace, a library of books, a wall of artwork, a very welcoming ambience and doors that open to the courtyard. At one end, there is a small table, perfect for a game of cards, a board game or perhaps afternoon tea.

You will sleep like kings on sumptuous beds, all beautifully adorned with luxury linens and gorgeous soft furnishings. All but one of the bedrooms are on the ground floor. The stunning first-floor bedroom boasts an ensuite bathroom and a private balcony. The ground-floor bedrooms all enjoy their own warm colour palettes. Four enjoy beautifully dressed double beds, while one offers twins. Every room offers a stylish ensuite bathroom with traditional Moroccan decor.

The gardens and terraces of Villa Al Haouz are heavenly. The villa's three hectares are sprinkled with ancient olive trees, colourful plants, mature towering trees, palms, hedges and lush lawns, all enjoying breathtaking views of the Atlas Mountains. The swimming pool is surrounded by luxury loungers and a pool house where you can relax with your holiday books and glasses of your favourite tippie. The villa offers a choice of terraces for pre-dinner drinks and where you can plan your Moroccan adventures. The main terrace is south facing, a glorious spot where you can bask in the sunshine and light the firepit if a rural chill descends. Guests enjoy a private tennis court where you can



practice your shots, a boules court and a table tennis table.

## 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 • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Tennis Court • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Rural Location • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Main Villa

### Ground Floor

- Ample living room with various seating areas and access to the terrace
- Separated formal dining room for 8 people
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Media room with comfortable seating and TV
- Laundry room with washing machine
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
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### First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, access to a private terrace and en-suite bathroom

## Guest Villa

### Ground Floor

- Ample living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

### Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking
- Petanque court
- Tennis court

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Central heating
- Satellite TV
- Sound system
- DVD player
- Books
- Cards and board games
- Hair dryer



## Location & Local Information

Villa Al Haouz enjoys a wonderful countryside location twenty minutes to the south-west of Marrakech's Medina. It sits near the main irrigation canal of Marrakech on the way to the Ourika Valley. It is a blissful location which offers all the options you could wish for. You can be in the bustling main square quickly and out to the Valley of Ourika in minutes too.

The Valley of Ourika sits half an hour from the buzz and energy of Marrakech. It is absolutely gorgeous and very popular with tourists wanting to escape from the city centre and see another side of Morocco. The area is very scenic, with groups of waterfalls tucked behind the village of Setti Fatma, colourful restaurants by the river and friendly Berber tribes wanting to show you around their villages and homes. The Berbers have lived in North Africa for five thousand years. During the Arab invasion in the 7th century, the Berbers took refuge high in the Atlas Mountains. Today, most Berbers are Muslims but have retained the Berber languages in the villages. Barbary macaques are found in the Western High Atlas, an endangered primate. It is a wonderful area for hiking where paths are shaded by trees, and every waterfall looks even more beautiful than the last. In August each year, there is a vibrant four-day market and fair in Setti Fatma.

Marrakech is a bustling, intoxicating, colourful city of wonders that offers an inexhaustible source of surprises. It is Africa's Capital of Culture, where everything is on the move. Finding out all of its secrets would take forever, but you can visit a handful of attractions in a few days to get a taste of its noble past and its frenetic present. Colourful spices, glistening lamps, 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 frenzied. You can shop for sweets, clothing, leather, spices, soap, perfume, rugs, lighting, musical instruments and much more. All prices are negotiable, and bargaining is a social art. You will discover snake charmers, storytellers and potion sellers. Its dizzying array of sights, smells, and tastes with provide a sensory overload. Dining in the Medina is an adventure and will set your tastebuds tingling as Marrakech offers one of the world's tastiest cuisines. Smoke rises from barbecues which are enjoyed along with Gnawa musicians, acrobats and fortune tellers. The souks are lined with rows of sweet oranges, plump dates and an enormous variety of olives, while the air is infused with intensely fragrant spices. You will discover the delicious shakshuka and spongy Moroccan pancakes for breakfast and delicious tagines and Tanja, succulent lamb slow-cooked in a clay pot for hours, for dinner. Sfenj are yummy fried doughnuts drizzled with floral honey. Mint tea is served as a sign of welcome at the end of purchase or to unwind in the afternoon. Many of the riads boast exquisite restaurants for fine dining experiences where you will enjoy creative, spice-laced modern Moroccan menus, many of which are on



rooftops with fabulous views. Your friendly staff at the riad can recommend and book tables for you. The wonderful Riad Yima Tea Room is the home and personal gallery of Hassan Hajjaj, the Andy Warhol of Marrakech and is filled with upcycled pop art. It is fun and a great place to grab a classic cup of mint tea. The Medina's labyrinth of winding lanes and alleyways is best explored with a willingness to get lost and a sense of adventure. In 1985 the 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 a fabulous collection of interesting 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.

Also giving you an insight into the city's history are the magnificent 16th-century Saadian Tombs. 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.

The area around the city is sprinkled with beautiful gardens. Le Jardin Secret is one of Medina's largest and most important gardens, with a Persian garden full of tufted 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.

Visitors to Marrakech also enjoy heading to the quiet cool of the surrounding mountain valleys. The Valley of Ourika is one magical spot, but there are plenty of others. 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.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Marrakech Menara Airport (21 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Douar bou Azza (5 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marrakech (25 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Boucherie Abou Hajar Restaurant (5 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Superette Sehnoune (mini market) (5 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Noria-Tahanaout-Ouled Yhya-Marrakesh Golf Club (16 km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Atlas Tennis Marrakech (7 km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Waky Marrakech (7 km)</b>

## What we love

- Villa Al Haouz has been lovingly renovated and restored to offer guests a beautiful, luxurious and stylish holiday villa where they can relax and spend time with their loved ones
- The villa's gardens and terraces are wonderful, offering superb alfresco dining and lounge spaces, a boules strip, a superb infinity swimming pool, gorgeous gardens, a delightful courtyard with a water fountain and a private tennis court
- The villa is fully staffed. Your discreet, attentive staff members are on hand to make sure that your Marrakech stay exceeds your expectations, to serve delicious Moroccan meals and ensure that the villa and gardens are absolutely immaculate

## What you should know...

- Your villa chef is available to cook all of your meals. You just need to decide which ones and pay your extra bill for food and drink at the end of your stay. Tipping is also normal in Marrakech at the end of a stay
- Pool heating and any other requested services will incur an extra fee
- Most of the bedrooms are on the ground floor, ideal for guests with mobility issues
- 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: €2,500 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: 12 pm
- 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 during low season. 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 €173 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: Housekeeping, a gardener, a waiter and a cook are included in the rental price. The cost of food is NOT included in the rental price and will be billed 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).