

# Villa Al Blyd

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 10 - 14

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## Overview

Enjoying a wonderful location in the Marrakech Palmeraie, Villa Al Blyd is a seriously cool pad that oozes charm and luxury. It boasts six gorgeous bedrooms, glorious living spaces including a lounge, television lounge, dining room and games room, as well as wonderful outdoor space with gorgeous terraces, a swimming pool, a private tennis court and superb landscaped gardens. It also offers a modern wellness area with a hammam and massage room. An exceptional team of staff will be waiting to ensure that you experience the holiday that you desire. Your chef will cook all of your meals, and all you need to do at the end of your stay is to settle up for food and offer a tip if you are happy with the service. A butler will be present, as well as a maid and gardener.

Villa Al Blyd is a contemporary capsule of cool. Inside and out, you will be in awe of its clean lines, its brilliant use of materials and its elegant and refined ambience. Four of the villa's six bedrooms are in the main villa, with the remaining two in the villa pavilion. Minimalist chic and natural colour palettes are key in this wonderful villa. The main living room enjoys gorgeous trendy pouffes, which sit beside a modern open feature fireplace, sumptuous sofas, oversized lights and giant works of art. Huge picture windows and banks of floor-to-ceiling glass doors allow the unique sparkle of Moroccan light to drown these magical spaces in light, and the doors offer access to stunning terraces. The television room is another bright and airy space with a giant television and a superbly comfortable sofa. The dining room also enjoys a fireplace, a warm and welcoming touch. For your leisure and indulgence, you can visit the beautiful hammam and massage room, enjoying treatments organised by the villa staff. Youngsters adore the games room with its pool and football tables for some healthy, fun competition.

The two bedrooms in the pavilion share a stunning living area as well as boasting lavish double beds, both adorned with luxury linens. The bathroom is shared, too, an excellent space with top-notch fittings. In the main villa, one bedroom is located on the ground level with direct access to the pool. It boasts an immaculate ensuite bathroom and a beautifully dressed double bed. The remaining rooms are all on the first floor with comfy double beds, ensuite bathrooms and wonderful views.

Villa Al Blyd's countryside setting is simply marvellous. The villa is enveloped by lush olive trees, palm trees and wonderful borders. There are extensive



terraces for panoramic sundowners, tea parties and parties under the stars. The pool is surrounded by lux loungers, a freshly cut lawn and parasols offering some shade from the hot sun. The pool house leads to the villa's wellness suite in the basement. Your clay private tennis court and shaded table tennis area complete this dreamy picture, both brilliant spots for improving your shots. The petanque court and the volleyball court are pretty popular too. You will find wonderful relaxation spots amongst the trees, on the main terrace and up on the roof.

## 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 • Tennis Court • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Table Football • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



# Interior & Grounds

## *Lower Ground Floor*

- Hammam and massage room
- Shower room

## *Ground Floor*

- Large living room with various seating areas, fireplace and access to the garden
- Separated dining room for 10 people
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Media room with comfortable seating and TV
- Shared bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed, access to the pool area and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and living area
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## *First Floor*

- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
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## *Exterior Grounds*

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

## **Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning (only in bedrooms)
- Central heating
- Cot and high chair
- DVD player
- DVD library
- Ping pong table
- Table football
- Cards and board games
- Satellite TV
- Hair dryer

## Location & Local Information

Villa Al Blyd enjoys a peaceful, tranquil location just outside of Marrakech's Medina in the palm-scattered Palmeraie. It is a smart, attractive, sophisticated area and offers a good selection of entertainment options. 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 and hot air balloon rides with Marrakech Balloon are also popular with guests looking for some thrilling adventure.

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 will 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 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 Musee Boucharouite features stunning tapestries and another hidden rooftop cafe, while the Musee de Mouassine shows off the work of a local artist. 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 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, and 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 (13 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Douar Tamesna (7 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marrakech (13 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Western Restaurant (5 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>BIM (10 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Palm Golf Marrakech (15 km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Palm Tennis &amp; Padel Club (15 km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>TBM (tourist attraction) (18 km)</b>



## What we love

- Villa Al Blyd enjoys sublime elegance, gorgeous furnishings and astonishing views from its walls of glass
- The villa sits in stunning gardens sprinkled with towering palms, centuries-old olive trees, extensive lawns, a gorgeous pool, a private tennis court, a boules court and superb alfresco lounge and dining spaces. The rooftop is super cool too!
- Guests can enjoy an excellent wellness centre with a hammam and massage room. The villa staff can arrange massages and heat the hammam up for an extra fee!
- The villa comes with very attentive yet discreet staff who will make sure that you relax and enjoy a very special holiday with your loved ones

## What you should know...

- The villa rental includes a catering service with additional costs for groceries, drinks, the heating of the pool, hammam and massage treatments, laundry services and any other additional requested services. If you receive a good service, it is much appreciated to tip the staff
- Please supervise children around the pool
- Two of the bedrooms are in the main villa, with the other two in the pavilion with a shared living space and bathroom
- 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: 11 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: 3 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 €110 per day, from Nov - March and €85 per day the rest of the year (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).
  - Other Ts and Cs: Daily housekeeping and a chef available to prepare meals 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).