

Villa Hammou

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 12

Overview

The combined efforts of a superb Moroccan architect and a French interior designer have produced the wonderful, eco-friendly Villa Hammou. With the most wondrous views of the Atlas Mountains, this sublime single-storey property invites relaxation and rejuvenation. The villa boasts six sensational bedrooms, exquisite contemporary ensuite bathrooms, superb living spaces, one hectare of wonderful gardens, a fabulous infinity swimming pool, an astonishing roof terrace and some excellent staff that will look after you brilliantly during your stay.

Villa Hammou enjoys a wonderful blend of blush render and grey bricks to its exterior. It looks wonderful against the lush green garden and deep blue sky. Not only does the villa enjoy glorious gardens, but it also offers a fabulous roof terrace where you can relax on super cool Moroccan pouffes while mesmerised by the dramatic Atlas Mountains views. The main living space is divided into two spaces, a serene living area with a striking contemporary feature fire and a television area. At the end of a busy day hiking in the mountains, exploring the Ourika Valley or bartering in the souks, guests can snuggle up on lavish sofas to enjoy a movie or relax in the main area to plan the next day's adventures. The dining room is just fabulous with a gorgeous wooden table, beautiful orange colour splashes and gorgeous mirrors and artwork. A wall of glass doors opens to the lush green garden and offers wonderful garden views. Throughout the house, you will find gorgeous, beautifully planted courtyard gardens, which you can admire while soaking your stresses away in the bath or relaxing in the living area.

The bedrooms all enjoy direct access to the terrace. They are beautifully presented with gorgeous colour pops, luxury linens, exquisite fabrics and contemporary ensuite bathrooms. They offer sumptuous double, kingsize or twin beds, beautifully dressed with throws and scatter cushions. Each bedroom offers a wall-mounted television and a lounge area. The bathrooms invite long, lazy, indulgent soaks while you are captivated by the lush greenery in the courtyard gardens.

Villa Hammou enjoys fabulous outside space. The gardens offer total privacy and seclusion. The swimming pool is amazing, and at 26m long, it invites lap swimming. The pool is surrounded by three terraces where you can relax on sun loungers, dine alfresco or enjoy pre-dinner drinks in a beautiful sunken lounge. This is shaded by a contemporary sail canopy and is a brilliant



entertaining space for the whole group.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Large living room with various seating areas, fireplace, TV and access to a terrace
- Separated dining area for 12 people and access to the terrace
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Bedroom with king size bed (180 x 200 cm), access to the terrace and en-suite bathroom
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- Bedroom with two single beds (90 x 200 cm), access to the terrace and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (160 x 200 cm), access to the terrace and en-suite bathroom

Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (20 m)
- 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
- Ping pong table
- Satellite TV
- Cards and board games
- Hair dryer



Location & Local Information

Villa Hammou enjoys a fabulous, secure and tranquil location that offers the best of both worlds. It is within easy reach of Marrakech's Medina yet is enveloped by a beautiful garden in a blissful location. You can be in the bustling main square quickly and out to the Valley of Ourika in minutes too.

The Valley of Ourika is nestled 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 very exciting. 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. 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, 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	Marrakech Menara Airport (42 km)
Nearest Village	Sidi Abdalla Ghat (18 km)
Nearest Town/City	Marrakech (37 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Cafe & Restaurant Ben Jamaa (17 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Sidi Abdellah Ghat Supermarket (17 km)
Nearest Golf	Al Maaden Golf Course (31 km)
Sightseeing	Ourika Valley Waterfalls (20 km)

What we love

- Villa Hammou is brilliantly designed for large groups with excellent living spaces, gorgeous bedrooms and outstanding ensuite bathrooms
- The villa's gardens and terraces are wonderful, offering superb alfresco dining and lounge spaces, a fabulous swimming pool and table tennis for some friendly competition. The roof terrace offers the most incredible Atlas Mountain vistas!
- 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 breakfasts and ensure that the villa, gardens and pool are absolutely immaculate. Extra catering options are available

What you should know...

- Your villa chef is available to prepare a wonderful Moroccan breakfast for you. You can decide to enjoy occasional dinners or opt for full catering for an extra supplement
- Pool heating and any other requested services will incur an extra fee
- The villa is single-storey. You only go up to get on the outstanding roof terrace
- 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: €3,000 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?: Not available on this property.
 - 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. 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 starting from €100 per day, plus mandatory preheating cost of 3 days (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 cook, daily breakfast, two gardeners and a guard present 24h are included in the rental price.
- The following services are available at an extra cost to be paid directly to the owner by cash or bank transfer:
- Lunch: starting from €20 per day/guest
 - Dinner: starting from €25 per day/guest
- 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).