

# Villa Boudene

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 12

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## Overview

The unique and wonderful Villa Boudene was originally built as a small country residence for the famous Moroccan architect Elie Mouyal. The villa is now the ultimate in exquisite luxury rental properties. It boasts super entertainment spaces, six double bedrooms comprised of four suites and two rooms more suitable for children and a superb, landscaped garden with two pools and wonderful alfresco lounge and dining spaces. The villa is fully staffed, so you will enjoy the wonderful benefits of a butler, housemaids, a gardener and a talented chef who is happy to cook all of your delicious meals. What more could you possibly want?

Villa Boudene is beautifully designed inside, with exquisite, inviting living areas. Its colour palette is rich and inviting, and fireplaces throughout the villa add to its warm ambience. You will discover sumptuous furnishings, lots of local crafts, luxury rugs, superb lighting, intricate ceilings, beautiful windows and plenty of classical and oriental paintings. The dining room is absolutely beautiful, especially when lit up at night. It is the perfect spot for a celebration meal should one of your group have a birthday while staying at the villa.

The villa boasts six bedrooms, four of which are incredibly spacious suites. Many of the bedrooms are located on the ground floor. The first suite enjoys direct access to the gardens and offers a lavish kingsize bed adorned with sensational fabrics and lux linens. It offers an ensuite bathroom with a shower, a fireplace, a dressing room and air conditioning. The second ground-level room also boasts a beautifully dressed king size bed, an ensuite shower room, air conditioning and an atmospheric fireplace. It, too, offers direct garden access. The third room is similar but with a bath to soak your stresses away. Bedroom four is designed as a private suite over two floors. It offers a bath and shower in the ensuite, a comfy kingsize bed, a fireplace, air conditioning, a living area and a private balcony with wonderful views. The next bedroom enjoys a queen size bed and a fireplace. It shares a bathroom with bedroom six, which also features a queen size bed. These two rooms are perfect for children as they are not quite as extravagant as the others. On request, a few other bedrooms suitable for children can be made available, a double, a twin and a single.

The mature gardens of Villa Boudene are simply glorious. You will quickly discover several beautiful courtyards, intimate corners and wonderful terraces with plenty of lounges and alfresco dining space. A small irrigation canal runs



quietly through the garden offering a soothing melody. The gardens are bursting with colourful flowers, fruit trees and ancient olive trees. You can enjoy alfresco meals under the shade of the olive trees and swim in both pools. The smaller pool is great for guests in search of some calm and relaxation, while the much larger 20m pool enjoys a large covered terrace perfect for alfresco meals. The beautiful gardens of Villa Boudene are hard to beat.

The villa rental comes with a friendly, helpful staff, including a caretaker, cook, butler, two maids and a wonderful gardener. The cook offers a full catering service. You just pay for the groceries and drinks. There are other services available such as the hammam, a transfer service for six guests in a 4 x 4 and a driver for the day in the same car.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Quirky • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Spa/Massage • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • 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

## Ground Floor

- Large living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to the terrace
- Open plan dining area for 12 people
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Hammam and massage room
- Shared bathroom
- Bedroom with king size bed, dressing room, air conditioning, fireplace, access to the garden and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with king size bed, air conditioning, fireplace, access to the garden and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with king size bed, air conditioning, fireplace, access to the garden and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with queen size bed, air conditioning, fireplace and access to the garden
- Bedroom with queen size bed, air conditioning, fireplace and access to the garden

## Apartment

- Bedroom spread over two floor with king size bed, living room, air conditioning, fireplace, access to the garden and balcony and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower

## Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (20 m)
- Second swimming pool (12 m)
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Central heating
- Safe deposit box
- Cot and high chair
- DVD player
- Sound system
- Selection of books
- Cards and board games



## Location & Local Information

Villa Boudene enjoys an exclusive, prestigious 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 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 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

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Nearest Airport

**Marrakech Menara Airport  
(17 km)**

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Nearest Village	<b>Douar Tamesna (5 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marrakech (10 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Le Marche (8 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>BIM (7 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Marrakech Palm Golf Course (12 km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Palm Tennis &amp; Padel Club (12 km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Cactus Botanical Garden (11 km)</b>

## What we love

- The villa was originally designed as the residence of a top Moroccan architect, and it shows! It is a truly beautiful property with wonderfully atmospheric spaces
- The villa sits in stunning extensive gardens sprinkled with towering palms, centuries-old olive trees, lush lawns, two fabulous pools, a small irrigation canal and superb alfresco lounge and dining spaces
- The villa comes with very attentive yet discreet staff who will make sure that you relax and enjoy a very special holiday. Catering is included in the cost of the rental. You just pay for the groceries and drinks!

## What you should know...

- The villa rental includes a catering service with additional costs for groceries, drinks, the transfer service if required, drivers for the day and petrol costs
- Please supervise children around the pools
- Two of the bedrooms are better suited to children. In addition, there are a few more rooms available for an extra cost that also would be better suited for children
- 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: 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: 7 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: The staff are friendly, efficient and discreet and include a caretaker, a cook, a butler, two maids and a gardener.

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.

The following services are available at an extra cost to be paid directly to the owner by cash or bank transfer:

- Airport transfer: the transfer is included and available only for 6 people; the rest of the guests will be charged extra, please enquire
- Car with driver: starting from €90 per day
- Gasoline: fuel total usage during the stay
- 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).