

# Villa Menara

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 8 - 10

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## Overview

Sitting in the heart of the Palmeraie, Villa Menara is a fabulous property full of colour and an eclectic mix of delightful furnishings. It brings a smile to your face as you walk from room to room. You can clearly tell that this villa was designed, decorated and furnished with love. Villa Menara boasts five exceptional bedrooms, gorgeous living spaces and lots of additional treats such as a brilliant staff to look after you, a hammam, massage room, a tennis court, petanque court, a fabulous swimming pool, wonderfully furnished terraces and gorgeous landscaped gardens. Just twenty minutes out of Marrakech city centre, it is an oasis of calm that promises relaxation and rejuvenation.

Villa Menara is the perfect abode for a spot of switch-off. It is an oasis of gracious and glorious living where you will truly relax in a wonderful setting. Within its smart blush walls, you will relish in its beauty, where there is charm and character in abundance. It enjoys a carefully curated selection of furniture and accessories that blend in perfectly with the wide array of artwork and sculptures. The living room comes in two parts, separated by a feature fireplace that adds a crackling atmosphere during the winter months. Under gorgeous wooden beamed ceilings, sumptuous sofas sit on both sides. The dining area sits to the side of one of the living areas though you will probably prefer to take your meals on the shaded terrace outside. The villa boasts an excellent hammam and massage room, and the villa staff will be only too happy to arrange indulgent treatments for you. This is a villa that will immediately make you feel at home.

Villa Menara's five bedrooms are split between the ground and the first floor. Two bedrooms on the ground floor offer lavish kingsize beds, living areas, televisions, ensuite bathrooms with baths and, showers and fireplaces. One of these enjoys a dressing room and a private terrace, while the other enjoys an office space. Another ground-floor double room enjoys a beautifully dressed kingsize bed and shares a bathroom with a twin room. This pristine bathroom comes with a shower. The double room enjoys a dressing room. The twin room is usually given to children. The remaining bedroom is found on the first floor, a gorgeous room with superb views of the Atlas Mountains. It boasts a lavish super kingsize bed, a fabulous ensuite bathroom with a bath where you can soak your stresses away and a wonderful terrace. Every bedroom and every bathroom enjoys its own colour scheme, from vibrant red to buttercup yellow, cool blue and cheery orange. They are fun, extravagant rooms with



plenty of space that certainly makes for long lazy lie-ins and offers privacy.

The villa is enveloped by an immaculately landscaped garden and wonderful shaded terraces where you can dine alfresco and enjoy a tippie or two as you bask in the golden hour sun while mesmerised by the wonderful views. The garden was designed by a renowned landscape architect, and the resulting space is truly wonderful. The shaded terraces are framed by soft voile, which adds a romantic air to these lovely spaces full of luxury lounge and dining furniture. There is a summer kitchen and barbecue for wonderful suppers. The amazing swimming pool is surrounded by sun loungers and gorgeous seating areas. At one end of the pool, you will discover another shaded alfresco lounge area, a perfect spot for cocktails before dinner. Within the delightful grounds, your sports enthusiasts will enjoy playing tennis and boules. The upper roof terrace is a spectacular spot which is beautifully furnished and offers sensational views. One of the courtyard areas enjoys a lovely small pool and fountain.

## Facilities

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

# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Large living room with various seating areas, air conditioning, fireplace and access to the terrace
- Formal dining area for 10 people and access to the terrace
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Hammam and massage room
- Shower room
- Bedroom with king size bed (180 x 200 cm), living area, air conditioning, fireplace, TV, safe box, office area, access to a terrace and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with king size bed (180 x 200 cm), living area, air conditioning, fireplace, TV, safe box, office area and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with king size bed (180 x 200 cm), dressing room and air conditioning
- Bedroom with two single beds and air conditioning

## First Floor

- Bedroom with super king size bed (200 x 200 cm), saf box, access to a private terrace and en-suite bathroom

## Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (30 x 14 m; max depth 1.80 m)
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor bathroom
- Summer kitchen
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking
- Tennis court
- Petanque court
- Coal barbecue

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Safe deposit box
- Board games
- Wine cellar





## Location & Local Information

Villa Menara is located 14km outside of Marrakech's Medina in the palm-scattered Palmeraie. It is a smart, attractive, sophisticated area which 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. It will only take roughly twenty minutes to reach the city centre.

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

Nearest Airport	<b>Marrakech Menara Airport (20 km)</b>
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Nearest Village	<b>Douar Tamesna (9 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marrakech (13 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Fadha'a Alzaytoon Restaurant (8 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>BIM (11 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Palm Golf Marrakech (17 km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Palm Tennis &amp; Padel Club (17 km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Cactus Botanical Gardens (17 km)</b>

## What we love

- The villa has been brilliantly and lovingly furnished and adorned with handpicked paintings, sculptures and other wonderful accessories. You will feel right at home!
- The villa sits in stunning extensive gardens sprinkled with towering palms, centuries-old olive trees, lush lawns, a fantastic swimming pool, a tennis court, a petanque court and wonderful sunny and shaded alfresco lounge and dining spaces. The roof terrace is exceptional too!
- The villa comes with very attentive yet discreet staff who will make sure that you relax and enjoy a very special holiday with your family or favourite friends

## What you should know...

- The villa rental includes a breakfast service. You can request extra meals and enjoy butler service, a lift into town and hammam and massage treatments
- Please supervise children around the pool
- One of the bedrooms is better suited for children. It is still beautiful but not quite up to the standard of the others
- Four of the bedrooms are found on the ground floor, ideal for any 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: €10,000 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3 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: 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, please enquire (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: You will benefit from the efficient services of a team of qualified house staff, including: 1 intendant, 2 maids, 1 cook and 3 gardeners (including 1 caretaker). The intendant, who is also butler, can occasionally drive you into town.
- 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).