

# Villa Achbarou

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 32 - 36

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## Overview

Villa Achbarou is a phenomenal property with huge living and entertaining spaces, eighteen bedrooms, all with ensuite bathrooms, a hammam, massage room, a stunning twenty-eight metre long swimming pool, four hectares of landscaped gardens and the most incredible backdrop of the Atlas Mountains. The views from the pool and gardens are sublime and totally unforgettable. The villa comes with an excellent staff who will keep it looking pristine, offer great advice and provide delicious breakfasts. In addition, you can decide to upgrade this catering arrangement to half or full board or simply ask for the occasional added meal. Villa Achbarou was designed by the wonderful and very clever Ludovic Petit to offer exceptional accommodation for groups of friends, multi-generational families or corporate companies.

Villa Achbarou boasts eighteen superb bedrooms, sleeping between thirty-two and thirty-six guests. It also offers an extremely lavish living room, a giant dining area and a spa. The bedrooms are split between the ground floor and the first floor. Nine double rooms are located on the ground level, all with sumptuous, beautifully dressed queen-size beds, which can be set up as twin beds on request and all with ensuite bathrooms with baths where you can soak away your stresses using luxury toiletries. They all enjoy private furnished terraces, so there is plenty of privacy at Villa Achbarou, as well as giant spaces for the whole group. The rooms enjoy a wonderful contemporary feel and excellent amenities, including televisions in all rooms. The remaining bedrooms are located on the first floor with queen-sized beds, all beautifully adorned with luxury linens and fabulous soft furnishings. They also enjoy ensuite bathrooms, though with walk-in showers. These rooms all boast private balconies with spectacular views of the estate and the mountains.

The main living space is really quite spectacular with a glitzy feature fireplace wall, an enormous chandelier, lavish sofas and quality accent chairs. This leads to an ultra-smart dining area with numerous dining tables and chairs that can be configured to suit your group. It is elegant and sophisticated with wonderful colour splashes. The well-stocked bar is a welcome addition for pre-dinner or late-night drinks. The spa includes a hammam and massage room where you can relax and feel totally pampered.

Outside, you will discover a fabulous shaded alfresco dining area with outstanding mountain views, tables and chairs under the shade of centuries-old olive trees, a phenomenal swimming pool surrounded with shaded day



beds and loungers, parasols and the most incredible mountain backdrop. Though you may think this is the perfect spot for some reading, you will be truly captivated by the views and may not be able to concentrate on your book! Next to the pool is the pool house and tables and chairs under the olive trees. Also within the grounds is an organic vegetable garden and a farm with horses, which children love.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Vill'otel (Like a Hotel!) • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Indoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • 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 and access to the garden
- Dining room with various tables and chairs and access to the garden
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Hammam and massage room
- Bar area
- Bedroom with queen size bed (configurable in twin beds), access to a terrace and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with queen size bed (configurable in twin beds), access to a terrace and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with queen size bed (configurable in twin beds), access to a terrace and en-suite shower room
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## First Floor

- Bedroom with queen size, access to a terrace and en-suite shower room
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## Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool
- Large terrace and garden area
- Organic vegetable garden
- Various sun loungers
- Bar and chill out area
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture



- Pool house
- Outdoor shower
- Private parking

**Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi connection
- Safe deposit box
- Hair dryer
- Cards and board games
- Books
- Satellite TV

## Location & Local Information

Villa Achbarou enjoys a superb location where you can truly relax in sensational surroundings. The villa is situated within a four-hectare estate in Douar Akrich, thirty minutes from Marrakech's Medina on the road leading to Amizim.

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 tanjia, 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 a 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 with Islamic ablution rituals. Visitors enjoy wonderful hammam experiences at Hammam de la Rose, the Farnatchi Spa, the deluxe Royal Mansour and many other spas.

This Moroccan city-break favourite is also home to a glossy modern quarter, the Gueliz. Beyond Marrakech's ancient heart is this contemporary, manicured area full of funky cafes, chic shopping opportunities, upmarket restaurants and wonderful museums that are architectural statements. It is alive with artwork,



with one of the most famous galleries being the Matisse Art Gallery, named after the 20th-century artist Henri Matisse. It draws some of the best artists from all over Morocco with inspirational exhibitions. You will also discover the Royal Tennis Club of Marrakech with its nine courts plus a stadium court. The club is the oldest and largest tennis club in Marrakech and is often used for sporting events.

Marrakech enjoys a fabulous collection of fascinating 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 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 the city is sprinkled with beautiful gardens. Le Jardin Secret is one of the 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 mountains. 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, enjoy fabulous scenery and a mesmerising mix of Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences. 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.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Marrakech Airport (26 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Oumnass (11 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marrakech (30 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Muligan Restaurant (15 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour (30 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Samanah Golf Club (13 km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Hodayfa Camp (tourist attraction) (25 km)</b>

## What we love

- Villa Achbarou is a fantastic designer villa for large numbers of guests who want to enjoy this mesmerising city and its surrounding mountains
- The villa's entertaining and sleeping spaces are incredible, all beautifully appointed with luxury furnishings, accessories and fittings
- The villa's landscaped gardens and terraces are spectacular. They invite relaxation and rejuvenation with exceptional alfresco lounge and dining spots and a superb pool with mountain views
- Guests can treat themselves to sessions in the hammam and massages
- The villa is fully staffed. Your discreet, attentive staff members are on hand to make sure that your Marrakech stay lives up to your dreams

## What you should know...

- Breakfast is included in the villa rental, but you can add on other meals as required. With these sensational internal and outdoor dining spaces and a fantastic chef, it is a great bet!
- There are a number of extra services that you can request, such as laundry services, massages, hammam treatments, babysitting, drivers and more
- 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: Credit card details are required 2 weeks prior to departure for pre-authorisation.
- Arrival time: 2 pm
- Departure time: 12 pm
- 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: 1 night. 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 property benefits from the services of a qualified team : receptionist, chef, waiters, housekeepers and therapist. Breakfast and a daily cleaning service are included in the price of your stay.

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

- Half board: starting from €30 per guest/day
- Full board: starting from €60 per guest/day
- Hammam treatments: starting from €40 - Massage: starting from €50 - Excursions: please enquire
- 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).