

Villa Ghazoua

Region: Essaouira Sleeps: 8

Overview

Guests looking for charm and beauty in abundance for their Moroccan seaside escape will be highly impressed by the gorgeous Villa Ghazoua. It sits in the pretty village of Ghazoua, just ten minutes from the sea and fifteen minutes from the fabulous Medina of Essaouira. Villa Ghazoua is an authentic historical courtyard house with riad styling and the most exquisite furnishings. It comes with four gorgeous bedrooms full of character and colour, wonderful living spaces and fantastic outside space. The villa boasts a swimming pool, a hammam, a courtyard full of plants, trees and entertainment space, a rooftop terrace and a wonderful team who will be waiting to look after you. It is the perfect retreat to spend quality time with your family or favourite friends on the Moroccan coast.

The village of Ghazoua is small, peaceful and charming. It sits on the edge of an argan tree forest within very easy reach of Essaouira, which is only 8km away. Essaouira's name means 'little picture' in Arabic, and this town is a painter's dream location with its striking blue and white Medina, its spice-scented lanes, its fairytale ramparts built on the cliffs, its imposing stone gates, its colourful port, its fabulous fish market, its wide sandy beach that stretches for miles and its rolling waves sprinkled with kitesurfers having the time of their lives. The Atlantic Ocean's deserted beaches enjoy a wind that tempers the Moroccan sunshine and whips up those thrilling waves. Essaouira is known as the 'Bride of the Atlantic'. You can enjoy a traditional Moroccan steam bath with a scrub down with traditional black soap, pick the fish of your choice for dinner, barter in the Medina, enjoy the views from the ramparts, and if you happen to be in Essaouira in June, enjoy the famous Gnaoua World Music Festival. The parapet rampart walk offers views of the Purpuraires Islands and falcons, gulls and seagulls over the nature reserve. The town is famous as Astapor, the red city in the 'Game of Thrones'.

Villa Ghazoua enjoys the look of an ancient fort. Its sand-coloured exterior blends beautifully with the climbing greenery and vibrant bougainvillea that grows in abundance. Within these walls, you will discover wonderful inviting spaces where you can relax, eat delicious Moroccan cuisine cooked by your villa chef and spend special time with your loved ones. There are lots of sumptuous floor cushions, Moroccan lanterns and an open fire to offer a crackling atmosphere. Colourful rugs decorate the floors, and rich wooden ceilings will entice your gaze. The villa exhales a deep sense of harmony and authenticity. The heart of the house is the road, a large inner garden brimming



with palm trees and bougainvillea. It also boasts delightful shaded lounge areas. The villa's four bedrooms all sit around the courtyard. They are lovely spaces. Two enjoy a large sitting area, and all enjoy lavish accessories that will bring a smile to your faces. There is one shared bathroom on the courtyard side and another on the garden side.

The villa is surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens sprinkled with mimosa, giant cacti, jasmine, papyrus, oleanders and many more wonderful plants. In one corner of the garden, you will find a delightful swimming pool where you can enjoy a refreshing dip and relax on luxury loungers, deckchairs and built-in bench seating. Close to the pool is the very attractive hammam where you can enjoy an indulgent steam bath. You will find lots of lovely little spots where you can settle down with a good book or a glass of your favourite tittle, including the roof terrace. This is also perfect for sunbathing or simply sitting and contemplating and count your blessings.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Indoor Games • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

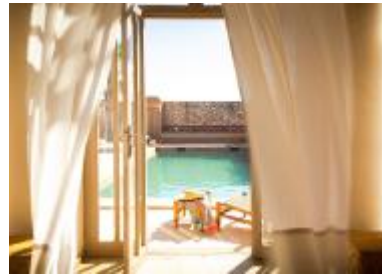
- Ample living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Kitchen-style dining room with access to a terrace
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Shower room with external access
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- Hammam room
- Bedroom with double bed, sofa and access to the courtyard
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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

Additional Facilities

- Music speaker
- Cards and board games
- Books



Location & Local Information

Villa Ghazoua enjoys a wonderful, tranquil location in the charming small village of Ghazoua, just outside Essaouira and next to an argan forest. Visitors to Essaouira enjoy stunning beaches, thrilling watersports, delicious fresh seafood and a buzzing Medina. The town is very much a working port and fishing town as well as a beautiful tourist hub. It is known for its coastal wind, beautifully named the Alizee, giving the town the name of the 'Wind City of Africa'.

You will enjoy a relaxed shopping experience in the Medina of Essaouira. There are five main gates and a laid-back, car-free pedestrian area sprinkled with souks that you can explore at your own pace. You will discover palm-lined avenues lined with art galleries and boutiques. You will enjoy the gorgeous white and blue facades and the striking ramparts. Dating from the late 18th century and added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in 2001, it is a lovely place to stroll. It was famously used in the opening scene of Orson Wells' 1951 film Othello and Game of Thrones. The Medina is surrounded by dramatic, wave-lashed ramparts which offer spectacular sunset views. The Slala de la Ville 18th-century ramparts protect the Medina and its row of nineteen bronze cannons from the crashing waves and seafaring marauders.

Essaouira's busy port is filled with colourful fishing boats. There is a large fish auction in the market hall by the port gates every Saturday, plus you can watch the daily catch being sold every afternoon to the restaurants around the harbour. You will see the sea-blue wooden boats arriving and departing and nets being repaired.

The beaches are great fun for windsurfing and kite surfing though the water is pretty cold. The beach runs for approximately six miles and is popular for walking, football and other sports. Swimming is best in the town stretch as Safi Beach to the north has a strong current. Camel owners are found on the sands to the south. You can head south across the Ksob River to see the ruins of the Borj El Berod, an old fortress and pavilion at low tide. From here, you can walk inland to the village of Diabat or continue to the sand dunes of Cap Sim.

The Gnaoua World Music Festival is held in June for three days. It is Essaouira's biggest annual event. The Gnaoua people are descendants of slaves that originated from Black Africa and established brotherhoods throughout Morocco. They are made up of master musicians, metal castanet players, clairvoyants, mediums and their followers. The festival showcases their talents with music and mysticism.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Essaouira Mogador Airport (10 km)
Nearest Village	Ghazoua (1 km)
Nearest Town/City	Essaouira (10 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurant Chez Soi (3 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar Amarg (10 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Aswak Assalam (3 km)
Nearest Beach	Lkarkoura Beach (8 km)
Nearest Golf	Mogador Golf Academy (7 km)

What we love

- Villa Ghazoua enjoys the styling of a traditional riad. It is an ancient property with considerable character and charm and is sprinkled with wonderful furnishings and accessories
- The courtyard garden is full of palms, colourful bougainvillea and wonderful lounge spots. In addition, the whole villa is enveloped by a lush green garden with a swimming pool and hammam. The rooftop terrace is perfect for a quiet holiday read
- The villa is fully staffed with a caretaker, housekeeper, steward and chef who will cook delicious meals three times a day

What you should know...

- The staff, heating of the hammam and pool, breakfast and a welcome dinner are included in the villa rental. You will then be asked to settle the cost of groceries and drinks plus grocery delivery for your other meals
- If you require airport transfers, babysitting, childcare or other special services, these will be for an additional fee
- Tips at the end of your stay are very much appreciated by the staff
- Please do not allow children to go on the rooftop terrace on their own, and watch them carefully if they do go up

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1,000 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: 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?: Not available on this property.
 - 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, it is included in the rental price; please enquire before 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: Daily house cleaning, welcome dinner upon arrival and preparation of 3 daily 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).