

Dar Haissoun

Region: Marrakech Sleeps: 16

Overview

Sitting peacefully on the shores of Bin El Ouidane Lake, the exceptional Dar Haissoun is a fabulous pick for multi-generational families and large groups of friends looking to explore Morocco. It boasts seven hectares of private gardens, an exquisite infinity swimming pool, hobby catboats, a motor barge for lake picnics, a tennis court, a mountain bike trail, a cinema room, sensational living spaces and six beautifully presented bedrooms. The villa comes fully staffed with guests enjoying delicious full-board meals. Marrakech is three hours away by car, Casablanca is three and a half hours away, and the magical Ouzoud Waterfalls are within very easy reach. Dar Haissoun enjoys superb, uninterrupted views of the lake and the Atlas Mountains. It was co-designed by an architect and a renowned garden designer. If it is available, you should definitely consider booking it!

Dar Haissoun is absolutely stunning. Its spacious living room boasts an attractive open fireplace, a bar, sumptuous sofas, chic accent chairs, gorgeous colourful rugs and stunning views of the lake, garden and mountains. The cinema room is a fantastic space that doubles as a library and enjoys stunning views too. There is an excellent DVD library as well as satellite channels. The dining room opens onto the terrace and is perfect for a celebration meal. Despite the stunning living spaces, you will definitely be drawn to the outdoor entertainment spaces with those views.

The villa boasts six-bedroom suites, all with ensuite bathrooms. The master offers an ensuite with a bath where you can soak your stresses away and a lavish kingsize bed that is adorned with lux linens and gorgeous soft furnishings. There are two other large double bedrooms and two smaller double bedrooms, all with ensuite shower rooms. The last bedroom is ideal for children or teenagers, with up to six mattresses on request.

Dar Haissoun's seven hectares of gardens are wonderful, sprinkled with lush lawns, a vegetable garden, terraces, a tennis court, a petanque area, a trampoline, a mountain bike trail and paths that lead to the lake. The 18m infinity pool is brilliantly located with spectacular lake views and sits next to a sun lounging terrace and a covered terrace for alfresco dining and pre-dinner drinks. Mountain bikes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards are available for your entertainment, plus there is a motor barge for excursions and picnics on the lake.



Facilities

Villa/House • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Catered • Private Pool •
Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Tennis Court • TV •
Bicycles Provided • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema •
DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s)
• Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Waterfront • Watersports •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling •
Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

- Large living room with comfortable seating and access to the garden
- Dining room for 16 people and access to the garden
- Cinema room with DVD library and satellite TV
- Library with mezzanine
- Master bedroom with queen size bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with queen size bed and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with queen size bed and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite shower room

Exterior Grounds

- Private infinity heated swimming pool (18 metre long)
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking
- Tennis court
- Petanque area
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Central heating
- Trampoline
- Hair dryer
- Cot and high chair
- DVD player
- Mountain bikes available
- Kayaks available
- Stand up paddle available
- Motor barge for excursions and picnics on the lake (gas not included)

Note: A few dogs live permanently on the property. They are not allowed in the house.



Location & Local Information

The villages of Bin El Ouidane and Ouaouizerth are a ten-minute drive from the villa. The two closest larger towns are Azilal, roughly half an hour away and Beni Mellal, roughly an hour away. Guests enjoy visits to Cathedral, the spectacular Ait Bougmes Valley, the stunning Ouzoud Waterfalls and Marrakech. The villa is surrounded by Berber villages, lush green valleys and wonderful fruit orchards.

The Ouzoud Waterfalls are one of the most visited natural sites in Morocco. With a height of one hundred and ten metres, the waterfalls are the highest in Morocco. During dusk, troops of monkeys gather around the waterfalls. 'Ouzoud' is a Berber word that means watermill. Close to the falls is a stone that rotates with the force of the water, which locals use to grind cereals.

Bin El Ouidane Dam is fifty kilometres from Ouzoud Waterfalls. It is an arch dam that was built in the fifties for irrigation and energy production. The lake is a brilliant spot for swimming, diving, watersports, boating and cycling. Morocco Adventure and Rafting School teach the basics of rafting and kayaking on the lake before heading off to the scenic Ahansal Gorge. There are three and seven-day courses where visitors can run through the rapids in three-metre-wide gorges, camp, spot turtles and enjoy the stunning scenery. Canyoning is another popular activity. Bin El Ouidane is very popular with photographers and artists.

Azilal is located in the centre of the Atlas Mountains. It is a beautiful place with gorgeous landscapes, a unique culture, plenty of crafts and eye-catching architecture. It enjoys a rich and varied gastronomy, from amazing couscous, fish and olive tagines to argan oil. You can enjoy the azure blue waters of Bin El Widane Lake, the amazing gorges of the Ahansal Wadi and the beautiful natural reserve of Tamga. Azilal and the surrounding areas are brilliant for sports, including water sports such as canoeing, kayaking and rafting, paragliding over the Ait Bouguemez Valley, canyoning and others. Mount M'Goun, Morocco's second-highest mountain, offers excellent mountaineering opportunities. A guide in the Ait Bouguemez Valley can take you across the bridge of Imi N'Ifri next to Demnate, to the caves of El Ksiba and Aven and to spectacular waterfalls.

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. This Moroccan city-break favourite is also home to a glossy modern quarter, the Gueliz, which is just steps from the riad. 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 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 the city 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 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.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Beni Mellal Airport (57 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marrakech Menara Airport (204 km)
Nearest Village	Ouaouizeght (9 km)
Nearest Town/City	Beni-Mellal (50 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Resto Agdale Bil El Widane Restaurant (9 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour (50 km)
Sightseeing	Ben El Widan (9 km)

What we love

- Dar Haissoun has been beautifully designed inside and out by an architect and a renowned garden designer. It is absolutely stunning!
- The villa is fully staffed, and guests are served delicious meals three times a day
- There is an endless list of entertainment at the villa, including tennis, swimming in the pool, water sports and boating on the lake, mountain biking and more
- The villa sits on seven hectares of stunning gardens with phenomenal views of the lake

What you should know...

- Full board is offered at the villa. You just need to pay for drinks
- A motor barge is provided for excursions and picnics on the lake though the gas is not included. There are also bikes and more for your entertainment
- A few dogs live permanently on the property, but they are not allowed in the villa

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2,000 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: 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: 4 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: Eight people work in the house—daily cleaning, and an experienced cook prepares all meals.
Prices include a full board for all occupants (10 adults - 6 children).
Alcoholic beverages are not included but can be made available to guests on request.
- 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).