

# Villa Laraiche

Region: Essaouira Sleeps: 8 - 12

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## Overview

With plenty of traditional Moroccan charm, gorgeous views, a beautiful swimming pool, elegant living and sleeping spaces and a huge four thousand square metre walled garden brimming with fragrant jasmine, vibrant bougainvillea and prickly cacti, Villa Laraiche is a laid-back property ideal for a holiday with friends or family. It boasts four bedrooms, all with private living spaces, delightful communal living spaces and a wonderful team who will look after you and the property brilliantly.

The villa is surrounded by a very generous garden full of jasmine, olive trees, eucalyptus, argan trees, bougainvillea and cacti. It is a haven of nature and calm where you will enjoy total privacy as you relax in the Moroccan sunshine. The villa is built around three patios which are connected. From the patios, you will discover three lounges, a kitchen and four suites which all enjoy their own bedroom, living room and bathroom. The rooms are minimalist in design, with gorgeous textiles, traditional plaster finishes and comfortable furnishings. The villa enjoys its own water and electric supply with a high-performance solar power system. Eight adults can comfortably sleep in the villa, with up to four children on extra beds.

Within the villa, you will discover a dining room, a main living room and a quiet living or reading room. There are beautiful fireplaces that are pure heaven if rural chill sets in and for a crackling atmosphere. There are lovely beams, comfy sofas and delightful seating arrangements that are built-in and covered with colourful cushions. These are sociable spaces where you can get together, but you will always find somewhere peaceful and calm to enjoy a quiet read or for contemplation.

The four suites enjoy bedrooms with comfy beds dressed with quality linens and delightful soft furnishings, living spaces with fireplaces where you can sleep additional children on single beds and traditional bathrooms, mostly with showers but one with a bathtub where you can soak your stresses away. There are two baby cots available too.

Villa Laraiche's large pool is surrounded by loungers and parasols where you can relax with your holiday books. Near the pool, you will find a shaded alfresco lounge and dining areas and a barbecue. The gardens are beautiful and fragrant.



## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## *Ground Floor*

- Ample living room with comfortable seating area, fireplace and TV
- Chill out area with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Separated dining area for 8 people
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Bedroom with double bed, a single bed, living room area, access to a terrace and en-suite shower room
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## *First Floor*

- Bedroom with double bed, a single bed, living room area, access to a terrace and en-suite shower room

## *Exterior Grounds*

- Private heated swimming pool (10 x 4 m)
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking

## **Additional Facilities**

- Sound system
- Hair dryer
- DVD player





## Location & Local Information

Villa Laraiche enjoys a wonderful, tranquil location close to the sea and Essaouira. The very popular resort of Essaouira boasts 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'.

Compared to the frenzied Medina of Marrakech, 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	<b>Essaouira Airport (28 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Afrate Haissoun (6 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Essaouira (14 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Le Fromagerie (5 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Bar Amarg (15 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour (12 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Essaouira Beach (5 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Mogador Golf Course (22 km)</b>

## What we love

- Villa Laraiche is relaxed, homely, comfortable and very laid back
- The villa sits in a large, four thousand square metre garden full of gorgeous plants, colourful climbers and trees, a swimming pool and delightful alfresco lounge and dining spaces
- The villa is fully staffed with optional catering arrangements

## What you should know...

- Breakfast is included in the villa rental. You can decide to pay a small fee per guest for additional delicious freshly cooked lunches and dinners
- There will be extra fees for additional services, including laundry, plus a small fee for villa cleaning at the end of your stay
- Tips at the end of your stay are very much appreciated by the staff

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €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: 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?: Not included in the rental price, extra €30 to be paid in cash upon departure. 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, 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: Daily house cleaning and breakfast are included in the rental price.

The following services are available at an extra cost to be paid locally by cash or bank transfer

- Lunch: starting from €7 per guest
- Dinner: starting from €12 per guest
- Laundry service: please enquire
- Beverages: according to consumption
- 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).