

Dar Janat

Region: Essaouira Sleeps: 8

Overview

Bursting with character, charm and authenticity, Dar Janat is an exquisite property sitting in the argan tree-sprinkled hills south of Essaouira. It offers the perfect escape in an idyllic, incredibly scenic and exotic setting. The house is brimming with intricately detailed furnishings, vibrant colour splashes and stunning touches. The house offers four seriously impressive bedroom suites and fabulous entertainment spaces, making it ideal for a family or a group of friends. Dar Janat also comes with legendary Moroccan hospitality in the form of a very attentive manager, a gardener and maintenance man, a housekeeper and a cook who will use the very freshest of ingredients to delight you with her culinary skills.

Dar Janat really needs to be seen to be believed. Its character features are simply mesmerising. You will discover exposed stone walls, stunning beamed ceilings, sumptuously lavish fabrics, an endless list of handpicked accessories and artwork, exquisite detailing to doors and furniture, beautiful tiling and plenty of imagination. This sprawling property is single-storey. Natural materials are used throughout, and the traditions and heritage of Morocco are very much included in this wonderful place. All of this is enveloped by a spectacular landscaped garden with a pool, terraces, an entertainment tent and gorgeous little nooks and crannies where you can enjoy a quiet read or a peaceful cup of mint tea. The living areas are incredibly beautiful, with gorgeous sofas and accent chairs alongside exposed stone walls and beams.

Dar Janat boasts four gorgeous bedroom suites. They all come with beautifully adorned double beds, private bathrooms with showers and direct access to the pool and gardens. You will discover fabulous tiled floors, gorgeous soft furnishings, eye-catching art, wonderful beams, opulent detailing and a modern twist. No one will be disappointed by their room.

The generous 11m x 5m swimming pool is surrounded by luxury loungers, straw parasols and fabulous landscaping. The palms sway in the breeze while the cacti add architectural charm to the stunning garden. There are many terraces, some large, some small, where you can relax, dine alfresco, enjoy pre-dinner drinks as the sun goes down and play fun family games.



Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Parking Space • Rural Location • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Ample living room with various seating areas, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Open plan dining area and access to a terrace
- Bedroom with double bed (160 x 200 cm), access to the garden and en-suite shower room
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Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (11 x 5 m; depth 1.3 m)
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Bar and chill out area
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection



Location & Local Information

Dar Janat enjoys a wonderful countryside setting surrounded by gorgeous argan trees and close to the lively, popular Moroccan seaside resort of Essaouira. Essaouira boasts stunning beaches, thrilling watersports, delicious fresh seafood, camels 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'. Also within easy reach of Dar Janat is the Arabian Nights-inspired surf paradise, Sidi Kaouki. It is a corner of wild and untouched beauty famous for its waves, wind and laid-back culture. There are rock pools to the north and a long sandy swathe of beach to the south.

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*. You will see wonderful live musicians and acrobats in the city and can take a table at one of the ice cream parlours to sit and enjoy them. 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. Below the ramparts, you will find archway workshops flourishing where artisans create intricate marquetry in local thuya wood. In the old Jewish quarter of the Medina, you will find steam baths that offer an amazing experience. Outside Bab Doukkala, you can hop on a carriage down to the Medina entrance gate nearest the beach.

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



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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 Airport (5 km)
Nearest Village	Ait Chouer (4 km)
Nearest Town/City	Essaouira (15 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Le Rendez Vous (13 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Le Club Essaouira (16 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Aswak Assalam (7 km)
Nearest Beach	Ord Omar Beach (13 km)
Nearest Golf	Mogador Golf Course (12 km)

What we love

- Dar Janat is like a work of art. Full of characterful features, sublime detailing and extraordinary furnishings and fabrics, it is totally captivating and a magical place to stay
- The villa is totally secluded, surrounded by a spectacular garden and a superb array of terraces and entertainment spaces
- The swimming pool is fabulous, surrounded by luxury loungers, parasols and beauty

What you should know...

- The villa is fully staffed. You will be welcomed by the manager, the cook, the housekeeper and the gardener. The cost of food, drinks and dinner service is not included in the rental but is available. You can also pay for laundry service, pool heating and airport transfers
- The staff are very happy to help you organise excursions
- This property is all on one level, perfect for those with mobility issues
- 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: 4 pm
- Departure time: 11 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 per stay to be paid with the balance to Oliver's Travels. 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?: For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €35 per day plus a pre heating cost starting from €70 (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: A non-refundable 40% deposit is required to confirm a booking at this property (or full payment if booking within 12 weeks of departure).