

Marrakech Riad Collection – Boutique Riad Guest Houses: The Medina, Marrakech, Morocco

Summary

Our collection of exclusive Riad hotels, in the heart of Marrakech's Medina, offers a haven of peace amidst the bustle of the city. Each luxury Riad is tucked away behind a carved cedar door in the ancient alleyways of Marrakech. Within, the traditional buildings unravel to reveal cool, leafy courtyards with lounges, comfortable guest rooms, and in most cases a refreshing pool. The Riad experience is unique – a haven-like home from home with the most welcoming of staff, where you can relax and indulge in delicious home cooking, but also enjoy the vibrancy of Marrakech's Medina and souks on your doorstep. These small luxury hotels are perfect for romantic city breaks, holidays and honeymoons in Morocco, and with average daytime temperatures rarely dropping below 20 degrees, the Riads are a great choice for early or late Summer sun.

Details

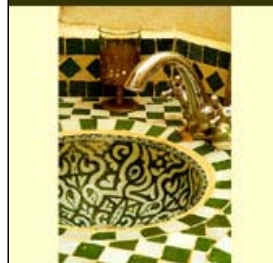
The Riad is the traditional dwelling in Morocco. Some more elaborate and grander than others, they are all designed as refuges from the heat, with tall, cool walls providing shade. All our Riads have central courtyards, pretty oases with trees and terracotta pots in every corner. Three of our four Riads boast central pools, which are the perfect place to unwind after a day's sightseeing or bartering in the souks. Or indulge in the traditional Moroccan hammam or spa treatments at Riads IV and II for a taste of relaxation Marrakech-style.

The guest rooms are styled in typical Moroccan fashion, with Berber carpets, Kelims, woven throws and metalwork lamps. There are 4 to 8 guest rooms in each Riad, so you can stay individually, or groups can hire the entire Riad exclusively.

As well as the pinkish hue of all Marrakech's edifices, which gives it its reputation as the "Red City", Marrakech has also become known as the "City of Doors" thanks to its thousands of carved cedar wood portals. On passing through these doors, unadorned and unprepossessing on the outside, one enters the secret and calm opulence of the riad. Conversely on exiting our Riads, one is immediately assailed by the tumult of the bustling Medina. These old quarters of the City have existed since the 11th century and have always been a draw for trade and craftsmen. This is the opportunity to engage in the sport of haggling for a prize carpet, ceramic work or leather goods... just beware the hard sell tactics! The winding souks, or markets, with narrow alleys lined with craft shops, lead out to the central Djemaa el-Fna Square. One veritably bursts on this vast open space after the darkness of the souks. By night it is packed with locals and there is always an evocative mix of hawkers, entertainers, and stalls; the whole scene lit by the hawkers' lanterns with smoke from their stoves rising above.

If you'd like to explore outside the City during your stay, we can organise a day at our luxury Palmeraie hotel, the Palm Gardens, where you can relax amidst expansive grounds, or take a 4x4 trip into the mountains or go trekking. Back at the Riad by night, you can enjoy your complimentary aperitif or mint tea with traditional pastries in the candlelit courtyard before tucking into a delicious "tagine" dinner.

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Facts & Figures

- 4 Riad Guest Houses in the Medina with 4 to 8 Guest Rooms in each:
- Riad I – 4 Rooms including 1 Suite with open plan sitting room
 - Riad II – 6 Rooms, including a larger Superior Double and Suite
 - Riad III – 7 Rooms, including 2 larger Suites
 - Riad IV – 8 Rooms, including a Double with private terrace and a 2-Bedroom Suite.

All rooms have: Ensuite bathroom (bathtubs in most) - Air-Con/heating – Fireplaces – Hairdryers – Safe (except Riad I)

Hotel facilities: Courtyard Pool (except Riad I where a rooftop Jacuzzi is being added); Pools at Riad IV and III are the largest), Courtyard Gardens & Sun-Terraces – Drinks Service – Private Dining Restaurant - Wifi Access

Cookery Courses at Riad IV – also available to guests at all Riads
Hammam and Beauty Treatments/Massages at Riad IV and Riad II. Guests at Riad III can use Hammam at Riad IV.

Also available nearby (extra cost): Golf, Baby-Sitting, 4x4 Tours, City and Souk Guided Tours, Guided Treks, Bike Hire

As with all Muslim countries, calls to prayer can be heard during the day and early morning and please remember that Morocco is a Developing Country where you are likely to see extremes of poverty.

Regional Highlights

- Long, lazy days in the cool surroundings of the Riad Guest Houses
- Pampering in the Hammam and spa
- Days out to Marrakech's cultural sights, parks, excellent souks and crafts markets
- Jazz and music festivals
- An evening at the spectacular Djemaa el-Fna Square, with its hawkers, craftsmen and fire-eaters
- Activities such as Hot-Air Ballooning, Horse-riding, Camel Trekking, 4x4 Tours, Trekking in the spectacular Atlas Mountains, Bike Hire, Quad Bikes and Golf
- Cookery Courses for Groups
- Marrakech Festival of Film in November/December

Location

Nearest airports:	Marrakech (20mins); Casablanca (2.5hrs)
Nearest direct flight from London:	Marrakech
Nearest train station:	Marrakech
Nearest restaurants:	10 mins walk
Nearest shops:	Doorstep



We encourage compassion for animals. If you go for a carriage, horse or camel ride, or are using mules for a trek, please opt for those with healthy animals who aren't overburdened. Look out for carriages with SPANA plaques and whilst in Morocco if you see ANY animal in distress, please call SPANA on +21224303110 / +442078313999. SPANA is a charity dedicated to caring for animals and educating their owners, so that both can lead happier lives.