

La Kasbah du Toubkal

~ Exclusive Rentals ~

Valid from 1 November 2009 - **Until 31 OCTOBER 2010**



*Forty miles from Marrakech, a million miles from anywhere
A Berber mansion in the High Atlas for exclusive rental*

The High Atlas Mountains can often be seen from Marrakech and the views are magnificent. However a whole new experience awaits those who venture into them. Imagine having your own fully staffed country mansion (minimum rental 2 days). Whether you wish to explore or simply to relax, The Kasbah du Toubkal provides the perfect contrast to the hubbub and heat of the city.

The accommodation is very flexible and is ideally suited to family parties, corporate off sites etc . The space and size of the kitchen means you can easily entertain large parties(100 to 150) for special events. The function room with its projection and audio facility, together with The Kasbah's unique position makes for an exciting location for receptions, seminars, off-sites or problem solving sessions.

Just 40 miles from Marrakech, The Kasbah du Toubkal was the summer residence of a Glaoui Caid – (feudal lord of the manor) until the 1950's. Set in its own grounds, it is perched on a great rock outcrop above the village of Imlil in the Toubkal National Park, on the route to Jbel Toubkal – North Africa's highest mountain. So impressive is the location that film director Martin Scorsese converted The Kasbah into a Tibetan monastery for *Kundun*, his film about the Dalai Lama.

The Kasbah is reached by a delightful 10 minute walk (or mule ride) from the village of Imlil, along a path through walnut groves to the main gate, there is no road access. Stairs lead up to the gardens and the Kasbah with its panoramic views and unique relaxed atmosphere.

Regardless of your level of fitness the gentle pace of Imlil and the Berber world is open to you. It is a special place beyond the reach of the modern world – and offers many possibilities – be it taking a leisurely mint tea with a neighbour or hiking to the top of Jbel Toubkal at 4,167 m - don't miss this opportunity.

“The scenery is magnificent. The friendliness and consideration of the staff are outstanding and the Hammam was terrific after Toubkal. One of the most enjoyable experiences in my 2 and ½ years in Morocco.”

Anthony Layden British Ambassador Rabat

The Kasbah is owned by Discover Ltd (UK) who have won a British Airways Tourism for Tomorrow Award, Responsible Travel Award and Green Globe Award for sustainable tourism for their work at the Kasbah and the Imlil region. This magical place is enchantingly run by Hajj Maurice and Hajja Arkia and their Berber team. The Kasbah has now become a near perfect location for family reunions, corporate off-sites etc. But the most important aspect of all is the friendly Berber atmosphere which is at the heart of the operation.

The following extract is taken from the chapter “The Road to Morocco” in the book “The Road to Audacity” by Steve Carter and Jeremy Kourdi. ISBN 1-4039-0617-3.

“The impulse for this book came in a small room in a tower on the roof of a Kasbah. I was staying there as a result of a determination to do something totally different to create a more liberating approach to the way organizations regenerate themselves The Kasbah is a place that inspires people not just for where it is, but also for its story and what it stands for....”

Accommodation very flexible ideal for special events family gatherings etc – 14 en suite rooms (twins or double) in all (3 in a self contained luxury house) and 3 Berber salons. The Kasbah can accommodate 34 people on basis of 2 per room – but the Kasbah has often been rented very successfully for parties of + 50 people.

ACCOMMODATION

Main Public Reception Room (seating 30+), office telephone, fax and PC.

Courtyard Private Reception Area (seating 30+),

3 Berber salons with gallery sleeping areas for 15, showers (4) and toilets (4), **(15 + pax)**

Roof terrace (300sq m) with 360 degree Mirador (inc 2 giant chess sets),

2 tower en-suite bedrooms, **(4 pax)**

2 Hammams (steam baths) one with plunge pool and terrace, Gardens and terraces.

Function room 15 metres x 7 metres with own balcony and roof terrace (100sq metres). Fully equipped audio visual – projection facilities etc

Terrace above function room 100sq metres with shaded seating area.

Garden Suite – Deluxe and Superior - as suite of two rooms or two en suite bedrooms, both with private balconies. One room can be triple **(4/5 pax)**

Gate Tower – 3 en suite bedrooms 1 with balcony roof terrace (look out) 25 sq metres. **(6 pax)**

Tikha Linen – en suite room built above the steam room with its own roof terrace 25 sq mtrs. **(2 pax)**

Ouka Rooms – 3 individual deluxe en suite rooms with own terrace **(6 pax)**

Superior – ensuite with bathroom - forms part of the Garden House **(2 pax)**

Junior Suite – upstairs own private Berber salon with Berber couches and private shaded terrace. Downstairs leads onto Deluxe double or twin ensuite room with bath/ shower. Can sleep extra pax in salon **(2 + pax)**

Apartment Suite – with deluxe double or twin ensuite bath/ shower fully fitted kitchen/ dining area/ lounge and choice of private balcony/ terrace and stunning panoramic view, wall of glass. **(2 + pax)**

PRICE:- (minimum rental 2 days)

The whole Kasbah complex – based on up to 34 people:

Euro 8180* per day fully inclusive.

*Reduction of 1,000 euros per day on rental of entire complex if non residents lunch guests are allowed to visit.

(Extra people in Euros per person per day): (Excluding transfers from Marrakech)

Adults = €85

Children 5 - 14 years = €45

Under 5 years = free

INCLUSIVE SERVICES –
(included in the price - minimum rental 2 days)

- Transport to and from Marrakech at start and end of stay.
(Includes 2 buses at 2 different pickup times at start of stay
And same at end of stay)
- All meals (typically Moroccan cuisine) and drinks (soft drinks, beer and wine).
- Fully staffed (Cooks, maids, etc) including (English speaking) liaison/facilitator
- Traditional Hammam 2 of (steam rooms)
- 2 qualified mountain guides and 4 mules on call for trekking or just gentle walks if whole complex is rented.
- Prices are fully inclusive of the all meals, services and staffing as previously described.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Berber festivals

Mechoui/entertaining for up to 100 to 150 people

Ski mountaineering during winter months

4x4 vehicles for exploration and local visits

Horse riding

DISTANCES /EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE AT EXTRA COST

Summit Jbel Toubkal (4,165m) 12 km (2 day trek)

Sidi Chamarouch – Islamic Shrine 6 km

Asni (Saturday) market town 17 km

Tin Mal Mosque 12th Century 62 km

Marrakech 60 km

Kasbah Du Toubkal Trekking Lodge 3-5 hour trek (rentable separately)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE KASBAH DU TOUBKAL

Accommodation 34+ groups of 50+ people have been catered for.

Ground Floor

The Kasbah is entered by a traditional double door into the main hall way, off which a short flight of steps leads to the main traditional reception room (seating for 30+). Through an arch one gains access to a second reception area (with fire place) from which steep stairs lead to the roof garden. A doorway from the 2nd reception area leads to the main courtyard around which are 3 of the Berber style bedrooms (with gallery sleeping areas) 2 rooms can sleep 6 each and the other 3 – but capacity of 34 people assumes only 2 per room. Also off the courtyard is a second more informal reception area with vaulted roof, decorated with traditional Moroccan couches. This area has seating for 25+ in small groups, meals are often served here. There is a small office where there is a PC, fax and telephone.

First Floor

Stairs lead up to the roof garden, which is nearly 300 sq m in size. The roof garden is laid out in a traditional Moroccan fashion, allowing you to relax on carpets and cushions. There are shaded and unshaded areas. A Mirador – 25sq metres with 2 giant chess set provides panoramic views on 360 degrees.

Steps lead down to two en-suite double bedrooms, which whilst small in area, reflect the scarcity of flat land in the mountains. Local carving skills have been used wherever possible to create a sympathetic environment.

Garden Complex

The Kasbah stands in its own grounds of 1.25 hectares with many paths leading down through lush irrigated terraces, apple orchards and walnut groves to the village of Imlil.

The flat lawn area leads down to the water garden by the main entrance and the Hammam (steam baths complex) and the tower complex. If mules are needed, they can be tethered by the main gate.

Function room 15 metres x 7 metres with own balcony and roof terrace (100sq metres). This room is capable of accommodating 50+ people seated for a meal, 100 people for a reception or up to 60 for presentations or screening. The digital projection system is capable of handling VHS cassettes, DVD or PC based presentations. A 500 watt surround sound hi-fi system complements any visual content and can support most audio programmes. This facility together with The Kasbah's unique position makes for an exciting location for receptions, seminars, off-sites or problem solving sessions.

Garden Rooms

Immouzer & Amadin – (Garden Suite)– 2 en suite bedrooms with private balconies that can be linked into a suite. Both rooms have bath/shower (separate in larger room) bidet, wash basin (2 in larger room) & WC both bathrooms have large windows with views of Jbel Toubkal and French windows (2 in the larger rooms) leading to balconies.

Ouka Rooms - 3 en suite bedrooms with private terraces. All rooms have bath/shower bidet, wash basin & WC. Both rooms have French windows leading to private terrace.

Tikha Linen (Hammam room) – en suite room built above the steam room with its own roof terrace 25 sq metres.

Gate Tower complex A signature statement to the Kasbah offers 3 en suite bedrooms in a tower (windows on all four sides) each is finished in similar style but with minor variations. The skills of local craftsmen have been used to create a sympathetic environment. One room has a balcony and the top room a roof terrace (25 sq metres) with commanding views.

Garden House 3 en suite bedrooms.

This new separate house is in a truly amazing location. Built on the side of the Kasbah du Toubkal with spectacular views looking due south to the waterfalls and the high peaks of the Atlas, it is completely secluded and not overlooked. This has allowed us to incorporate a huge 12 meter glass wall in the living area. This also allows windows in the bathrooms, which have to be in the running for the “bathrooms with the best view competition” and need to be seen to be believed.

The design is our Architect John’s finale to the Kasbah site. He has produced a traditional “Berber house” when looked at from afar with 21st Century facilities within.

CONTACTS

Mike McHugo and Kerrie Wrigley

(based at our French office)

Web: www.kasbahdutoubkal.com

email: kerrie@discover.ltd.uk

Tel: 00 33 (0)5 49 05 01 35

Fax: 00 33 (0)5 49 05 07 29

Discover Ltd is a member of ABTA No V4335 and holds an ATOL licence No3274.

Discover Ltd, Timbers, Oxted Road, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8AD

Tel: 00 44 (0) 1883 744392 Fax: 00 44 (0) 1883 744913

MOROCCO

Kasbah du Toubkal, Imlil, Asni, Morocco

Tel ++ 212 (0)24 48 56 11

Fax ++ 212 (0)24 48 56 36