

KASBAH DU TOUBKAL

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MOUNTAIN RETREAT

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

"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 two-and-a-half-years in Morocco."

Anthony Layden, British Ambassador, Rabat

From the rooftops of the pink-walled city of Marrakech, the peaks of the High Atlas Mountains provide a spectacular backdrop to the minarets of the city. They may be a mere forty miles away, but the contrast between the magnificent chaos of Marrakech and the peace of the walnut groves and small cascades of the High Atlas can't be described, it needs to be experienced.

Formerly the summer residence of Caid Souktani, the once feudal lord of the region, the mansion fell into ruin during the 1950's, eventually becoming nothing more than a small building with a collapsed roof and a bit of a wall that stuck up like a rotten tooth. In the thirty-five years since Discover Ltd. began work on the building, Kasbah du Toubkal has become recognised as one of the premier hotels worldwide in being at the forefront of combining ecology and community, while still offering the highest level of service and amenities. Architect John Bothamley, highly regarded for his sensitive designs and understanding of vernacular architecture, has created a traditional Berber house when looked at from afar, but with 21st Century facilities within.

The Kasbah 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's escape from Tibet to India.



“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. Kasbah du Toubkal is a place that inspires people not just for where it is, but also for its story and what it stands for.”

The Road to Audacity by Steve Carter and Jeremy Kourdi

KASBAH DU TOUBKAL has won numerous awards and recognition for its sustainable tourism operation and its work in the local community, and has now become a near perfect location for family reunions, corporate seminars and training etc. But the most important aspect of all is the friendly Berber atmosphere, the heart of the success of this Berber Hospitality Centre.

A hilltop lawn with a rose garden and fountains

The Kasbah stands in private grounds of 1.25 hectares, with many paths leading beyond its walls through lush, irrigated terraces, apple orchards and walnut groves to the village of Imlil and beyond. Regardless of your level of fitness, the gentle pace of Imlil and the Berber world is open to you; a special place that offers many possibilities, be it taking a leisurely mint tea with a neighbour or a two-day trek to the peak of Jbel Toubkal at 4167m.

With no direct access by road, Kasbah du Toubkal is reached by a pleasant 15-minute walk or mule ride through walnut groves from the village of Imlil to the Kasbah's main gate, where a brass plaque tells you that 'Dreams are only the plans of the reasonable'. Steps lead up to the gardens and the Kasbah itself, with its panoramic views and uniquely relaxing atmosphere. Alongside the steps, a tapered, stone-built tower looks like original fortifications, but in reality is home to three beautiful rooms with 360° views of the majestic surroundings, one of which has its own roof terrace.

A traditional welcome

The rose garden and lawn area lead past the water garden and the hammam, the baths complex of two steam rooms and an icy plunge pool, before arriving at the impressive carved door of the Kasbah itself, where you will be welcomed with the traditional greeting being presented with dates and a bowl of milk to dip them in from our Berber team.

The rebuilt Kasbah now has wonderful arch doorways leading through 3 reception rooms, a courtyard and tower to the patio and infinity swimming pool with spectacular view of the valleys.





A stairway to...

From the reception area a flight of stairs leads to the 300sqm roof terrace. Laid out in a traditional Moroccan fashion with shaded and unshaded areas allowing you to relax on carpets and cushions, the roof terrace is where breakfast and lunch is often eaten in warmer weather, making the most of the beautiful views and cool breezes. The tower has a 25sqm reception room and a set of stairs leads to the mirador at the top of the tower to a shaded area with 360 panoramic views of the valley and high mountains.

A short flight of steps from the terrace leads 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.

Taking care of business

Separate from the main building, a function room of 15mtr x 7mtr with its own balcony and 100sqm roof terrace is able to accommodate 50+ people seated for a meal, one hundred people for a reception or up to sixty for presentations or screenings. It is fully equipped for audio-visual presentations and has a full digital projection system. Above the function room is a smaller meeting room with mountain views and a log fire. This facility together with the Kasbah's unique position makes for an intriguing location for all types of group activities.



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ACCOMMODATION

With eighteen en-suite rooms which can be set up as twins or double rooms (three in a self-contained house), accommodation at Kasbah du Toubkal is very flexible, (and we work with you to meet your requirements) ideal for special events, family gatherings, corporate events and programmes. The Kasbah can accommodate thirty-six people on the basis of two per room, although has often been rented very successfully for parties of more than fifty people, where we have been able to take additional rooms in our sister properties nearby. We have run an event using 60 single en-suite rooms with all meals and events taking place at our Kasbah.

Gate Tower Complex

Another signature statement of the Kasbah offers three Standard en-suite bedrooms with showers in a tower with windows on all four sides. Each is finished in similar style but with minor variations. The top room has a roof terrace of 25sqm giving panoramic views of the High Atlas, from the peaks of Jbel Toubkal to the villages and agriculture of the locality as the valley meanders its way to Marrakech. (6 pax)

Garden House

This separate house with three en-suite bedrooms is in a truly amazing location. Built on the side of the Kasbah with spectacular views looking due south to the waterfalls and the high peaks of the Atlas, it is completely secluded. This has allowed us to incorporate a huge 12-metre glass wall in the living area. This also allows windows in the bathrooms, which have to be in the running for a 'bathrooms with the best view competition'.

The Garden House consists of three units:

Ifri (Apartment Suite) downstairs with deluxe double or twin en-suite bath/shower and upstairs with a combined fully fitted kitchen, dining area, and a lounge with a log stove and choice of private balcony/terrace with stunning panoramic views. (2 + pax)

Tasghart (Junior Suite), downstairs with deluxe double or twin en-suite room with bath/shower and upstairs own private Berber salon (with 2 beds), private shaded terrace and second private lounge area and private balcony with glorious views. (2 + pax)

Hadou, Superior double or twin en-suite room with bath/shower. (2 pax)
The Garden House can either be three individual units or opened to share the Apartment Suite's living room upstairs

The Garden Suite 1 – Immouzer & Amadin (Deluxe and Superior). Two en-suite bedrooms with private balconies that can interconnect. Both rooms have bath/shower (separate in larger room), wash-basin (two in the larger room) and toilet. Both rooms have private balconies accessible by French windows, with glorious views of Jbel Toubkal. One room can be used as a triple (4/5 pax)

The Garden Suite 2 – Toubkal rooms 1 and 2 (Deluxe Plus). Two en-suite bedrooms with picture windows leading to large private balconies 12sqm with views of the high mountains. Both rooms have roll top baths and separate shower, wash-basin and toilet. These rooms are larger than our deluxe rooms and it's possible to set up the Berber couches as beds, so can be ideal for families or friends. These rooms can interconnect. great option for families. (4 + pax)



Ouka Suite – deluxe double or twin room with balcony, separate bathroom with roll top bath, separate shower, wash basin and toilet. There is a Berber salon where the 2 couches can be made into beds making this a great option for families. (2 + pax)

Ouka Rooms – Three separate buildings each comprising of en-suite bedrooms with private terraces. All rooms have bath/shower, wash basin & WC. All rooms have French windows leading to private terrace. (6 pax)

Berber Lodge – Self contained 60m2 house with 1 en-suite room with shower, lounge with log fire and balcony with panoramic views. (2 pax extra beds could be set up in lounge)

Tikha Linen (Hammam room) – deluxe en-suite room built above the steam room with its own 25sqm roof terrace. (2 pax)

Two Standard en-suite bedrooms with showers accessible from the main Kasbah roof terrace (4 pax)

PRICE: (minimum rental 2 days)

We will work with you to give you an inclusive price for all the services you require from us and of course the price will vary with numbers etc. As a guide the whole

Kasbah complex, based on up to 36 people can be rented for 9,490 Euro per day excluding our 5% levy to the village association. This is per day fully inclusive. A reduction of €1,000 per day on rental of entire complex is offered if non-resident lunch guests are allowed to visit. Extra guests:

Adults €90: Children 5 - 14 years €50: Under 5 years free

INCLUSIVE SERVICES:

(Included in the price - minimum rental two days)

All meals (typically Moroccan cuisine) and all drinks, including tea, coffee, soft drinks, Moroccan beer and wine.

Fully staffed including English-speaking liaison/facilitator.

Use of two traditional hammam (steam rooms). Swimming pool.

Two qualified mountain guides and four mules on call for trekking or just gentle walks if whole complex is rented.

Prices are fully inclusive of all meals, services and staffing as previously described.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Berber festivals.

Mechoui (a whole lamb baked in a clay pot), entertaining for up to 100 to 150 people.

4x4 vehicles for exploration and local visits.

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 17 km

Tin Mal 12th Century Mosque 62 km

Marrakech 60 km

Kasbah Du Toubkal Trekking Lodge with four en-suite bedrooms.

A 3–6 hour trek from the Kasbah. It can be rented separately or form part of a two-day overnight trek.

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*What a fabulous long weekend in the Atlas Mountains.
A truly memorable occasion for all the right reasons.
The Kasbah du Toubkal is such a hidden treasure.*

The Kasbah was an amazing find in such a spectacular location. I thought the hotel, service and food were all excellent and the party they gave you was one of the best.

The Kasbah was ideal and in such an impressive and beautiful location.



Trekking in those beautiful, unspoilt mountains was a real treat as was the delicious picnic the chaps provided for us at the top!

The weekend was magical.. The Kasbah is in such a wonderful position and with superb Berber hospitality.



I would like to thank you all for making my birthday weekend at the Kasbah such a success. In part due to the magnificent location, the facilities and the cloudless weather, but also because of the friendliness, professionalism and sheer goodwill of the Berber staff. We couldn't have been better looked after.

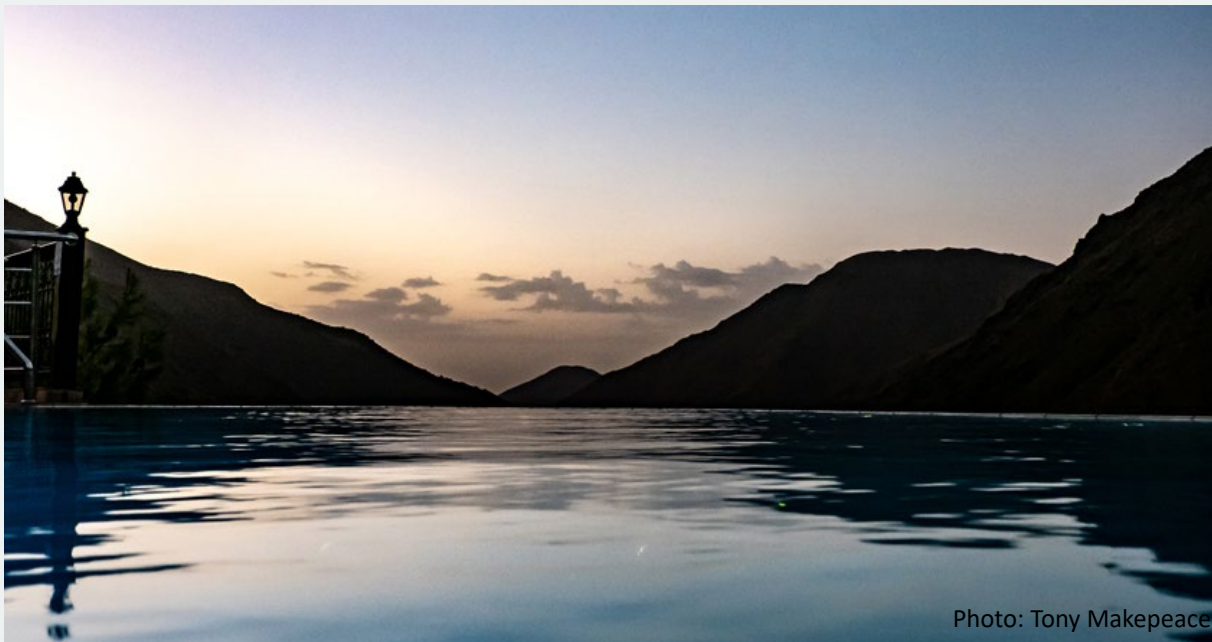


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