

Gay couples visiting Morocco - some information

Extract from Time Out Guide - worth reading the whole section.

“When it comes to homosexuality, Morocco is a paradoxical place. Gay sex is forbidden by law – punishable by six months to three year’s imprisonment. A “gay identity” exists only amongst a small, socially elite group of Moroccans. Yet sex among men is, and always has been, common.

The FCO Foreign and Commonwealth website has the following information:

“Homosexuality is a criminal offence in Morocco. Sexual relations outside marriage are also punishable by law.”

So *this* is the official position of the Moroccan Law. But it is generally understood that homosexuality is tolerated if it’s discreet, indeed some would say that Morocco has become a gay travel destination.

Discover Ltd position.

We obviously cannot be seen to actively encourage law breaking.

Extracts from some of the Kasbah literature.

“... There is a shared belief that the beauty of the Toubkal National Park should be accessible to all who respect it.In keeping with our philosophy of wide access, we have a range of accommodation/pricing options from €40 through to €200 per person and beyond.....” The same public spaces and services are shared by all our guests. This means there will be times when the mix of guest will cover a wide spectrum of the travelling public.”

To us phrases like “*all who respect it*” and “*wide spectrum of the travelling public*” would mean **everyone** as long as they treat the natural and cultural/social environment of the High Atlas and Morocco with respect. In sexual matters this means with discretion. The Berbers, who staff our Kasbah du Toubkal, tend not to be judgmental and the Kasbah du Toubkal, having been opened since 1995 and receiving guests from every corner of the world, we have had guests from many nationalities, many races, many religions and presumably the spectrum of sexual orientation. The fact that we have never been aware of any issues in this area probably means that guests have behaved appropriately/discreetly and treated our staff and the Berber people with respect, that has been reciprocated.

We hope the above has been useful we are happy to discuss any matters if people want to.

If you would like to be extra discreet, there is also a possibility to take a deluxe room with us and have a double bed and a single added to help with discretion.