

Villa Kouta

Region: Morocco **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

The delightful Villa Kouta is nestled in the picturesque argan tree hills of Essaouira. It is part of the Hotel Le Jardins des Douars, along with a handful of other villas. Villa Kouta boasts a gorgeous, spacious open-plan living space, four beautifully presented bedrooms that sleep up to ten guests, an extremely pretty garden and two stunning pools, one especially for children. Hotel Le Jardins des Douars is a fabulous boutique hotel and feels like an undiscovered secret. Cloaked in majestic palms and vibrant bougainvillea, it offers French chic and North African exuberance together with a truly luxurious spa, two jade-green pools and tantalising seasonal menus making this bohemian hang-out a fabulous pick. Its botanical gardens, glistening pools, restaurants, exotic buildings and superb vistas offer enchantment, indulgence and luxury. Guests staying at Villa Kouta enjoy access to the hotel amenities and its outstanding concierge service.

Villa Kouta's glorious open-plan living space boasts a characterful beamed ceiling, a lovely tiled floor, fantastic arched glass doors and windows that let in the light and seriously comfortable furnishings. It is a colourful, exotic, warm and welcoming space with bright terracotta walls and richly coloured accessories and sofas. The main seating area enjoys a featured open fireplace. A large dining table is positioned perfectly with enchanting garden and terrace views. The kitchen is excellent, and you will benefit from the wonderful services of the villa housekeeper, who will prepare delicious breakfasts and other meals on request.

Villa Kouta boasts four spacious bedrooms, which are split between the ground and first floors. The bedrooms all offer flexible sleeping arrangements with sumptuous kingsize beds that can be set up as twins. In addition, one of the ground floor rooms offers two extra twin beds, so it



is an ideal family or children's room. They all enjoy private bathrooms, mostly with showers but one with a bath where you can soak your stresses away. The bathrooms come in all different bold colours and with exquisite tiling.

The walled gardens of the villa are delightful. They are full of vibrant colours, climbers, pots, palms, towering trees and fragrant herbs. The terrace is wonderful, sprinkled with loungers, alfresco dining furniture, a lounge area, parasols and trendy chairs. Interspersed with lush greenery, it is a very pretty sight. Petanque and table tennis are offered for some friendly competition. The swimming pool is heated to 28 degrees, plus there is a small pool for children and some swings that are hidden in the garden.

Facilities

Maid Service Included • Villa • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • On-Site Concierge • Breakfast Included • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Large living room with various seating areas, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Open plan dining area for 10 people and access to a terrace
- Well equipped traditional kitchen with dining area and access to a terrace
- Bedroom with double bed (configurable in twin beds), two extra single beds, access to the garden and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (configurable in twin beds), access to the garden and en-suite bathroom

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (configurable in twin beds), access to a terrace and en-suite bathroom

Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool
- Large terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture
- Private parking
- Petanque court
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Hair dryer
- Cot and high chair
- Toiletries

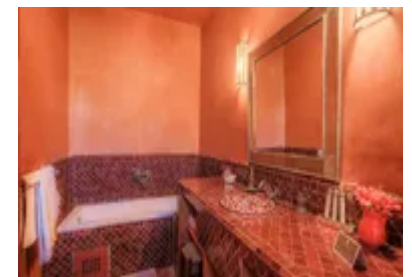
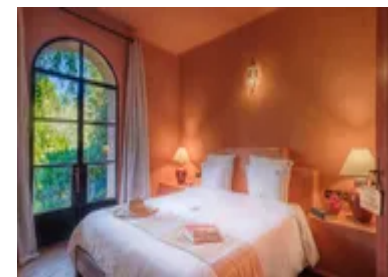
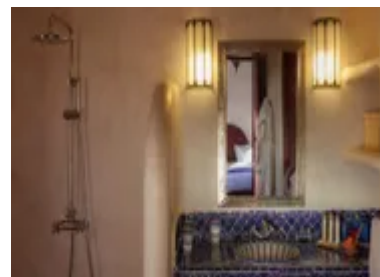


Location & Local Information

Villa Kouta enjoys a fabulous position in the glorious lush hills of Essaouira. It is a brilliant location with wonderful sea and mountain views. You can head to the beaches, quad your way to the waterfalls springing from the desert rock near the village of Sidi M'Barek, wander along Berber mule paths and discover traditional villages.

Golf de Mogador is only five minutes away with its two 18-hole courses designed by Gary Player. It is nestled against the Atlantic Ocean and magnificent dunes, so the views are superb. The hotel can book rounds, caddies and buggies for you.

Ten to fifteen minutes away, 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'. 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 can haggle for ceramics, homewares and hippie clothes and browse the contemporary art at the Art Gallery Centre d'Art Le Real Mogador. 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 Sim.

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 Mogador Airport (11 km)
Nearest Village	Ghazoua (5 km)
Nearest Town/City	Essaouira (13 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurant Chez Soi (4 km)

Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar Amarg (13 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Aswak Assalam (4 km)
Nearest Beach	Ord Omar Beach (11 km)
Nearest Golf	Mogador Golf Course (12 km)

What we love

- Offering a warm and welcoming ambience, this gorgeous villa is colourful, exotic and beautifully presented
- The villa is part of the Hotel Le Jardins des Douars, so guests can use their outstanding amenities and guest concierge services
- The villa is cloaked with a colourful garden that will impress all nature lovers. The pool and terrace are excellent entertainment spaces
- Breakfast is included in the villa rental, and the housekeeper/cook is very happy to cook extra meals for you. Otherwise, you can pop over to the hotel to eat

What you should know...

- For a small additional fee, you can ask the villa cook to prepare delicious lunches or dinners
- Other services are available on request, such as babysitting, dry cleaning, airport transfers and more
- You enjoy access to the hotel's outstanding spa, pools and restaurants when staying at the villa
- Tips at the end of your stay are very much appreciated by the staff

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1,000 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 3 pm
- **Departure time:** 12 pm
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Daily house cleaning and breakfast are included in the rental price. A non-refundable 40% deposit is required to confirm a booking at this property (or full payment if booking within 12 weeks of departure).
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. 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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- **Minimum stay:** 1 night. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Not available on this property.
- **Pool heating charge?:** For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge, please enquire (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).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price.