# **Dar Sidi**

Region: Morocco Sleeps: 6

### **Overview**

Please note that there are construction works next door.

Welcome to Dar Sidi! This luxurious riad sits in the heart of Marrakech's lively Medina with unique views of the astounding Mamounia Palace gardens. It comes with three heavenly bedrooms, a hammam, a massage room, wonderfully characterful living spaces and a fabulous rooftop terrace with a heated pool. The riad is fully staffed with a discreet team who are waiting to give you a holiday to remember. The riad was entirely redesigned in 2010 by Ludovic Petit to make it an ultra-cool, private retreat. It is an oasis of gracious and glorious Medina living that invites relaxation and rejuvenation away from the bustling souks and narrow alleyways. Dar Sidi will send you home with magical holiday memories.

Together with abundant Moroccan charm, Dar Sidi enjoys a wonderful contemporary flavour with its trendy black-framed doors and windows, its sumptuous furnishings and its hand-picked accessories. Its roof terrace enjoys a minimalist feel where simplicity rules. It boasts a fabulous pool for a cooling dip, trendy day beds and parasols, lounge seating, fantastic lighting and the most spectacular views. You can enjoy your breakfasts and other meals on the roof while intoxicated by the sounds and sights of the city. Below, you will sleep like kings in exquisite, tastefully decorated bedrooms, will soak your stresses away in immaculate ensuite bathrooms and lounge in total luxury.

Dar Sidi enjoys a stunning open central courtyard which is covered in winter. A super cool, stylish spiral staircase takes you to the upper floors. The interior designers have created dreamy spaces that blend trendy designer furnishings and accessories with a touch of Beldi. Its main living room enjoys colourful seating, an attractive fireplace and a sophisticated dining area with a table designed by Ludovic Petit. There are some wonderful recessed shelves, giant colourful artworks and great attention to detail. Floor-toceiling black framed doors open to the courtyard maximising the natural light and working in unison with the concept of indoor, outdoor living. The kitchen is very well equipped, featuring an espresso coffee machine. The riad staff includes a manager, cook and a maid who will take care of every detail in the riad and ensure that you experience the trip that you dreamed of. Breakfast is included in the riad rental, and you have the option of extra lunches or dinners. The riad boasts a wonderful hammam and a massage room should you want to treat yourselves to a few pampering sessions, which the staff can arrange.

On the first floor, you will discover two lavish bedroom suites. Both enjoy beautifully dressed, sumptuous kingsize beds, one of which can be set up as twins. With opulent fabrics, stylish rugs, feature walls, giant contemporary artworks and lux linens, the rooms are such a treat. The bathrooms are pristine and offer excellent fittings. The third bedroom sits off the courtyard







on the opposite side of the living area. This offers a double bed, a shower room and an office area.

Please note that the kitchen is for staff usage only; guests are not allowed to cook or prepare any meal. Usage of the kitchen for nibbles (tea, coffee, sandwich, etc.) might be allowed prior to agreement with the owner/property manager.

### **Facilities**

City Homes & Apartments • Historical Sites • Spa/Massage • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • TV • Chef/Cook Included • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Private Pool • Maid Service Included • Instagrammable • Modern • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Included • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

## **Interior & Grounds**

#### Ground Floor

- Ample living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to the courtyard
- Open plan dining area for 6 people and access to the courtyard
- Professional kitchen for staff use (guests are not allowed)
- Hammam and massage room
- Bedroom with double bed (140 x 200 cm), access to the courtyard, office area, air conditioning and en-suite shower room

#### First Floor

- Bedroom with king size bed (180 x 200 cm) configurable in twin beds, air conditioning, TV, DVD player and en-suite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower
- Bedroom with king size bed (180 x 200 cm), air conditioning and en-suite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower

#### Roof Terrace

- Private plunge heated pool
- Ample terrace and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Covered terrace
- Garden furniture

#### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Cot and high chair









### **Location & Local Information**

Dar Sidi enjoys a wonderful position in the Medina of Marrakech, within easy reach of the bustling Jamaa el Fna Square, the beautiful, famous Jardins Majorelle and many other attractions. Golfers can reach the Royal Palm golf course and the Royal Golf at Amelkis just out of the city easily.

Marrakech is a bustling, intoxicating, colourful city of wonders that offers an inexhaustible source of surprises. It is Africa's Capital of Culture, where everything is on the move. Finding out all of its secrets would take forever, but you can visit a handful of attractions in a few days to get a taste of its noble past and its frenetic present. Colourful spices, glistening lamps, colourful carpets and leather in every shade imaginable are combined with rich, ancient architecture to capture your heart and soul. Its souks are loud, thrilling and very exciting. You can shop for sweets, clothing, leather, spices, soap, perfume, rugs, lighting, musical instruments and much more. All prices are negotiable, and bargaining is a social art. You will discover snake charmers, storytellers and potion sellers. Dining in the Medina is an adventure and will set your tastebuds tingling. Smoke rises from barbecues which are enjoyed along with Gnawa musicians, acrobats and fortune tellers. The famous Patisserie des Princes is perfect for sweet treats and ice cream afterwards. Many of the riads boast exquisite restaurants for fine dining experiences where you will enjoy creative, spice-laced modern Moroccan menus, many of which are on rooftops with fabulous views. Your friendly staff at the riad can recommend and book tables for you. The wonderful Riad Yima Tea Room is the home and personal gallery of Hassan Hajjaj, the Andy Warhol of Marrakech and is filled with upcycled pop art. It is fun and a great place to grab a classic cup of mint tea. The Medina's labyrinth of winding lanes and alleyways is best explored with a willingness to get lost and a sense of adventure. In 1985 the Medina was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hammams were introduced to the city by the Romans and adapted to fit Islamic ablution rituals. Visitors enjoy wonderful hammam experiences at Hammam de la Rose, the Farnatchi Spa, the deluxe Royal









Mansour and many other spas.

The Bahia Palace was built in the late 19th century and now forms the centre of the city's culture. It boasts incredible decor along with high, gilded ceilings, mosaics, stuccos, paintings and an enormous landscaped garden.

Marrakech enjoys an excellent collection of museums, including Maison de la Photographie, a three-storey riadturned-gallery housing the vintage Moroccan photography collection of Patrick Menac'h and Marrakshi Hamid Mergani. Its rooftop cafe is one of the highest in Medina. The Musee Tiskiwin displays the history of Marrakech and the region in general. The Dar Si Said Museum is an exhibition of historic and contemporary Moroccan art, full of intricate Byzantine designs and colours. The Musee Boucharouite features stunning tapestries and another hidden rooftop cafe, while the Musee de Mouassine shows off the work of a local artist. The Music Museum is located in the Saadian quarter, built in the 16th and 17th centuries. The reception of the museum is a jewel of Arab-Andalusian architecture.

You can discover some of the city's history at the 16th-century Saadian Tombs, where the Sultan al-Mansour spared no expense in decorating his opulent mausoleum with imported Italian Carrara marble and a gilded honeycomb muqarnas ceiling. You will discover a large complex of lavish mausoleums and tombs. The once magnificent Bali Palace is now a monumental ruin with giant reflecting pools and breathtaking views of the city. The towering minaret of Koutoubia Mosque is constructed of red brick and sandstone and enjoys ornamental details. It stands proud as the symbol of Marrakech. Turquoise tiling, calligraphy, arches, fountains, and plasterwork make the mosque highly impressive.

The area around the city is sprinkled with magical gardens. Le Jardin Secret is one of Medina's largest and most important gardens, with a Persian garden full of tufty grasses and olive, pomegranate, fig and date trees and a second smaller garden offering exotic plants. An elaborate irrigation system weaves its way through the gardens, part of an ancient network that once distributed water from

artesian wells and fed by the mountains. When fashion icon Yves St Laurent arrived in the city in 1964, he was overwhelmed by the city and its vivacity. He lived in the Jardin Majorelle with his partner, a lush garden painted with an intense shade of ultramarine blue. It is sprinkled with giant cacti, palms and bamboo groves. The Berber Museum is filled with Yves St Laurent's personal jewellery and fashion collection, and the Musee Yves St Laurent offers a stunning choreography presentation of the clothes in a dramatic black hall.

Once you have sampled the vibrancy and energy of the city, you can venture a few miles out to the cooler heights of the mountains. Northern Africa's highest peak, Mount Toubkal, is just a short distance away, surrounded by the magnificent wonder of stunning mountains that are simply perfect for a hike. Within easy reach from the riad, you will also find some of the best golf courses in Marrakech, including the Amelkis Championship Golf Course and the Marrakech Royal Golf Club. You will enjoy unforgettable day trips, visit traditional villages, taste delicious food, and enjoy the fabulous scenery and a mesmerising mix of Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences. Morocco is as diverse as it is beautiful.

### **Local Amenities**

Nearest Airport	Marrakech Menara Airport (5 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar Le Churchill (1 km)
Nearest Golf	Atlas Golf Marrakech (6 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Cafe & Restaurant Traditionnel (550 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Market (2 km)
Nearest Tennis	Marrakech Royal Tennis Club (3 km)
Nearest Town/City	Marrakech (5 km)

Nearest Train Station	Sidi Mimoun Bus Stop L6 & L20 (500 m)
Nearest Village	Sidi Mimoun (200 m)
Sightseeing	Cyber Park (2 km)

### What we love

- Dar Sidi is contemporary, luxurious, and very stylish and comes with a super cool vibe that encourages you to embrace the calm and relax
- Your cook at the riad will prepare delicious breakfasts, which can be taken in the dining rooms or up on the roof. She will also prepare a candlelit dinner to be taken under the stars on request
- This roof terrace is sensational with a heated pool, loungers, parasols, an alfresco lounge area and superb views of the Mamounia Palace gardens
- Dedicated staff members are on hand to make sure that your Marrakech stay exceeds your expectations and to help with excursions, massages, dinner reservations etc

# What you should know...

- Breakfast and afternoon tea are included in the price of the riad, but you can also enjoy delicious lunches and dinners for an extra fee
- · Massages, hammam sessions and other additional services are available for an additional fee
- Please bear in mind that during Ramadan, the traditional month of fasting and purification, some restaurants and cafes close during the day and general business hours are reduced
- Please note that the kitchen is for staff usage only; guests are not allowed to cook or prepare any meal. Usage of the kitchen for nibbles (tea, coffee, sandwich, etc.) might be allowed prior to agreement with the owner/property manager

## **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €700 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: Housekeeping, a chef and breakfast are included in the rental price. <br > <br > Please note that the kitchen is for staff usage only; guests are not allowed. <br > <br > The following services are available at an extra cost to be paid directly to the owner in cash or bank transfer: <br > Lunch: starting from €25 per day/guest Dinner: starting from €30 per day/guest Hammam treatments: please enquire Airport transfers: please enquire Laundry service: please enquire 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: 3 nights during low season. All other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Not available on this property.
- Pool heating charge?: For those who require pool heating, the cost is included in the rental price. 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.