

Chapter 1 : 15 Great Places to Stay in Morocco - MarocMama

Jan 11, A. Alastair Sawday, publisher of the Special Places to Stay guides, picks 20 favourites. The Morocco guide is only our second foray beyond Europe (after India) but it has been richly rewarding.

Where to eat and where to stay What not to Miss Mysterious and welcoming, Marrakech has been a medina town for as long as it can remember. A place desert caravans converged upon bringing in wonders from all over Morocco and the world beyond. The flavours of the spices and the recipes brought in off the desert, are one kind of wonder and one of the reasons Marrakech is considered a heaven for foodies. The frenetic streets and alleyways leading towards Djemaa el-Fna Square are filled with people finishing long journeys - some off buses, some have carts. Tuareg, Berbers and other tribesmen come in off the Sahara to trade amongst mysterious herbs drying in the sun, heaped piles of colourful spices and air thick with the smell and smoke of cooking. Marrakech has no shortage of choice when it comes to eating with everything from street food to sumptuous feasts. The very best meal you have here may not be from a world renowned tasting menu or even a perfectly tender teyhan spleen kebab in the medina, but something home cooked and served on the rooftop of your riad. Shopping is done with a similar level of energy and gusto. Hagglng is what people do here and people are expecting it. Of course it begins to feel as if everyone is trying to sell you something, because, well, everyone is trying to sell you something. But Marrakech has the perfect answer to the problem of Marrakech, a glorious tradition of pampering spa treatments - the hammam, or Turkish bath. Choosing just depends on your preference and budget. Our favourite from our selection would have to be Jnane Tamsna owned by the legendary Meryanne Loum-Martin, renowned for her style and hospitality. Spread amongst three separate villas, there are 24 en suite bedrooms, plus numerous dining areas, sitting rooms and outdoor spaces. Add to this the nine acre gardens and five swimming pools and you have the perfect foil to the busy medina. Dar Zemora is a traditional six room hotel nestled in amongst beautiful gardens of olive, palm and lemon trees. The large garden makes this a private and peaceful place to stay. Understated and elegant with design that combines Moroccan tradition and European style, Dar Les Cigognes is in a great location with fantastic views from the roof terrace. There are 11 rooms, each unique, in these two converted riads joined into one by a bridge over a small alleyway. Just ten minutes walk from Djemaa el Fna, the Riad Les Yeux Bleus is charming and unpretentious with just eight rooms tucked away down a pink alleyway. For foodies Dar Les Cigognes is another top choice. In it won the accolade of Best Cooking School in Morocco. Here you also get beautifully decorated rooms and stunning city views from the roof top terrace. Founded in the 40s, in its heyday La Maison Arabe was the most talked about restaurant in Marrakech - and then in it was turned into a luxury hotel. The atmosphere of lanterns and classical music sets the mood perfectly. These days there are two restaurants and a cooking school. You can also sup around the pool, under awnings, or go for something more formal in the restaurant. Come to Dar Ayniwen if you want to eat well and relax. This gorgeous haven is just a short drive from the centre of town but within its five acres of green gardens it feels like your own oasis of green calm. They also offer free cooking classes to hotel guests. Best Roof Terraces Riyad Edward has the tallest rooftop garden in the medina, so if you want views this is perfect. From there you can look down into the medina, or on the other side the inviting courtyard below. The rooms here are simple, traditional and charming with many of the original tiles, doors and other features. Best family friendly places The Riyad el Cadi is filled with fine furniture and art but manages to also be suitable for families. There is a rooftop sun terrace and cookery classes are also offered. Riad Kaiss is another good family option. Bang in the centre of town it is perfect for exploring all that Marrakech has to offer. With just nine rooms and suites it would make the ideal location for an extended family gathering or special occasion. For luxury and romance Les Cinq Djellabas is an encampment of ten African eco lodges, offering the perfect spot to chill out away from the buzz of the medina. The feel is barefoot luxury - where contemporary minimalist design blends easily with traditional Moroccan craftsmanship. Ideal for groups and extremely private. The decor is classical Moroccan

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around a central courtyard with a pool, bougainvillea and rose-filled fountains. Equally romantic and perfect for honeymoons is the Ksar Char Bagh , a Moorish Palace with tranquil gardens and an enormous outdoor pool. The French-owned Villa des Orangers has sophisticated rooms and a luxurious hammam for proper pampering. The central courtyard is a relaxing green haven, perfect for relaxing post hammam. Or you can arrange to have a massage poolside. Not all dars and riads are in the centre of town and Dar Ayniwen is a fine, spacious example. Set on five green acres in the Palmeraie area, this dar has room for a large outdoor pool and giant tiled bathrooms - some of the suites even have their own jacuzzi. The welcoming pool has some beautifully detailed tiling. With only five suites in this luxury hotel you can guarantee personalised service. For something more Modern? Maison MK is a relaxing retreat in this frenetic city. The Riad Tchaikana is a minimalist-chic hotel with just five rooms in the heart of the medina. There are views over the city up to the mountains. Villa 55 is in the Palmeraie so it offers a bit more space and a bit more peace. There are just ten rooms which are simple and stylish with mainly white decor and splashes of Moroccan colour. Recently restored, the Riad Joya is wonderfully unfussy with natural materials used in a simpler, more modern way. The rooms and courtyards are bright and light with modern furnishings and the service standards are high. The Villa des Oranges is a smart, six room hotel with a fusion of Moroccan and European decor. Think beautiful mosaic floors and wood panelled walls. For on a budget With the rise in popularity of Marrakech as a short break destination, it is increasingly hard to find value for money. We have discovered a few places which still offer such value. Riad al Bushra is a newcomer to the scene. Is unusual and fantastic value for money. Located just outside Marrakech itself, the view of the Atlas Mountains is incredible. Riad Dar Zaman is an intimate property with just four rooms. Dar Layyina is a charming property just outside the city proper which offers superb value for money. Travel Information Currently Marrakech-Menara Airport has direct flights from some European capitals and major cities, including quite a few UK airports. Otherwise your best bet is the airport bus which runs every 20minutes and serves all the major hotels. The best times to visit are probably during the shoulder seasons between March and April and October and November.

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In the 19th and 20th centuries, pirates used it as a base of operations. Fortifications from these bygone eras remain, surrounding the restored medina. Whitewashed buildings complete the picturesque scene. It has a good selection of budget hotels and restaurants, and a growing art scene. White-washed homes sporting cobalt blue shutters provide a scenic backdrop for breezy seaside adventures, which include kitesurfing and windsurfing. Essaouira, formerly called Mogador, is a natural port. Travelers may want to begin their visit by walking through the Fes el Bali medina, where goods are transported by donkeys and handcarts. With a population of about 1,000,000 inhabitants, the medina is the largest carfree urban area in the world by population. Traditional adobe homes and courtyards ornamented with mosaic tiles line a maze of narrow streets and alleys filled with souqs and shops. Fes is also famous for dyed leather goods. Several places are limited to Muslims, but just viewing the striking exteriors makes the trip worthwhile. The Berber village Imlil is a good place to start the climb of Toubkal. The tallest mountain range in North Africa, the High Atlas offers outdoor recreation opportunities year round, from snow sports in the winter to hiking in the summer. One of the best places to visit in Morocco is the Todra Gorge in the eastern part of the High Atlas, near the town of Tinerhir. Both the Todra and neighboring Dades rivers have carved out steep cliff-sided canyons through the mountains. The last meters 2, feet of the Todra gorge are the most spectacular. Travelers looking for a unique experience might want to take an overnight camel ride through the wavy, deep reddish-orange dunes. Most group tours end up at a pre-setup camp at the base of some very large dunes, where the various tour operators have their Berber tents set up. Dinner will be cooked here, perhaps some music played, and visitors can frolic on the sand dunes under zillions of stars. The best way to sample its charms is to take off walking through the medina: Other possibilities include strolling through the Jardin Majorelle, a botanical garden that blends art deco and Moorish features, and sipping mint tea at a traditional tea house. Which destination do you consider the best place to visit in Morocco?

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The top tourist attractions in Morocco: The sultan turned Meknes into a impressive city in Spanish-Moorish style, surrounded by high walls with great gates. While Meknes is an imperial city with a lot of historical monuments and natural sites it is also the nearest city to the Roman ruins of Volubilis. Volubilis In antiquity, Volubilis was an important Roman town situated near the westernmost border of Roman conquests in present day Morocco. It was the administrative center of the province Mauretania Tingitana. The Romans evacuated most of Morocco at the end of the 3rd century AD but people continued to live in Volubilis for many centuries. Chefchaouen Where to Stay Chefchaouen or Chaouen is a gorgeous mountain city in northeastern Morocco. The picturesque medina, set against the dramatic backdrop of the Rif Mountains, is filled with white-washed homes with distinctive, powder-blue accents. It is a popular shopping destination offering many native handicrafts that are not available elsewhere in Morocco, such as wool garments and woven blankets. The goat cheese native to the area is also popular with tourists. The region around Chefchaouen is one of the main producers of cannabis in Morocco. Hashish is subsequently sold all over town, but is mostly the domain of native Chaouenis. Both the Todra and neighboring Dades Rivers have carved out cliff-sided canyons through the mountains. The final meters of the Todra Gorge are the most spectacular as the canyon narrows to a flat stony track as little as 10 meters 33 ft wide in places with sheer and smooth rock walls up to meters ft high on each side. It was formerly known, by the 16th century Portuguese as Mogador. The present city of Essaouira was only built during the 18th century to increase trade exchanges with the European powers. Nowadays, Essaouira is renowned for its kitesurfing and windsurfing, with the powerful trade wind blowing almost constantly onto the protected bay. Parasols tend to be used on the beach as a protection against the wind and the blowing sand. The medina of Essaouira is home to many small arts and crafts businesses, notably cabinet making and wood-carving. Draa Valley Located south of the High Atlas mountains, the stunning Draa Valley, lined with old Kasbahs, Berber villages and palm groves, spreads from Ouarzazate in the west to Zagora in the east. A drive through the valley is undoubtedly one of the most scenic journeys in Morocco. The Draa Valley is intersected by the Draa River which starts in the High Atlas and ends in the Atlantic Ocean, though in reality the river normally dries out before reaching the ocean. The awe-inspiring dunes are as high as meters tall, and one certainly feels small in their shadows. Erg Chebbi special feature is its beautiful unique orange colored sand. Excursions to the dunes normally start from the village of Merzouga which is located on the edge of the erg. Fes Where to Stay Fes-al-Bali, the larger of the two medinas of Fes, is a nearly intact medieval city. With a population of about , inhabitants, it is the largest carfree urban area in the world by population. Transports of goods is provided by donkeys, carriages, and motorbikes. The entire medina is surrounded by high walls with a number of historic city gates. Several shops and restaurants have a rooftop terrace which is a great way to escape the bustling streets. The views are particularly spectacular during sunset and after dark. Inside the high mud walls are 6 kasbahs and a small number of homes. By day this square at the heart of the medina is largely filled with snake charmers and people with monkeys, as well as some of the more common stalls. As the day progresses the entertainments on offer change: As dark descends Djemaa El-Fna fills with dozens of food-stalls, and the crowds are at their height. You Might Also Like.

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Share via Email La Sultana: Easyjet opened up the city to weekend visitors with the launch of its low-cost flights in the summer and this week Ryanair and Thomsonfly join the fray with new routes from Luton and Manchester. So far, thankfully, the heart of the city seems unchanged: Yet change is on the wind. Ten years ago there were 25 riads - the boutique hotels converted from crumbling townhouses tucked away in the medina. Now there are Marrakesh boasts a mind-boggling array of places to stay, from pared-down minimalist retreats to opulent palatial residences. Accommodation is hugely important in a city this frenetic. There are few better feelings than lazing on a roof terrace, cold glass of wine in hand, examining your new purchases and knowing that the crazy world of Marrakesh is going on just outside your door; here are the best places to do it. Room prices are for a double room including breakfast. Dar Sbihi Saad and Sybille, who own and live at Dar Sbihi, have used local craftsmen and traditional Moroccan techniques to create a classically designed riad which mixes the simple and ornate. Rooms are small with blue, mosaic-tiled walls and wooden beds; there are cedarwood doors painted in geometric designs, hand-carved archways, and zellij blue and white tiles on the walkways that split the four sections of garden. Recently opened, Bab Firdaus is unusual, then, in being both riad and restaurant. Avoid the formal dining room and opt for a table on the roof terrace; the mixed Moroccan salads and the pastilla pigeon pie topped with sugar are particularly fine. The other bonus is the small spa, complete with hydrotherapy pool in a stunning room, with fine Arabic plasterwork and stucco carving lining the walls. Riad Noga One of the first riads to open, Noga has had a facelift and is back to its charming best. A second courtyard has a small pool; above it are two roof terraces with comfortable loungers and terracotta pots dripping scarlet bougainvillea. Incredibly difficult to leave. La Sultana After a day spent dodging donkeys and shopping in the souks, a relaxing massage can be heaven. There is a pavilion on the roof terrace where treatments can be taken, complete with loungers to relax on afterwards. Step through the door and you instantly understand why: Jardins de la Koutoubia If you want to take the kids to Marrakesh but want the reassurance of a luxury hotel, then the Jardins de la Koutoubia is an excellent choice. The location, on the edge of the Jemaa el Fna, is fantastic and this former palace provides five-star-hotel bedrooms set around a gorgeous pool shallow enough to be safe for children. Small but elegant, with a central courtyard filled with plants; and the roof terrace is perfect for reminiscing over a bottle or two. Rooms are quirky, some with fireplaces, traditional Moorish archways and curtained-off beds, and all are en suite. Dinners can be arranged. Dar Donab A converted small palace, Dar Donab is mind-bogglingly ornate. The dining room drips golden chandeliers and floor-to-ceiling russet and gold drapes, while the small bar and alcoves, dominated by traditional carved woodwork, mosaic floors and ochre-coloured walls, are giddily glamorous. There is a good-sized pool and the rooms come with satin-draped beds and intricately carved plasterwork. Dar les Cigognes The storks nesting on the Badii Palace look like something out of Disney; watching them from the roof terrace of Dar les Cigognes would make a bird-watcher out of anyone. The riad itself is coolly elegant, one of the new breed of pared-down, less opulent properties, and also boasts a hammam and spa. It bakes its own bread and pastries and has its own recipe book. Riad Kaiss Riad Kaiss is another relatively old face about five years on the scene, but its scarlet walls and small maze of steps, courtyards and terraces, dotted with palms, ferns and citrus trees, make it as alluring as ever. The roof terrace has a small plunge pool, perfect for cooling off in the midday heat. Book room three, which has its own terrace, perfect for a post-souk snooze. Art, ceramics and wall-hangings by local artists decorate the walls. Mohammed Bouskri is something of a legend; he has been a guide in the city for 35 years and counts Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise as his clients. Kniza is utterly charming, rooms full of lush fabrics - berry-coloured satins and creamy silver velvets - with all mod cons. Dar Charkia Opened this year, Dar Charkia is a chic riad with a lovely roof terrace, but its X-factor is the

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English manager, Cyrus, who can help with everything from restaurant reservations to tips on how best to manage the medina. The riad is only a short walk from the taxi drop-off point and just around the corner from some of the best restaurants in town Dar Marjana and Dar Moha. Rooms mix contemporary style with Moroccan touches, bursts of bright cerise and violet against whitewashed walls. Jnane Mogador, then, is something of a find - ideal for those on a budget, without compromising on style. Rooms are small with wrought-iron beds and simple furniture, opening from a balcony that runs above the mosaic-tiled courtyard. The roof terrace has fantastic views and there is a small hammam. For taking a dip Riad Chergui The selling point of the new Riad Chergui is its utterly beautiful pool: More of a boutique hotel than a riad, the building curves elegantly around the pool, making it an ideal spot for a sundowner from the cosy bar. French-owned, Riad Chergui opens formally on 15 November, with three of the smaller rooms an absolute snip. Riad Akka If all that heavy Moroccan opulence is not to your taste, the sleek style of Riad Akka might hit the spot. Opened this year, it mixes Moroccan touches - tadelakt coloured plaster walls, olive trees in the courtyard - with more modernist decor. Rooms are decked out in bold colours - aquamarine chairs and striped throws in one, burnt orange rug and vases in another. Tagine dishes come in glossy black, dining chairs in vibrant tangerine. For dipping in and out Situated just outside the medina walls, this former palace offers sumptuous accommodation, balustraded terraces filled with wicker furniture and lush plants, a fabulously ornate pool and one of the best restaurants in Marrakesh. The bright lights and bustle of the Jemaa el Fna are only a stroll away, meaning you can come and go as you please. For all mod cons Rooms are sleek, with Pop Art on the walls and deep red drapes. The patio has an outdoor jacuzzi and rooms also boast satellite TV and minibar. And if it all gets too much Avoid the new town, which basically offers the same old international hotel chains, and opt for something original. Here are three of the best: For country house style Dar Zemora sits among the mansions with five elegant rooms. Two are decadent suites with four-poster beds, comfy sofas and open fires for the winter. Outside there is a lawned garden, dotted with jacaranda and hibiscus, and swimming pool. There are as many lounges as bedrooms, with sofas in rich blues and purples, leather pouffes, scarlet scatter cushions and rugs adding to the opulent feel. Discover the Palmeraie region on a camel trek or quad-bike, take an ultra-light flight above the city or canter across the plains on horseback. Evenings are spent at candlelit tables dotted around the gardens, with live traditional music. There are 12 tents pitched in landscaped gardens, with a central house where breakfast and dinner can be taken. These are no ordinary tents - each has its own queen-sized bed, proper bathroom, electricity, air-conditioning and a lushly decadent feel, with rich silks and satins cascading from the frame. Getting there Ryanair ; [www. Easyjet ; www.](http://www.Easyjet.com) For more information contact the Moroccan Tourist Board ; [www.](http://www) This article contains affiliate links, which means we may earn a small commission if a reader clicks through and makes a purchase. All our journalism is independent and is in no way influenced by any advertiser or commercial initiative. The links are powered by Skimlinks. By clicking on an affiliate link, you accept that Skimlinks cookies will be set.

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Logis la Marine - Sidi Ifni This place is beautiful! Originally built by the Spanish, this art-deco mansion is now a guest house, perfectly suited for those who want a spectacular view of the ocean and easy access to the rest of the city. It sits on the ocean side of a hill and overlooks the Canary Islands in the distance. The rooms are fantastic! Many have a view of the ocean. Fast wi-fi and included breakfast. The people are very kind and welcoming, the views and sunsets are stunning, and the relaxed atmosphere is not to be missed. Then Riad Papillon is the place for you. This luxury boutique Riad offers all of the comforts you need to help you relax and unwind after a day exploring Marrakech. Take a dip in the plunge pool to cool off, or enjoy relaxing and reading a book in a quiet corner of the Riad. Our favourite part was the freshly made breakfast served on the roof terrace. We also recommend tasting an in-house meal one night during your stay. Amazing service, beautiful surroundings, great location. In it she describes the journey her and partner Dan took when they bought and renovated a disused Riad in one of the oldest parts of the Marrakech Medina. For a first time visitor to Marrakech this Riad is a home away from home – a mix of friendly familiarity and Moroccan charm. After purchasing, it was brought back to life by craftsmen from the local mosque, using traditional techniques. Maizie is a comfortable budget option with only five rooms. Reading the book before staying adds interest to the experience. Riad Gallery 49 in Marrakech turned out to be our favourite place to stay in Morocco. Riad Gallery 49 is located within the Medina and with only 3 rooms it gives a truly authentic riad experience. The cool tiles and water feature of the inner courtyard were like stepping into an oasis after shopping in the bustling, hectic souks. The rooftop day beds and the in-house Hammam invite you to relax and unwind while staying here. Past visitors rave about the food, some saying it is the best they ate in Morocco, I would agree, the food was amazing. We chose our menu in the morning giving our cook, Fatima, time to source and prepare the fresh local ingredients. If you really want to explore Moroccan cuisine the riad runs cooking classes, starting with a trip to the souks to buy the ingredients and ending of course with a delicious meal. Check Availability Riad 72 - Marrakech Tucked away in a quiet street within the medina in the old part of Marrakech, Riad 72 is a luxurious property offering a quiet oasis within the Red City. The fresh and local foods, attention to detail and impeccable customer service are what will make you want to extend your stay. The Riad has quiet courtyards, some rooms with private balconies and a chic terrace to enjoy the rooftop views. The best part of my time there was the attentiveness of the staff to their clients. They are always available to provide directions, suggestions and are helpful in creating an ideal trip to Marrakech. The interior of the riad was beautiful, with plenty of tilework and the colorful look that is classic among Moroccan decor. Riad Malak served us the best breakfast we had while in Morocco: Some pastries were sweet, others savory, and we left the riad everyday completely stuffed, refreshed, and excited for the day of exploring ahead. We were blown away by the careful restoration that had taken place. The rooms were all gorgeous and spending time sunk in the couches of the lounge room was a favorite past time. Karawan serves a great breakfast and we also enjoyed dinner as well. Hammams and massages are offered onsite in a very relaxed and clean environment. It is perfect for a relaxing and romantic stay. But what made it especially wonderful was our Airbnb accommodation – an authentic Moroccan house tucked down a maze of quiet alleyways in the heart of the bustling medina. With 3 bedrooms 2 double, 1 twin and an open plan kitchen, diner and lounge with log fireplace for the colder months , all spread over three floors and accessed by a spiral staircase, there is more than enough space for a family or a group of friends to spread out. But the real treat is the rooftop seating area affording the most wonderful views across the medina; a very special place to retreat at sunset to witness the call to prayer drifting across the rooftops. Plus, with so much to explore on your doorstep beach, camels,

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souqs, fishing port and ramparts , we cannot recommend this Airbnb enough.

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Centrally located at edge of medina, this riad was a special place to return after exploring the busy area. excellent host and staff who went out of their to help us, great food and the most amazingly beautiful building. bathroom a little small but clean and lots of hot water. everything else was bliss we will be back.

Share via Email Stay a while The Morocco guide is only our second foray beyond Europe after India but it has been richly rewarding. Our selection aims to give just a taste of what is available in this colourful and captivating country. Unless specified, prices are for two people sharing a room for one night and include breakfast but no other meals. Rooms are as vertical as the house, the odd duplex and two staircases, two windowless womb-like salons - so restful - and two kitchens. Then up you climb to the flowering terraces to contemplate the panorama and dine on superb food. It is relaxed and homespun, a place where everything seems to work without the need for rules. The bedding is excellent and there is good home cooking. Read the books, use the field glasses, and consult your wonderful hostess on the rarer feathered friends. The broad main room is sheer seduction with its lit tle indoor garden. From here, the salon entices you into its clean-cut elegance of white, sand and warm flame until you succumb to the sweep of the superb staircase and move on up. Bedrooms are full of light that dances over rich cottons, beautiful objects, carved alcoves. If possible, dine with this fascinating artist who receives visitors so brilliantly. The top-floor flats may be a steep climb but the view is worth the effort. Four riads steeped in history, each with different atmosphere, one a showcase for Moroccan art deco; another a little gem of finely worked cedarwood and tadelakt. There are salons for all seasons and creative gourmet meals; a superb spa and wellbeing centre; vast panoramic terraces. Bedrooms are luxurious, all decorated on a different animal theme, with antiques, works of art and exquisite craftsmanship. The owners provide stylishly personal service. She speaks seven languages and has created a haven of relaxation with a hammam plus treatments. There is good organic Moroccan food. The gentle, welcoming rooms are big and light for so small a riad, sweetly done with plain walls, heaps of bright little cushions and the occasional star in an iron lamp. Bathrooms are superb in their top-quality ivory tadelakt and sober good taste. Colours are stimulating, furniture is mosaic-topped or hand-painted and beds as wide as possible in those narrow riad rooms over the citrus patio. Nouridine manages brilliantly and will even shop for you. A lovely traditional family house for you, your family and friends. Artist and designer, she has brought all her strands together in this beautiful conversion of house and garden room: Furniture is a few well-loved pieces in old wood, natural wicker, hand-wrought iron Jennifer is embedded in the local design scene where her mix of northern minimalism and Moroccan tradition is much admired. A superb plum tadelakt living room is the showcase for inlaid Syrian armchairs, French period pieces, deep scarlet sofas and a magnificent dining table. Bedrooms - three in the main house, two in the lodge, the smallest in a garden house - are elegant too, and restful. Olivia is a peerless hostess. You are led onwards and upwards through endless courtyards, corridors, arches and alcoves where light and dark play games with your eyes and level-changes confuse your geography. The peace of the place can now take over. Materials and forms are organic: The monastic serenity does not preclude gentle yet high-class hotel service. In the en suite rooms are ochre-tinted walls, blue doors, beams and wicker, warm Berber blankets and good kilims. Or sleep in your own space in the garden: Life centres on the pool area, which has a straw-roofed bar, tents with pretty embroidered tablecloths and a barbecue. Your relaxed hosts, who are fans of 4x4 cross-country treks, can arrange shooting expeditions. Their earth village house of almost monastic simplicity is adorable in its rose-hung, rug-strewn patio, convivial in its big salon. The food is exceptional. He has decorated his big new house in beautiful style with the best materials, including a splendid Moroccan salon. Bedrooms have a touch of drama, be it a carved or painted bedhead, draperies or cushions, niches or fireplace. Under their guidance, you discover local history, architecture and culture, meet craftsmen and families, and glimpse their gentle, traditional lifestyle. The big old family house sits proud and cool beneath a protecting kasbah. Its long mysterious corridor leads past the

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dining platform to a dramatic patio whose four huge pillars rise pale and unadorned to the light above. So when you can tear yourself away from your smart garden house, you have to choose between library or cards room, tennis court or croquet lawn, riding or the driving range, the excellent restaurant or the poolside buffet - or simply a long exploration of those acres of really fabulous gardens. Expensive perhaps, special definitely. The Kasbah of the Star is run by the dynamic brothers Ahmed and Lahcen; others living in the luxuriant valley willingly receive foreign families for the day: Rooms have ochre-washed cement floors, thick Berber blankets and rugs, minimal handmade furniture. Some have stupendous views of valley and sky, some just have internal windows, all have the right feel. His little inn climbs the slope and tempts you to follow, up the steps, under the arch, out of the tunnel into the light of a leafy terrace-salon. Fabulous food is served on this level: Rooms are very simple with lots of space. In any case, it is a very special place for lovers of space, peace and real comfort. Tiznit 00 48 Half-board for two: The renovation has been done with deep respect for the colours and shapes of the area: For meals, choose between the smart dining room, the relaxed Moroccan salon and the convivial nomad tent; the food in all three is delicious.

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Situated on Morocco's Atlantic coast, Essaouira is a great place to get away from the heat and bustle of the bigger cities. In the s, the seaside town was a popular hangout for icons like Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley.

Many also have an external living area protected by a wall. The large terrace on the top floor was used to communicate with the neighbours and the household chores. Morocco - where to go Marrakech: Marrakech is undoubtedly one of the greatest cities in North Africa, not to mention Morocco itself. The bustle of the Medina, palm-lined streets and red-earth walls all make for a memorable stay. Much of Fez still holds on to its French roots and you will no doubt be hooked by its Francophile sights, sounds and colourful smells. It has enough attractions too keep you busy for a few days. Erfoud is located right on the border of the Sahara Desert. Unsurprisingly, it makes for an excellent base for exploring the desert, 4x4 tours and camel trips. Its high peaks over metres provoke a high level of rainfall and so it boasts many fertile valleys surrounded by rivers and waterfalls. It all makes for some breathtaking sights that should not be missed and which cover some of the most beautiful regions of Morocco. The villages in the High Atlas are small but thriving and home to the Berbers - enduring, hospitable and very friendly people. Local customs The Moroccans are an extremely hospitable people. Following some basic guidelines will further enhance your enjoyment of Morocco: In this case wash your hands, as a symbolic gesture and wait for the master of the house to intone the bismillah in praise of God. Gastronomy When in Rome, do as the Romans, so when in Morocco we strongly suggest trying any of the following delicacies. Delicious kebabs are ubiquitous and cooked at the entrance to the souk, in squares or at the roadside, convenient and cheap. Couscous is the traditional family dish for Friday lunch, but you will find it every day in restaurants. Oven or spit roasted lamb. A fine flaky pastry stuffed with pigeon and almonds: The famous Moroccan sweet and salty taste. There are also variants with fish, chicken and even with milk for desert. The national dish of Morocco. The word designates both the decorated earthenware plate with its distinctive conical cover and the dish itself meat, chicken or fish stew with vegetables. Travel inspirations, itineraries and best places to stay.

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The most authentic places to stay in towns in Morocco are located in the heart of the Medina and are called Riad or Dar, which are characterized by for being built around a central patio with a fountain.

Should I take a hotel room or stay in a private appartement? What is the best part in Bali for shopping? We give you the answer to all your questions in this article Best places to stay in Bali It is an easy and hard question to answer at the same time. Anyway, we will try to give you the places and possibilities we think are the best according to different situations and scenarios. Especially for the first and last day of your stay in Bali. This will let you avoid all the problems with taxis: In addition, if you reserve in advance and do the right search over the internet. You can find some real interesting offer especially in low season. Some Hotels are really close to the airport and you can get to them with 5 minutes walking! Moreover, the airport in Bali is very well located. Popular as the best place to enjoy Nightlife in Bali. So if you like calm and relax this is probably not the best spot for you just move to the next proposition. However if you do like loud music, drinking and dancing all over the night. This is really one of the best places to stay in bali. It is really very easy to cross and meet new people here. There are many club all around the street. After 10 pm, Legian is really the most living part of the island. But if really do like party and amusement. It could be a great advantage to get back home walking especially if you drink more than a beer. It has a bunch of cultural diversity with a magic frame of Nature. Which makes it the best place to relaxe and meditate. Thus, if you love yoga, meditation or just relaxe. A villa in Ubud is exactly what you need. The prices of villas vary depending of the level of luxury they offer. You will have to spend a few hundreds of dollars per night. The best part is that Ubud is a place where most people are Hindu. Thus, most of their houses are like temples. Which makes you feel being in a luxury temple. An amazing feeling that really worth trying. There are two sides of Gili Trawangan islands: Port side When you arrive to the island your fast boat will land here. From here you can see Gili meno and Lombok. This side is the living part of the island. You can find most markets, restaurants and activities of the island Diving and snorkeling. It is also where you can enjoy nightlife of Gili with many dacing polls and open restaurants of sea food. Thus, to enjoy all these benefits, the best thing you can do is to take a private room in a shared villa. Shared villas in Gili are generally equiped with swiming pools, wifi and offer very nice breakfasts every morning. Clearly, you maybe desire to have a private Villa. But see in your shared Villa an opportunity to meet new friends and discover new cultures. Most of all, the value for money is really fantastic! Just perfect to swim, chill and relaxe. To get here from your shared villa you have to walking for like 30 minutes or about 10 minutes using a bike. The beach side have really profitable when it comes to enjoy good views like sunset. As you can see on the image there are some swings on the coast where you can freely play and sit to watch the sunset. Maybe you can find the price for the hotel a bit higher than a shared Villa but when you see the profit value, it really worth picking that choice. First of all, staying in the hotel, means water free. And water in Bali is really needed. As the water in rooms is never good to drink, the water is hot. Thus, you always have to go to a market take a couple bottle of waters. Free bottle of water are served in your room and you can even find a fridge in the hall with free cups of water. Moreover, most of hotels in Bali offers bikes for free and with a very good quality. Consequently, no need to negotiate everyday and look for a bike to move around the island. The best part, most hotels have private spots just in front of the beach where you can stay under the shadow or the hot sun. Enjoying the splendid look of the sea all the day and finally enjoy one of the best sunset you can see your whole life! At this time you will also be able to clearly see Ubud volcanos. Finally, thanks to the free bikes, staying in a hotel on the beach side could be perfect to enjoy the beach in the day, then enjoy nightlife on the other side by the night. And now what are the best places to stay in Bali? As you saw in this article it vary a lot depending on your need. If you like relaxing or enjoying life with loud music. It is also a matter of budget. We hope that we helped you to have some idea of where you can stay in Bali for your next holidays. If you have any question or suggestion feel

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