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Travel

TRAVEL

MARRAKECH

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
MAJESTIC CITY OF MARRAKECH



DAY ONE

Upon arrival at Marrakech Menara Airport, where you will enjoy a fast-track service, you and your guests will be greeted by one of our team and taken to a waiting set of chauffeur-driven Range Rovers.

Your private vehicles will then transport you to the magnificent Kasbah Tamadot for lunch! Located in the spectacular Atlas Mountains, the award-winning Kasbah was bought by Sir Richard Branson during one of his famous ballooning expeditions. To the north extends a steep river valley with sheer rocky limestone and forested mountains, contrasting with the view of the breathtaking snow-capped peaks of the Atlas Mountains on the southern side. To the east, across the river, you can see a traditional Berber village built into the side of the mountain in keeping with the landscape. Within the grounds is a beautiful garden of specimen fruit trees, a collection of cacti and a rambling rose garden. Kasbah Tamadot employs local Berber staff from the surrounding villages, giving guests a sense of being at an authentic Moroccan homestead.

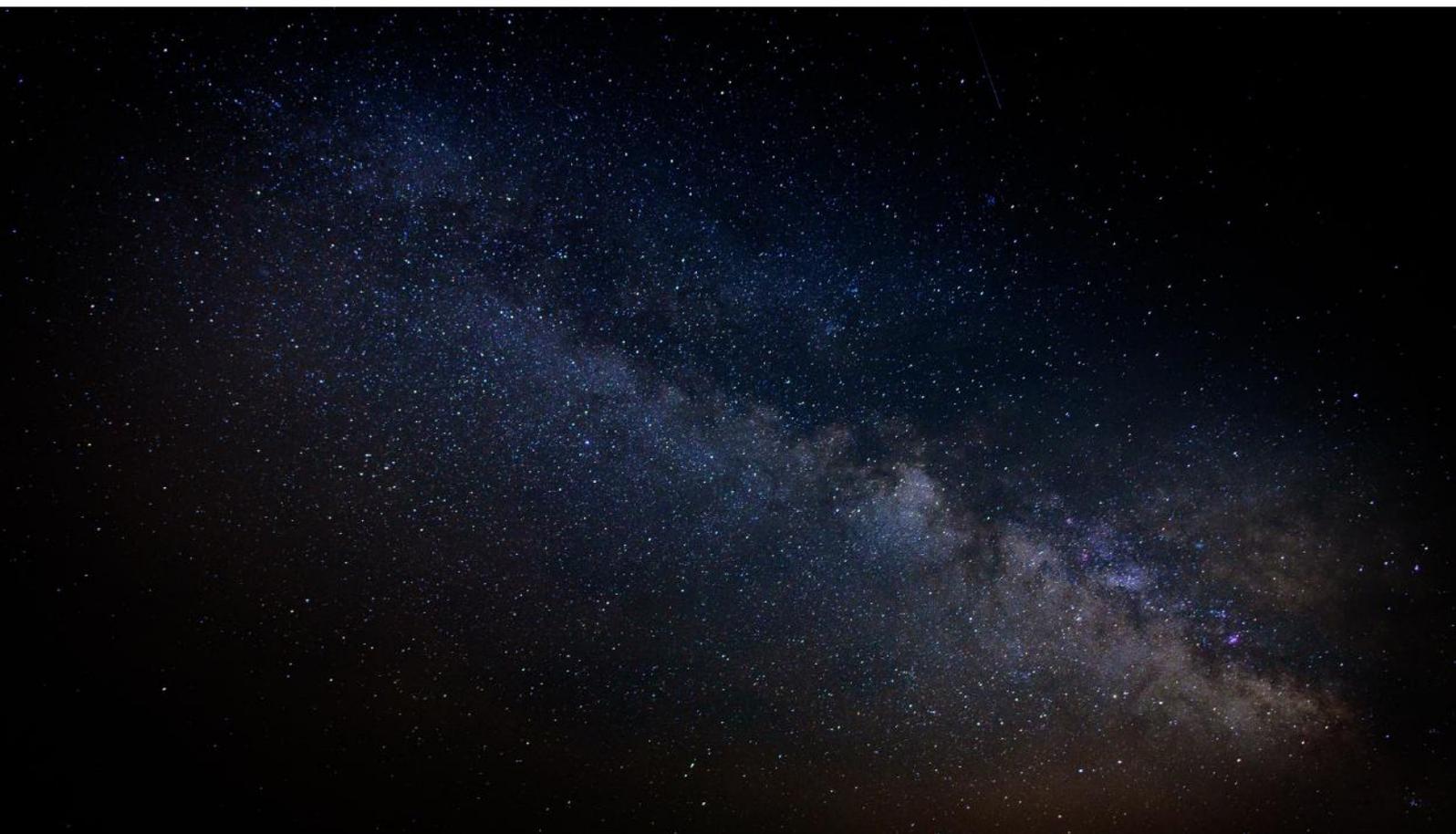
After lunch, your Range Rovers will be waiting to continue a drive through the Atlas Mountains, taking in the incredible scenery and views as you journey into the desert. After a short trip, you will disembark from your vehicles and be introduced to a tribe of local Berbers, who will initiate you in the ways of nomadic desert life with a 20-30 minute camel trek! This is the final leg of your journey - your small caravan of camels will take you into a luxury encampment - your home for the night!

Your Berber camp is prepared to the highest standards - you will enjoy luxurious and spacious private tents with en-suites and first class amenities designed to make you feel right at home!

With next to no light pollution in this part of the world, the desert night sky is truly something to behold - without doubt one of the highlights of any overnight stay in a Berber encampment. Whilst taking in the infinite vista of stars above your heads, you will enjoy live entertainment and Moroccan folklore, with a sublime dinner prepared for you, using local specialities to create a traditional meal as you enjoy the entertainment, which includes a DJ, an international live band, and a performance by Oum, a Moroccan Berber and R&B singer famous in the region.

Summary

- VIP Fast track and Airport meet-and-greet
- Chauffeur-driven Range Rovers for whole days transport
- Lunch at Kasbah Tamadot, Richard Branson's award-winning Hotel restaurant
- Drive through the Atlas Mountains
- Camel ride into your Berber encampment
- Meet the Berbers
- Overnight stay in en-suite luxury tent
- Dinner and live entertainment at your camp





DAY TWO

The next morning you will awake in the peacefully serene surroundings of your desert encampment, where a specially prepared breakfast awaits you and your group.

Your morning starts with tai-chi lessons from a professional coach, before an epic Hot Air Balloon journey across the Atlas range - offering an incredible view over the desert and mountain landscape. The scale and contrast of the dunes and rocky mountains can only fully be appreciated from above!

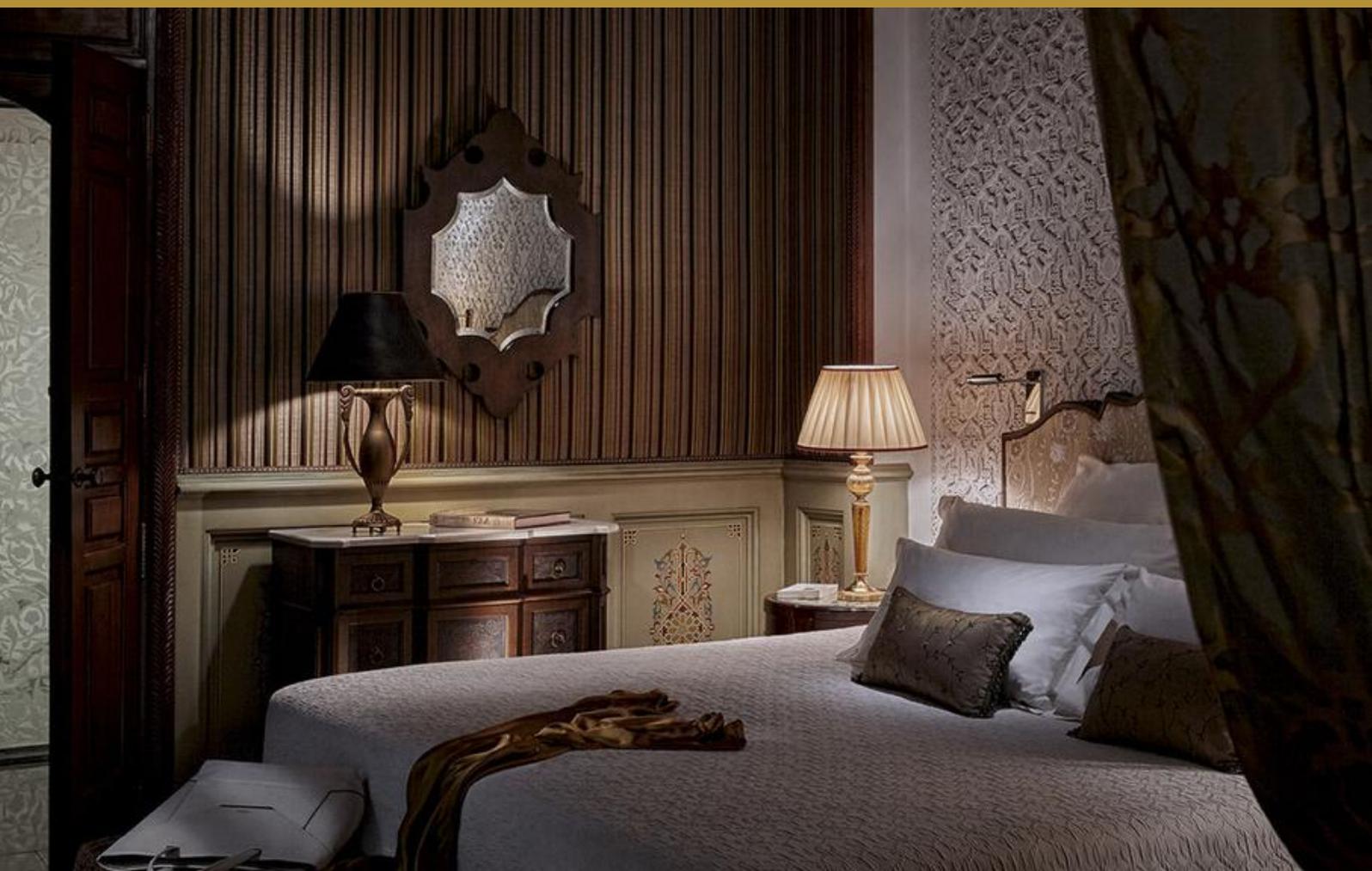
Upon landing you can enjoy a Quad Bike and Buggy tour across the Agafay stone desert - let loose and have fun tearing across the dunes! We've also arranged a round of GolfCross - a hugely enjoyable variant of golf, with oval balls and netted goals instead of holes!

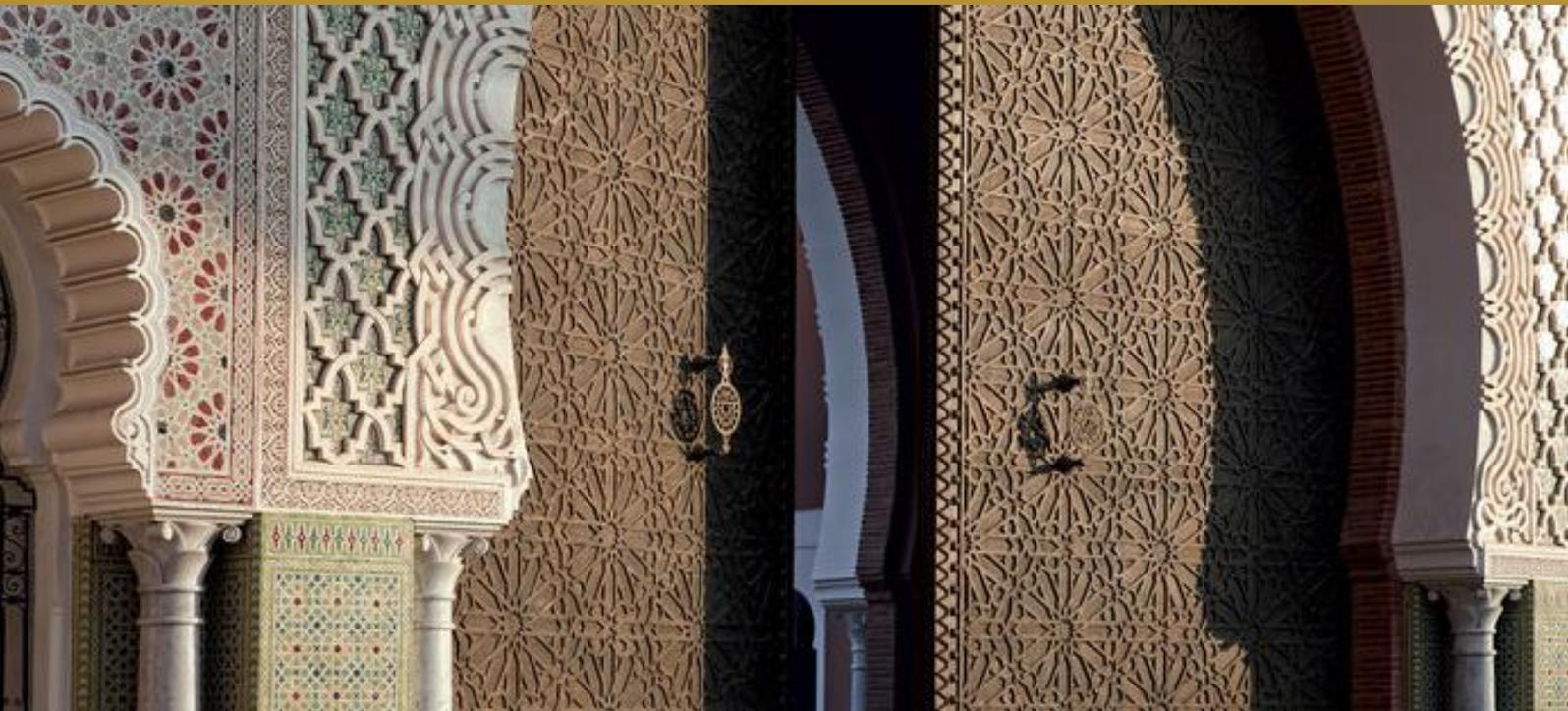
After a fun-filled start to your day, your chauffeur-driven Range Rovers will be waiting to transfer you to your Hotel in Marrakech in time for lunch!

The Royal Mansour Hotel

The Royal Mansour, the finest Hotel in Marrakech (and recently voted the finest in Africa), is a magnificent 5 star. Inspired by North African, Spanish and Portuguese Moorish styles, the Royal Mansour is an architectural gem, with an incredible main

reception building, fabulous lobby, bar, lounges, a library, and three renowned restaurants that are among the best in the city. The ingeniously designed Hotel has an intricate series of underground tunnels leading to each of its Riads, accessed only by staff and thus guaranteeing the upmost privacy and discretion.







Day Two - Afternoon Options

After check-in and a relaxing lunch, you will depart from the Hotel in classic, vintage cars for a introductory, panoramic tour of Marrakech! The adventure begins with the Saadien Tombs and Koutoubia Minaret, and guided explorations of the labyrinth-style Souks, before viewing ancient buildings and learning centres such as the Medersa Ben Youssef. Exploring the Souks and Medina is a must - the traditional marketplaces are timeless, and in some ways have barely changed in centuries, with ancient craftsmanship on display. The intricate mazes are packed with incredible goods, and the colour, sounds and smells of the markets are a glorious assault on the senses.

In the evening, we can arrange a number of options for food and entertainment - please see the end of the itinerary for evening options, which include a plethora of fine dining restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and more.





DAY THREE

The Royal Mansour will have prepared a breakfast for you to enjoy this morning. There are a range of options as to how you can spend your final day in Morocco, and we can tailor them however you wish. Some suggested activities include -

- The Magnificent Gardens of Marrakech
- Learn to create Moroccan dishes with a cookery class from a Marrakech Master
- Golf - we can arrange a round at one of the excellent courses in the city, such as the Royal Golf Club, the oldest in Morocco, and a course where Churchill and Eisenhower once played!
- A traditional spa, hammam or treatment at an excellent facility in the Medina
- Visit to the Yves St. Laurent Museum, celebrating the designers career

After lunch, your Range Rovers will transfer you back to the airport for your flight home. Fast track check-in will of course be arranged.

At any stage, we can amend the suggestions above to suit your needs. If you'd like more downtime to relax, if you'd like more or less activities etc., then please let us know - we are able to customise the entire trip however you wish. In terms of evening entertainment and dining, we have a number of strong recommendations for nightclubs, bars, restaurants and pool parties - details are overleaf.



NIGHTLIFE,
RESTAURANTS,
& BARS

NIGHTLIFE

The nightlife in Marrakech is vibrant - it attracts an uber cool crowd from around the world, and we can arrange entry and tables as per request.

Theatro -

Located in the Hivernage area, next to the Sofitel Hotel. A very well known club, where 'circus meets super club'. Very popular with a mix of tourists and well-heeled locals. Has nights organised by Kiss FM. Can get very busy - we recommend booking in advance.

CLUB555 -

Probably the best club in Marrakech. It has put Pacha out of business, its that good! Great music, great service, and a must-visit. Frequently has international artists and DJ's performing, including regular sets by Rick Ross. The busiest evenings tend to be Wednesday-Saturday.

Raspoutine -

A brand new addition to the Marrakech nightlife scene. Located in Hivernage, it offers a plush environment for the rich jet-set crowd to make their mark in Marrakech. The busiest evening is Saturday. The music is primarily House.

VIP Room Marrakech -

Another relatively new addition to the party scene - the global VIP Room franchise comes to Marrakech. Fast becoming THE place to be and be seen. A great venue with all tables perfectly located so that you can see the entire club before your eyes. Run by the same team that runs CLUB555. Music is a mix of RnB, hip-hop, and French hip-hop. Busiest on Thursday-Sunday.

DINING

Le Comptoir Darna -

Located in Hivernage. Serves traditional Moroccan and International cuisine. The Ground Floor is a restaurant, with a bar upstairs where dinner can also be served. Busiest on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We recommend eating upstairs and booking a late table (10.30pm-12.30am), the bar tends to come alive at this time, with hourly belly dancing shows. The resident DJs are excellent, and they really

ramp the volume up from around midnight. Open until 3am.

Epicurien Bar, Lounge & Restaurant -

A relatively new edition to the scene, this establishment is located at the back of the Casino de Marrakech, serving both French and European cuisine. The decor is very plush, and reminiscent of a 1920's, Gatsby-style era. The ideal time to dine is around 10-12pm, with their resident live band performing from midnight until 3am. The band are outstanding and probably the best in the city - performing all kinds of RnB and hip-hop favourites.

Buddha Bar -

Located in Gueliz, this restaurant serves pan-Asian food. We know the General Manager here very well and the service and food are excellent. The busiest days tend to be Fridays and Saturdays, and we would recommend a late table, with the bar itself tending to be busiest from 11.30pm onwards.

L6 Bar & Restaurant -

Also located in Gueliz, the L6 is a great sports bar that turns into a live music restaurant and live in the evening. A great place to take lunch and watch some Premier League matches, they also run salsa and South American nights throughout the week. Very popular with an elite local crowd, and a great place for a high quality but informal dinner.

Namaske Japanese Restaurant -

Some truly outstanding Japanese cuisine that goes toe-to-toe with anywhere on the planet. Located in the Pearl Marrakech (one of the cities finest boutique Hotels), it is on the top floor and has great views of the city. Try the 'pizza' salmon dish - it comes highly recommended! A great place for lunch or an earlier dinner. Tends to be less busy than some of our other recommendations. The food is divine - and we would advise trying the local 'Medellion' white wine.

Del Cafe -

A great Italian on the ground floor of the Pearl. We advise requesting a seat outside on the terrace for great views! Excellent food and service, and another good choice for a quieter or early dinner. A very relaxed atmosphere.

Monte Cristo Restaurant -

Located in Gueliz, Monte Cristo offers a top quality restaurant and bar with a live

band, top floor sisha, lounge bar, and a club. The food is modern and you'll find both International and Moroccan cuisine. A great place at the beginning of the night, between 8pm-10pm - we then recommend transferring up to the sisha bar/lounge for the next few hours and then finally move your table to the club at around midnight. For Thursday, Friday and Saturday I recommend booking in advance.

Extra Blatt -

Located in the Hivernage area, it is highly popular with locals and tourists. This is the one place everyone comes in the afternoon to people-watch! They serve great pizza, burgers, and sandwiched. There is no alcohol served here but the location and atmosphere more than make up for it! One of our favourite spots for a light lunchtime bite.

Ling Ling by Hakkasan -

A brand new addition to the restaurant scene in Marrakech, we highly recommend the latest venture by globally renowned restaurateurs Hakkasan! The food and the cocktails are superb. You can't visit without trying their signature 'ling ling' cocktail! The restaurant is located in the Mandarin Oriental

POOL PARTIES

Fiesta Beach Marrakech -

The newest edition to the pool party scene in Marrakech, the venue is part-owned by 50 Cent. The vibe is very St. Tropez, and the day beds and cabanas are all set around a large heated pool. The venue has its own Hotel and restaurant attached.

La Plage Rouge -

Designed around a beach concept has a very Ibiza feel to it. Has one of the biggest pools in Marrakech! The day beds are located around the edge of the pool, with a VIP area right in the middle. A great place to either party hard or relax - you can do both at La Plage Rouge.

Famous Beach -

Probably our favourite pool party in the city. Has a Las Vegas style vibe. Has a large main pool, with a separate VIP section with its own pool. You can hire a day bed for the duration of the day and pay as you go with alcohol, or you can hire a VIP table in the VIP section throughout!