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Kasbah du Toubkal, Imlil

Perfect for: Film fans

Film director Martin Scorsese used this gorgeous converted Kasbah as a Tibetan monastery in his 1997 film, *Kundun*, you'll know why when you see the film-set fabulous views. Sixty-four kilometres south of Marrakech, Kasbah du Toubkal looms large over the surrounding villages from its hilltop perch, encircled by a crown of High Atlas summits, including the loftiest mountain in North Africa, Mount Toubkal.

It's not the grandest Kasbah hotel in these parts—Branson's decadent Kasbah Tamadot takes that title—but for exactly half the £280 per night it will cost you to stay at chez Richard, Kasbah du Toubkal gets everything understatedly right. It's lavish but not fussy, relaxed but mindful of who is paying the bill, friendly but not over familiar. And what a place to simply hang out. There are endless trails up into the surrounding hills, and guides can be hired from the hotel for the long (though manageable) walk up Mount Toubkal. But with food this good, an inviting hammam and mint tea on the sunny rooftop, you'll be lucky if you ever get your walking boots on.

Doubles from £140, B&B (00 33 5 4905 0135)