

# THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

## THE HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS AND MARRAKECH

**A TWO-CENTRE HOLIDAY STAYING IN THE AWARD-WINNING KASBAH DU TOUBKAL IN THE MOUNTAINS AND A RIAD IN MARRAKECH**



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**BUILD YOUR OWN HOLIDAY: 5, 6, 7 nights or more – you decide!**

**T**HIS HOLIDAY PACKAGE combines a visit to the spectacular High Atlas Mountains of Morocco with a stay in the exotic city of Marrakech, the fabled red city, which has been a magnet for travellers for centuries.

This two-centre holiday has been designed to allow you the maximum amount of flexibility in terms of duration and gives you the opportunity to book locally the excursions and activities of your choice – how much or how little you do is entirely up to you!

Our flexible package allows you to purchase in advance the key elements, namely comfortable accommodation on a half board basis at the Kasbah, B&B in Marrakech, and transfers between centres and the airport, so all you need to do is decide how long you want to stay and book your flights!

With several airlines offering direct flights to Marrakech from many UK and European cities, you can arrive within the space of a few hours and be ready to embark on your adventure. You can also rest assured that your holiday is booked through an ABTA-bonded company.



Return journey from Marrakech to Imlil by private transfer for two people, 3 nights at Kasbah du Toubkal in the High Atlas Mountains sharing a Standard Room (twin or double) on a half board basis, followed by 2 nights in a riad in Marrakech on a B&B basis in a Standard ensuite room (excluding flights and insurance)

STANDARD 5 NIGHT OPTION (All year)	THE UPGRADED 5 NIGHT OPTION (Upgraded to Boutique Style Riad)	
	High Season	Low Season
from 562 euro per person* 490 euro single supplement	from 642 euro per person* 578 euro single supplement	from 619 euro per person* 547 euro single supplement
<b>Extra nights at Kasbah du Toubkal (on the same basis as described above)</b>		
<b>114 euro per person* or 92 euro single supplement</b>		
<b>Extra nights in Marrakech (on the same basis as described above)</b>		
62 euro per person* 62 euro single supplement	104 euro per person* 104 euro single supplement	88 euro per person* 88 euro single supplement

\*based on two people sharing a standard room

Trip reference: **BYOBB**



## Your stay at Kasbah du Toubkal in the High Atlas Mountains

***Relax at the Kasbah or trek the mountains – your choice!***

For the first part of your holiday you will stay in our stunning Kasbah du Toubkal in the trailhead village of Imlil, just 40 miles from Marrakech but seemingly a thousand miles from the hubbub of the city.

Accommodation is on a half board basis with breakfast and evening meal provided. This will enable you to either enjoy lunch at the Kasbah or locally in Imlil. Should you opt for a full day's trek, for example, you can purchase a picnic lunch for your journey.

The High Atlas Mountains, home of Kasbah du Toubkal, dominate the skyline to the south of Marrakech. Whilst Marrakech is in itself a fascinating city, a whole new experience awaits those who venture south into the mountains.

With several peaks above 4000 metres, the Western High Atlas is part of a larger chain of mountains that spreads from the Atlantic Coast in the west to the Mediterranean in the east. The mountains are home to the indigenous Berber people who have inhabited Morocco for at least 5000 years. The Berbers live in small clusters of earthen adobe houses which cling precipitously to mountainsides and are often only accessible by mule or foot.

Whilst at the Kasbah, you may choose to take a trek with us. Treks follow ancient footpaths and mule tracks that connect local villages and navigate through dramatic landscapes comprising apple orchards, walnut groves and terraced mountainsides. In the villages you will have a glimpse into a way of life that has barely changed for centuries and where traditional values and hospitality are largely unaffected by the outside world.

## Your stay in Marrakech

***Explore the ancient and fascinating city of Marrakech***

For the second part of your holiday you will stay on a B&B basis in riad accommodation in the exotic city of Marrakech. As your accommodation in Marrakech is on a B&B basis you may choose to dine at your riad or take the opportunity to eat at some of the many superb restaurants in the city, the choice is yours.

Marrakech is a fascinating city that is high on the list of places to visit by the discerning traveller. It comprises the *medina*, the old Arab quarter, and also the new town of Guéliz, which boasts modern restaurants and bars, fast-food chains and big brand stores. Guéliz also plays host to many arts events, an international Film Festival and several high profile international conferences.

The *medina* of Marrakech is built around the 12th century Koutoubia Mosque whose beautiful minaret dominates the skyline and can be seen from almost every approach to the city. Any visit to Marrakech must include a look around the *medina* and its colourful *souk* (marketplace) where you can barter for carpets, leather goods, jewellery, lanterns and spices. Another must-see is the legendary Jemaa el-Fna, the busiest and most famous square in Africa, where snake charmers, storytellers, acrobats, medicine men and musicians compete for your attention.

Marrakech also has many other attractions for visitors. These include the Majorelle Gardens owned by the late Yves Saint Laurent, the Menara Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, the medieval Medersa Ben Youssef (Koranic university) and the Musée de Marrakech, and many more besides. You can even take a hot air balloon ride over the beautiful countryside near Marrakech or trek by camel through the ancient palm groves. There are many options available to you in this exotic city.



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## 5-night standard package: 3 nights at Kasbah du Toubkal, 2 nights in Marrakech

### Day 1

Private transfer from Marrakech Menara Airport to Kasbah du Toubkal in Imlil (approximately 90 minutes) where you will be met by a member of our staff who will ensure your luggage is loaded onto a mule and you will be guided on a short 15-minute mule ride or walk up to the Kasbah. Depending on your arrival time, there will be the option of a complimentary introductory walk in the area. Dinner and accommodation at the Kasbah.

### Days 2-3

These are days to relax at the Kasbah. Enjoy free time in the Imlil area, explore the local valley, or relax in our *hammam* (steam bath) – the choice is yours. Guided treks can be arranged and paid for directly at the Kasbah as required. Dinner and accommodation at the Kasbah.

### Day 4

After breakfast, depart Imlil and return by private transfer to Marrakech where you will check in at your riad. Accommodation is on a B&B basis, giving you the opportunity to dine at some of the superb restaurants that Marrakech offers.

### Day 5

After breakfast the day is free for you to explore the fascinating and vibrant city of Marrakech. Accommodation at your riad.

### Day 6

After breakfast (the last meal included in the package) your private transfer to Marrakech Menara Airport will be arranged according to your departure time.

### Included in the price...

- Private transfer from Marrakech to Imlil and return journey to your riad in Marrakech.
- Private transfer to Marrakech Menara Airport for your departure.
- Food and soft drinks on a half board basis during your stay at Kasbah du Toubkal and on a B&B basis during your stay in Marrakech. Please note that the Kasbah is not licensed to sell alcohol, so please feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish. The riad in Marrakech is, however, licensed to sell alcohol and all drinks including soft drinks will be charged extra.
- The use of a private *hammam* at the Kasbah.
- All taxes include a 5% levy to the Village Association (further details on request).

NOT INCLUDED: Flights, alcoholic beverages, tips, personal shopping, travel and medical insurances

PLEASE NOTE: Rooms at the Kasbah are based on our "standard ensuite rooms", however our superior and deluxe rooms are available on request at extra cost.



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