

Morocco was always one of our dream destinations. In the local tour operator Mountain Voyage we found a partner for our personalized guided tours to explore some of the most beautiful areas of this wonderful country. You will find the tour itinerary at the end of this page. But let's start with the hotel review first.

Casablanca



Hotel le Doge



Located in the heart of Casablanca. this ancient private hotel that became "Le DOGE hotel" was built in the 30s by an Italian architect. According to the legend it was a gift for his wife met in Morocco. The hotel is bathed in the quiet Art Deco quarter of Casablanca. This masterpiece of Moroccan hospitality, witness its time, was renovated with the desire to preserve its authenticity and sustain its architecture and centrepieces. Its authentic Art Deco decorations create a refined décor of an exceptional quality, the 16 rooms and suites are inspired by the style of an artist from the Art Deco period.

<u>Our verdict</u>: We only stayed one short night in this beautiful boutique hotel in Casablanca. Each room/suite is named after a famous artist. Our room, the Tamara de Lempicka Suite, was spacious and decorated in the style of the thirties. Mini Bar was free and the room was equipped with an Espresso machine. Bathroom was big and a work of art too. Breakfast was served in the French restaurant. Staff was very friendly and helpful.

Price indicator: 180 – 260 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season

Location: 7 room: 9 sleep quality: 8 food: 8 service: 8 cleanliness: 8 value: 8 Total: 8,0 scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect



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Fes

eco rating

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa (out of 5 stars)
Set on a hilltop overlooking the historic Old Medina of Fez, Palais

Faraj sweeps guests into a magical world where the enchantment of a bygone time blends harmoniously with modern inspiration. The building is an architectural gem that features stucco laces, marble floors, and royal arches that ensure each guest experiences exquisite refinement and discovers an ancient culture rich in art and history. With 25 suites, a swimming pool, spa, two restaurants and a panoramic lounge, Palais Faraj offers a comfortable and relaxing stay. All suites are air-conditioned and include flat-screen TVs with satellite channels, minibar, sitting area walls decorated with tile work, and a private bathroom with bathtub.

<u>Our verdict:</u> We stayed at Palais Faraj in Fes for two nights in an Ambassador Suite. The elegant suite was spacious, furnished in traditional Moroccan style and had a well sized bathroom. The hotel grounds are very beautiful and gave us an impression of noble life in Fes. The interior design of the hotel is spectacular. We loved the food on the roof terrace with stunning views of the imperial city below us. Staff is very attending.

Price indicator: 190 – 1800 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season

Location: 8 room: 10 sleep quality: 9 food: 9 service: 9 cleanliness: 9 value: 9 <u>Total: 9,0</u> scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect



Ambassador Suite bedroom



View from room



Ambassador Suite bathroom



Dinner on the roof terrace



Ambassador Suit living room



Our suite in the 1. floor





Riad Kalaa



(out of 5 stars)

Located in the heart of Rabat, Riad Kalaa dates from 1815 and is set within the walls of the medina. It is close to the ocean and boasts a swimming pool. It has a hammam and 400m² of terraces with a BBQ. Riad Kalaa is very spacious and features 11 rooms and suites. It was built in 1815 and has been renovated with traditional Moroccan techniques. The rooms are designed to offer all the comfort you may need. Around the large central patio, you will find several lounges, a bar and a gourmet Moroccan restaurant.

Our verdict: This Riad has a lot of potential! But our experience was not good: On arrival we had problems to find someone who could help us with our luggage from the parking area to the Riad (app 8 minutes walking distance). At departure nobody helped us. Our room was not ready when we arrived in the late afternoon. The room was nicely decorated but a bit dark and smelt mouldy. The bathroom had shown some signs of mould as well around the shower. If you opened the window or door you would loose your privacy because all the rooms on the ground floor are facing the courtyard where dinner and breakfast is served (tables 2 m away). Food was very good, atmosphere nice. The background music (Swing and R&B - why not Moroccan music?) was too loud. When we had finished dinner we tried to find some sleep, but the talking of other diners in the courtyard and directly in front of our room, the noises from the kitchen (the music played till after midnight) was not helpful at all. Maybe we had just picked a bad day in Riad Kalaa.

Price indicator: 140 – 170 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season Location: 8 room: 7 sleep quality: 2 food: 9 service: 5 cleanliness: 7 value: 7 Total: 6,4 scale of one to ten: 1 poor <----> 10 perfect



Saharan Suite



Central patio





Tajine for dinner



Roof top

We will find an alternative accommodation in Rabat





Kasbah du Toubkal



(out of 5 stars)

From the hotels website: The Kasbah du Toubkal is an extraordinary venture, the product of an imaginative Berber and European partnership. There is a shared belief that the beauty of the Toubkal National Park should be accessible to all who respect it. We boast a beautiful garden, large rooftop terraces and balconies with panoramic views of the High Atlas mountain range. Services include under floor heating ideal for winter stays, a restaurant, a non-licensed bar (guests can bring alcoholic drinks with them), Wi-Fi access, a luggage room and a hammam.

Our verdict: We stayed three nights at Kasbah du Toubkal as part of our wonderful private guided tour organized by the local tour operating company Mountain Voyage. This is not a 5 star hotel – this is more a culture experience. Kasbah du Toubkal provides an inside view in the daily life of the local Berber community. The guest rooms were equipped with all the necessary things we needed. We enjoyed the local food on the roof top terrace with its spectacular views, we loved the guided walks and our mule ride up the mountains to some local villages. The accommodation and the food are not exactly cheap by local standards but part of the profit is used to help some local community projects.

Price indicator: 190 – 400 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season **Location:** 9 room: 7 sleep quality: 8 food: 9 service: 8 cleanliness: 8 value: 8 <u>Total: 8,1</u> scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect









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Les Jardins de Skoura

(out of 5 stars)

With Kasbah-style architecture, this air-conditioned B&B is located in the heart of Skoura palm grove and offers an outdoor swimming pool, a big garden and a children's playground. Free Wi-Fi is available in all areas. Each air-conditioned beautiful decorated room at Les Jardins de Skoura features a private bathroom with shower and a seating area. They have a traditional décor and a view of the patio, the garden or the mountains. The breakfast and local specialties can be taken in the dining room or in the terrace.

Our verdict: What a magic place! We loved the location in the middle of a huge palm grove, the beautifully decorated rooms, the very friendly staff, the fantastic food we enjoyed in the stunning gardens. Caroline, the owner, transformed the place into a luxury heaven. We definitely can recommend Les Jardins de Skoura to all travellers looking for some peaceful days in a typical Moroccan style accommodation with a lovely French influence.

Price indicator: 8o – 150 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season Location: 8 room: 9 sleep quality: 9 food: 9 service: 9 cleanliness: 10 value: 10 Total: 9.1 scale of one to ten: 1 poor <----> 10 perfect



Dinner in the garden



the roof terrace



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Marrakech eco rating

Riad Kniza

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(out of 5 stars)

Teams of Morocco's most highly skilled craftsmen have honoured their masters in creating this gem of Moorish architecture. Riad Kniza, with its eleven tastefully decorated rooms and suites, is an excellent point of departure from which to explore the city. It is conveniently located within only few minutes' walk from the famous Jema l' Fna square, the wonderful souks and the most important monuments and cultural treasures of this imperial city, and a short distance from the Gueliz, the modern quarter of Marrakech. A true Moroccan experience would not be complete without the country's exquisite cuisine; at Riad Kniza guests will enjoy Moroccan gastronomy at its best.

<u>Our verdict:</u> We stayed 3 days/2 nights in the most beautiful Riad we have seen during our private guided tour in Morocco. Our very spacious Junior Suite was decorated with antics in traditional Moroccan style without missing any comfort we needed. The food in the restaurant was second to none and our dietary wishes were perfectly looked after by the very friendly staff. The management was always present and you could see how focused they are to make their guests feeling at home at Riad Kniza. Two musicians who played in the courtyard every evening created a wonderful atmosphere.

Price indicator: 250 – 650 USD/night/room incl. Breakfast- depending on room and season



Junior Suite bedroom



Roof terrace



Junior Suite sitting area



music in the courtyard



waiting for Lunch



Dinning room

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