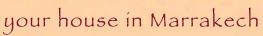
Ríad MARRAKECH Le Clos des Arts







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# The legend



Once upon a time, a wealthy art trader of Marrakech and father of seven daughters, whose name was Youssef Ben Ali, used to host in this house passing by artists and craftsmen travelling to the red town to sell their artworks. Here he could look at, assess and eventually buy several art's pieces.

Youssef Ben Alí, who had prematurely lost his wife, educated alone his daughters into studies, into respect, tolerance, generosity and hospitality. Often, during hot summer's evening, he would allow his daughters to serve his guests a mint tea in the courtyard as well as to take part in inspiring conversations around art and life on the roof terrace.

This way, the young ladies did seize all the secrets of the arts and soon each of them chose the art form that better expressed their soul's joys and sadness. Yasmina became a dancer, Aicha a painter, Fatima a calligrapher, Iman a weaver, Drissia a ceramist, Samira a musician and Laila a sculptor.

Old Youssef Ben Ali assigned a room of the riad to each daughter. The seven rooms were transformed into seven small ateliers where they could freely express their creativity. The riad became a renowned meeting point for artists and travellers, the echo of which reached the borders of deserts and seas.

Today, Giorgina Cattaneo and Massimo Tumiotto, inspired by the history of the Riad Le Clos des Arts, are offering you a an authentic and private Moroccan hideaway, with the same kind of hospitality offered in the past to those artist and travellers in search of a peaceful and charming place where to rest.





The limited number of rooms, 3 suites, 2 superior double rooms and 2 standard double rooms, does grant an intimate atmosphere to the riad and ensures a personalized welcome and service.

It is ideal for 14 people but could also receive 17 (bigger suites used as a triple room).

#### COMMON AREAS

### Courtyard

At the ground floor, as you enter the riad you find yourself in the central courtyard with its blue fountain, daily filled with fresh rose petals.

Various seating situations including the bhou, the traditional corner where the host of the house used to receive his own guests are at disposal of our guests.



### Dining and living rooms

Diners will be served one of our fresh and genuine Moroccan specialities either in the dining room or in the courtyard, both at the groundfloor. Breakfast is served in the dining room when sun is not hot and shining enough.

Books, decor magazines and games are to be found in our living room



### Roofterrace

Breakfast and dinners, if weather allows, are served on the roof terrace, in a nice dining area, while a comfortable wooden pergola offers a shaded lounge oasis.

### Plunge pool

A small refreshing swimming pool is on the roof terrace close to the solarium area where confortable sunbeds are at disposal of guests.

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#### DINING ... AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE

Food at Riad le Clos des Arts covers a central role to which we dedicate a particular care.

Everything we propose on our tables, be it for breakfast, as a snack or for dinner has been carefully prepared exclusively with fresh seasonal products selected from the market.

Breakfast changes on a daily basis and is a feast of fresh fruits, fresh juices, homemade yogurts, homemade moroccan crepes, fresh bread, homemade sweet or salted cakes and pies, homemade jams and butter, cheese with olive oil and olives and eggs on demand.

Our cook prepares every day a different three course menu for dinner, with recipes straight from the Moroccan tradition revisited by Giorgina to deliver a spicy, light and varied selection of recipes. We like to proposes some of the dishes that guests would not find in most restaurants, for them to experience a true culinary journey. Guests need to inform us beforehand.

On advance request we can also prepare simple snacks.









#### PERSONALISED SERVICE ... WITH A SMILE

Riad le Clos des Arts is a typical arab house not only in architectural sense: our final aim is to make our guests feel at home away from home.

The entire team ensures that guests are welcomed and individually cared for according to the rules of warm and sincere Moroccan hospitality, in a discreet and reserved manner in order to ensure privatness and intimacy.

Guests can relax in the various areas of the riad, where they can enjoy a mint tea or a homemade refreshing ginger and lemon drink.







Free wifi is available throughout the building and on our roof terrace.

We can arrange transfers from and to the riad.

Parking in proximity of the Riad is available at a small daily fee.

We do assist in booking restaurants as well as facilitating the booking of SPAs treatments, activities, workshops and excursions proposed by trusted partners. Information is provided by the management.

 $_{5}$  We can suggest professional guides for a guided visit of the Medina (several languages)



### LOCATION

The riad is situated in a privileged central position, close to the Dar Si Said Museum, in the Riad Zitoun Jdid neighbourhood, tacked away in a quiet tiny lane where few wealthy Moroccan families live.

We are just 5 minutes walk from the Jemaa el Fna Square as well as from the Bahia Palace, and close to most attractions of the Medina.

A personalised map of Marrakech is handed over to all our guests and we take time to explain which are the main landmarks to remember in order to find their way throug the tiny lanes.







#### ROOM FACILITIES

The riad has 2 Standard Double Rooms (Rubis and Citrine), 2 Superior Rooms (Ambre and Corail) and three larger Suites, which can also be used as triple rooms (Turquoise, Amethyste and Nacre). What differenciates rooms from suites is the size of the room and of the beds. Each room or suite carries the name of one of the seven daughters from the legend and is carefully thematised after the art they preferred.

The interior of the house and of the rooms has been decorated with attention to detail and a great taste in art. Handmade antique furniture is combined with good examples of Moroccan traditional crafts.

Rooms are provided with comfortable beds with crispy Egyptian cotton white lines, an individual cooling and heating system and a private safe.

All rooms have a private and typical Tadelakt bathroom with mosaic tiles showers and copper wash basins. Hair-dryers are available in the bathrooms along with soft towels and bathrobes. We do supply scented toiletries from "Les Sens de Marrakech".





### SUITE TURQUOISE the room of Iman the weaver

A large room with its high and nicely decorated ceiling and rich fabrics on the golden and blue-turquoise tones. It offers a double polster bed and a sofa bed, 2 closets. 2 large windows, a large entrace door.

room size: bed size: location: 1st floor

32 sqm 160 x 210 cm extra bed: 90 x 190 cm









### SUITE AMETHYSTE the room of Drissia the ceramist

Be seduced by the shades of the ceramics shining over the grey and burgundy background tones of this pleasant suite with a four poster bed, a sofa bed 2 closets and a large bathroom. 2 large window, 1 big entrance door.

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26 sqm 160 x 190 cm 90 x 190 cm 1st floor









### SUITE NACRE the room of Yasmina the dancer

Plunge yourself in the sensual vibes of the «Arabian nights». This suite welcomes you to inspire your dreams in a combination of warm shades of colors. Separate ward-robe and a large bathroom. 2 large window, 1 big entrance door.

room size: location:

36 sqm bed size:  $160 \times 190$  cm or twin beds  $80 \times 190$  cm extra bed: 90 x 190 cm groundfloor









### SUPERIOR ROOM CORAIL the room of Fatima the calligrapher

A little charming room dominated by the warmth of coral tones with typical Arab ornaments for a romantic hideaway, with 2 closets and a large bathroom with shower. 2 large windows, 1 lange entrance door.

room size: bed size: location: 24 sqm 160 x 190 cm 1st floor









### SUPERIOR ROOM AMBRE the room of Samira the musician

Be wrapped by the music notes and by the warm colors of this comfortable room, with a large separate wardrobe and a comfortable bathroom with shower. I large windows.

room size: 24 sqm bed size: double b location: 1st floor

24 sqm double bed 160 x 190 cm or twin beds  $80 \times 190$  cm 1st floor









### ROOM CITRINE the room of Laila the sculptor

A little room enriched by refined inlay decoration and warm colors, with 2 large closets and a comfortable bathroom with shower. 1 large window, 1 lange entrance door.

room size: location: 1st floor

room size: 15 sqm bed size: 140 x 190 cm









### ROOM RUBIS the room of Aicha the painter

A little room decorated with an artistic touch and red shades, with a small closet and a comfortable bathroom with shower.

1 large window, 1 lange entrance door.

room size: 14 sqm bed size: 140 x 190 cm location: groundfloor







# What they say ...



#### Edward, Kingston, Canada, March 2014

Riad le Clos des Arts complements the beauty and mystique of the Marrakech Medina, and as such, enhances one's holiday experience in Morocco. It is an extremely clean and well appointed accommodation which provides personal attention, outstanding service and unrivalled cuisine. The owners Massimo and Giorgina have excelled in making everyone's stay at their Riad a memorable event. Their staff ensure that you are welcomed and individually cared for in a manner that highlights warm and sincere Moroccan hospitality. For the three nights that my wife and I stayed in the Amethyst suite, we felt that we were part of the extended family. You cannot experience the charm of Marrakech without a stay in this beautiful home away from home.

#### Leigh, Chichester, UK, February 2014

Giorgina, Massimo and Adriana made our stay at the Riad Le Clos des Arts amazing. Their welcome and their attention to detail sets them apart - from the advice of where to go and what to do, to the fragrant burning oils throughout the Riad to the beautiful roses to the beautifully decorated individual rooms - everything was done to a very high standard. Additionally, every meal we ate at the Riad was delicious - and we would all love to have your recipes Giorgina! I will definitely return to this wonderful oasis, and cannot recommend it highly enough. What an experience. Thank you.

#### Mark, Melbourne, Australia, January 2014

Being hosted in the exotic City of Marrakech by Massimo, Giorgina, and their staff created a perfect experience. Of course the Riad is lovely and when complimented by Massimo and Giorgina's warmth and the delicious food the Riad was simply wonderful. Thank you Massimo and Giorgina

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#### Gina, West Hartford, USA, November 2013

We chose this Riad when we searched Tripadvisor looking for a Riad in the Medina for a real Moroccan experience other than the hotel recommended by our tour provider. How lucky we were! Massimo met our driver and us in the parking lot outside the medina and guided all of us including our luggage carrier through the narrow streets and alleys to his wonderful Riad! Along the way, he pointed out landmarks to help us locate the Riad when out on our own. When we reached the Riad and stepped inside, it was magical! We were guided to the courtyard and sat and sipped mint tea with cookies while Maximo gave us a map and pointed out sights he thought we would enjoy as well as advise on where not to wander. It made us feel so comfortable and relaxed we couldn't wait to get out in the medina and experience it all! Our room, Turquoise, was just wonderful and beautifully furnished. At night, when we returned to the Riad, the staff made us mint tea (my favorite) in the courtyard while we winded down after very full touring days. Three nights at this Riad was not enough !!! The highlight was the wonderful dinner that Giorgina and staff prepared for us our last night in Marrakesh - roast lamb!!! Excellent!!! The small dining area off the courtyard was just perfect to enjoy this special meal. Breakfasts were just wonderful served on the roof - eggs to order, wonderful breads and pastries. The staff was just so friendly and accommodating. But most of all, Massimo and Giorgina are a class act. Don't miss this wonderful, wonderful property. Our tour operator from the US even visited this Riad to check it out and was extremely impressed.





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