

# Marrakech

## Where to stay

**Hivernage Hotel & Spa** - Luxury boutique hotel nicely located just outside the Medina on the edge of the fashionable Hivernage district. Rooms are spacious and some of the suites have private sauna or Turkish bath. ([www.hivernage-hotel.com](http://www.hivernage-hotel.com))

**Hotel La Mamounia** - Legendary world-famous luxury hotel quietly situated in twelfth-century royal gardens inside the Medina. It used to be Winston Churchill's favorite. Worth every Dihram. Top class! ([www.mamounia.com](http://www.mamounia.com))

**Kasbah Tamadot** retreat is a member of Virgin Limited Edition (Sir Richard Branson's worldwide collection of luxurious hotels) and is one hour's drive from Marrakech. The ambience and the beautiful setting next to the Atlas Mountains will make your holiday a luminous heaven. ([www.kasbahtamadot.virgin.com](http://www.kasbahtamadot.virgin.com))

**Ksar Char-Bagh** - Gorgeous 14<sup>th</sup> century Moorish architecture inspired palace in the Palmeraie area (an oasis with thousands of palm trees only 15 minutes drive from Marrakech). 13 luxurious suites with access to gym, tennis, golf, hammam and cigar cellar. ([www.ksarcharbagh-hotel-marrakech.com](http://www.ksarcharbagh-hotel-marrakech.com))

**Royal Mansour** is located within the walls of the Medina and offers luxurious and beautifully decorated one, two or three bedroom riads. (<http://www.royalmansour.com>)

## Where to eat and drink

**Le Comptoir** is a landmark restaurant in the Hivernage area with fashionable red interior design. The menu is contemporary with an Asian touch. Dazzling belly dancing performance. ([www.comptoirmarrakech.com](http://www.comptoirmarrakech.com))

**Dar Yacout** has a magic setting and an atmosphere that is hard to match. Fireplaces, mosaic and fountains generate a wonderful ambience – it doesn't get much better than this! ([www.yacout.net](http://www.yacout.net))

**Jad Mahal** – Cool restaurant/nightclub where you can enjoy a nice meal, spectacular belly dancing and live music. Start with a drink at the bar before moving on to the dining area. ([www.jad-mahal.com](http://www.jad-mahal.com))

**La Table du Marché** - Perfect lunch and dinner place inside Hivernage Hotel & Spa. Famous French chef Christophe Leroy's gastronomic creations make every dish taste like a feast. ([www.christophe-leroy.com](http://www.christophe-leroy.com))

**Terrasse des épices** provides a soft lounge feeling on the roof terrace. The menu offers traditional Moroccan Tajines as well as international/Mediterranean dishes. ([www.terrassedesepices.com](http://www.terrassedesepices.com))

## Where to shop

**Lalla** has a beautiful selection of accessories, handbags, leather and vintage goods. The shop is located under the restaurant Terrasse des épices. (<http://lalla.fr>)

**Louis Vuitton** is located right across Hivernage Hotel & Spa. Here you find exclusive handbags, shoes and accessories. ([www.louisvuitton.com](http://www.louisvuitton.com))

**Kulchi** means "everything" in Arabic and that explains this shop in a nutshell. Located in the courtyard garden of Le Comptoir, you find here a great mix of accessories, clothes and home decor. ([www.kulchi.com](http://www.kulchi.com))

**Aya's Marrakech** specializes in kaftans, tunics and accessories. ([www.ayasmarrakech.com](http://www.ayasmarrakech.com))

**Scènes de lin** on 70, rue El Houria, has beautiful design and household items. ([www.scenesdelin.com](http://www.scenesdelin.com))

## Don't miss

Soak in the atmosphere at the buzzing main square **Jemaa el-fna**, explore the labyrinthine **souks**, check out **Koutoubia Mosque** (Marrakech's most famous symbol), go to a traditional Hammam (Spa), visit the **Tennery district** and last but not least take a look at the **Ancient Saadian Tombs** (Rue de Kasbah, Bab Agnaou).

## Events calendar

Marrakech Marathon (January), Dakka Marrakchia Festival (February), National Festival of Popular Arts (July), Marrakech International Film Festival (December).