IN 1998, I WENT TO MOROCCO with the goal of circumnavigating the globe in a hot air balloon. Whilst there, my parents found a beautiful Kasbah and dreamed of turning it into a wonderful Moroccan retreat. Sadly, I didn’t quite manage to realise my goal on that occasion, however I did purchase that magnificent Kasbah and now my parents’ dream has become a reality. I am pleased to welcome you to Kasbah Tamadot, (Tamadot meaning soft breeze in Berber), which is perhaps one of the most beautiful properties in the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. I hope you enjoy this magical place; I’m sure you too will fall in love with it.

– RICHARD BRANSON

Welcome to Kasbah Tamadot, a magical retreat in Morocco’s High Atlas Mountains. This 28 bedroom and suite property is ideal for rest and relaxation; you can do as much or as little as you like. Kasbah Tamadot is perched at the top of a valley with views up to Mount Toubkal and over to some of the traditional Berber villages that dot the region. The hotel itself is a delightful collection of tiled courtyards and gardens and features a stunning infinity pool. Everywhere you look you’ll discover unique pieces of art, exquisitely carved doors and ceilings, tapestries and much more as you explore the grounds.

– RICHARD BRANSON
Where is Kasbah Tamadot?

Kasbah Tamadot is approximately 45 minutes’ drive southeast from Marrakech Airport in Morocco (about three hours from central Marrakech). Located in the foothills of the High Atlas Mountains, the nearest village is Asni which is along the route to Imlil and Mount Toubkal, North Africa’s highest peak.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Morocco is served by direct flights from the UK and other major European hubs, with flight times to Marrakech between 3-4 hours. Guests travelling from the US can connect either in Casablanca or via a European hub.

When you book a room we can arrange transfers directly to Kasbah Tamadot from the airport or another location in Marrakech. Alternatively, you can rent a car if you wish to drive yourself and directions are available on our website.

What’s the weather like?

It depends on the season! We are open year-round but usually close for a brief period in mid-January for routine maintenance.

SPRING During spring Kasbah Tamadot has so much to offer: snow-capped mountains, warm days by the pool and walking in the foothills of the Toubkal national park.

SUMMER As we enter July the heat during the day continues to increase and by August we are very much a ‘hot sun’ destination, but a pleasant 10°C cooler than the high temperatures in Marrakech, so we recommend bringing a high factor sun cream and plenty of books for poolside reading. Also in August the fruit on our fruit trees are ripe and ready to pick.

AUTUMN In the autumn months the evenings start to cool and the days become a little less intense heat-wise. Towards the end of September the snow on the tops of the Atlas Mountains starts to return. In spring the temperature suits everyone, whether actively hiking or sitting back and relaxing. You can see all seasons in one day at this time of year so a variety of clothing is advised.

WINTER Get cosy in the library or Asmoun lounge in front of the fire with a good book and a warm drink. Winter has to be the most sociable time of year at Kasbah Tamadot. The sun still shines during the day and with the pools at a comfortable 28°C, a midday swim is the norm!
Kasbah Tamadot can be divided into four areas.

The main building contains 15 original rooms and suites, an indoor pool, spa, library, reflecting pool, restaurant and bar, roof terrace and main reception. Just off the main courtyard is the Amanour Lounge.

Adjacent to the main building is the heated outdoor infinity pool, hot tub, amphitheatre, sundek, gym, spa treatment room and a collection of fruit trees.

On the far side of the infinity pool from the main building is the 3-bedroom Master Suite. This miniature version of Kasbah Tamadot has its own pool and is ideal for families.

Continue walking past the main pool and you’ll find our gardens, tennis courts, mule shed and Berber Tents. There are ten tents, six of which have private hot tubs, and all have fabulous decks and views over the valley and the mountains. You’re also surrounded by gentle donkeys, Kasbah Tamadot’s resident camels, mules and donkeys - who live just beyond the tennis courts.

where is everything?
SUPERIOR ROOMS
We have three Superior Rooms; one looks out over the front courtyard, the other into an interior courtyard and the third is one of the three bedrooms in the Master Suite. The Superior Room in the Master Suite can only be booked separately within two months prior to arrival.

DELUXE ROOMS
All seven Deluxe Rooms have a balcony or terrace. One of the Deluxe Rooms forms part of the Master Suite and interconnects with the Deluxe Suite with pool (Kasbah Tamadot’s only interconnecting room). All Deluxe Rooms have a garden, pool or mountain view.

All rooms and suites are furnished with plush bathrobes, filtered bottles of water, docking stations for playing music, a selection of toiletries, slippers, sun hats, postcards with stamps and all the contents of your minibar which are also complimentary. Televisions with DVD players are available on request.
SUPERIOR SUITES
All four Superior Suites offer a private balcony or terrace and are typically larger in size than the Deluxe Rooms. They have an open-plan sitting area and most can accommodate a rollaway bed for one child.

DELUXE SUITES
The Deluxe Suites occupy the premium locations for views of the valley and Atlas Mountains. They are similar in size to the Superior Suites with an open-plan sitting area. Two of these suites can accommodate a rollaway bed for one child.
BERBER TENT

The four tented suites are perched on the hillside with stunning views across the Atlas Mountain range and the valley below. Each tent features a king-size bed, large bathtub for soaking while you gaze over the mountains, sun loungers and outdoor dining space. Due to the tents’ hillside location they are not suitable for children aged 11 and under. As with all the rooms at Kasbah Tamadot the tents have Berber names that tell you something about them.

BERBER TENT WITH PRIVATE HOT TUB

Perched on the hillside overlooking a pretty valley below, the six tents with hot tubs are the perfect location to soak up the sun on your own private deck. The suites are located a short stroll through the herb and vegetable garden and all have views of Mount Toubkal, the Atlas’ highest peak. They are perfect for those looking for a little more luxury and adventure. Each tent features a king-size bed, large bathtub, a terrace with private hot tub, sun loungers and space for outdoor dining.
**MASTER SUITE**

The Master Suite is a miniature version of Kasbah Tamadot, sitting out on a promontory. Located near the glorious infinity pool, the Master Suite is ideal for families and features three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a terrace, and a private swimming pool. The building itself is rich in architectural detail and offers complete privacy. There is a Deluxe Room and a Deluxe Suite at the lower level with a private pool, both generously laid out. These rooms interconnect. On the upper floor is a compact Superior Room with a huge roof terrace. This configuration is perfect for a larger party, or those seeking a shared space and complete privacy. Rooms within the Master Suite are generally not sold separately until two months before arrival, depending on availability.
OUTDOOR INFINITY POOL AND HOT TUB
A dip in the heated outdoor infinity pool is an irresistible part of any stay at Kasbah Tamadot. There are plenty of loungers for sunbathing and a drinks list so you can order what you want from the bar. There is also a large hot tub adjacent to the pool.

THE LIBRARY
Just off the reflecting pool is the library which has a cozy seating area, books, a TV, DVD player and DVDs, games and a log fire to snuggle up next to in winter. Afternoon tea is often served here in the cooler months.

ASMOUN LOUNGE
In the Berber language, Asmoun means ‘a place to get together or meet’, and the lounge is a great place to take in the views over the valley, spend a relaxing afternoon, read a book by the fireplace, or enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail.

THE ASOUNFOU SPA AND INDOOR POOL
“Asounfou” is the Berber word meaning relaxation. To make your experience at Kasbah Tamadot even more tranquil and memorable indulge in one of our signature treatments at the Asounfou Spa.

TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN HAMMAM
Spend time in our traditional Moroccan Hammam. The Hammam is based on the weekly Moroccan cleansing ritual which will give you a deep cleanse, purify and soften the skin. Black soap is applied to cleanse the skin followed by an exfoliation of the whole body with a mitt. Whilst the mask is applied to the body you will have a steam to soften and condition the skin. The end result is rejuvenated, awakened skin and your mind and body will be totally relaxed.

Get to know Kasbah Tamadot
The extensive grounds are filled with staircases, courtyards and gardens. Getting yourself orientated will be time-consuming but exciting! The grounds have been planted with a huge variety of evergreen and flowering plants.

Within the stepped entrance to the pool complex, the upper terrace, which is usually served and features a bar, while a grand staircase leads down to the infinity pool, reflecting the sky and affording views to the valley below and mountains above.
dining

What’s on the menu?

The food served at Kasbah Tamadot is just one of the main highlights of your stay, we serve both Moroccan and international dishes. Our menus celebrate both local and international ingredients that make a short journey from source to your fork. We grow and make as much produce as possible. If the weather is right, dine al fresco on the terrace by the pool, or underneath the stars in the Kanoun restaurant or somewhere private just for two.

Breakfast

Breakfast is included within your room rate and this is served on the terrace next to the pool bar. If the weather permits or in the Kanoun restaurant. In addition to freshly baked bread (fresh from the Berber Kitchen) and pastries, juices and fruit, you can order cooked dishes and a la carte speciality from the a la carte menu too. If you’d prefer to stay in bed we can deliver breakfast to your room instead.

Lunch

Lunch is usually a very casual affair served around the pool or on the terrace next to our outdoor pool bar. There are plenty of shaded areas available if you want to take a break from the sun.

Dinner

In the evenings the menu and the setting will vary. Join fellow guests for pre-dinner drinks before dining in the main restaurant, on the roof terrace, by the pool terrace, or even around the reflecting pool. Our a la carte menu is always available, but we also recommend some chef’s family style and multiple course tasting menus with Moroccan and international themes. We also recommend you try the local Moroccan wines.

FULL BOARD SUPPLEMENT

If you don’t plan to go further afield during your stay we recommend our Full Board Supplement, which is available for 1,070 Dirham per person, per night. This includes an à la carte or picnic lunch as well as dinner from the à la carte menu (excluding drinks), infants dine free of charge. Children aged 6-11 are charged 535 Dirham per child, per night for lunch and dinner, including soft drinks. Breakfast is included in all room rates.
GET ACTIVE
Head to the gym and work up an appetite. This air-conditioned space is equipped with a running machine, bike, multifunctional weight station and free weights. If you fancy a morning stretch, we also offer yoga every Tuesday and Friday morning too!

RACQUET SPORTS
We have two floodlit AstroTurf tennis courts in the gardens with racquets and balls provided. There are also shaded seating areas if you’d rather just watch. Unleash your competitive side on our Ping Pong table located in the garden behind the infinity pool.

CINEMA NIGHTS
On warmer evenings at Kasbah Tamadot we offer cinema nights where you can watch a selection of Moroccan-inspired films in the open-air under the stars.

TREKKING
Discover the beautiful surroundings of the High Atlas Mountains with some of the most scenic and spectacular treks. Whether you would like to venture down to the river, walk through the village of Asni or go into the hills behind Kasbah Tamadot, our experienced English-speaking guides can suggest treks of varying lengths.

MULE TREKS
Get acquainted with our resident mules, Paprika and Parmesan then go for a ride around the property and the nearby village. Our mules are always happy to show you around! We also have two camels, Pickle and Pumpkin and two donkeys - Plum and Peaches.

MOROCCAN CUISINE
Get a taste for Morocco with Kasbah Tamadot’s cookery lessons. These are hands-on interactive sessions where our chefs will teach you how to make some of our most popular dishes. Create a delicious three course meal including sauté, tagine and dessert and then enjoy your culinary delights for dinner that evening.

EVE BRANSON FOUNDATION
The Eve Branson Foundation (EBF) was spearheaded by Richard’s mum and has been helping those in the Berber communities surrounding Kasbah Tamadot since 2005.

PACK FOR A PURPOSE
We’ve partnered with Pack for a Purpose, a charity that allows hotels around the world to support local projects by suggesting lists of donations that guests may wish to bring in their suitcase and make a worthwhile impact on the lives of the local children and families. If you’re planning a trip to Kasbah Tamadot, please visit our website for an explanation of the projects we support and the items that are most needed.
At Kasbah Tamadot we’ve got some great ideas for activities for kids of all ages, who are welcome all year round...

Because the property is small and intimate and because we know each child is different, we do not operate a set programme. Instead we offer a fantastic range of activities that we tailor to each child and group. Here are some ideas of things we can help to organise before your kids arrive.*

- Mule rides around the property and nearby villages
- Go on a Moroccan treasure hunt
- Learn how to make delicious Moroccan dishes and take home the recipes
- Splash around with a pool party in the indoor pool or the outdoor infinity pool – inflatable toys provided
- Play some games in the lounge or settle in to watch their favourite DVD
- Get a feel for the local culture with a Moroccan tea party
- Spend the morning being pampered by our spa therapists
- Play some table tennis or actual tennis, we’ll organise a mini-tournament
- Discover some of the local plants on a nature walk

*Please note that some of these activities are subject to availability.
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