



## Kasbah Tamadot



*Courtesy Kasbah Tamadot*

### At a Glance

Just one hour south of Marrakech by car, Kasbah Tamadot is nestled in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, with only a Bedouin village for company. Sir Richard Branson fell in love with this former private home and transformed it into a boutique hotel with tented suites and a spa, filled with antiques, Moroccan décor and other prized treasures from around the world, making Kasbah Tamadot one of Morocco's most memorable escapes. The fairy-tale palace retreat is part of Branson's Virgin Limited Edition hotel group, which delivers a signature mix of high luxury and an authentic appreciation of location and community. Bedrooms are decked out in traditional Moroccan and Bedouin style and have unique views and layouts. In the Master Suite, a few minutes' walk from the main building, there are three separate rooms and a private pool. But the best rooms are the 10 Berber Tent Suites, and many of them have private terraces, Jacuzzis, outdoor dining areas and baths positioned to see the Atlas Mountains.

**The Standout:** Fabulous dinners in unique and special locations with incredible views throughout

**Don't Miss:** Hiking in nearby Imlil, in the foothills of Mount Toubkal

## Indagare Loves

- The Moroccan antiques and crafts decorating the rooms
- The expansive valley views from the pool, a perfect place for settling in with a good book
- The visits to Berber villages and focus on community

## Kasbah Tamadot Review

One hour south of [Marrakech](#), Kasbah Tamadot is a world away from the hustle and bustle of city life. The fairytale palace retreat, described by one Indagare member as “practically perfect,” is part of Sir Richard Branson’s Limited Edition hotel group, offering their signature mix of high luxury and an authentic appreciation of location and community. The hotel is popular with couples and big family groups (children, known as “camels,” are welcome at certain times of year-check with our team for dates) who enjoy the privacy of its isolated location and distractions of the adventurous excursions and spa.

All bedrooms are decked out in traditional Moroccan and Bedouin style with antiques from around the world, and each of the bedrooms in the main house has a unique view, style and layout. In the Master Suite, a short walk from the main building, there are three separate rooms and a private pool making it popular with groups and those wanting extra privacy. The most luxurious rooms are the 10 Berber Tent Suites, and many of them have private terraces, jacuzzis, outdoor dining areas, plus baths positioned to take full advantage of the stunning Atlas Mountains views.

There is one restaurant, Kanoun, offering relaxed fireside dining with both local and international menus, plus a great selection of Moroccan wines. Guests can also eat under the stars on the rooftop or request a private picnic at one of the many stunning spots around the hotel. The kitchen also offers cooking classes, by special arrangement, where guests can learn traditional Moroccan and Berber dishes.

There are a huge range of activities on offer and complimentary on-site tennis and a three-hour morning walk on Thursdays and Sundays. The hotel can also arrange more challenging guided hikes through the Atlas Mountains, including a two-day trek to the Toubkal peak, the highest point in North Africa. Nearby, there is also mule riding and 4×4 excursions through the Orika Valley to the Safron Gardens (where the hotel

sources its beauty products). Alternatively, the Asounfou Spa (named after the Berber word for relaxation) is the perfect escape, with an indoor pool, five treatment rooms, a sauna and traditional hammam. There is also a spectacular hillside outdoor massage area, perfect for couples.

## Who Should Stay

Couples and families with older children looking for a more chic and private experience with many options for adventure

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- *Melissa Biggs Bradley on February 27, 2014*

