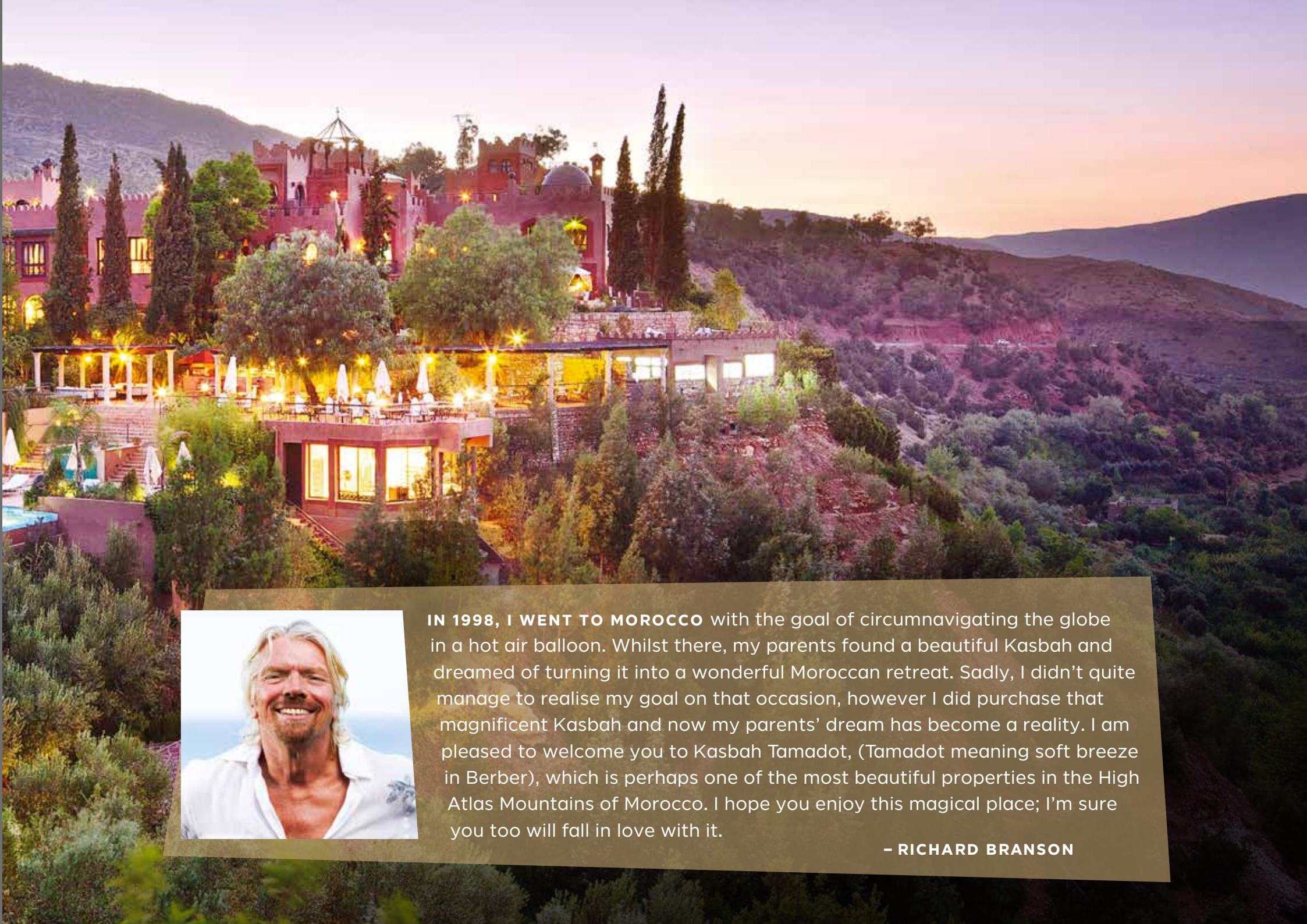




KASBAH  TAMADOT  
SIR RICHARD BRANSON'S MOROCCAN RETREAT



**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**

# getting here



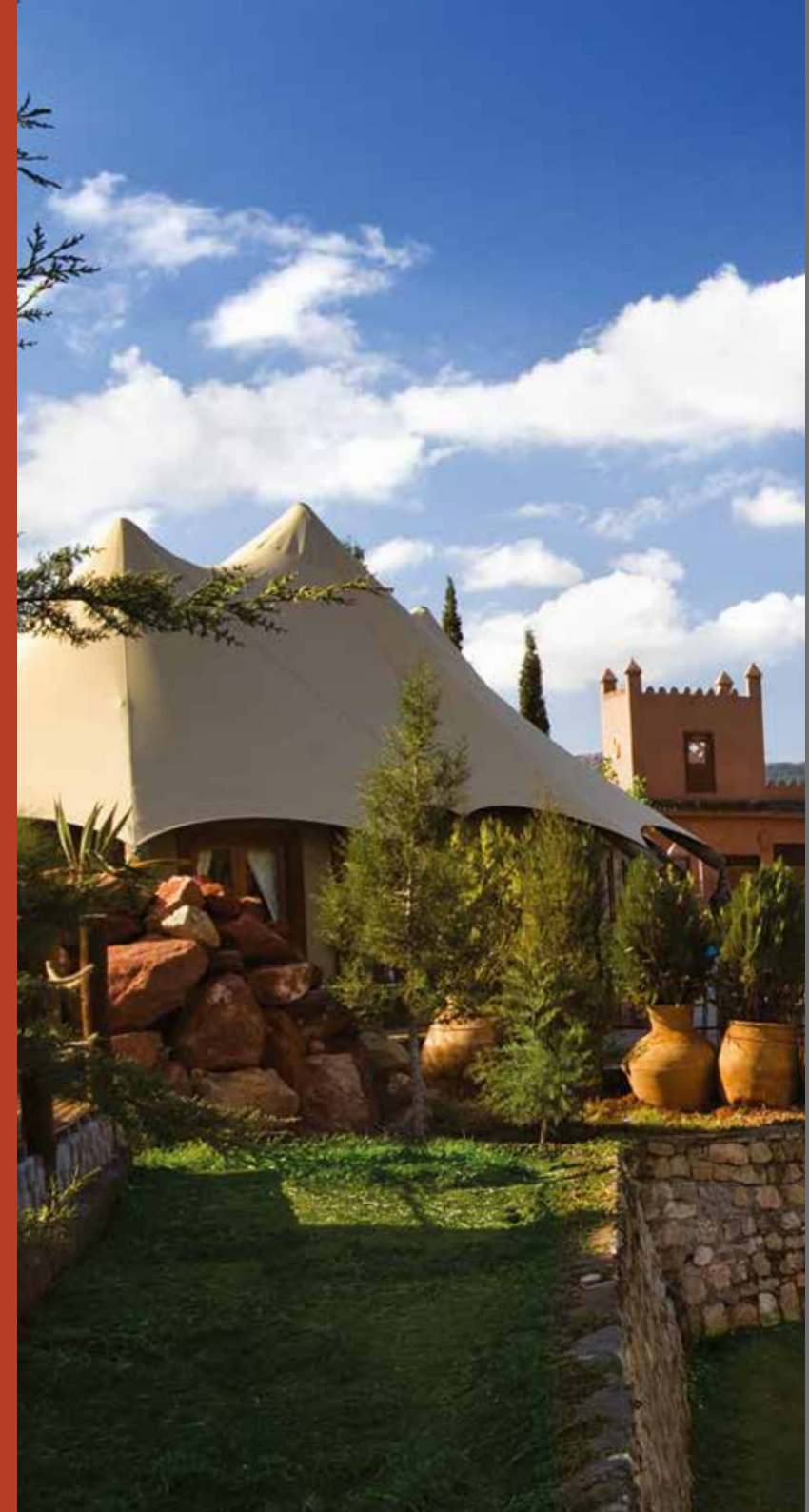
## Where is Kasbah Tamadot?

Kasbah Tamadot is approximately 45 minutes' drive south east from Marrakech Airport in Morocco (about 1 hour 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 from another location in Marrakech. Alternatively, you can rent a car if you wish to drive yourself and directions are available on our website. Helicopter transfers can be arranged on request.





## 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 by day. Also in August the fruits on our fruit trees ripen and are 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. As in spring the temperature suits everyone, whether actively hiking or lounging by the pool with your book. 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 social time of year at Kasbah Tamadot. The sun still shines during the day and with the pools at a comfortable 28°C, a middle of the day swim is the norm!

# where is everything?

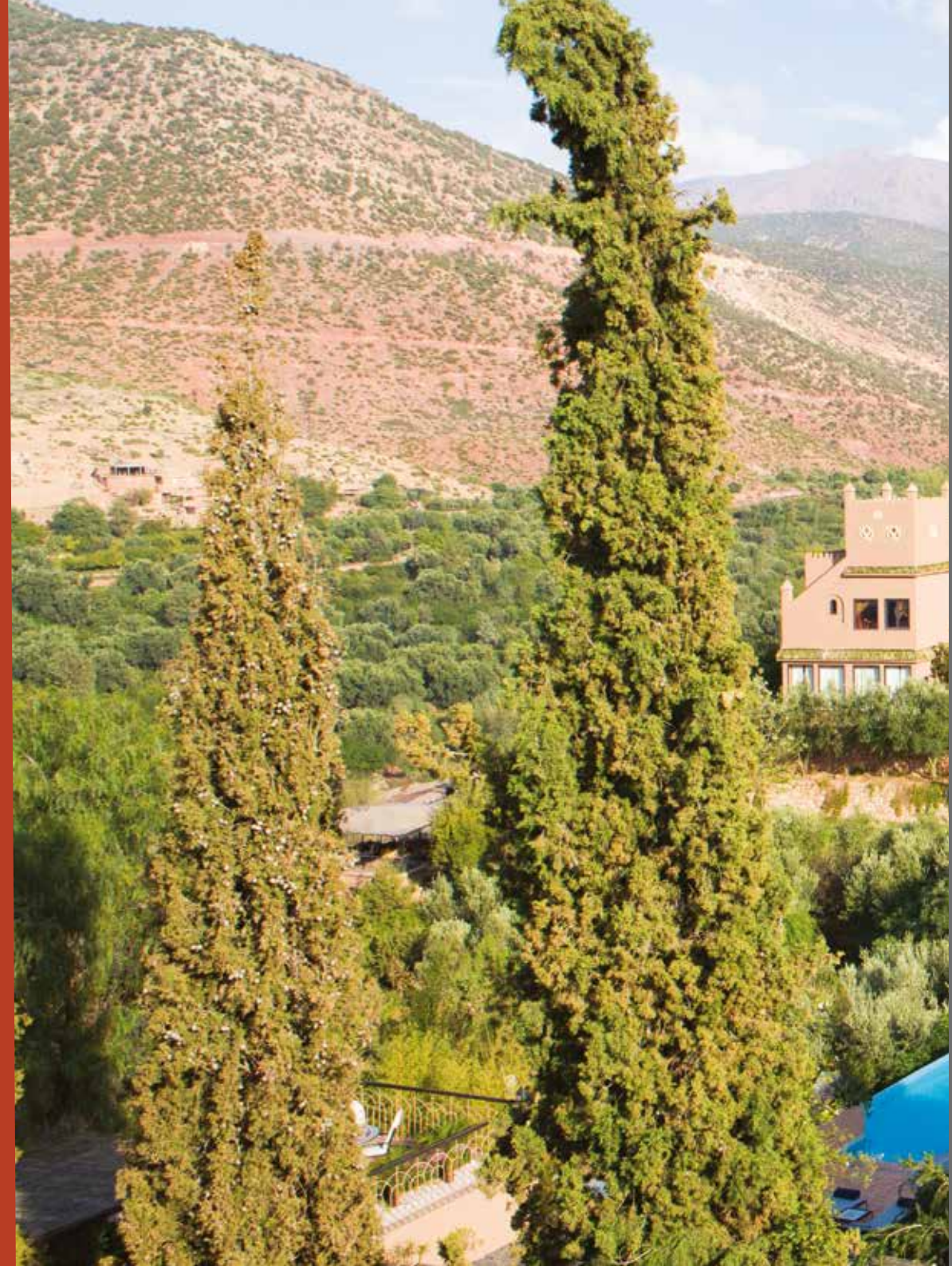


**K**asbah Tamadot can be divided into four areas. The main building contains 15 original rooms and suites, an indoor pool, spa, a library, reflecting pool, restaurant and bar, roof terrace and main reception. Just off the main courtyard is the Asmoun Lounge.

Adjacent to the main building is the heated outdoor infinity pool, hot tub, amphitheatre, sundeck, 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 a private pool and is ideal for families.

Continue exploring past the Master Suite and you'll find our gardens, tennis courts, mule shed and Berber Tents. There are ten tents, six of which have private jacuzzis, and all have spacious decks and views over the valley and the mountains. You're also invited to get to know Kasbah Tamadot's resident camels, mules and donkeys - these are housed just beyond the tennis courts.





# your room



All rooms and suites are furnished with plush bath robes, 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 and Deluxe Rooms

### **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.





# your room

## Deluxe and Superior Suites

### **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 roll away 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 roll away bed for one child.





# your room



## Berber Tents

### **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 bathtubs for soaking while you gaze over the mountains, a terrace, 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 JACUZZI**

Perched on the hillside overlooking a pretty valley below, the six Berber Tented Suites with Jacuzzis are the perfect location to soak up the sun on your very own private deck. All six 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 bathtubs, a terrace with private Jacuzzi, sun loungers and space for outdoor dining.



# your room

## Master Suite

The Master Suite is a miniature version of Kasbah Tamadot sitting out on a promontory and featuring three special rooms. Located near the glorious infinity pool, the Master Suite is ideal for families and features three bedrooms, a terrace and a private swimming pool. The building itself is rich in architectural detail and affords 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 can 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 true escape and complete privacy. Rooms within the Master Suite are generally not sold separately until two months before arrival, depending on availability.





# explore



## 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 landscape is the pool complex; the upper terrace is where lunch 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.



### **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 cosy 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 reading a book by the fireplace, or enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail. The lounge is equipped with a pool table, satellite TV, DVD player, music system and a fully stocked honesty bar.



#### **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 your hair will be shampooed and conditioned and scalp massaged. The end result is rejuvenated, awakened skin and your mind and body will be totally relaxed. A definite must if you're visiting Kasbah Tamadot!



# dining

## What's on the menu?

### KANOUN RESTAURANT

With an intimate fireside bar for pre-dinner cocktails and a stunning dining area complete with wonderful views, Kanoun Restaurant serves delicious local and international cuisine. Kanoun is open for all hotel guests and casual lunch diners on request. If the weather is right, dine al fresco next to the beautiful infinity pool bar, on the rooftop terrace underneath the stars, or somewhere private just for two.

Breakfast is included within your accommodation rate and this is served in Kanoun Restaurant or on the terrace next to the pool bar (weather permitting). In addition to freshly baked bread and pastries, juices and fruit, you are welcome to order cooked dishes and Moroccan specialties from the à la carte menu. We can also arrange for breakfast to be brought to your room on request.

Lunch is usually a very casual affair served around the pool or at the pool bar (weather permitting). There are shaded areas available if you want to take a break from the sun and enjoy a light meal.



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 à la carte menu is always available, but we also serve traditional Berber feasts buffet style as well as 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 900 Dirham per person per night. This includes both an à la carte or picnic lunch as well as dinner from the à la carte menus (excluding drinks). Infants dine free of charge. Children are charged 450 Dirham per child per night for lunch and dinner, including soft drinks. Breakfast is included in all room rates.



# things to do

## MOROCCAN CUISINE

Get a taste for Morocco with Kasbah Tamadot's cookery lessons. Cookery Lessons are hands-on interactive sessions where our chefs will walk you step-by-step through how to make some of our more popular dishes. Create delicious three course meals including salads, soup, tagines and dessert. Then you'll have the pleasure of eating your culinary delights for dinner that evening.

## 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 priceless 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.

## EVE BRANSON FOUNDATION

We work closely alongside The Eve Branson Foundation to improve living standards in the communities around the property. This effort is spearheaded by Eve Branson, known to us as Richard's mum! The foundation aims to help the local people in the long term by setting up sustainable enterprises which so far have included a carpet workshop and a craft house run and managed by locals.

You can purchase a selection of these handmade items in the Berber Boutique. We also regularly arrange visits to the local craft houses in the neighbouring Berber villages so you can see the foundation's work first hand.





### **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.

### **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. You can also test your mettle 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 in a uniquely traditional way with one of our resident mules. 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, Peppermint, Peanut and Paprika 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 three donkeys – Pudding, Plum and Peaches.



At Kasbah Tamadot we've got some great ideas for activities for kids of all ages...

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 painting their nails with 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.*

## Kasbah Kids



### ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?

Children of all ages are welcome to Kasbah Tamadot during selected dates throughout the year. For availability please contact our reservation team, check the website or see our rates page for full details.

