

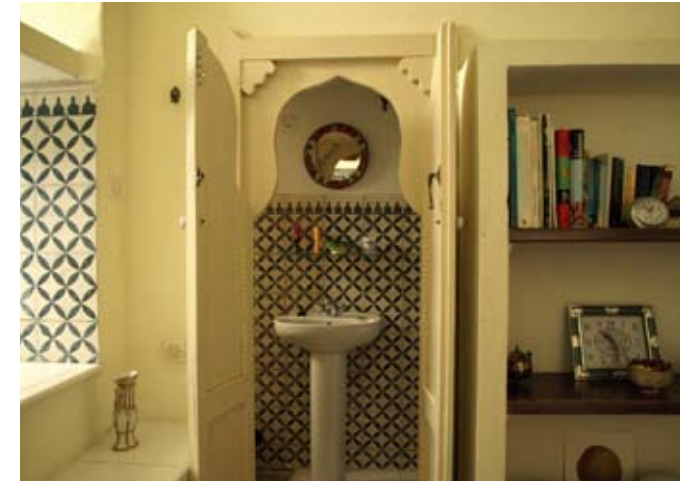
Dar Mellah



The salon



The kitchen



The bathroom

The Apartment

Dar Mellah is a one bedroomed apartment near the Jewish district of Essaouira's medina. The apartment is on the first floor of a typical Jewish house built around the turn of the twentieth century, and is decorated in traditional Moroccan and Berber styles.

The flat consists of one double bedroom with four poster bed, a well equipped kitchen, shower room with traditional tadelekt shower, and Moroccan salon.

Dar Mellah is available for short or long term let for two people on a self catering basis. A single bed is available for a guest in the salon.

The house maid, Fatima, will look after you during your stay. She will be happy to prepare a variety of local foods for you, including vegetarian and dairy free dishes.

The Location

Being within the Medina, Dar Mellah is ideally located as a base to explore the plethora of shops, markets, restaurants and cafés on offer. If you'd rather cook for yourself, then only minutes walk from Dar Mellah you can find all sorts of fresh produce, fish, and spices.

It is only a leisurely ten minutes walk from the apartment to the beach. Essaouira is famous for its windsurfing and kiteboarding, and you'll have every opportunity to give these a go, then again you could just soak up the sun.

If the beach isn't relaxing enough, though, try the local Hammam Babst for a traditional steam and rub down. Fatima is on hand to accompany ladies to the hammam.

Bike hire is available from Bab Marrakech, and excursions can be arranged to visit the local olive oil co-operative at Tidzi or the Sunday market at Hedra.

Rates

High season: £40 per day (DH600)

Low season: £30 per day (DH450)

Minimum 3 nights. Weekly rates available on request.

Prices are for one or two people self catering. A supplementary bed is available at £10 per night.

Dinner is available on request at a cost of £7pp (DH100).

The flat is cleaned daily.

Laundry service is available by request.

The local bus service operates from Bab Doukkala, with services to Sidi Kaoki, Tidzi and Hedra.

There is a Catholic church close to the Mogador hotel.



Essaouira's fortifications

Essaouira

Occupied since prehistoric times, Essaouira has always been a place of strategic importance. Mohammed III, who built the city as we see it in the 18th century, employed European engineers to create the fortifications that dominate the coastline. Essaouira was a principal centre for his expansion of trade with Europe, and an enormous amount of resources went into the considerable structures that defend it. Today the city's medina is an Unesco World Heritage site.

The fishing port is very active, with catches daily, and the hand built wooden boats standing up in dry dock are an amazing sight. If you approach the foreman of the boatyard he will probably give you a tour for a few dirhams. There are few boatyards in the world today creating such impressive vessels by hand from wood, so getting a good look is a must.

The medina's lanes, alleyways, white walls and fortifications are home today to traditional artisans and craftsmen working wood and making pottery by hand. Everything is for sale of course, so be ready to haggle.



The Practicalities

The easiest way to Essaouira is via Marrakech, where Supratours run buses four times a day for about £4 each way (DH60). Alternatively, taxis cost about £60 from Marrakech (DH1000). Both take between 2½ and 3 hours. Car hire costs from about £35 per day (DH550).

Flights to Marrakech from the uk

BA from Heathrow: www.ba.com
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ThomsonFly from Manchester: www.thomsonfly.com

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