



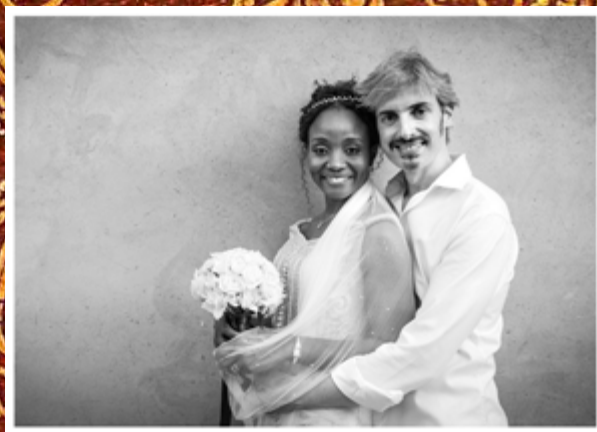
# VILLA DINARI

Marrakech

*Your wedding under the  
Moroccan sun*



# *Some of our Happy Couples*







Marrakech

## *Welcome to Villa Dinari*

*"It's romantic." - "It's exciting, colourful and vibrant, something you wouldn't see or do somewhere else." - "It's a magical wedding, an experience people will never forget."*

This is your special day, a wedding completely different to anything you could imagine. Your wedding at Villa Dinari is not just coming together for a day to share with family and friends, it's a whole new experience, with the bonus that you can have a spectacular day with all kinds of exotic entertainment at a fraction of the cost of a wedding in the UK. But above all, a wedding in Morocco – and especially at Villa Dinari – is simply great fun.

Fire-eaters, camels, belly-dancers and delicious Moroccan food, we work with you to decide on the perfect programme for your perfect day, with Abdul and I and our lovely staff here to make sure everything runs smoothly, from your collection at Marrakech Airport to your final wave goodbye.

We hope this brochure inspires you, and brings you to Villa Dinari for

*your wedding under the Moroccan sun*

*Heather and Abdellatif  
Benhrima*

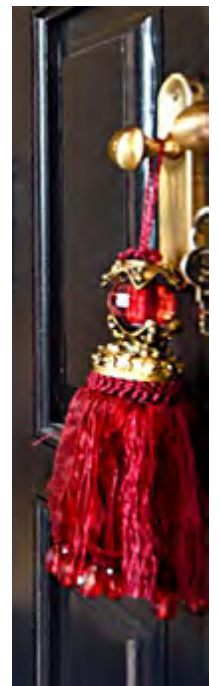
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# Accommodation and Arrival

**Villa Dinari** sits in over two acres of lush, beautifully landscaped gardens and shady terraces, and comprises two suites (private bungalows in the garden, ideal pockets of privacy), three double rooms, four double/twin rooms and two large glamping suites, sleeping a total of twenty-two guests on a two-person-per-room occupancy and up to thirty if there are extra beds in the rooms. For families with children or friends wanting to be close by we have rooms with a shared terrace overlooking our delightful gardens. The two beautiful rooms in the main house both have their own private patio but also look inward to a courtyard garden, based on the historic style of the riad, where life is lived away from

public gaze. Each of the rooms at has its own character but they all have one thing in common – a seductive mix of soft colours, rich Moroccan textiles, and the best craft-work of local artisans. Lusciousness and luxury combined.

For anyone not staying at Villa Dinari we can provide a list of suggested accommodation at various levels; from riads in the medina to all-inclusive hotels. We arrange pick-ups from Marrakech Airport for our own guests but suggest that if someone is staying in a hotel they arrange their own transport from the airport with the hotel, who will usually ask when the booking is made. On the wedding day we co-ordinate all the transport and arrange shuttle services from the wedding back to the hotels.



You can view the full range of accommodation at our website

*Villa Dinari*

*A special thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our wedding so perfect – it was everything we could ever have wished for and more.*

*Chloe and Ashley*





# *Your Wedding Day*

The service we hold at Villa Dinari is a celebrant service undertaken by a registered celebrant, not an official marriage service. Nonetheless, it is still a beautiful ceremony with the full emotion of a traditional wedding and we are open to all couples of all persuasions to celebrate their wedding vows with us. During the summer months we usually start around five in the afternoon, around four later in the year, with guests arriving thirty minutes prior to the ceremony. The bride and groom can

decide if they want to serve a glass of champagne before the ceremony and then everyone is seated. The bride makes a grand entrance into the wedding tent down a carpeted avenue edged with lanterns, accompanied by the person she has chosen to give her away. The celebrant service is quite short although there is time for people to give readings if the couple wish. When the ceremony ends the bride and groom usually lead their guests up to the pool bar, where we serve cocktails and canapes for about an hour and thirty minutes, giving guests time for a camel ride if the couple have booked one, and photos. It also gives the photographer all the time needed to take the official photographs.



*Thank you for making my dreams come true. For seeing my vision of my dream wedding and far exceeding my expectations!*  
Manjit and Darryl

# *Your Wedding Dinner*

Your wedding dinner is served in the tented area in front of the house and we discuss with you in advance whether you prefer the more casual barbecue based on traditional Moroccan food, which works very well in the relaxed tented environment, or to choose from our wedding menu, where individual tajines are served or the dish that each guest has decided on, and how it will be served, which differs on the size of the wedding party.

From the menu below the bride and groom are asked to choose one starter, two main courses and two desserts, from which their guests will then choose which main course and dessert they prefer and their choice is marked against the table they will be sitting at, taken from the wedding list. At Villa Dinari we have wide experience of catering for vegetarians and vegans and people with special dietary needs, including lactose intolerant, gluten free etc. We also provide children's meals.

## *Moroccan Wedding Dinner Menus*

### **Starters**

Selection of Moroccan salads

or

Briouates (stuffed filo pastry triangles) served with tomato relish

or

Harira (Moroccan spicy tomato soup) or Chicken or Seafood Pastilla (filo pastry)

### **Main Courses**

Chicken and Lemon Tagine

with olives

or

Sweet Lamb Tagine

Lamb served with pears or quince

or

Tangia el Fassia

Beef shank marinated and slow cooked with preserved lemons, garlic, onions and spices

or

Makfoul

Sweet lamb tagine with sliced tomatoes and onions

### **Desserts**

Lemon cream dessert served with lemon biscuits

or

Apple and date briouates served with ice cream

or

Chocolate mouse served with forest fruit compot

or

Fresh sliced oranges with cinnamon or Fruit or lemon tart

Followed by Moroccan pastries, tea or coffee

*As for the food...it's so good  
that most other restaurants in  
Marrakech leave you feeling a  
bit disappointed.*

*Dani and Max*



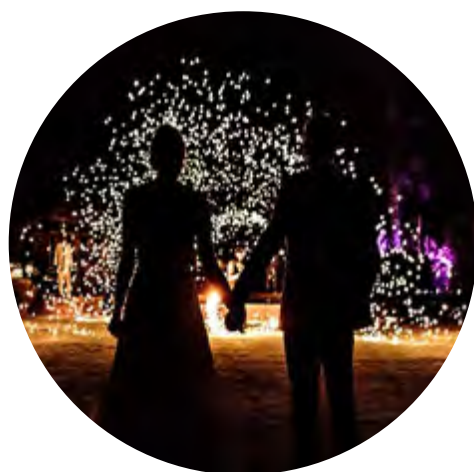
*Thank you so much for all your hard work in making our guests welcome for our wedding week. Everyone had the most amazing time. Our wedding was just perfect.*

*Philippa and John*



*The organisation and actual week-end of our wedding was so stress free and the experience was one that we will truly never forget. Thank you for making us and our guests so welcome and at home.*

*Alison and Ian.*



*From the moment we drove through the gates into the garden we were mesmerised by the stunning setting. Heather's attention to detail, the charming and diligent staff, Abdel's warm presence and expert knowledge of local culture was the recipe for a spectacular wedding...and Michael the camel was a real treat!*

*Sheena and Saul*



# Table Options and Settings



Heather is an experienced wedding planner and can either work with you to create your perfect day or can do all your planning for you. She can suggest table layouts depending on the number of guests and your preferred seating arrangements. (The images on this page are examples of some of the table settings and arrangements chosen by our couples.) Heather can also advise on table decorations, floral arrangements, wedding favours for a unique Moroccan experience and a wide range of different optional extras, including a spice market and photo booths – and even a camel for a definite Moroccan photo souvenir.



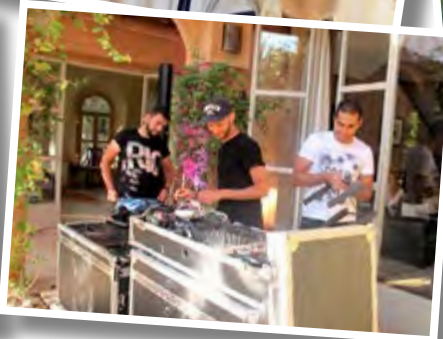




*The most fabulous  
place with the most  
welcoming and accommodating hosts.  
I'd rather not tell too many people  
about it and keep it a secret for me!*  
Lucy G

*We have recently returned from our son's wedding at Villa  
Dinari - what a superb venue! Heather and Abdul are perfect  
hosts and nothing was too much trouble.* Stuart H

## *Behind the scenes*





# Entertainment

The entertainment we can provide for the pleasure of yourself and your guests is as exotic as the country itself; belly dancers, fire-eaters, acrobats – even a camel for the ultimate photo opportunity. Music is provided by traditional Dakakia and Gnaoua musicians. Gnaoua is from the sub-sahara and is very rhythmic with lots of athletic dancing, while Dakakia tends to be more drums and chanting. It's very spectacular when you have a large group of Dekakia waiting to serenade you out of the marriage tent.



If you would like a DJ to keep your guests entertained it is important to let him know your preferred choice of music in advance. If you would rather create your own playlist without a DJ we have a Bose I-pod dock and a large Sono speaker available. Our terrace is perfect for entertainment and if the weather is fine we have music and dancing by the pool bar.

We only work with the best entertainers who are constantly in demand, so it is advisable to decide on the entertainment early in your wedding plans so as to avoid disappointment for your special day.

*What can I say! The most amazing holiday I have been on. Gorgeous private rooms, the grounds are spectacular, the hosts adorable and so welcoming....they cannot do enough for you.*

*Jenni B*





# Pamper Yourself



If you've never experienced a hammam you've missed out on one of life's greatest pleasures. It has been at the centre of Moroccan life for centuries and combines hygiene and ritual cleansing with relaxation, health and a wonderful sense of well-being. In contrast to a sauna, a hammam is based on water – and lots of it! The pleasure is as much in the ritual as it is in the wonderful ambiance of steamy relaxation.

You begin with a dousing in comfortably hot water, followed by an all-over application of *savon beldi*, the traditional black soap, a combination of olive and argan oils that prepares the skin for exfoliation.

A hammam is a glorious experience in its own

right, but is only part of the indulgent pampering to prepare you for the most wonderful day of your life. If you are spending a couple of days at Villa Dinari prior to your wedding a hammam is the perfect way to experience Morocco, a delightful way to relax and put bride, groom and friends in an excellent mood for the big day.

Why not treat yourself to a massage, a manicure or pedicure, and perhaps even a facial? All the beauty products we use at Villa Dinari are completely natural, supplied by Natus, one of the best known producers of natural beauty products in Morocco – and our Argan oil in its beautiful leather presentation box is the perfect gift for bridesmaids.

*The Hammam is a must, not only great for your skin but a good giggle too!*  
Mitzi

*For more detailed information and a quotation for the wedding services offered at Villa Dinari please contact*

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