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...AND 16 MORE REASONS WHY MAJORCA IS SO HOT RIGHT NOW

(AND WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER)

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“Escape into an idyllic, sensual world...”

ALMAHA
MARRAKECH
City centre comfort
From €310
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BELGIAN ARCHITECT
CHARLES Kaisin is the darling of the design press and his first boutique hotel, in Marrakech's bustling Kasbah, is proof why. A secret door leads to an

interior courtyard with pillars, stunning metalwork and planting, overlooked by 12 individually styled bedrooms with huge beds, flowing drapes and quirky local art and craftwork (many rooms also have a private roof terrace). It's just 10 minutes from the spice markets of the medina, the El Badi Palace and the famous Jemaa el Fna market square, yet you'd never realise once inside.

Kaisin says his inspiration is the Baudelaire poem *L'Invitation au voyage* and Almaha does indeed invite you to escape into an idyllic, sensual world. Dinner is served in the library, where 1,083 books are folded into letters of the alphabet, spelling out the Baudelaire poem, while the Pixel Room – decorated with 23,000 diamond shapes cut from silk, depicting a scene from the Jemaa el Fna – is a dreamy place to enjoy mint tea and pastries. The rooftop bar and pool, and terrific hamman and spa complete the package. The riad even has a signature orange-flower scent. You'll dream of it for months....



Clockwise from above
Almaha's pillared, central courtyard; one of the 12 individual bedrooms; the silk-walled Pixel Salon



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“Sunset songs from your balcony...”

ARTHUR HOTEL
TEL AVIV
Cosy townhouse
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IN JERUSALEM, YOU want to stay in the thick of it: for the stone walls of the Old City to be an easy stroll away, an excellent falafel

joint to be around the corner and to be able to hear the musical discord of sunset songs from your hotel balcony.

Arthur Hotel covers these bases and adds the kind of delightful details you hope for, but don't always get: geometrically patterned antique tiles

adorning the lobby and dining-room walls, along with nostalgic black-and-white photography, food that packs a punch and bluesy jazz on soft repeat in the background. So Ella Fitzgerald croons over an exquisite Middle Eastern breakfast platter – up there with the best in the city – and before you've even admitted that you don't know where to start in the Old City's warren-like streets, the staff have drawn up their top tips on a tourist map. Jerusalem can be disorienting at times, but finishing each day at the Arthur feels like a homecoming.