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**K**nown as Morocco's windy city, Essaouira boasts year-round sun and a laid-back vibe, making it an easy option for whipping off for a last-minute escape. Our favourite spot is Le Jardin des Douars, a family-friendly garden oasis about 20 minutes from the city centre. Though the property was built in the last few decades, the architecture was inspired by traditional kasbahs in the Atlas Mountains, which gives it a lived-in feel and sense of place, with many design ideas to emulate, particularly in the large private villas where natural earthy tones and handcrafted materials form the foundation.

In Villa Béthanie, as with the other rooms and villas, tadelakt walls and niches, natural Bejmat clay tiled flooring and cedar

wood ceilings connect the building to its location, while richly hued woven Berber rugs and Parisian club chairs upholstered in colourful traditional 'beldi' blankets inject vibrancy and offer a fresh modern take on Moroccan style.

An open fireplace provides warmth when the temperature drops. This is surrounded by a wall of art and objects from Morocco and Sub-Saharan Africa, with a striking painting by Senegalese artist Diatta Seck placed over the fireplace, pulling the room together.

Another beautiful feature has to be the magnificent floor-to-ceiling arched windows overlooking the luxuriant gardens, which meander and wrap around the estate, providing a home to chirping birds and the occasional fruit-seeking tortoise. 25