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Desert Trip

LES JARDINS DE SKOURA

If you want to spread the ride from Marrakech to Ouarzazate over two days, this is the perfect resting spot. The French owner turned a derelict farm into a charming guest house with eight beautiful rooms. A mishmash of sunflowers, vines, apricot- and olive trees give the exotic garden the vibe of an old painting and comfortable hammocks lure you into a lazy afternoon by the pool. The perfect place to hang.



CAMP ADOUNIA

Blast from the past! Of all tented camps in the neighborhood, this one retained our attention for its extreme away-from-the-world atmosphere. There's no electricity nor running water in this ecological paradise. The cloud-like beds hint to the deepest sleep of your life, surrounded by nothing but silent dunes and the endless starry sky. It's no wonder it regularly hosts yoga retreats, the calm is quite tangible here -and infectious, even for kids. While you finally find time to catch up on the books you haven't even opened since arriving in Morocco, your brood will spend the next few hours working through the dunes with spades and buckets. You basically reside in one giant sand-pit: use that and enjoy the hours of pure, relaxed pause it will grant you.



LMA LODGE

Busy bees better book a stay at LMA lodge, another pretty place with idyllic oasis vibes offering a wide range of activities on top of its pool with large paddle area for infants. Cooking workshops, desert rides, visits to movie sets or ancient towns, horseback riding, henna sessions and even Arabic classes can be set up on demand.

Surf & Turf

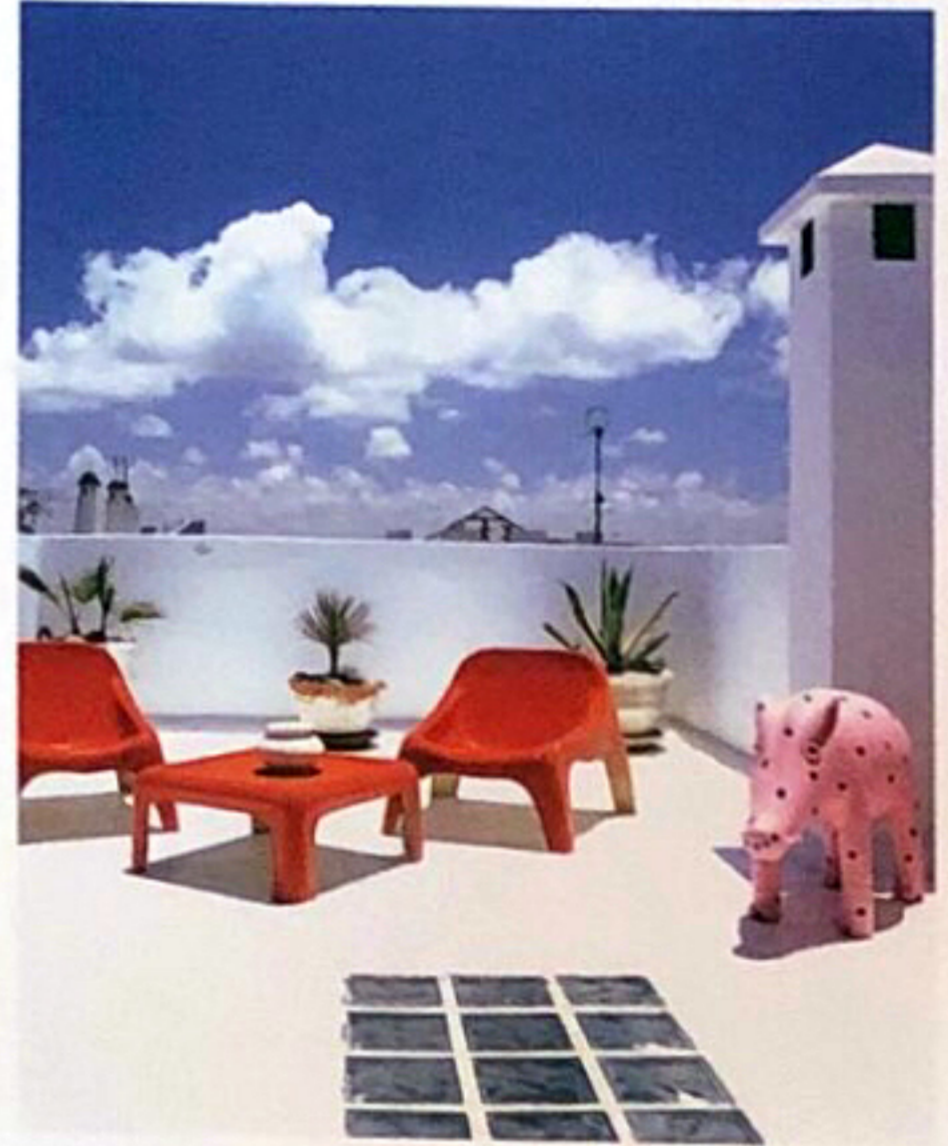
LE JARDIN DES DOUARS

Granted: this hotel has been the trigger for this entire magazine as no other place ticks the boxes of extreme child friendliness and absurdly affordable luxury so well. Several rooms are spread in a gorgeous garden surrounding the central ksar which boasts a delicious organic restaurant -obviously supplied by the hotel's own vegetable beds. Guests in the ksar are awoken by the bells of passing-by herds of goats. Children are VIP: a special gruel menu for babies, hidden play areas all over the place, tea and cake are served every afternoon by the pool and the special family pool seems plucked right off Pinterest with its swings and rattan furniture. And because this hotel really sees the light, babysits are on hand in case you'd want to disappear in the amazing spa for an hour or two...



DAR BEIDA

Old is gold, especially when the sixties are involved. This guest house within Essaouira's city walls is owned by a British duo that combines a love for everything retro with great taste and an eye for details. You can opt for a personal chef or cook yourself, outings to a private pool outside the city can be organized on demand and the house is equipped for the very small too -including baby cot and sterilizer.



REBALI RIADS

Laidback and in touch with nature : Re-bali Riads in rural Sidi Kaouki appeals to big and little surfers of all levels. The hotel consists of six small riads, each with their own pool, rooftop terrace (stargazing: check!) and direct access to the beach. Sun, sea and surf, special kids menus, a broad range of beach games and -icing on the cake- the presence of cheeky chameleons and tortoises will delight any child. There aren't many restaurants around, yet a 20-minute beach walk leads you to the equally zen beach club La Mouette et Le Dromadaire.

