

3 bedroom house, with private inner courtyard, at the heart of the Old Medina in Essaouira. A 10 minute walk from the beach.

47 Rue Ceuta, Essaouira, Morocco.

Freehold, with full title and permit d'habite.

Lovingly restored and subtly decorated the rooms are spacious yet tranquil, providing a cool retreat from the outside world.

4 floors, 3 large living spaces, all with working open fireplaces, 3 bedrooms, (all en suite) dining room, open plan kitchen, utility room, and 2 spacious roof terraces.

A modern living space has been created around ancient sandstone columns and thuya wood ceilings. The house is arranged around a central courtyard. It has been designed to make it extremely comfortable - each bedroom is situated on a different floor (for privacy) and has a bathroom en suite.

Sleeps 6

4,000 sq ft (400 sq m)

£380,000.





Ground Floor: a playful open plan kitchen with a curved breakfast bar, oven/hob and free standing fridge/freezer.

The dining room is adjacent to the kitchen and so meals can be eaten at the table in front of a log fire.

Tadelakt floors and a sika product has been used for the whole of the ground floor keeping out any damp.

First floor: a large living room with two sandstone columns, which are approximately 200 years old. There is a built in sofa and a large fire place.

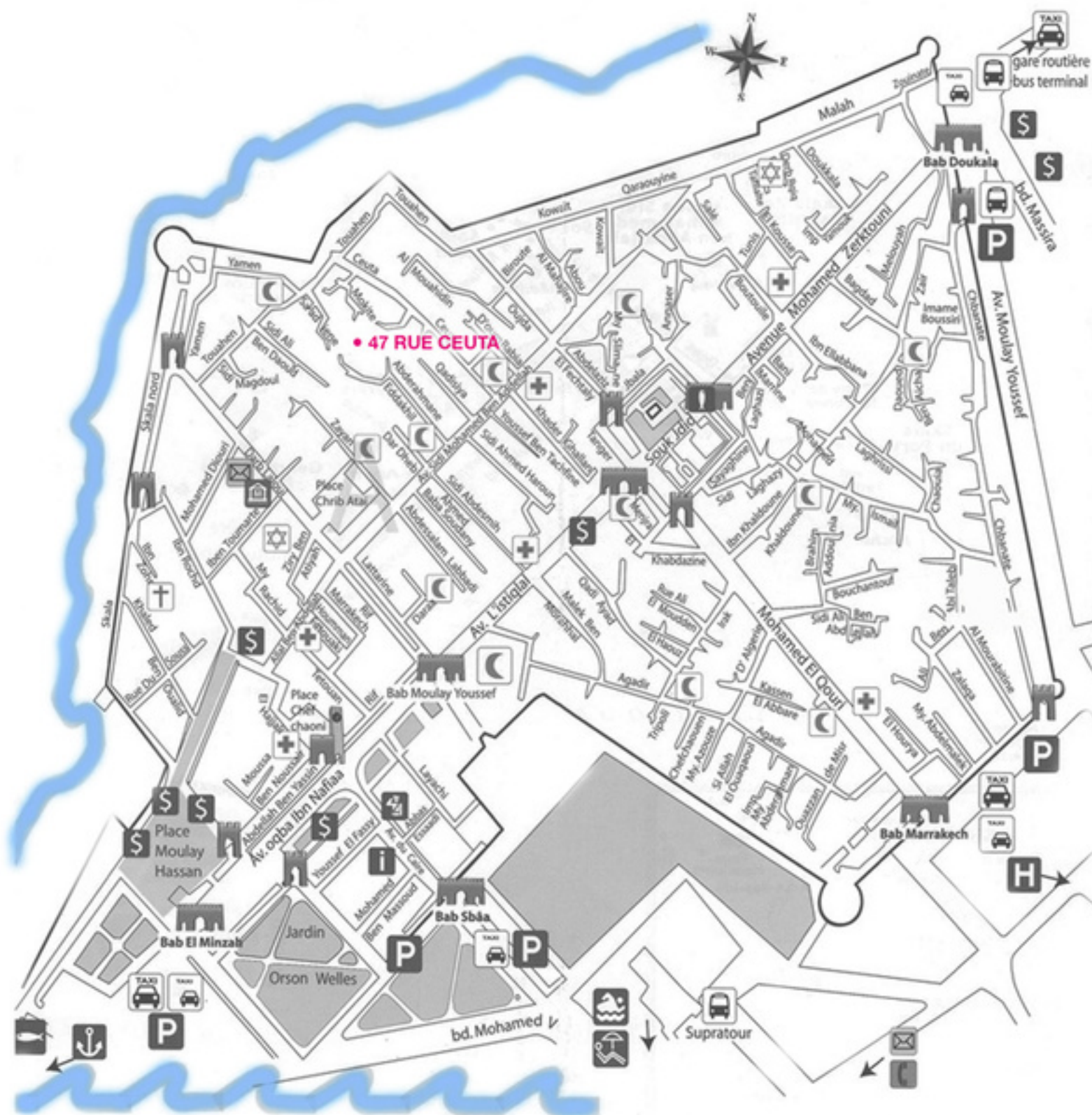
A bedroom with a seating area, a hand built concrete shelf unit for clothes and a built in king size bed.

Second floor: another living space with a shelf the whole length of the room, for books and quirky local crafts.

A terrace and next to this a bedroom with a king size built in bed and en suite wet room finished in tadelakt (a waterproof polished concrete). On the same floor is a small kitchen with a washing machine, servicing the terraces.

Third floor: a large terrace area and another double bedroom with an en suite tadelakt wet room.





Essaouira

The most favoured coastal town in Southern Morocco and the one most easily reached from Marrakech.

Essaouira has managed to retain a laid-back timelessness rarely felt in the seething streets of Marrakech. It is a relaxing place and a charming one too. Ramparts shelter the medina built around French style piazzas, carved archways and whitewashed avenues.

Over the past decade, Essaouira has become known as a centre for arts, crafts and music, attracting visitors to galleries and workshops and hosting an assortment of annual festivals. Apart from the well known Gnaoua World Music Festival in June, there is also a Flamenco Festival and a classical music festival each spring.

The fishing port, overlooked by grand fortifications, provides a constant source of supplies for local restaurants, while the wide sandy beaches have put Essaouira on the windsurfing map at certain times of the year when the winds are up.

The town can also claim to be one of the cleanest and freshest in Morocco, with no vehicles allowed in the medina, regular street sweeping and the Alizes breeze keeping the summer months cool.



The house is close to the shops and restaurants, just minutes from the food markets, with hammams, horse riding, quad biking and various other activities.

Essaouira is famous for its myriad shades of blue: blue skies, deep blue sea, blue trawlers and sardine boats loaded with their catch of the day, blue shutters and doors on bright white walls. The story is that the fishing boats in Essaouira are blue so as not to scare the fish!



Jimi Hendrix, who visited Essaouira in the 1960's. It is rumoured that the half buried fort 'Bordj El Berod' inspired Hendrix to write "Castles made of Sand".

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