

STOCKENBRIDGE

BREAKS



The Capaldi Hotel and Spa, Marrakech

21st February - 28th February 2024

A fabulous Spring Bridge week with the Stockens in a stylish hotel with gourmet restaurant in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains

from £1755pp* including:

* with 10% loyalty discount

7 nights' stay in this superb luxury hotel (*including tourist tax*)

Full board at the hotel's excellent restaurant including:

- three-course dinner with 1/2 bottle per person of selected wines
- 2-course buffet lunch and afternoon tea
- reception with aperitif and canapés on the first evening

Refreshments available during bridge play

Transfers from Marrakech Airport (*for selected flights*)

All Bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

Very special bridge holidays

The Capaldi Hotel

The Capaldi Hotel & Spa is a luxurious retreat nestled within a 4-hectare olive farm at the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. Surrounded by fragrant gardens and ancient olive trees, this secluded oasis has two swimming pools (*one of which is heated*), a traditional spa, a private cinema, and a romantic lantern-lit roof terrace. But what sets The Capaldi apart is the warm hospitality of its hosts, Ed and Tara Lyle who, as global travelers themselves, understand the importance of exceptional service and offer the ultimate in luxury and relaxation.



Restaurant

Chef Mounir Hassni honed his talents at Michelin-starred eateries across Europe and the Middle East with a sophisticated cuisine drawing diners from far and wide. He has a unique style taking inspiration from his travels, fusing together the finest elements of French and Italian cuisine with a North African twist using herbs and salads harvested from the hotel's garden. It will be a highlight of your stay!



The delicious breakfast spread includes freshly squeezed orange juice, yoghurts, homemade jams, honey and muesli as well as freshly baked bread and eggs cooked to order. Indulge in an extensive buffet lunch featuring a variety of fresh salads, along with a tempting selection of hot dishes and a simple dessert. There will be homemade biscuits with your afternoon tea, and you can enjoy an excellent 3-course dinner in the evening.

DINNER MENU at THE CAPALDI HOTEL

Taktouka with prawns and calamari
Traditional pastilla with chicken and vermicelli noodles
Crab cakes with chilli soy sauce
Asparagus with cheese fondue
Pumpkin soup with fresh ginger
Carpaccio of artichoke, smoked salmon, passion fruit vinaigrette

Traditional Berber beef tagine with apricot, almonds and prunes
Salmon fillet with Asian marinade, julienne of vegetables and Basmati rice
Couscous with seven vegetables and chicken
Pan-fried John Dory, lemon caper butter, seasonal vegetables and creamed potatoes
Moroccan briouates, spinach, cheese and vegetables
Carpaccio of beetroot stuffed with goat cheese and chives

Raspberry tart with mascarpone quennels
Demi-sphere of chocolate with praline mousse
Lemon soufflé
Tiramisu with coffee and chocolate
Orange salad with cinnamon and rose water
Tempura of fruits



Please Note

This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce.
Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person.
There will be a choice ordered in advance.
Any dietary requirements can be catered for - please let us know at the time of booking.

Accommodation

The 24 rooms and suites are spread out in various buildings in the gardens. The minimalist style mixes grey and black accents with warm earth tones from brick, stone, tile and tadelakt finishes. This creates a sharp backdrop for shimmering red-silk pillows, sumptuous curtains, hammered brass light sconces and Moroccan lanterns that spin mesmerising shadows across the walls. Thanks to market finds such as lattice partitions, kilim rugs and low circular tables, no two rooms are alike. Luxury amenities include Egyptian linens, fresh flowers, robes, slippers and artisanal soaps.



All bedrooms have walk-in showers; open fireplaces; king-sized beds (*can be twinned and some rooms can take a third bed*); air-con and central heating; phone access; wifi throughout. Contact us for further details on rooms and accessibility. *Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is by 12pm.*

Room Type	Cat.	Floor	Description - see website for full details	Approx size m2
Standard Farmhouse	♣	1	Small seating area.	40
Farmhouse Room with Terrace	♦	G	Private terrace.	42
Prestige Room	♥	1	Bath. Seating area. Dressing room.	40
Superior Farmhouse with Terrace	♥	1	Large roof terrace. Seating area.	40
Garden Room	♥	G	Private terrace. Seating area. Dressing room.	50
Atlas Room	♠	1	Juliet balcony. Small seating area. Bath.	50
Garden Junior Suite	♠	G	Terrace. Dressing area.	50
Deluxe Suite	♠	1	Sitting room. Private terrace. Bath.	75
Deluxe Suite with Pool	NT	G	Private heated pool. Private garden with covered loggia. Seating area. Dressing room. Bath.	70

Bridge with Zeb & Claudia

Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive and enjoyable game adapted to your level.



Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday and will be joined by their mother, Dinah, to supervise and partner guests if needed. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and some duplicate or teams – all played in a fun and friendly environment.



The tuition sessions will use Compass Cards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group. All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play although we can only accommodate complete beginners if booked as a group of four. Water, tea and coffee will be available during play.

We will be playing bridge in the main salon on the ground floor next to the dining room or, weather permitting, outside on the terrace.

It is important to stress that our holidays are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate every night. Our ethos is that bridge should be a friendly and social game where you can meet like-minded people, and our holidays reflect that.

No partner is needed on a StockenBridge holiday and non-bridge playing partners are of course welcome.

Bridge Schedule

Every Day

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Teams or duplicate

5pm – 7.15pm

After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago



Excursions and things to do in the area

We will be organising optional group excursions during your stay but you can also book many other activities or excursions through the hotel. We will contact you nearer the time with the exact details and prices. Here are a selection of possible trips and activities on offer:

Day Trip to Marrakech

Just 40 minutes away, Marrakech is really worth a visit both for its historical sights and extensive shopping possibilities. Visit the peaceful Majorelle Gardens and Yves Saint Laurent Museum before lunch in an elegant Riad with views over the Koutoubia mosque. After lunch, join a 2-hour guided tour of the souk or head to one of the many luxury boutiques.



Hands on cookery class in the Medina

Talented chef, Amanda Belmamoun, will take you on a culinary journey through the city's narrow, winding streets and alleyways, pointing out the most interesting sites, shops and restaurants. This will be followed by a fun Moroccan cookery class on the rooftop of a riad - fabulous and very much enjoyed by previous guests.



Agafay Desert

Book a camel ride or take on the dunes with a quad-bike or dune-buggy over the sand and stones of the Agafay Desert. The desert landscape is rugged and remote, with stunning views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.



Spa and Hamman

Head to the spa for a traditional Moroccan hammam, a relaxing argan-oil massage or a bath treatment using scented oils and rose petals.

Walking

The foothills of the Atlas Mountains provide a myriad of opportunities for hiking; a guide can be arranged or, if you want to go it alone, the hotel can provide a pre-programmed mobile phone in case you get lost. An easy 40-minute walk through local villages will take you to Lake Lalla Takerkoust which has a charming restaurant on its banks.



Travel Details

By Air

The Capaldi Hotel is located near the Agafay Desert in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, south of Marrakech. Marrakech airport is a 40-minute drive away and there are a number of airlines serving this airport, including British Airways and Easyjet.



Included in the price of your holiday are transfers to and from Marrakech airport for selected flights, or if you are a group of 6 or more. Otherwise we can order you a taxi from the airport (*approximately 60€ each way for up to 4 passengers*). Please contact us for full travel details before you book.

The Capaldi Hotel, 39 km Route D'Amizmiz, Lalla Takerkoust, Marrakech telephone: +212600069900 website: www.thecapaldi.com

Prices Per Person					NT
Full Price (<i>based on 2 sharing</i>)	£1950	£2050	£2300	£2450	£2600
With 10% loyalty discount (<i>2 sharing</i>)	£1755	£1845	£2070	£2205	£2340
Single occupancy	£2200	£2350	£2650	£2750	£2950
Single occupancy with discount	£1980	£2115	£2385	£2475	£2655



Loyalty Discount

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for guests who have already been on a StockenBridge holiday if booked before July 31st 2023. If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to Stockenbridge Breaks, the discount will apply to them too.

How to Book...

To book your holiday, please fill out and submit the on-line booking form - contact us for the link or see the Capaldi holiday page of our website. Alternatively we can email or send a booking form to you to print out and fill in.

Please also pay the deposit of £250 per person by bank transfer. Please see our website or contact us by email for payment details

The full payment will be due by October 31st 2023.

See our website for our Terms and Conditions or we can email them to you.

Financial Protection Your money paid to us is fully protected against the insolvency of StockenBridge Breaks, in compliance with the Package Travel Regulations 1992. In this unlikely event, you will receive a full refund of your money.

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