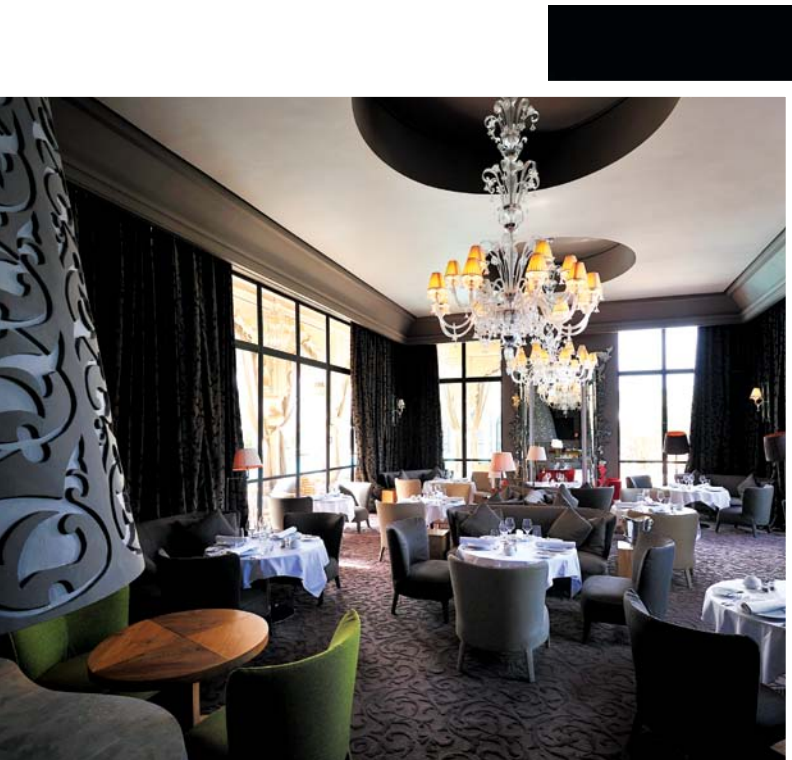




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Besides a distinct anachronistic sensation when in Morocco, the mind-boggling distractions and labyrinthine alleyways of Marrakech will have you in a state of wonder and indulgence. In case you had any doubts on where to lodge for your stay there, fulfilling every whimsical expectation is Les Palais Namaskar. By **Christine Grové** ▶



Stretched out like a giant, lounging panther in the heart of Morocco, Les Palais Namaskar presents an air of mystique and sophistication all at the same time. Like a fairytale palace brought to life, here the modern traveller in search of something more than just a place to stay can find just that. Created by owner Philippe Soulier and designed by French-Algerian architect Imaad Rahmouni, known for his spectacular designs worldwide including sensational bars, restaurants and hotels – this hotel presents an amalgamation of regal grandeur and rejuvenated antiquity.

Palais Namaskar has the assurance of luxury standards redefined, as part of the exclusive Oetker Collection of Masterpiece Hotels in Europe and the Middle East. Gently nestled between the Atlas Mountains and the mysterious Djebilet Hills in Marrakech, it offers a picturesque backdrop of rolling fields of scented and manicured Balinese-inspired gardens, complemented by cascading waterfalls and lakes. Enhancing the sense of escapism, the purpose of this design is undoubtedly to create a setting in which guests are able to disconnect from the world and experience a sublime moment of beauty.

Intrinsic to Rahmouni's avant-garde and eclectic design style, one is surrounded by a harmonious fusion of Feng Shui and modern Oriental-inspired architecture with delicate touches of Moorish and Andalusian influence. ▶





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palaces, perfect for groups requiring their own exclusive spaces.

The inviting Le Namaskar Restaurant is sure to be a dining destination frequented by a multitude of visitors. With large windows, soft lighting and comfortable seating, as well as large gilded mirrors, the space is wonderfully alluring. The Tea Lounge, Espace T, provides a more relaxed setting for light snacks and afternoon tea, featuring the Parisian teahouse Mariage Frères, and the No Mad Bar is a beautiful evening rooftop bar offering stunning views across both the Atlas Mountains and Djebilet Hills.

Focusing on both spiritual and physical healing, the serene design of the spa offers two double treatment rooms with private Hammam and four individual cabins with private outdoor terraces. All treatments are by Guerlain and ILA.

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With no vulgarity in sight, the hotel exudes luxury not only in its meticulous design but also in its service. Palais Namaskar offers guests its own private jet service with interiors in similar design to the hotel itself. The service can be utilised for transfers to any long-haul destinations such as New York, Moscow or Dubai.

Officially open for bookings from 6 April 2012, Palais Namaskar welcomes its guests with special opening offers and VIP amenities. Visit www.palaisnamaskar.com

A significantly striking feature is the lighting of the interior. As any design aficionado knows, lighting is one of the most essential features in an architectural display and is what gives a space its soul.

The Palais Namaskar's spacious interiors boast magnificent lighting provided by Venetian design company Andromeda, creators of exquisite custom hand-made glass lighting design. Frequently collaborating with some of the most influential and recognisable names in architecture and design, Andromeda designs bring a sense of novelty through original interpretation of aesthetic concepts. "I wouldn't talk about inspiration, but rather a conceptualisation of something magical," says CEO of Andromeda, Gianluca Vecchi when asked about the inspiration behind the design of the hotel. "The architecture of the Palais Namaskar emphasises most of the natural light, so graceful lines were very important in the design of the lighting. The effect achieved is one-of-a-kind, as it is part of the whole, blended in perfectly with the style of the interior aesthetics. There is no single element overwhelming the whole."

Accommodation at the Palais Namaskar ranges from the vibrant Residence, where spacious suites overlook private pools and jacuzzis, to the more secluded Pool Villas with minimalist yet comfortable furnishings and entirely enclosed private gardens and heated pools. Further along one finds lavish three and four-bedroom

