



Marrakech 2018 – Riu Tikida Garden Hotel



Sun 4th Feb – Sun 11th Feb 2018

Included:

- 7 nights all inclusive – all food and drinks incl. mixture of local and international beverages
- 2x (18 holes) Royal Golf Club
- 1x (18 holes) Amelkis Golf Club
- 1x (18 holes) Al Maaden Golf Club
- 1x (18 holes) Samanah Golf Club
- 1 x (18 holes) Palmeraie Golf Club
- Transfer to/from Marrakech (RAK) airport*
- Transfer to/from all golf courses listed above

Not Included:

- Flights to Marrakech (RAK) airport *
- Cost of drinks, lunch, dinner taken outside the hotel and extra rounds of golf not mentioned above

Price:	Gold Member**	Normal Member
Golfer in a Double Room (based on 2 sharing)	898.- EUR	995.- EUR
Reserve & Pay before Sept 28th 2017 ***	819.- EUR	907.- EUR
Non Golfer in a Double Room (based on 2 sharing)		635.- EUR
Reserve & Pay before Sept 28th 2017 ***		547.- EUR
Single Supplement (golfer)	145.- EUR	145.- EUR

* Transfer to/from Marrakesh (RAK) airport Transfer is only included for the following flights (arrival & departure times) at RAK:

04 Feb 2018

Flight Number LX2802 (SWISS) 07h55 from **Zuerich (ZRH)** arrive Geneva (GVA) 08h45,

Flight Number LX2200 (SWISS) 10h15 from **Geneva (GVA)** arrive Marrakech (RAK) 12h20

11 Feb 2018

Flight Number LX2201 (SWISS) 13h00 from **Marrakech /RAK** arrive Geneva (GVA) 17h10

Flight Number LX2815 (SWISS) 19h20 from **Geneva (GVA)** arrive Zuerich (ZRH) 20h10

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*** 40% deposit payable by Sept 28th 2017, balance due for payment Nov 1st 2017

Riu Tikida Garden 4* Hotel



The **Hotel Riu Tikida Garden (All Inclusive)** is situated just 3km from the old town of Marrakech, Morocco, and offers its guests excellent quality and service to ensure they enjoy this exotic destination in comfort.

This magnificent 4 star hotel offers all the facilities you could need to make your stay as pleasant and relaxing as possible. The complex includes a fresh water swimming pool, a solarium centre, a gym and the “**Tikida Spa**” **wellness centre** with a sauna, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, massages and beauty treatments.



In the buffet restaurant, chefs prepare the best recipes, suitable for every palate, and thanks to the acclaimed All Inclusive system you can **enjoy delicious Morocco cuisine**. You can discover this country’s flavours and aromas which are based on a cuisine originating from the Berbers, the Middle East, the Mediterranean, the African and the Moors.

Known as the Red City or the Pearl of the South because of the ochre-coloured streets and buildings, **Marrakech** has been given several nicknames. The narrow streets are a labyrinth to get lost in as there are secret corners, markets, restaurants, bars, and shops to visit, and the smells and sounds of the Moroccan markets, mosques and energy of its people will transport to another time. Marrakech has so many places to discover, see and visit, which is why you can do so many excursions in the surrounding area to learn about and discover the true history of the city.

Royal Golf Club

El Haj T'hami el Mezouari el Glaoui – better known as “Lord of the Atlas” or “Pasha of Marrakesh” from 1912 to 1956 – decided to have a golf course constructed near the city of Marrakech and so he called in French professional Gustave Golias to set up a small 4-hole course for his personal use in 1927. This was expanded to a 9-hole layout the following year.



The Pasha obtained land cheaply during droughts and one such parcel of property was irrigated and fashioned into a private 18-hole course, much to the dismay of the French colonial rulers at the time. Their protests were quickly placated of course as soon as playing rights were granted to their top government officials

French professional Arnaud Massy, the first non-British winner of the Open in 1907, is credited with remodeling the course at Royal Marrakech in 1933, along with Gustav Golias (who was by then the Pasha's personal pro) and Bouchaib Stitou. Today, the cypress, eucalyptus, palm, and olive tree-lined fairways are largely unchanged from those distant days.



A raft of new courses have appeared around Marrakech in recent years but many still rate the charming old layout here (extended to 27 holes by Thierry Sprecher in 2007) as the best of all. And why shouldn't many golfers prefer to stride these fairways, following in the footsteps of Churchill, Lloyd George and Eisenhower, all of whom were eminent golfing guests of the Pasha?

Al Maaden Golf Course

For almost seventy years, Royal Marrakech was the only golf course in town but that all changed in the 1990s. Twenty years on, golf provision in Marrakech has expanded again with the introduction of three more 18-hole courses which includes Al Maaden - a Kyle Phillips layout which debuted in 2010.



The Al Maaden course is, like many of the new golfing projects, the centrepiece of a residential development that surrounds the perimeter of the course. It's laid out on a rather flat landscape with fairways routed rather uniquely around a couple of geometric water features – one on either nine at holes 5, 6, 12 and 18 – that are intended to give golfers the feeling of playing through a Moroccan garden.

A little more earth appears to have been moved on the easternmost part of the property and this section of the course (between the 13th and 17th holes) offers subtle, aesthetically pleasing elevation changes, with several raised greens adding to the interest. And look out at the 18th fairway for Al Maaden's beautifully manicured half sized version of the famous Oakmont Church Pews bunker



Samanah Golf Course

Nicklaus Design's first course in Morocco – Samanah - opened to something of a fanfare in 2009, with developers Alain Crenn and Richard Hennessy receiving an award for International Golf Development of the Year. Located to the south of Marrakech, the course is part of an enormous residential estate that features a variety of luxury riads, dars, douirias and villas. Consequently, the fairways weave around clusters of housing units, though the domaine is so spacious, the elements of real estate are always kept at a discreet distance from the spacious playing corridors



The course can play as long as 6,735 metres from the back markers, though there are five tees at every hole to cater for golfers of all abilities. Fairways are generally wide and rough is kept to a minimum, which helps the pace of play when players are not spending a lot of time looking for lost balls. Factor in large and sensibly contoured greens and it's easy to see why Samanah's a favourite winter practice venue for a number of visiting national elite squads

Stand out holes include the short par four 6th, which offers a decent birdie opportunity, despite the proximity of water to the right hand side of the green. The par three 8th is another terrific hole on the outward half, playing across an area of scrub and sandy waste to a green that gently tilts from back left to front right. The 403-metre 15th is easily the best hole on the back nine, where the approach shot has to carry a wide gully (called an oued) that's located a hundred yards short of the green.



Amelkis Golf Club



Designed in 1995 by architect Cabell Robinson, Amelkis Golf is one of Morocco's most selective golf layout, with some technical difficulties that will appeal to your sense of strategic play. Indeed, the will of the Cabell Robinson golf architect was to design a golf course where the technique of the game requires a certain know-how of all the compartments of the golf game.

Named after a Berber Queen, Amelkis Golf Club first opened in 1995 as an 18-hole facility, hosting the Moroccan Open five years later when England's Jamie Spence won the event by four strokes from Sebastien Delagrangre, Thomas Levet and Ian Poulter.

The Blue and Red nines formed the original 18-hole layout. Hole # 2 set the tone early in the course ... a golf course dotted with lakes 7 that the golfer will have to avoid the many bunkers crushed bricks, tackle mounds of soil or venture into the blind departures that make up the pleasant course of the Golf of Amelkis Marrakech. Hole #2 is followed shortly by four tough holes from the 4th to the 7th on the 9-hole Blue loop, with each of these par fours measuring in excess of 400 yards from tee to green



The signature hole on the Red circuit is the double doglegged par five 6th which dips to the right then turns left alongside an enormous 200-yard long bunker that acts as a buffer between the fairway and a large lake protecting the green

Palmeraie Golf Club



The Palmeraie district lies about five miles to the north west of Marrakech and legend has it that this extensive palm grove (which contains around 150,000 trees) can be traced back to the 11th century. In 1992, it was in this fertile area of fields, gardens and orchards that Robert Trent Jones Snr established the original 18-hole layout at Palmeraie Golf Club, the first golf course to make an appearance in Marrakech since the fairways of the Royal course were laid out in 1923.



The American architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed the PalmGolf Marrakech Palmeraie, for which he presented his expertise for the creation of a true championship course. In this unique setting, nestled in the lush Palmeraie and with the backdrop of the snow-capped peaks of the Atlas Mountains, the 27 hole golf course offers the best for swing enthusiasts.

Both noteworthy and accessible, the course ensures the more experienced players a challenging and exciting test, while beginners can very easily take their first steps in the discipline.