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### **OCTOGONE TERRE RESORT & SPA'S TOP 10 MOSTS ROMANTIC THINGS TO DO IN MOROCCO**



This month we highlight for couples seeking a romantic getaway that's different from the usual trip to Hawaii or the Caribbean, Marrakech offers a hypnotic and magical atmosphere straight out of the Arabian Nights. It's fabulous palaces, lush palm groves, wonderful restaurants, tranquil gardens, ancient city walls and colorful bazaars combine to weave a magical spell that charms and seduces visitors. Amidst such seductive surroundings romance is sure to heat up.

Octogone Hotel TERRE Resort & Spa in the stunning Palmeraie desert knows a thing or two about romance. Named one of "Morocco's Sexiest Hotels" by ForbesTraveler.com, TERRE provides a luxurious sanctuary complete with exquisitely decorated rooms, impeccable hospitality, a gorgeous pool, creative dining and a tranquil spa for guests. TERRE has created a list of the most romantic things to do in Marrakech for honeymooners and couples wanting to experience the spellbinding romance of Marrakech.

#### **TERRE'S TOP 10 ROMANTIC THINGS TO DO IN MARRAKECH**

1. Watch the sunrise or sunset over Marrakech floating in a hot-air balloon for a birds-eye view of the city with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains and expansive desert as the backdrop. Don't forget the champagne!

2. Indulge in a couples hammam spa treatment at TERRE's Sultry Spa, where the unique octagon-shaped hammam is the only one in Marrakech that allows couples to experience the centuries-old steam bath ritual together. Enjoy a signature Octogone Royal Hammam and Floral Bath ritual where couples unwind in the steam of the hammam, before a relaxing ginger scrub followed by four-hands body massages using essential oils and fresh mint. The treatment is capped off in a bath scented with rose petals while sipping pomegranate and lemon juice

cocktails.

3. Using Marrakech as a base, set out on a camel trek across the stunning Sahara with a crew of Berber and Tuareg guides
4. Explore the bustling excitement of Jemaa El Fna as it comes alive in the evenings with Gnawa musicians and dancers, snake charmers and storytellers. Join the whirlwind by getting a henna tattoo and having a fortune-teller divine the future.
5. Enjoy an intimate dinner at TERRE in the privacy of a traditional Berber tent with Moroccan specialties prepared on-site by a private chef.
6. Pack a picnic lunch and go on a day excursion to the Atlas Mountains visiting picturesque villages and artisans markets along the way or head towards the sea to explore the coastline of Morocco and the charming beach in Essaouira.
7. Arrange a private visit to the Majorelle Gardens, a tranquil oasis owned and maintained by late fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent. The gardens feature bamboo groves, cacti, great palms and pools floating with water lilies and hosts more than 15 bird species, which can be found only in the area of North Africa. The gardens also house the Islamic Art Museum of Marrakech, whose collection includes North African textiles from Saint-Laurent's personal collection as well as ceramics, jewelry and paintings.
8. Take a sunset ride through the West Palmeraie desert in a caleche (horse-drawn carriage). TERRE can prepare a pre-dinner cocktail or mint tea and Moroccan cookies to enjoy during the ride.
9. Enjoy the belly dancers and fire dancers at one of the city's many hot spots or dance the night away in one of the discotheques.
10. Dine by candlelight on TERRE's roof-top listening to the distant call to prayer of the muezzin and taking in a spectacular view of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains, the Koutoubia Mosque and the city.

All activities can be arranged through TERRE Resort & Spa. Visit [www.terre.com](http://www.terre.com) to download a brochure of the Top 10 Romantic Things to do in Marrakech.

#### **ABOUT TERRE RESORT & SPA**

Octogone TERRE (Earth) Resort & Spa is a secluded luxury five-star getaway located at the doors of the famous palm grove "Palmeraie" just 7 kilometers outside of Marrakech and on the road to Casablanca.

Everything at TERRE -- from the architecture to the cuisine -- is an innovative blend of old and new enabling guests to step into the past and be immersed in true Moroccan style while being pampered with all imaginable present-day luxuries.

The 52-room luxury suite property is set on almost 12 acres of land in its own small village. Facilities include three restaurants, a full-service spa, an infinity pool, tennis courts, a fitness center, golf putting area, and access to a nearby world-class golf courses.

For reservations, call: +212 524334060 or (800) 915-4012.

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#### **ABOUT OCTOGONE HOTELS**

Octogone Hotels was founded in 2001 by Mr. Christian Rivadalla with a vision to create a different luxury experience using the Moorish style of Hospitality and life. Octagone's new-trademarked "Budget Luxury" concept can be seen throughout all three of its brands. Whether Milagros Restaurants, Sultry Spas or Octogone Hotels you will soon learn a new way to enjoy your leisure time.

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