

KASBAH du TOUBKAL *magazine*

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Kasbah du Toubkal's quarterly magazine features a wide range of articles about the enigmatic country that is Morocco. To help you search for your favourite topics by subject, title and issue, simply click on the title and you will be taken directly to the issue in which the article appeared. For earlier issues scroll through the magazine to find the relevant article, but from Issue 8 onwards you can click on the image on the contents page to go directly to the article itself.

Kasbah du Toubkal

[*The House on the Hill*](#)

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From what was basically a bit of a wall that stood up like a rotten tooth, Kasbah du Toubkal grew.

[*Travels With a Hobo*](#)

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A black and white photo from the early 1980s shows a pair of dissolute characters, the original hobos of Hobo Travel.

[*A Day at the Kasbah*](#)

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Spend a day in the Atlas Mountains and experience the spirit of the Berber way of life.

[*People as well as profits*](#)

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The ethos of the Kasbah has always been the same - if it's available locally it's bought locally.

Trekking

[*A Trek to Ait Aissa and Toubkal Lodge*](#)

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Air so clear you feel you can touch the other side of the valley.

[*Trekking Jbel Toubkal*](#)

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In 2015, Bob Parker made his first ascent of Jbel Toubkal - and came back with the tale of a lonesome hound.

[*Trekking in Style*](#)

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Trekking doesn't always have to be a hard slog and nights under canvas.

Travel

[*Men at Work, the Artisans of Fez*](#)

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Two men hammer out the bottom seam of an enormous brass cauldron, never missing a beat.

[*Hitting the High Spots – Cycling in Morocco*](#)

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From a cyclist's point of view the magnificent and varied terrain of Morocco does not get much better.

[*Essaouira*](#)

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Famed for its laid-back atmosphere, Essaouira has an equally good reputation for fabulous fish.

[*Two old boys on their bikes*](#)

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Trevor Rowell and Mike McHugo take to their bikes to follow a route they first discovered thirty years ago.

[*Volubilis*](#)

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The Roman Empire's most remote outpost in North Africa, their legions unable to subdue the Berber tribes.

[*Ait Ben Haddou - A Crumbling Glory of Mud and Straw*](#)

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The walled city has a long catalogue of films that have used this ancient citadel as a set, but it is also a fascinating place to visit.

[*Rabat – Eternally Imperial*](#)

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Stunted pillars are all that is left of Rabat's mosque, destroyed by the same earthquake that virtually obliterated Lisbon in 1755.

[*Meknes – Morocco's Versailles*](#)

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The despotic ruler, Moulay Ismail pilaged materials from around Morocco to build his imperial city - and slaughtered thousands of slaves doing it.

[*Florence of Arabia – a night in the Sahara Desert*](#)

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The dubious joys of riding a camel and the obvious joys of a night under Saharan stars.

Taking a deco at Casablanca

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In its heyday Casablanca outdid Maimi with the number of Art Deco buildings it displayed.

High, Ride and Handsome - By bike through the High Atlas

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In this excerpt we find the cyclists saddling up for their first day's jaunt in High Atlas Mountains.

Chaouen the Fat

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In Chefchaouen in the Rif Mountains you can paint your home in any colour you choose - just so long as it's blue.

Stumbling Over Eden

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Steven Bonham fulfils his dream of a 500km trek from the High Atlas Mountains to the Sahara Desert.

Skeletons in the sand

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In 1988 torrential rains flooded enormous areas of the Sahara Desert, carrying away small villages and thousands of the tented homes of nomads.

Orange Blossom Time

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Tracy Calder watches the traditional process of distillation orange blossom water using an ancient copper still.

Marrakech

Jemaa el Fna, The Restaurant at the end of the world

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By night the curling smoke of a hundred barbeques spirals over the largest open-air restaurant in the world.

The Beautiful chaos of Marrakech

Issue 1/Page 12

Nothing prepares you for Marrakech; the sights, the sounds the souks and the smells.

A Stroll Around the Medina

Issue 2/Page 15

Drift out to the periphery of Marrakech Medina and you come to what are basically workers' suburbs, but not suburbs as we might know them.

24 Hours in Marrakech

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Nothing prepares you for the reality of the vibrant and exotic Red City.

A Life Interconnected

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Life in Marrakech Medina centres around a finely woven tapestry of personal connections.

Thursday's Child, Bab el Khemis

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The Thursday market at Bab el Khemis has been described as one of world's greatest mixes of junk and treasures.

The Ladies of Raq Sharqi

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The belly dancers, the luscious ladies of the *raqs sharqi*, enter the room with a fanfare and sensual exuberance.

Personal Reminiscences

Location, location, location

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Lucy Goodman on why she feels safer in Morocco than anywhere else.

Meeting My Muse

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The High Atlas Mountains continue to inspire artists, who come to seek their muse in the rugged terrain and villages clinging to the mountainside.

Designs on the Kasbah

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Alison Rayner, the graphic designer who created *Reasonable Plans*, and *A Different Life* finally got her chance to visit the Kasbah.

A Walk on the Wet Side

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Colleene Eidlitz experiences an unexpected pleasure, stumbling through the wet, rocky streets of the villages of the Imlil Valley.

On the Lighter Side

The Last Football Maker in Morocco

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In a tiny shop in Marrakech Medina Kamal Boukentar spends his days hand-sewing footballs.

The subtle art of buying a carpet

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Every carpet tells a story, quite literally, although you may not be able to decipher its meaning.

Getting rid of ghosts

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If you find yourself frightened of phantoms a visit to the Spice Souk in Marrakech will soon put that right.

Roadside marketing Issue 11/Page 9
 You can always be sure there's something for sale by the roadside of Morocco's highways.

A Tuk-tuk Too Far Issue 12/Page 13
 Half motor bike, half mini-pickup, the tuk-tuk is Morocco's noisy workhorse.

A Game of Thrones Issue 12/Page 6
 They say you 'ain't see nuthin' until you've seen a Moroccan wedding. Fez is the place to go.

Even the mules give way Issue 13 Page 10
 The Imlil-based ambulance is a lifeline to the villages of this mountainous region.

Tours

The Beauty of Both Worlds Issue 5/Page 14
 A holiday that combines the spectacular High Atlas Mountains with a stay in the exotic city of Marrakech.

Discover Morocco Issue 7/Page 6
 Create your perfect personalised experience to this delightfully charismatic country with Discover Ltd.

The Many faces of Morocco Issue 8/Page 6
 A selection of the tours offered by Discover Ltd.

Corporate

Wilderness Medical Training Issue 5/Page 6
 Learning how to deal with medical emergencies in difficult situations with limited equipment.

Corporate Kasbah Issue 5/Page 10
 Training that removes the permafrost from around corporate thinking.

Miscellaneous

Creating History - Alan Keohane Photographer Issue 2/Page 10
 Alan Keohane's images are based on years of experience photographing mountain Berbers and nomadic Bedouin.

Voices of experience Issue 6/Page 10
 Two senior teachers explain why they bring their students back to the Kasbah time after time.

Close encounters Issue 6/Page 13
 Relationships are based on understanding and appreciating differences. It's how bonds are made.

The Kasbah Library Issue 8/Page 10
 Catch up on your reading with these free, downloadable books and leaflets.

Ten Years On – EFA Issue 10/Page 8
 Celebrating ten years of Education for All.

Onward and Upward MAE Issue 10/Page 13
 Marrakech Atlas Etape is five years old, and receives the Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

A Night at the Movies Issue 12/Page 8
 In its heyday Morocco was the only country in the world with cinemas that could hold 1,500 people and sold more than fifty million tickets a year.

The 4L Rally Issue 13/Page 4
 In 2017 the 4L Trophy, known as the student version of the Paris to Dakar Rally, celebrated its twentieth trophy, with 1,450 restored Renault 4Ls taking part.

Mulla Nasradine and the Elephant Issue 2/Page 8
 A tale from one of Morocco's favourite storybook characters.

The Last Storytellers - The Birth of the Sahara Issue 3/Page 10
 It's sad to discover that Marrakech has all but lost a tradition going back almost a thousand years, the storytellers of Jmaa el Fna.