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Amanjena's 18 rose-toned Pavilions, six Pavilions Bassin, eight Pavilions Piscine, six two-storey Maisons and the two-bedroom Maison Jardin and Al-Hamra Maison all radiate from the ancient *bassin* (irrigation pool) at the heart of the property. Set beneath stucco Venetian domes with arched entrances, vaulted ceilings and garden courtyards, the 40 pavilions and maisons are

cool, elegant dwellings with Berber carpets scattered over *zellij*-tiled floors. Several offer private heated pools.

The resort's main 33-metre, heated swimming pool is overlooked by Nama, offering fine Japanese dining and exquisite sushi and sashimi. The Mediterranean Restaurant is housed within the elegant reception pavilion and offers a menu tracing culinary traditions from Morocco to Sicily, the south of France and Spain's historic Al-Andalus region. Two Lounges are situated on either side of the reception pavilion, one serving afternoon tea and the other postprandial cigars and shisha. Other facilities include a two-storey library, tennis courts, a boutique and a spa with separate *hammams* (Turkish baths) for men and women.

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Marrakech came into being nearly 1,000 years ago through the brilliance of 11th-century Almoravid irrigation. Water is also the unifying element of Amanjena. Central to the resort is a *bassin*, an ancient irrigation pool, inspired by Marrakech's 12th-century Menara Gardens. Two long canals flow from Amanjena's central *bassin* and these nurture the resort gardens, full of orange-flame bougainvillea, hibiscus and pomegranate.

Set beneath stuccoed domes, Amanjena's 40 guest suites (32 Pavilions, seven Maisons and one Al-Hamra Maison) radiate from the ancient *bassin* (irrigation pool) at the heart of the property. These cool, elegant dwellings feature graceful archways, vaulted ceilings and garden courtyards; inside, Berber carpets are scattered over *zellij*-tile floors. The sound of fountains soothes, while chaise longues and candle lanterns add to the authentic Moroccan ambience. Several include private heated pools.

The resort's main swimming pool is 33 metres long, heated and finished in glittering green *zellij* tiles. There is also a heated children's pool. Loungers and parasols line the main pool's terrace, which is overlooked by Japanese restaurant Nama, offering fine washoku cuisine alongside sushi and sashimi. with its sushi bar and robata grill, and serves informal izakaya fare. The Mediterranean Restaurant is housed within the elegant reception pavilion, offering indoor and outdoor dining and a menu of culinary traditions from Morocco to Sicily, the south of France and Spain's historic Al-Andalus region. Flanking the reception pavilion are two lounges, one serving afternoon tea; the other, cigars and shisha. Other facilities include a two-storey library, tennis courts, a boutique and a spa with separate *hammams* (Turkish baths) for men and women. A wander through an olive grove reveals the Caidal Tent, an authentic setting reserved for romantic private dining or special events, serving Moroccan cuisine accompanied by performances of traditional music.

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