

THE SOUL OF MOROCCO

with Nellie Kerrison

Relish Mama®

October 2 - October 15
2027

Discover the flavours and the soul of Morocco

Small
group tour

Led by
Nellie Kerrison

A once in a lifetime
experience

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SPEECHLESS, THEN TURNS YOU INTO
A STORYTELLER"

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This tour has it all and is a fully
immersive experience of
Morocco through
food, people & culture.

- *Beautiful, Authentic, Luxury Moroccan Accommodations
- *Visit the Iconic Casablanca
- *Wander in the Blue Washed Alleys of Chefchaouen
- *Be introduced to the history & architecture of the 1200-year-old Medina, Fez
- *A cultural Fez Food Tour and a Cooking Class with a local family
- *Sunset Camel Riding at the Golden Dunes of the Sahara Desert
- *Discover the 1000 Kasbahs, Skoura
- *Experience tranquillity and mesmerising views of the High Atlas Mountains
- *Enjoy the Vibrancy of the red city, Marrakech

Itinerary outline

DAY 1	CASABLANCA	Arrival
DAY 2	CHEFCHAOUEN	Head to the Blue pearl of Morocco
DAY 3	FEZ	Via Volubilis & Moulay Idriss
DAY 4	FEZ	Full Day Medina Tour
DAY 5	FEZ	Food Tour and Cooking Class with a family
DAY 6	MERZOUGA	Via Middle Atlas Mountains & Erfoud
DAY 7	SAHARA DESERT	Sunset Camel riding
DAY 8	SKOURA	Via Rissani & Todra Gorges
DAY 9	SKOURA	Free day at leisure
DAY 10	HIGH ATLAS	Via Ouarzazate, Ait Benhaddou & Tizi-N-Tichka pass
DAY 11	MARRAKECH	Hiking and connecting with Berbers
DAY 12	MARRAKECH	Guided Tour through the Red city & Sidecar tour
DAY 13	MARRAKECH	Free day at leisure & Farewell dinner
DAY 14		Departure

YOUR ITINERARY

Casablanca SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 2027

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Hailed as the biggest city in Morocco, Casablanca is situated in the center-west portion of the nation on the Atlantic Ocean.

Casablanca is the most European of Morocco's cities and is additionally one of the biggest and most significant metropolises in Africa. The city's French colonial legacy is seen in its downtown Moresque architecture, which is a blend of Moorish style and European art deco. Explore the old city located near the port of Casablanca. It is a historic area enclosed by a wall and several picturesque main doors. Here you will find a number of historical monuments such as old mosques and homes.

Arrival : Casablanca Airport (approx 45 min transfer time to accomodation)

Overnight: Casablanca

Accommodation: Hôtel & Spa Le Doge

Meals: Dinner

Optional afternoon visit: Meet at 2 pm in the reception area at Le Doge for our group introduction, followed by a visit to Hassan II Mosque.



Chefchaouen SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2027

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After breakfast, we will head to the blue-washed city of Chefchaouen, one of Morocco's most charming towns. On arrival, you will start the visit in the city's main square, a great place to sip tea and people-watch. Next, explore Chefchaouen's ancient medina, which is influenced by Moorish and Andalusian culture. This small town, nestled in the Rif Mountains, is picturesque and renowned for its walls, which are painted in various shades of blue. Chefchaouen's small alleyways, which interconnect, are fun to explore just before sunset. The blue city is a photographer's dream. Don't miss out on sampling the traditional goat's cheese called Jben. It is popular and made by the locals.

Transfer time: 5 hours Approx

Overnight: Chefchaouen

Accommodation: Lina Ryad & Spa

Meals: Breakfast



Fez

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MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2027

Via Volubilis and Moulay Idriss

Morocco is known for one of the best-preserved Roman archaeological sites, Volubilis, developed during the 3rd century and a must-see during your visit to Morocco. Volubilis is a UNESCO World Heritage Site thought to be occupied from prehistoric times through the Islamic period. Visit the ruins, the basilica, the temple, and Roman mosaics. Next drive to Moulay Idriss Zerhoun, considered the holiest town in all of Morocco. Moulay Idriss I was a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad. Wander around Moulay Idriss at your own pace and experience local life. After lunch head to the oldest city of Morocco.

Fez is the spiritual and cultural capital of Morocco and features the old Medina of Fez or Fes El-Bali, which is the world's largest car-free urban zone. Fez is the world's best preserved Arab-Muslim historical city. It was founded by the Idrisids dynasty in 789 AD. Fes El-Bali was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1981. One of its most distinctive icons is Bab Boujeloud also known as The Blue Gate, decorated in Moorish style with traditional Moroccan ornaments.

According to UNESCO and the Guinness Book of Records Fez is home to the oldest existing, continually operating and the first degree awarding educational institution in the world. Al-Qarawiyyin University was founded in 859 AD by a woman named Fatima Al-Fihri, an emigrant from Kairawan, Tunisia. The university became one of the leading spiritual and educational centers of the historic Muslim world. The old Medina itself is like an open-air museum where you can find more than 9,000 narrow alleyways, mesmerizing madrasas (Koranic schools), palaces, hidden Fondouks, artisanal workshops, stalls selling dates, spices and fresh cuts of meat, and leather tanneries. Mules, donkeys and handcarts are the only means of transport to move goods around Medina.

Transfer time: 7 hours with stops

Overnight: Fez (3 nights)

Accommodation: Riad El Amine (3 nights)

Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Fez

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2027

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Full Day Medina Tour

Fez is the intellectual and artistic capital of the Moroccan Kingdom known for its exceptionally rich Islamic history, ancient cultural traditions surrounded by both Andalusian and Islamic architecture. Your guided tour will take you through a wondrous Medina tour inclusive of the sights and sounds of this majestic Imperial City. Fez can make one feel like they've gone back in time by centuries. Taking a guided walking tour through the largest car-free urban area in the world is a must-do when visiting Morocco. Your guide is available to tailor make your tour based on your interests and help you get the best that Fez has to offer.

Overnight: Fez (3 nights)

Accommodation: Riad El Amine (3 nights)

Meals: Breakfast and lunch



Fez

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 202

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Fez Food Tour:

Indulge in Moroccan culture and local life through our Fassi Foodie Tour. On our Fassi Foodie Tour, you will have the chance to visit the exotic food markets within the ancient Medina with one of our passionate foodie guides. Meet the owners of shops who will share their stories, along with the delicious flavours and secrets of their products. Imagine a foodie tour where you will taste Moroccan pancakes, a variety of honey, dates, olives, sip mint tea and snack on other specialties of Fez. The Fassi Food Tour features over 10 mouth-watering stops, carefully selected by a cultural insider.

Private Family Cooking Class:

Dive into the rich and diverse culinary heritage of Morocco with our Market to Table Cooking Class. The class will commence with you selecting your preferred main dish to cook, such as tagine, couscous, and pastilla (also known as bastille). Next, you will head to the family home to start the preparation by kneading traditional Moroccan bread and take it to the local Ferran (communal bakery). Afterwards, you will learn how to make Moroccan-cooked salads, preserved lemon, and Moroccan mint tea.

Thereafter, you will enjoy what you have cooked with the Moroccan family. The smells, tastes, and joyful memories of Morocco will permeate your senses and return home with you.

Meals: Breakfast, food-tour lunch and cooking-class dinner



Merzouga

THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2027

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Via Middle Atlas Mountains & Erfoud

Today we set off for Merzouga, the threshold of the Sahara Desert. Stopping in the Middle Atlas Mountains for some fun with the monkeys & Barbary apes, we continue to encounter villages and nomadic life before coming across the Ziz Valley and Oasis, which gives a sense of the timelessness of the Moroccan landscape and culture.

Merzouga is a small village in southeastern Morocco. It is an open door to the golden sand dunes with one of the best sunrises and sunsets in the world. Merzouga offers stargazing, lively local music, dance and Berber hospitality. The sand of Merzouga is famous for its therapeutic properties against certain rheumatic diseases.

Transfer time: 8 hours Approx

Overnight: Merzouga

Accommodation: Riad Serai

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



Sahara

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FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER 2027

4x4 Excursion and Sunset Camel Riding

Spend a day exploring the Golden sand dunes of the Erg Chebbi, located near the town of Merzouga on a 4x4 excursion. This Sahara Desert is one of the most phenomenal destinations in the world where you can witness a breathtaking sunset from the golden sand dunes. Also, it's one of the most popular destinations for those who are interested in a glamping experience in the Sahara Desert.

In the afternoon we'll be heading out on 4x4 to a luxury camp for a night under the starlit skies of the desert. Music, bonfires and a night of stargazing is what it's all about.

Overnight: Erg Chebbi

Accommodation: Merzouga Luxury Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Skoura

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2027

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Via Rissani & Dades Gorges

Today takes us through Todra Gorge, Tinghir and then to Skoura. Found on the southern side of the High Atlas Mountains, Skoura is one of Morocco's most picturesque oases. Located at the confluence of two seasonal rivers and streams descending from the central High Atlas Mountains, it is a fertile and verdant area known for its desert produce and olive, fig, and almond trees. Skoura's UNESCO-protected palm grove (palmeraie) is known for its 1,000 palm trees. Many superb and beautiful kasbahs are located in the Skoura area, including the 17th-century ruins of the magical Ameridil Kasbah. Near Skoura, the incredible Todra and Dades gorges await exploration.

Transfer time: 6 hours Approx

Overnight: Ouarzazate (2 nights)

Accommodation: Kasbah Tamsna (2 nights)

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



Skoura

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2027

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Day of Leisure

Overnight: Ouarzazate (2 nights)

Accommodation: Kasbah Tamsna (2 nights)

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



High Atlas Mountains

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MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2027

Via Ouarzazate, Ait Benhaddou & Tizi-N-Tichka Pass

Today, depart Skoura for the High Atlas Mountains through Ouarzazate & Ait Benhaddou. Ait Benhaddou is one of Morocco's most spectacular sites. This UNESCO World Heritage site and massive ksar is situated in the Ouarzazate region, along the former trade route between the Sahara Desert and Marrakech. Continue the journey through the High Atlas Mountains via Tizi-n-Tichka pass, where you will experience some of the most breathtaking views Morocco has to offer.

Your base for the night is Tahnaout, a peaceful village in the foothills of the High Atlas Mountains. Surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery, it offers a tranquil setting and a lovely introduction to life in this part of Morocco. The area is well known for its walnut, cherry, and apple trees.

Transfer time: 6 hours Approx

Overnight: High Atlas Mountains

Accommodation: Kasbah Angour

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2027

High Atlas Mountains & Marrakesh

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Hiking in High Atlas Mountains & Marrakesh

Today, before heading to Marrakech. Enjoy hiking in the village and spend a day with a Berber family. Learn how to make bread from scratch using the traditional methods and baking in a clay oven with the smokey flavor of wood, make together a Berber tagine or couscous without missing out the famous Moroccan mint tea. Indulge in the Berbers' life and traditions through this unique memorable experience. Head to Marrakech, a former imperial city, which is one of the most attractive cities in Morocco. Known as the Red City its buildings and ramparts are made of red tinted clay and give the city a unique touch. The city is divided into the old fortified city called Medina and the modern city Gueliz. The Medina offers palaces, gardens, mosques, souks (marketplaces) selling textiles, pottery and jewelry, the famous Jamaa El Fenna square, stunning restaurants with beautiful views, luxury hammams (bath houses), and hotels. At Gueliz you will find art galleries, the magnificent Majorelle Garden, Yves Saint Laurent Museum, and more.

Transfer time: 1.5 hour Approx

Overnight: Marrakech

Accommodation: Palais Tara & Spa

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch



Marrakesh

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WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2027

Full Day Medina Tour & Side cart ride

Discover the treasures of Marrakech, Morocco's vibrant red city. Our Marrakech Guided Tour will take you away from the hustle and bustle and provide an intimate experience. Marrakech is home to stunning palaces and gardens, Islamic architecture, and contemporary art. This private, customised tour will offer you the opportunity to select the sites you wish to visit, ranging from the Mosque of Koutoubia to Dar El Bacha Palace, El Bahia Palace and Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, as well as the Souks and local galleries or museums.

Take a ride through the Medina of Marrakech in one of the vintage sidecars. You can also go off the beaten track to the palmeraies across the mythical palm grove and the beautiful viewpoints of jbilets mountains, Gueliz is an option too, with its art deco buildings and the remains of the 1930s French life. Your sidecar will be either a Ural, an authentic Russian knock off of the 1938 BMW R71 or a Mash, they all seat 1 driver and 2 passengers, one on the back of the motorbike and one in the sidecar.

Overnight: Marrakech

Accommodation: Palais Tara & Spa

Meals: Breakfast



Marrakesh

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2027

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Marrakesh

Free Day at leisure

Overnight: Marrakech

Accommodation: Palais Tara & Spa

Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner at Plus61



Marrakesh

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FRIDAY 15th OF OCTOBER 2027

Departure

Today, we will say goodbye to Morocco & to one another. After breakfast we'll transfer to Marrakesh Airport for our international flights. Time to soak in & reflect on a life-changing adventure.



TRAVEL DATES

2nd October 2027 - 15th October 2027

TOTAL COST

\$12,995 (excluding flights) / Single Supplement \$2,750

Deposit of \$3,000 pp to be paid upon booking confirmation in order to secure your spot.

Final Balance is payable by July 31st 2027 and will be invoiced on July 1st 2027. Payment schedule plans are available. Please contact Nellie Kerrison should you like to spread out payments.

Inclusions: Airport transfers, accommodation, all meals listed in itinerary, wine, beer and soft drinks as part of the included dinners only (included drinks are not an unlimited/open bar), all taxes, gratuities for the driver, local guides, desert drivers, porters, accommodation staff and included group activities.

Meal inclusions: All breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners

Exclusions:

Flights to and from Morocco, gratuities for main hosts (Nellie & Meryem), meals not listed and additional drinks outside the hosted/included meal arrangements.

WEATHER IN OCTOBER

October is one of the best months to visit Morocco. The extreme heat of summer has passed, and the cooler winter temperatures haven't yet arrived, making it ideal for exploring cities, deserts, and mountains alike.

- Cities & Coastal Areas (Casablanca, Chefchaouen)

Expect mild to warm days, usually between 20°C and 26°C (68°F–79°F), with cooler evenings (around 14°C–18°C (57°F–64°F)). A light jacket or shawl is useful for evenings.

- Desert Regions (Merzouga, Sahara)

Days are warm and sunny, averaging 25°C–30°C (77°F–86°F), but nights can feel cool, sometimes dropping to 10°C–15°C (50°F–59°F). A warm layer is recommended for evenings under the stars.

- High Atlas Mountains

Temperatures are cooler, especially in the evenings and mornings, ranging from 15°C–20°C (59°F–68°F) during the day and dropping lower at night.

Rain is infrequent in October, but you may experience occasional short showers, particularly in northern Morocco. Overall, it's pleasant and comfortable, perfect for sightseeing and enjoying outdoor dining and activities.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISAS

For travel to Morocco, you will need:

- Passport – Ensure it is valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date from Morocco and has at least two blank pages for entry stamps.
- Flight tickets – Keep both your outbound and return tickets accessible.
- Travel insurance policy – Carry a copy of your policy and note the emergency contact number for overseas medical assistance.
- Visa requirements – Australian passport holders do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days in Morocco. If you are travelling on another passport, please check the Moroccan Embassy or Consulate for specific entry requirements.
- Copies of documents – It's helpful to carry photocopies (or digital copies) of your passport, tickets, and insurance in case of loss or emergency.

CLOTHING & OUTFITS

Morocco is a welcoming and culturally diverse country, but standards of dress are generally more conservative than in Australia. Lightweight, comfortable clothing is ideal, and we recommend keeping shoulders and knees covered when visiting religious sites, rural communities and more traditional areas.

A light scarf or shawl is useful, as are comfortable walking shoes with good grip for cobblestones, steps and uneven surfaces. Swimwear is appropriate at hotel pools but should not be worn away from pool areas.

ESSENTIALS & MEDICATION:

Pack your essential toiletries and any personal medications you require, along with copies of prescriptions if applicable. While Morocco has pharmacies, specific medications and familiar brands may not be readily available, so it's best to bring enough for the duration of your trip.

IMMUNISATIONS

Please consult your GP or a specialist travel clinic at least six weeks before departure for personalised advice. Ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date, including measles, and discuss whether any additional travel vaccinations are appropriate for you.

Vaccination entry requirements may depend on your individual circumstances, including countries recently visited or transited, and should be checked before departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is **COMPULSORY** and should be arranged when you pay your deposit for this tour. At a minimum, your policy must cover **MEDICAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY REPATRIATION**. We strongly recommend a comprehensive policy that also includes **PERSONAL LIABILITY, CANCELLATION, CURTAILMENT, AND LOSS OF LUGGAGE OR PERSONAL EFFECTS**.

TRANSFERS

This tour includes COMPLIMENTARY airport transfers only when arriving and departing within the official tour dates:

- From CASABLANCA AIRPORT to our first night's accommodation
- From our final night's accommodation in MARRAKECH to MARRAKECH AIRPORT

Transfers required before the tour commences or after the tour concludes are not included in the tour cost, but we are very happy to arrange these for you.

CURRENCY AND MONEY

Morocco's official currency is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD). While credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and larger shops, cash is essential for markets, small shops, and tipping.

You are legally allowed to bring in up to 2,000 MAD (approximately \$300 AUD) in Moroccan currency. Most travellers choose to withdraw cash on arrival rather than carry dirhams into the country. ATMs are widely available, and we can visit one as a group daily if needed

WHATSAPP

Nellie will create a WhatsApp group for us to communicate and share photos once we're in Morocco.

TIPPING

Morocco has a strong tipping culture. To make this easier for guests, gratuities for the many services provided throughout our tour will be taken care of for you.

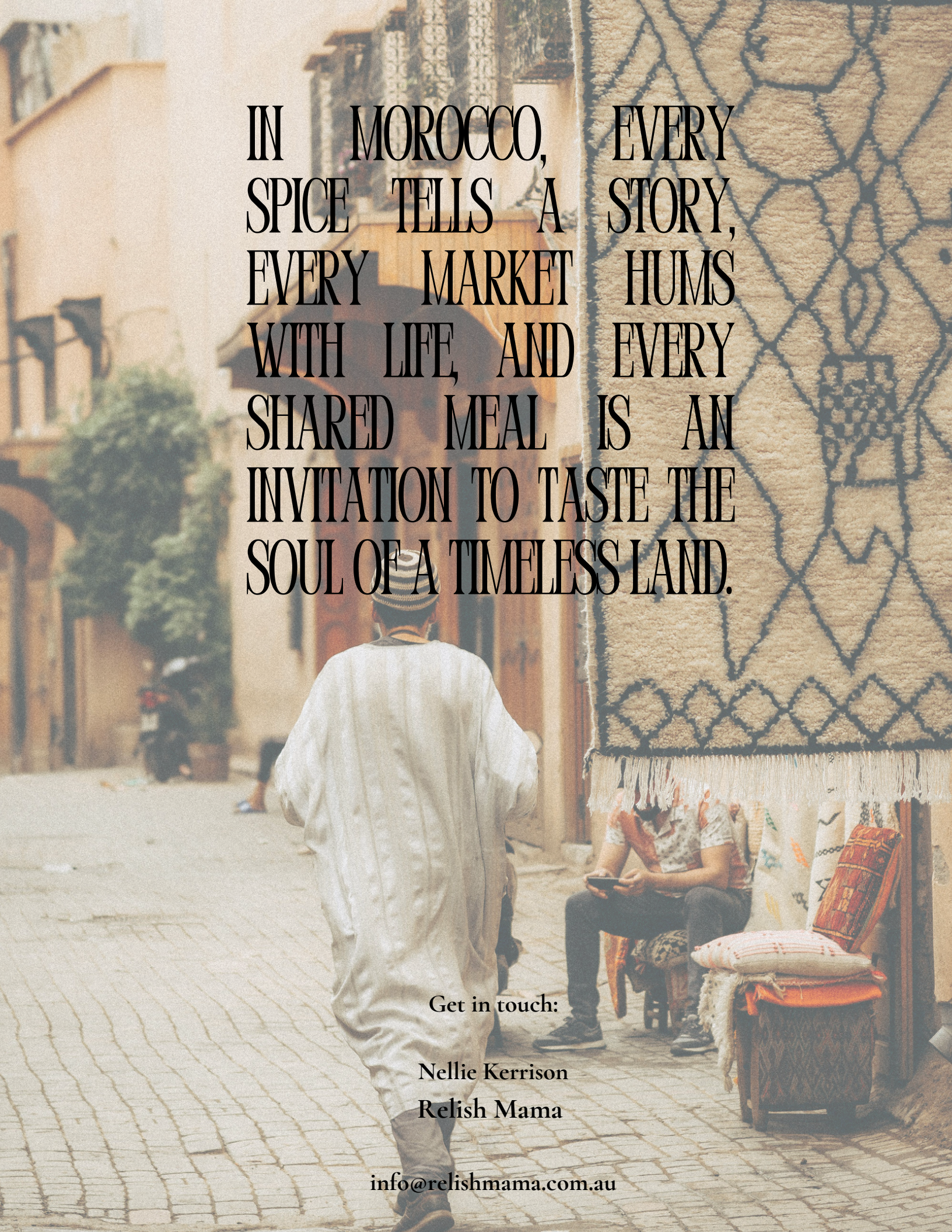
This includes tips for our driver, local guides, desert drivers, luggage porters, accommodation staff and those assisting with our included meals and group activities. You will therefore not need to manage these tips individually throughout the tour.

Personal gratuities for our main Moroccan guide, Meryem, and your Relish Mama tour host, Nellie, are not included. Should you wish to offer a gratuity at the end of the journey as a gesture of appreciation for their care, professionalism and leadership throughout the tour, this is entirely optional, and the amount is your personal choice. Tips can be made at the end of your trip in an envelope, or whenever it feels appropriate to you. Moroccan dirhams & Euros are suitable.

For meals, activities or services arranged independently during your free time, tipping is at your own discretion. As a general guide, approximately 10% is customary in restaurants when service is not already included.

ALCOHOL

Although Morocco is a Muslim country, alcohol is served in selected bars and restaurants. If you would like additional drinks (beyond what is covered by the included meals), guests will settle their own tabs. A selection of wine, beer and soft drinks is included with our included dinners.

A photograph of a Moroccan street scene. In the foreground, a man wearing a white thobe and a ghutra walks away from the camera down a cobblestone street. To the right, a person is sitting on a large, patterned rug, looking at a smartphone. The background shows traditional Moroccan architecture with warm-toned walls and arched doorways.

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