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Former fashion director of Marie Claire India, **PEARL SHAH** is now a stylist to the stars and writes in her free time. For *Bazaar* this issue, she pens 'The New Rules' (pg 33) and 'The Models of the Moment' (pg 154). Kolkata-based designer **NAVONIL DAS** of Dev r Nil takes us through how his home city is set to be India's next luxury hub, in 'Fashion Goes East' (pg 25). Travel editor **SARAH KHAN** continues to feed her wanderlust by discovering new places—she takes us into Morocco's new haute spots, in 'Beyond Marrakesh' (pg 205). A lawyer by education and a lensman by trade, photographer **SAWANT SINGH** unravels the story behind the stunning image of his blue-blood grandmother, Kanwarani Danesh Kumari of Patiala, in 'The Memory Project' (pg 136). The gorgeous model, actress, and philanthropist, **LISA RAY** lets *Bazaar* in on her favourite mountain getaway—Nelson in the British Columbia, Canada—in 'Travel Postcards' (pg 209). Thai photographer **PRATCH SIRIDHARA** visits Nagaland's Hornbill Festival and shoots India's next big models in the cover story 'New Season New Look' (pg 140), with makeup artist **BIANCA HARTKOPF** working her magic on the girls. A *Bazaar* favourite, photographer **ANAND GOGOI** zooms in on fashion's current mood, in 'The Romantics' (pg 156), while makeup artist **ANAND KARIA** creates the look. Stylist **BUTOOL JAMAL** says she can read faster than the speed of light, and often spends time trawling through fashion blogs; she writes on interesting luxury websites and the people helming them, in 'Sites to Behold' (pg 38). A Calvin & Hobbes fan and an avid scuba diver, photographer **COLSTON JULIAN** lends his touch to our Indian fashion spread, in 'Urban Traditions' (pg 168). ■



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ESCAPE



Dining at the Sofitel Fès Palais Jamaï, in Fes

BEYOND MARRAKESH

Intrepid traveller Sarah Khan eschews the Red City's souks and riads to discover Morocco's new style destinations

For most travellers, Morocco is synonymous with Marrakesh, the sultry city on the doorstep of the Atlas Mountains and a gateway to the vast desert beyond. And while its draw is palpable, thanks to its chic hotels and boutiques, chaotic spectacles of the Djemaa el-Fnaa marketplace, and its reputation as a popular haven for the international jet-set, some of Morocco's other destinations can get lost in its shadows. But Fes, with ancient history seeping from every corner; trendy Tangier, with its eccentric, laid-back vibe and killer shopping; and charming Chefchaouen, a mountain idyll that looks as though a mammoth tub of blue paint were overturned on every inch of its picture-worthy medina, are no less alluring. Why not add these stylish retreats to your Moroccan itinerary?

FES

Best for a Soulful Sojourn

While Marrakesh may be Morocco's sexiest city, Fes remains its cultural and spiritual capital, a hub for music, literature, arts, and architecture. The Ville Nouvelle—new city—does have its merits, but nothing beats the pulsing, throbbing spectacle of daily life taking place in this medieval medina. Welcome to the soul of Morocco.

DINE IN STYLE AT LA MAISON BLEUE. A soothing oasis in the middle of the medina, this fine-dining restaurant is set in a historic Moorish manse with a romantic ambience. Local musicians play while appetizers are served in an elegant marble courtyard with a *zellij*-tiled (terracotta tilework covered with enamel in the form of chips set into plaster) fountain, and in the candlelit dining rooms, impeccably dressed waiters serve gourmet, traditional fare—try a tagine (a traditional Berber dish named after the special earthenware pot in which it is cooked) if you haven't already, but be sure to order the pigeon pastilla, a regional classic. Another spot to check out is **Café Clock**, a medina institution. Set deep down a dark, winding alley, you'll find this restored townhouse with quirky décor great for a snack. Order the famed camel burger, just the thing to refuel with during a hectic tour.

No tour of Fes's medina is complete without a visit to the tanneries. Though the odours can be strong, here you can select from a broad mix of high-quality bags, slippers, and décor items.



Clockwise from top right: Enjoy a meal at La Maison Bleue; shop at Fes's souks; the opulent rooms at Sofitel Fès Palais Jamaï.



STAY AT THE SOFITEL FÈS PALAIS JAMAÏ. Set in the residence of the former grand vizier, the opulent palace is embellished throughout with ornate tiling and intricate examples of Moorish architecture—think stained-glass windows, gilded arches, expansive Andalusian gardens, and a luxurious hammam. The property shares a wall with the medina, which makes for easy access to all the sites. But as soon as the steady thrum of medina action

becomes too much, you can retreat to your room and take in the stellar panoramic views from the balcony.

GET LOST IN THE SOUKS. The vast selection of clothes, home accessories, carpets, spices, and other goods are mind-boggling. You can buy shawls and shoes directly from the artisans who make them, then walk by countless tiny pottery studios to pick up a freshly made bowl with an arabesque pattern.

TAKE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MEDINA. Fes's medina is a maze dating back to the 8th century, and filled with so many confusing twists, turns, and narrow alleys that, unless navigated with help, it can feel like an obstacle course. Your guide can direct you to the 9th-century University of al-Kairouine, the oldest in the world, and to nondescript-seeming doors that reveal stunning mosques within. While he will likely have agreements with vendors to take you to a certain carpet shop or a particular Berber apothecary, enjoy the experiences: Carpet sellers are fascinating storytellers, and it was at a local pharmacy that I learned about the wonders of argan oil for the hair long before it became a global phenomenon.

TANGIER

Best for a Bohemian Break

Tangier is Morocco's most eccentric city, a laid-back coastal destination with quirk and charm in spades. From the 1920s through the 1950s, it held an anything-goes allure that drew revellers from far and wide. Musicians, artists, writers—everyone from Mick Jagger to Matisse to Kerouac to Yves Saint Laurent—came here to be inspired, and the city's reputation as a creative hub holds strong. Perched on the tip of the continent, a stone's throw from Spain, Tangier was long a gateway to Europe, and with its Spanish, African, and Arab influences, continues to harbour an East-meets-West vibe.

BOOK A ROOM AT THE ICONIC EL MINZAH. This is a historic property opened by a British aristocrat in 1930. It has a lovely palm-shaded pool and rooms looking out over the Bay of Tangier.

THERE ARE DINING HOTSPOTS APLENTY. Enjoy coffee at **Café de Paris**. Set directly opposite the French Consulate, it's a prime venue for people-watching. Dine at the restaurant at **Riad Tanja**, originally opened by celebrated chef Moha Fedal. Its set five-course menu features nouvelle Moroccan cuisine—the chakhchoukha dessert, an almond-and-apple pastry



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From top: Shop for beautiful, locally-made rugs; El Minzah's regal dining room; Tangier's shopping street; Tanjazz in Tangier is a must-visit.



served with saffron-infused stewed apples, is delectable.

GROOVE TO SULTRY NOTES AT TANJAZZ. Held in September, international musicians from Bulgaria to Austria and beyond convene on the city for an annual edition of one of the world's most eclectic jazz festivals.

BROWSE THE SHOPS. Tangier is a fashionista's paradise. The **Casabarata flea market** is easily the city's largest, but can be a beast to navigate, and it can require a lot of energy from you to score great finds amid the rubble. If the sensory overload of the souk is too overwhelming, here's a shortlist: **Bazar Tindouf** is just the thing, carrying a curated selection of lanterns, ceramics, embroidery, and more. The same owners run the nearby **Galerie Tindouf**, a super-luxe antiques shop cluttered with vintage clothing and furnishings galore. **Boutique Majid** stocks Berber

baubles including delicate pendants featuring the Hand of Fatima, an iconic symbol found across Morocco and other parts of the Muslim world. For an exquisite, ultra-modern take on a kaftan, head to **Galerie Laure Welfling**, whose proprietor is one of Tangier's most well-known society doyennes.

HIT THE BEACH. 31 kilometers south of Tangier lies the coastal village of Asilah, home to some of the region's most spectacular swaths of sand. Asilah hosts an annual mural-painting festival, and the walls of its spotlessly clean medina come alive with colourful artworks.

THE BEST VIEW OF THE CITY. Walk up Rue d'Italie and enter the gates to the famed Kasbah. It's set at the highest point of the medina, and has stunning vistas of the city and of the Strait of Gibraltar—on a clear day you can see Spain, eight miles away.

CATCH A MOVIE AT CINEMATHÈQUE DE TANGER. It is a celebrated art deco theatre with its own café, which is a very popular hangout.

CHEFCHAOUEN

Best for a Relaxing Retreat

Nestled high in the Rif Mountains, about four hours by road from both Fes and Tangier, lies a cerulean paradise waiting to be discovered. With its entire medina daubed in startlingly vivid tones of blue, Chefchaouen is perhaps Morocco's most beautiful village, and yet it remains eclipsed by the shadows of its more popular neighbours. And therein lies the charm: While the labyrinthine alleyways are trafficked by the occasional tourist, it's mainly filled with local villagers going about their daily lives. And after the more hectic paces of bustling cities, it's the ultimate tranquil mountain escape.

DROP YOUR BAGS OFF AT DAR ECHCHAOUEN. It's a charming 12-room guesthouse appointed in local handlooms and fabrics. Steps from the medina, which means it has stunning panoramic views over the blue walled city, the warm staff here makes the experience complete—don't be surprised if they join you in the



Whether you're a painter, a writer, or just dabbling in any form of the creative arts, this beautiful hamlet, with shades ranging from robin's egg blue to cerulean to periwinkle to teal, is the ultimate muse to get your juices flowing.

lounge to serenade you with their favourite Bollywood tunes!

HAVE A DRINK AT HOTEL PARADOR'S BAR. This four-star hotel is one of the few places in this tiny village where you can enjoy a beer.

HIT THE SHOPS, OF COURSE. **Ensemble Artisanal** in Place el Majzen is a working studio as well as a store, and you can watch the craftsmen and women diligently hunched over their looms, ceramics, canvases, or fabrics. Go café-hopping along the **Plaza Uta el-Hammam**, in the heart of the medina and near the stunning Grand Mosquée, a 15th-century mosque with an octagonal minaret.

FEAST ON THE GOAT-CHEESE SALAD. And the succulent chicken couscous at Restaurant Tissemlal, in the Casa Hassan riad in the medina. There are several warm, homey, beautifully decorated dining salons where you can settle in for a leisurely evening, and even watch the chefs prepare your meal in an open kitchen.

SOAK IN THE VIBE AT THE RAS EL-MAA. Just beyond the Bab el-Ansar, or eastern gate of the medina, this tiny waterfall is popular with tourists and locals alike—the former come to picnic at the river, while the latter can be seen doing their laundry. ■



From top:

The gorgeous setting of the Dar Echchaouen hotel; shopping in Chefchaouen; a picturesque square in the village; the goat-cheese salad at Restaurant Tissemlal.

