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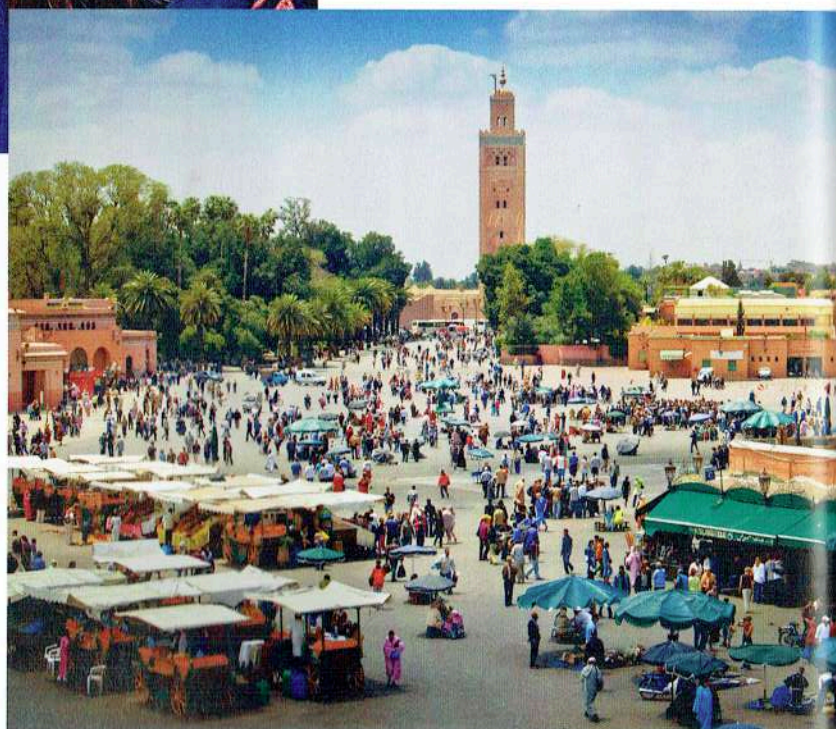
The jewellery designer reveals her travel inspirations, from stone-buying trips in India to her favourite Mexican hotel



MOROCCAN MAGIC

I love Marrakech. I first travelled there when I was 18. I went from the city to Ouarzazate and Zagora, down the amazing Drâa Valley, which has incredible kasbahs. It was an unforgettable trip. I've been so many times since – each time I feel like I discover something new. I admit I always dedicate some solid shopping time, and on my last trip I bought some beautiful carpets from one of the most interesting dealers in town, who works by appointment only.

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MY IDEAL DESTINATION

My favourite travels are with my husband and daughter. For us, there's nothing better than a trip to Mexico, where we combine days on the beach with visits to Mayan ruins, colonial towns like Merida, and museums – Mexico City's archaeological museum is a favourite. It's filled with Aztec and Mayan wonders.

TASTY TACOS

I love Mexican tacos. If you know which street vendors to go to they can be amazing. There's a speciality called Tacos al Pastor – delicious, and the best hangover cure after a night of tequila and dancing.



THE PERFECT HOTEL

When it comes to hotels I'm quite fussy, as I used to be in the hotel business. I always look for great service and a simple aesthetic. One of my favourite places is Hotel Esencia in Tulum – it ticks all the boxes, including a gorgeous beach.

