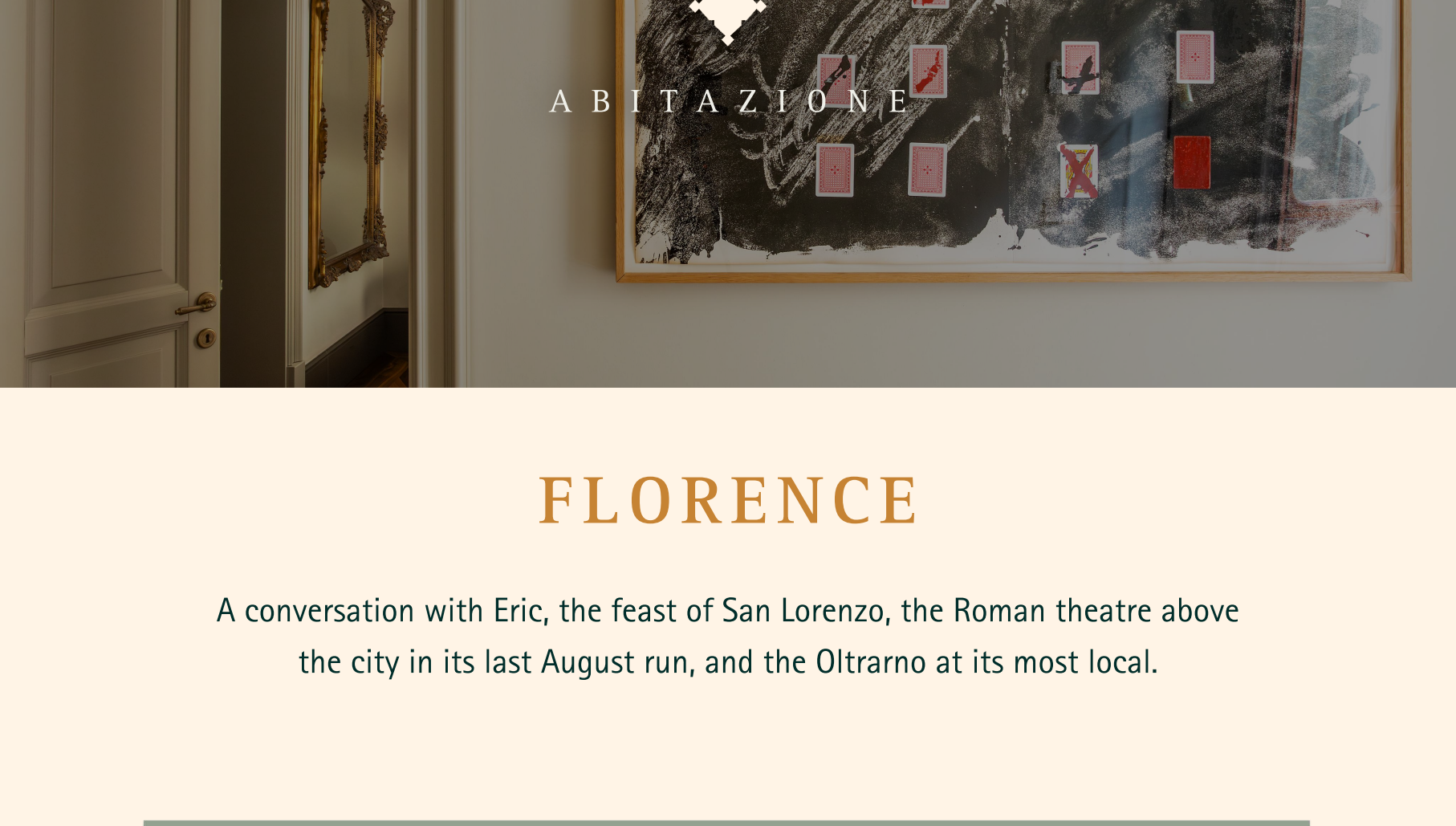




August Travelling Guide

For the curious explorers

August runs hot and deep. The tourists take the obvious routes and the cities retreat – into local hours, neighbourhood restaurants, events that have been happening in village squares for centuries and will go on without an audience. This month, we follow that logic.



FLORENCE

A conversation with Eric, the feast of San Lorenzo, the Roman theatre above the city in its last August run, and the Oltrarno at its most local.

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Eric, Resident Curator

This Time Tomorrow Florence's resident curator Eric on what the first hours with a guest are for, what the Oltrarno means, and the one thing about Florence that still strikes him as the most honest thing about the place.

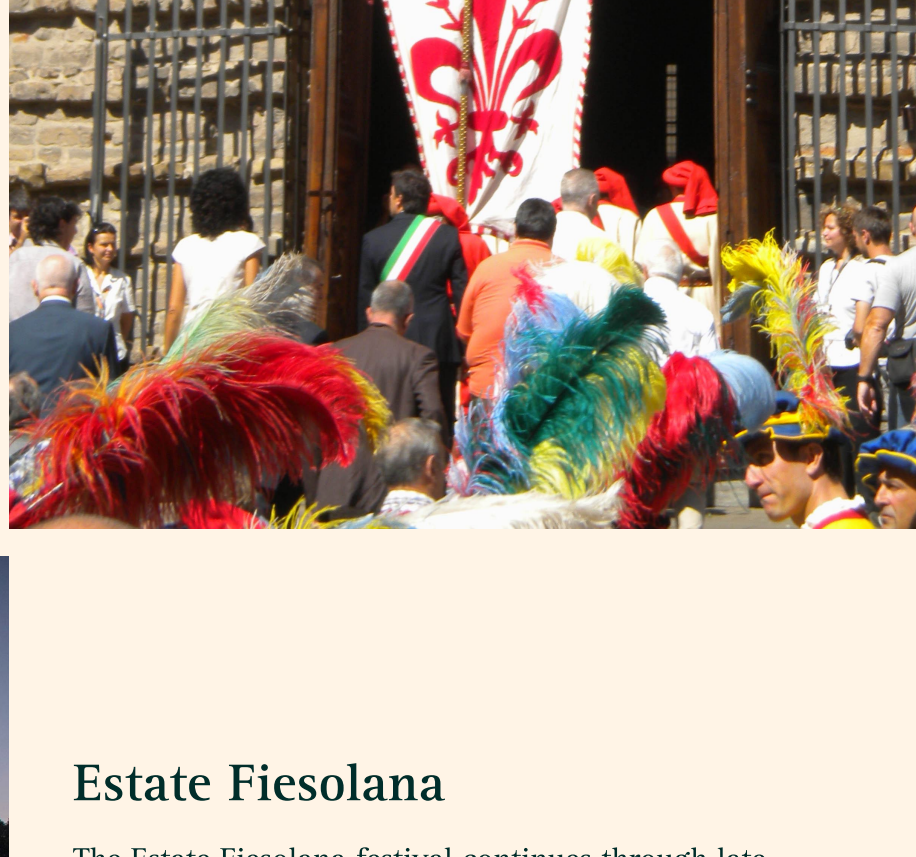
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Feast of San Lorenzo

On August 10th, the Feast of San Lorenzo turns the neighbourhood around the Basilica into one of the city's most local summer rituals – free pasta in the streets, watermelon, DJ sets, and the Perseids at midnight.

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Estate Fiesolana

The Estate Fiesolana festival continues through late August at the Roman theatre carved into the Fiesole hillside – concerts as the sun drops, with views across the valley and Florence below.

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Trattoria Cibrèo

Trattoria Cibrèo is the casual offshoot of the Cibrèo family – no pasta on the menu, everything else done with decades of quiet confidence.

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Il Guscio

Since 1986, Il Guscio on Via dell'Orto has been the Oltrarno restaurant that Florentines return to when the tourists leave.

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MARRAKECH

The Setti Fatma pilgrimage in the Atlas foothills, the kasbah southeast, the Agafay at sunset, and the music that runs beneath it all.



Setti Fatma Moussem, Ourika Valley

The Setti Fatma Moussem is an ancient pilgrimage and popular festival in the High Atlas foothills, ninety minutes from the medina – a completely different Morocco from the one the city presents.

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Aït Ben Haddou

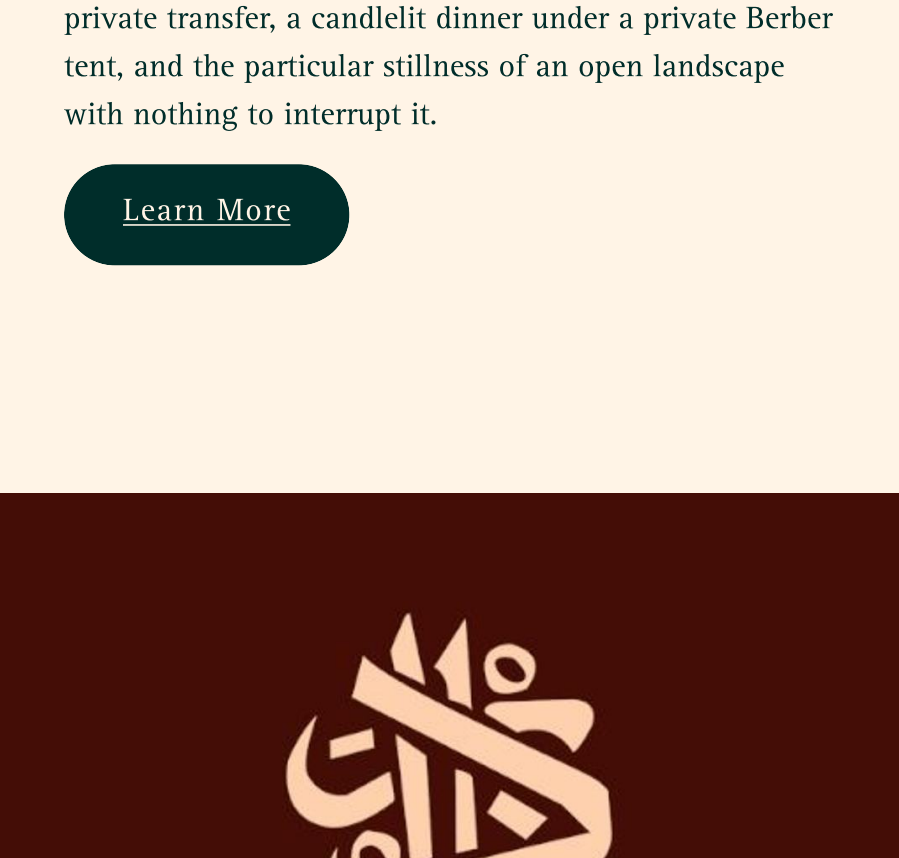
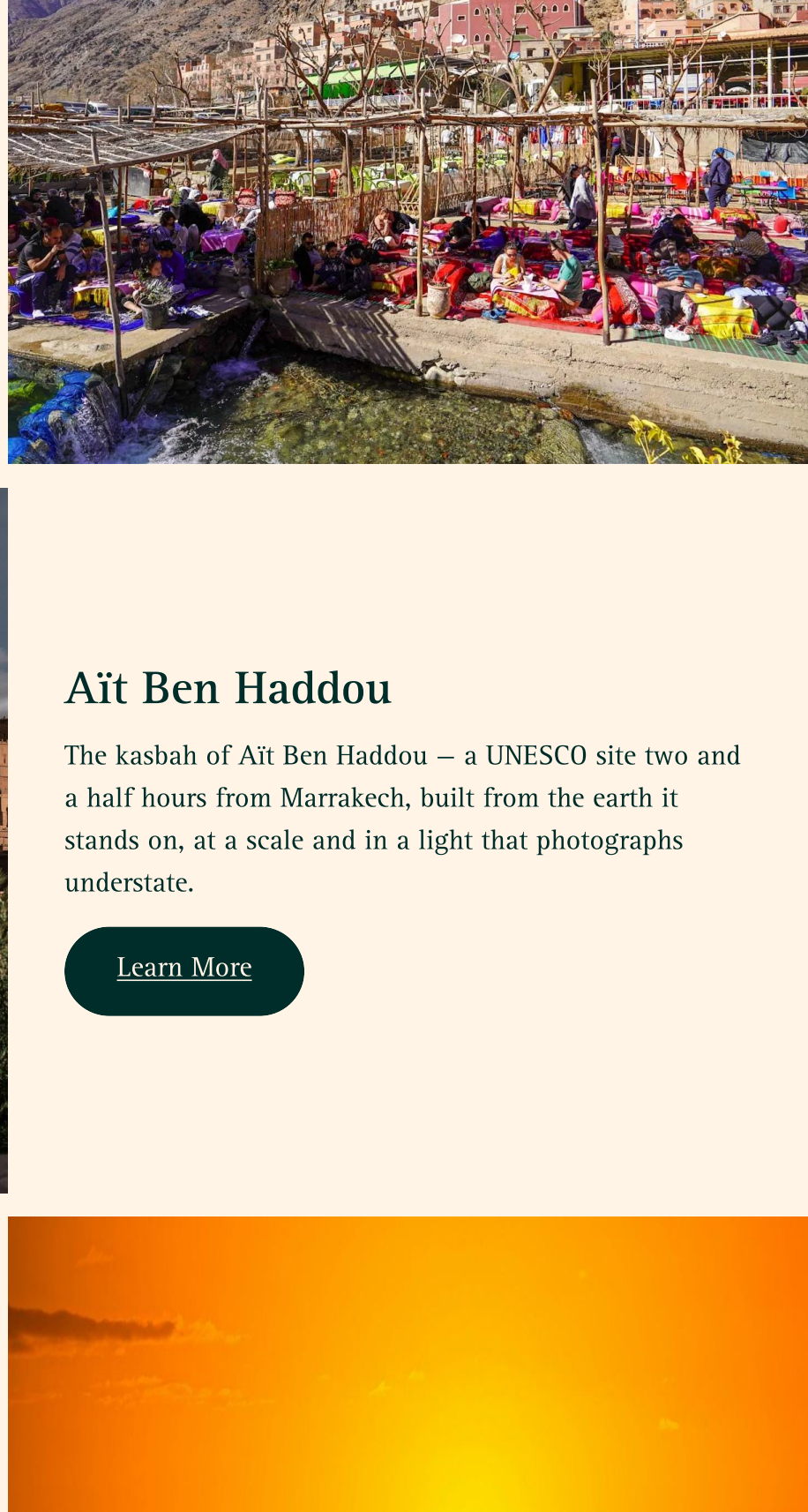
The kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou – a UNESCO site two and a half hours from Marrakech, built from the earth it stands on, at a scale and in a light that photographs understate.

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Agafay at Sunset

Thirty minutes south, the Agafay plateau at sunset – private transfer, a candlelit dinner under a private Berber tent, and the particular stillness of an open landscape with nothing to interrupt it.

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Comptoir Darna

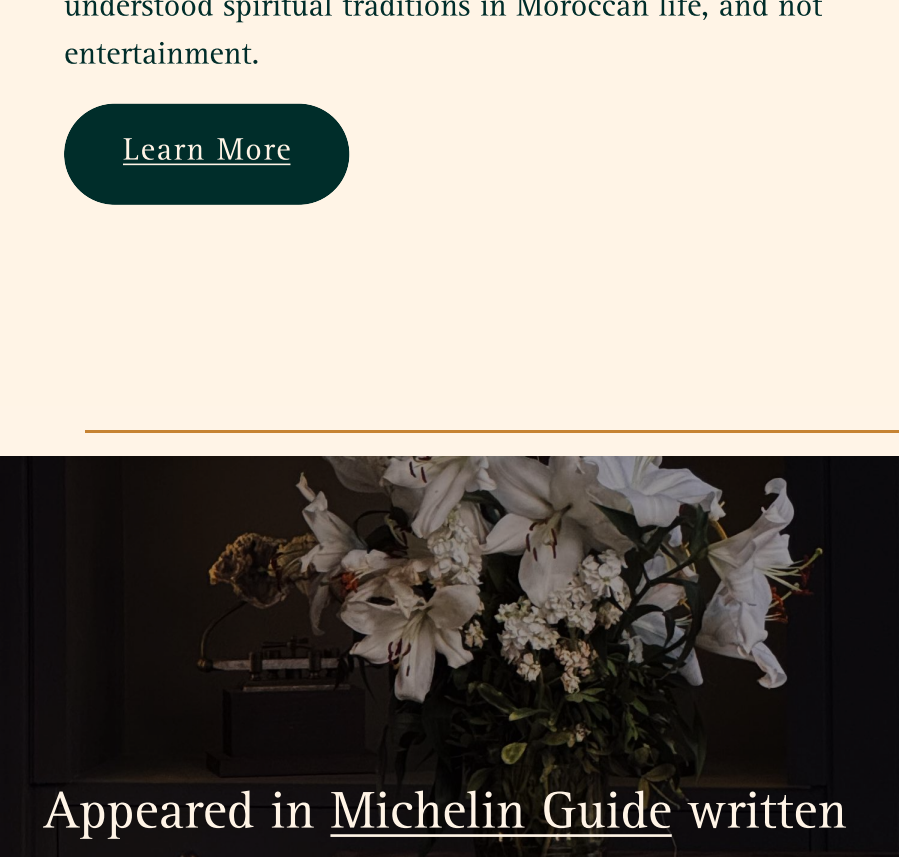
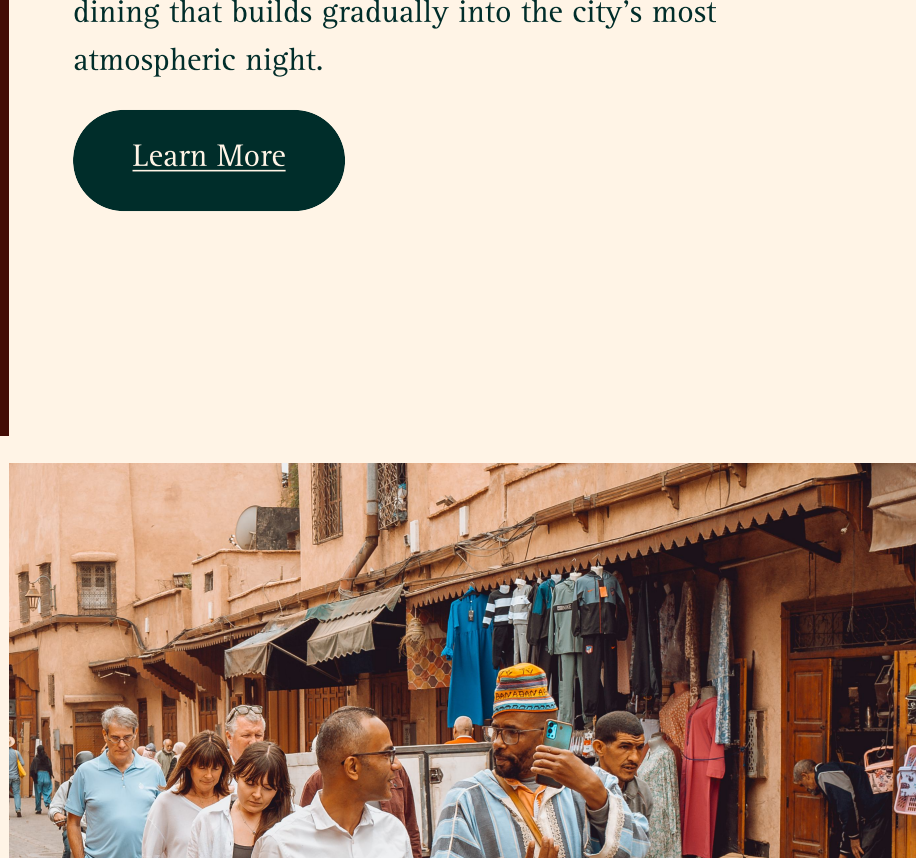
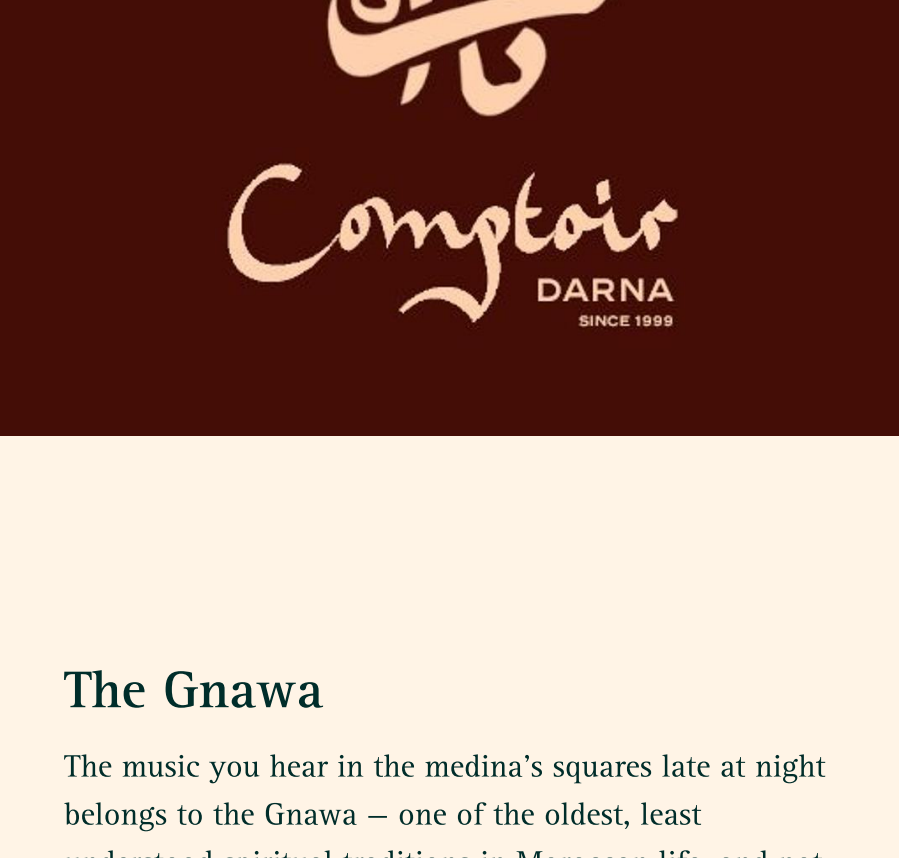
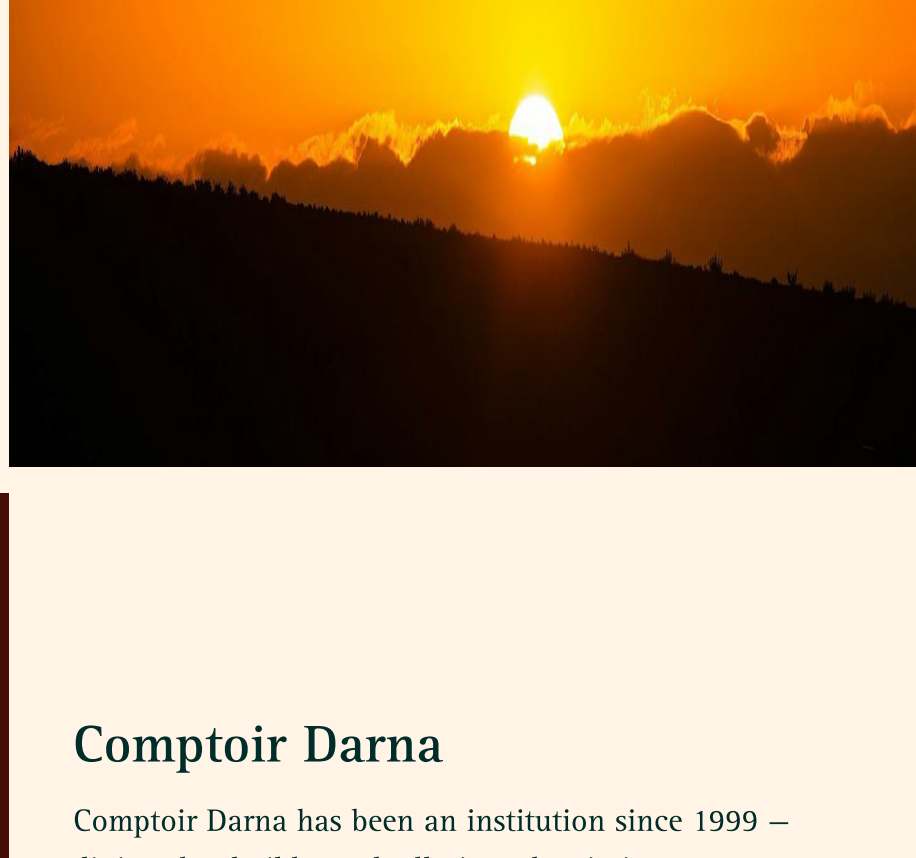
Comptoir Darna has been an institution since 1999 – dining that builds gradually into the city's most atmospheric night.

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The Gnawa

The music you hear in the medina's squares late at night belongs to the Gnawa – one of the oldest, least understood spiritual traditions in Moroccan life, and not entertainment.

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