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How to get there

Essaouira is a three-hour drive from Marrakech. The Vogue crew flew with BA, who operate twice daily from Heathrow and once a day from Gatwick. Fares start from £110 return, including taxes, fees and charges. To book, visit Ba.com or call 0870 850 9850.

SHOPPING TIPS

Vogue fashion director **Lucinda Chambers** says:

"The streets are packed full of tiny shops selling pottery, fabrics and wooden crafts. My favourite finds included tie-dye scarves, leather poufs with hand stitching and wonderful rugs - Bazaar Mehdi has the most beautiful selection of rugs from all over Morocco."

Morocco

Vogue's fashion crew brought Fifties bohemia to the tranquil fishing port of Essaouira. By Emma Spike

Above, the Vogue crew went to Essaouira with photographer Patrick Demarchelier to shoot "The Sheltering Sky". Below, make-up artist Hannah Murray adds the finishing touches to model Jessica Stam's make-up

WHY GO

Just three hours' drive from Marrakech lies Essaouira, a peaceful fishing port. Vogue's producer on the shoot, Gawain Rainey, says, "It's the ideal long-weekend destination. I love the fresh seafood, the amazing beach and the tranquillity of this laid-back town."

Sample Essaouira's fresh catch, right, at the market. Below, traditional Moroccan *thé à la menthe*

Where to stay

The Vogue crew stayed at Villa Maroc, a boutique hotel with 21 rooms, seven lounges, a roof terrace and a Moroccan *hammam*. In Vogue fashion assistant Deana Voulters's words, "It feels more like a private house than a hotel." Visit Villa-maroc.com.

Below, eighteenth-century Villa Maroc overlooks Essaouira's main square - and the beach

Where to eat

Hairstylist Sam McKnight recommends: "For a fun and cheap option, try the fish market by the beach at Essaouira. You can bargain for your fish and then take it to the kitchen and have it cooked right in front of you."

Right, take a camel trek along Essaouira's beach, organised by Villa Maroc

BEACH LIFE

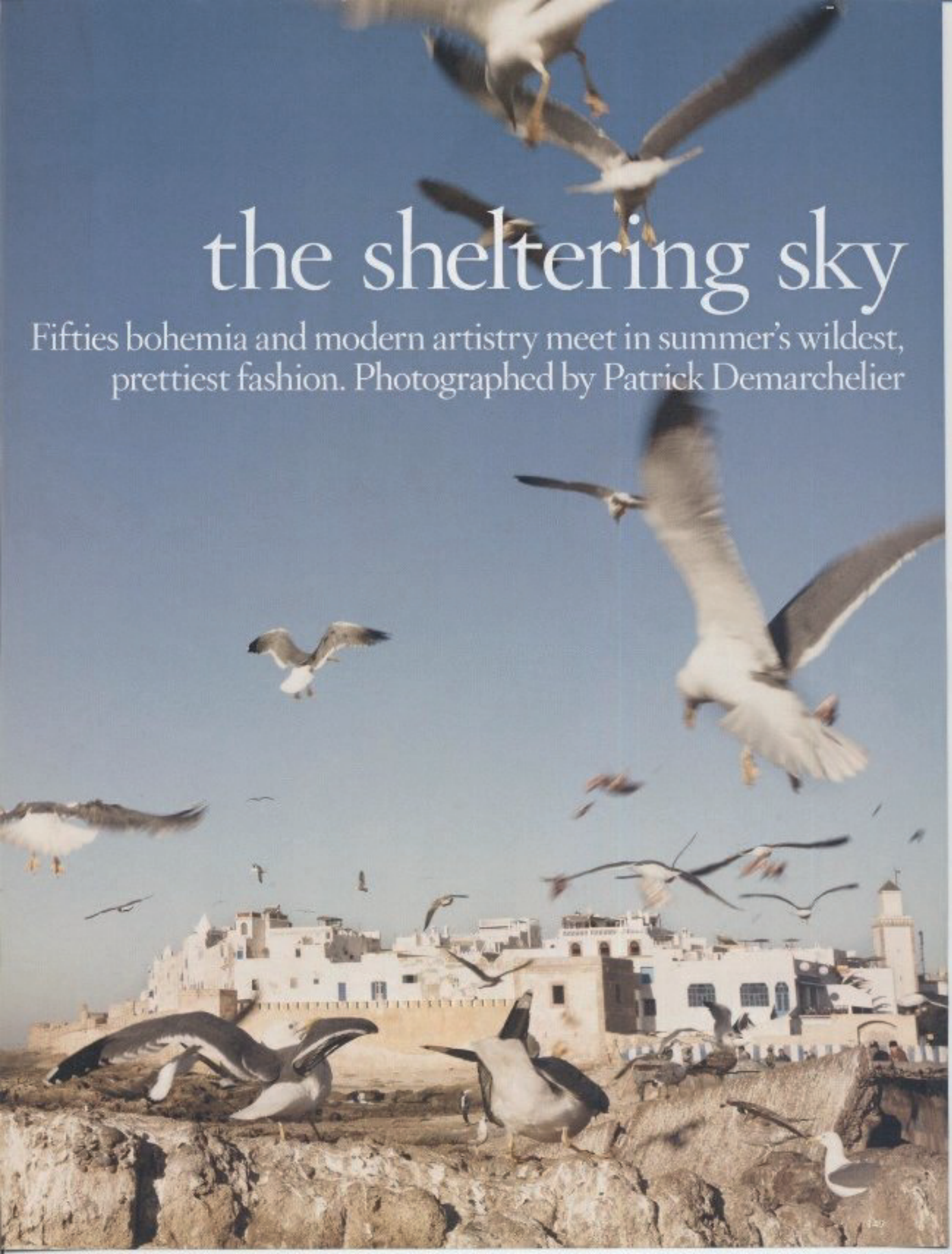
Essaouira is famous for its watersports - surfing, kitesurfing and windsurfing. You can also rent a quad bike and explore the sand dunes, or take a camel or horse trek along the coast - all of which can be organised by Villa Maroc

From left to right, capture the heady colours and scents of Morocco with Guerlain Terracotta Tajine Brunette Metal Eyeshadow and Serge Lutens Fleurs D'Oranger

An underlayer of chiffon gives Fendi's woven silk bandeau dress an ethereal dimension

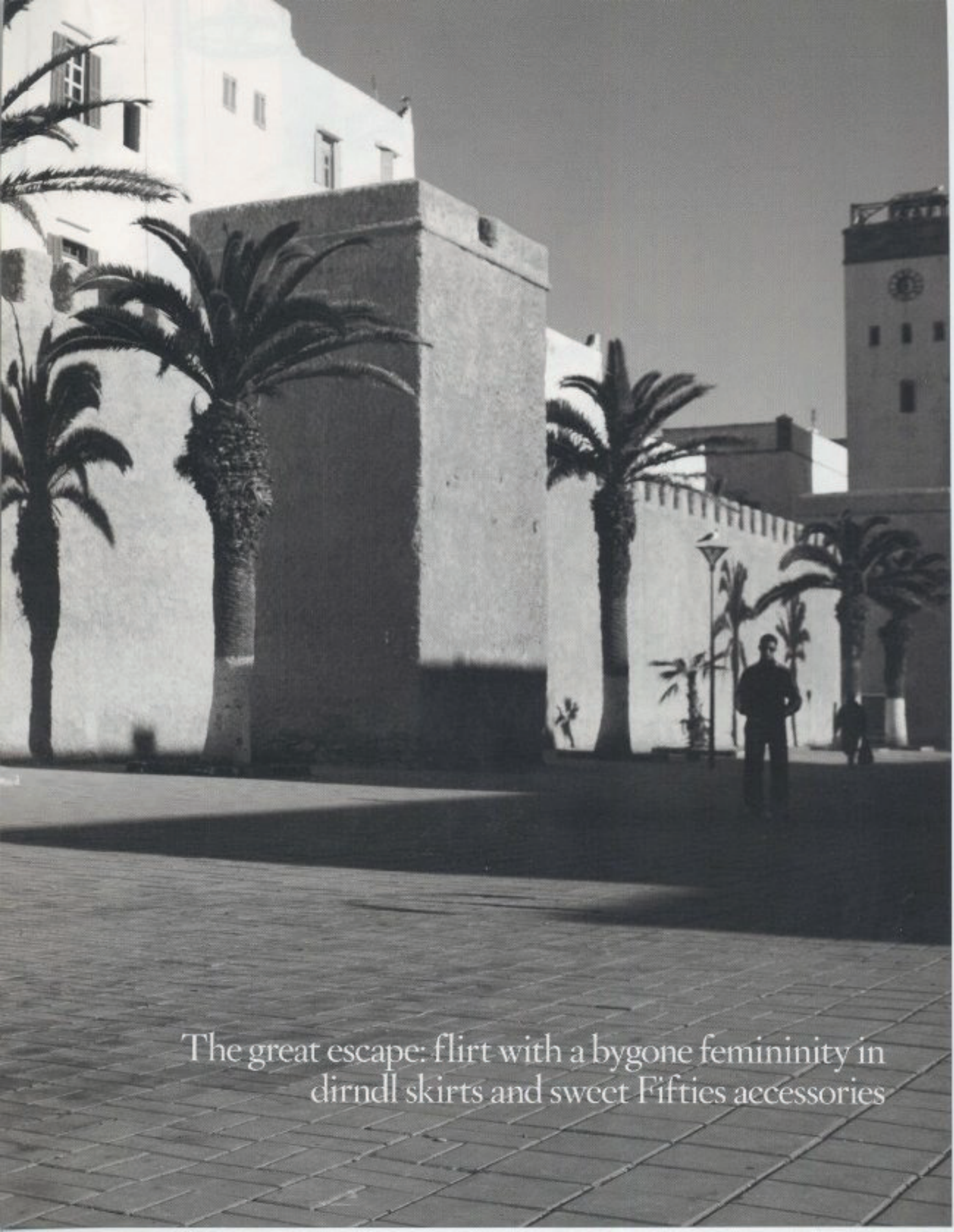
Silk and organza bustier dress, £1,610. Leather and semi-precious-stone belt, £2,000. Both Fendi. Shirt, *tied as a scarf and worn in hair*, £215, Prada. Sunglasses, from £185, Marni. Leather bag, £800, Min Min. Bangle, *top*, from £200, Marni. Bangles, *middle and bottom*, from £50 each, Dinosaur Designs, New York. Ankle socks, £7, Celeste Stein, at MyTights.com. Python-skin shoes, £585, Christian Louboutin. Hair: Sam McKnight. Make-up: Hannah Murray. Production: Gawain Ratney at 10-4 Inc. Digital artwork: Pascal Dangin at Box Ltd. Model: Jessica Stam. Fashion editor: Lucinda Chambers



A large flock of seagulls is captured in various stages of flight across a clear blue sky. In the foreground, several seagulls are perched on a rugged, light-colored rocky cliff. Behind them, a coastal town with white-washed buildings and a prominent minaret is visible. The scene is set against a backdrop of a clear, bright blue sky.

the sheltering sky

Fifties bohemia and modern artistry meet in summer's wildest, prettiest fashion. Photographed by Patrick Demarchelier



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dirndl skirts and sweet Fifties accessories