Testimonials Textile Quest - Spring 2026

I had an amazing time on Textile Quest - it was truly a once in a lifetime trip, and I will have lifelong special memories from my time in Morocco. I was so impressed with the educational and cultural focus, and this started well before the trip with a recommended reading list and continued while on tour with a wonderful lecture from an Amazigh academic and the sharing of many books and articles relevant to what we were experiencing each day.

This isn't a vacation so much as cultural immersion. Jess encouraged us to connect with the artisans, and there were moments of true exchange. Textile Quest covers a significant geographic range, and we got a good taste both of cities / medinas as well as the countryside. The authentic relationships Jess has forged over years with artisans are evident and add so much to the tour; I don't believe that any other tour company could provide this type of access. Beyond the textile elements, I enjoyed the delicious cuisine and wide variety of accommodations. The stay in a ksar (walled city) was really special. The Moroccans we met (even strangers we came across in the street) were all so welcoming and generous. It's hard to put into words what an amazing experience Textile Quest is, so I recommend you experience it for yourself! *Megan M.*

It was a great pleasure to view so much of the geography and topography of Morocco. I was a geography major as an undergraduate, with some coverage of cultural, economic and physical geography. But I had never focused on North Africa. I was impressed by the mountain ranges, the fertile valleys, which the Romans also coveted, and the pre-Saharan oases. Thank you for introducing us to all of those Moroccan regions. Secondly, and thanks to your contacts, we met amazing people throughout our tour. From the guides in the Jewish synagogue to Prof. Saddik Raddad, to the women in the weaving cooperatives, it was a unique pleasure to meet all of these people and speak with them directly or through interpreters. I now have a sense of what Moroccan warmth and hospitality is all about.

I think regularly of the exposure to Moroccan culture and people - with great fondness.
Libby. D

There are so many impressions of our recent Textile Quest, I hardly know where to begin. What stands out the most is the incredible network you have created over a huge area of the country. At every stop, I witnessed the guides, the artisans, the staff at each Riad or lodging, and the cooperative leaders greeted you (Jess) and Marta with sincerity and genuine affection. Your ability to facilitate authentic interpersonal connections is itself an art form. The opportunity to sit and create with Moroccan women was certainly a highlight. To meet and converse with world renowned historians, preservationists, activists and artists was inspiring and enlightening. I know you evaluate the experience from a logistics perspective, and I'm convinced that your next quest will be even richer than what I experienced.

We all still have our mental wheels spinning on how to process and move forward in our inspired states!
Marietta S.V.

Should you wish to connect via email with one of our previous Textile Questers to find out more, let us know and we will put you in touch.