

WE HARVEST

COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS INCLUSIVENESS
MEETING CONNECTION GRASSROOTS
SHARING SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY TOURISM
ROOTS INTEGRATION EQUALITY NETWORK
HUMANNESS NO BARRIERS NO BORDERS TOLERANCE
BELONGING PEOPLE ACCEPTANCE COMPANIONS
HERITAGE
PLURALITY NARRATIVES DIALOGUE REFLECTION
STORIES RESEARCH JOURNEY MEMORIES
OUT-OF-THE-BOX VISITS FUTURE HISTORY
ENGAGEMENT IDEAS SEEDS OF CHANGE
TRANSFORMATION DISCOVERY EXPLORATION
MOTIVATION CHANGE ACTIVISM CONSCIENCE
EMPOWERMENT ALTERNATIVES
WALKS
EXPERIENCES LOVE SENSATIONS LIVING EDUCATION
EMOTIONS CURIOSITY VIBRATION
CREATIVITY POSITIVE INTERACTION
COLOURS
CITIES HIDDEN WORLDS
STREETS SPACES
MIGRANTS MOBILITIES
INTERCULTURAL SOCIETY
DIVERSITY MIGRATION
CULTURES

and more.

OUR STATEMENT

MIGRANTOUR believes that sharing personal stories offers valuable perspective and creates meaningful bonds between people. This is why we set our feet on the streets to discover places through stories and together pave grassroots paths towards greater social inclusion. Our guided walking tours create spaces of intercultural encounter with heart that foster more expansive understandings of cultural heritage, reshaping mental maps and expanding horizons on our shared humanity. This is how we walk the talk of the African proverb, 'the footprints of people who walked together are never erased'.

MIGRANTOUR

Places change and so do we. Recognizing diversity,
sharing stories, including people.

OUR WAY

Our world is always changing. That's because we are constantly changing, too. Stereotypes try to categorize us and pin us down, separating us from what we hold in common: our shared humanity. But we are so much more than stereotypes.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD NEEDS...

- To recognise our shared humanity and develop pathways for our mutual flourishing
- To recognise that we have been mobile since the birth of humanity, and that migration is part of life, not an exception
- To recognise that cultures are dynamic and not isolated, and that we all actively make them through our interactions with one another
- To learn how to see one another and to speak and listen to one another without fear
- To acknowledge that disagreement and tensions are part of learning to live with one another

WE USE OUR...

- Lived experience of diversity, complete with its many challenges and opportunities
- Familiarity with the Migrantour route stops, acquired through collaborative research and critical reflection on our own lived experiences
- Commitment to including voices that have been marginalised from dominant history and heritage narratives
- Skill in sharing our thoughtfully-crafted personal stories 'tuned' to the needs of our Migrantour participants
- Skill in fostering empathic dialogue between tour participants and the people they encounter during the tour, as well as between tour participants themselves
- Ability to harness the power of humans walking and experiencing something together

IN ORDER ...

- To be sensorially immersed in places both familiar and unfamiliar to tour participants and to physically experience, and make sense of, place together
- To create powerful emotional engagement by, and connection with, Migrantour participants that prepares the 'soil' for seeds of change to be sown and grow
- To reveal lesser-heard and -understood perspectives on the places in which we all live
- To together reflect on and unravel old stories that foment fear of difference and hinder us from recognizing our shared humanity
- To together develop new stories that both provide hope for a future in which we can see each other as equals and guide us towards that future

TOGETHER

Let's walk together
Maybe we could fall
Doesn't matter at all

SHARE

The idea is so simple
Don't tell me you didn't
understand
Share, share, share

FUTURE

Where is the future?
If you want to see it too
Look behind you

DIVERSE

There are many of us
I don't remember all the faces
But I know they are diverse

HUMANS

Steps, voices and eyes
Crossing each other
In a traffic jam of lives.

CITY

Lights on, lights off
Noises cars and people passing
Need time to feel at home.

COMMUNITIES

Traditions and innovations
In one family
Made of many families and people

MULTICULTURE

Colors, languages
The challenge to understand
Finding a common bridge to cross

STREETS

Steps
Living city, breathing stories
Handcrafting culture

DISCOVERING

Silence, new languages
Give voice to hidden stories
City heritage

IMMERSIVE

Through all your senses
Discover another world
And break the borders

CONNECTION

We bond beyond
Any bond that could be
To become a whole

LEARNING

Open your eyes
To new possibilities
Let it transform you

MIGRATION

From here and there
What really matters after all?
We are all Humans

SPACES

Walk in spaces
Feel the sensations
Taste the cities

BELONGING

To go and arrive
To fill in the blanks
Find belonging

MEMORIES

Share memories
Find a new history
Create bonds

EDUCATES

Walking together
Migrantour educates us.
One city, all people

GRASSROOTS

Collective learning
Inclusion, all belonging
Grassroots tourism

STORIES

Stereotypes break
Unraveling old stories.
New ones include all

DIALOG

Tour an old place,
Dialog unites us all.
Walk with me, let's talk.

NOT YET INCLUDED

Not yet included.
Already been here for years.
Can you not see me?

POLITICS

I am politics.
You all are making me now.
My stomach is sour.

DIVERSITY

We might disagree.
I'm just me, not the Other.
It's diversity.

OUT-OF-THE-BOX

Out-of-the-box, huh?
How can I move beyond this
Performance for you?

Discovery of the city
through interculture,
my culture seems so dissonant to me.

SEED OF CHANGE

The seed of change
Energy of the people
Give a hope

INCLUSION

Migrantour are
The sun of inclusion
Effort the difference

LIVING

Living the city
Existing the diversity
Growing community

PEOPLE

People came, come and will
Footprints in the soul
Walk side by side

DISCOVER

What a pleasure!
Discover the others
Are a huge WE

CITY

City always changing
Full of paths and crossroads to walk
To meet each other

JOURNEY

Life's journey start in different
places
Let's walk towards each other
Let's share to change!

RAINBOW

Empty canvas
Colour of rainbow
A lot to explore

SEA

Beyond the sea
In another land
There is a festival too

MEMORIES

In memories
The story has
Fragrance of soils

CULTURE

Various trees
All exhale oxygen
It's her culture

FUTURE

Walking together
Hand in hand
Building the future

DISCOVER

Migrantour is discover
Learn from others by others
Discover ourselves

COMMUNITY

One voice
No barriers no borders
One community

VARIETY

Variety is big
Migrantour drive use through it
Variety makes everything special

DIVERSITY

Diversity is key
To embrace
Our potential and humanness

MOBILITIES

We are all moving
Mobilities makes diversity
We move in our cities

TOLERANCE

Tolerance is a heart open
Inclusive as a
River flowing

FAMILIARIZE

What is diverse
Will become familiar to us
By visiting and knowing it

DISCOVER

Discover without fear
Allows new worlds to enter
And unfold

COLOUR OF CULTURE

Colour of culture
Tune the music of the stories
That share many journeys

LOVE

Love binds us
Migrantour is a way
To meet and explore

MEMORIES

Reflect of memories
That describe many stories
experience a new journey

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