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TRAVEL WITH DABUKA

AHLAN WA SAHLAN!

We hope you had a nice summer! We are pleased to present the second edition of our travel magazine to you today.

Again, we have tried to put together a colorful bouquet of information and travel tips.

This time we would like to share very personal experiences with you, which confirm again and again our work brings us joy, and it therefore hardly feels like work at all.

Our favorite local experience in Egypt is meeting friendly people everywhere. Wherever you travel across the country you will always find somebody with a smile awaiting you. Their hospitality will make you feel like a part of the family wherever you get in touch with them. And despite the rumors, Egyptians will be running after you should you have left something behind – even if they are very poor!



It seems that our passion for travel runs in the family. Tarek's brother motivated him to open up his tourism company because he himself used to work with bikers at the time. 'Beside the mainstream and in harmony with nature' became our motto. And as Tarek loves nature and to discover new things in a sustainable way, his job is also his passion.

A very funny experience Tarek had was during an expedition in the desert in the Gilf el Kebir. One morning, he found their stock of apples strunged on the ground – each apple marked with just one huge bite. Obviously, a fennec (desert fox) had marked his next meals, because he could not store all apples in his place.

But other countries also invite you to linger, dream and experience.

Join us to new horizons and become a winner.

Get in touch and tag #dabukatravelvisions on Instagram & Facebook or sent a mail to magazine@dabuka.de for the chance to WIN a \$100 USD voucher on your next booking!

With our best travel wishes

Dorothee Rieche - Tarek El Mahdy



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AND
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Become a winner



Share your most unusual, funniest experiences with us on Instagram or Facebook and [#dabukatravelvisions](https://www.instagram.com/dabukatravelvisions) to WIN a \$100 USD voucher to make more travel dreams come true!

The winners' photos will also have the chance to be featured in our next issue.

Closing Date: 15/10/2023

For all existing Dabuka clients please join our EXCLUSIVE Facebook group "Dabuka insiders."

Winner for this issue is Mr. Wolfgang Sechser from Munich. Congratulations!



CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS

We love to hear about your amazing experiences with us and all your wonderful feedback is most welcome!

EGYPT TRIP
GABRIELE KIRCHNER, BERLIN

"In May of this year I went on a short trip to Cairo with my husband.

We wanted to use our time on site effectively and individually and turned to the local travel and expedition provider Dabuka.

We have not regretted our choice, quite the opposite!

We were impressed by the competent advice and the all-around service. Whether it was our somewhat spontaneous drive into the desert to Wadi Hitan or a visit to the pyramids, the vehicles were always in very good condition, all the drivers were reliable and concerned about our well-being.

In this way we got to know Cairo again and got a lot of information and tips about our stay.

At this point, once again, a heartfelt thank you to Tarek and Dorothee."



WOLFGANG SECHSER, MUNICH
PUBLISHERS NOTE: SUMMARY:

Wolfgang was particularly enthusiastic about the individual support, reliability and good organization.

Even at a short notice, Dabuka was able to fulfill all his wishes and to give him a special insight into the country and its people.

He hopes, that Dabuka will continue to meet its high quality standards.

EGYPT TRIP
WOLFGANG SECHSER, MUNICHEN

Gerne möchte ich Ihnen eine Rezension meiner Reise im Mai 2023 in Ägypten mit der Firma Dabuka zusenden. Dies vor allem auch deswegen, da ich außerordentlich zufrieden war.

Zuvor war ich bereits sieben Monate durch Afrika gereist und hatte erlebt, was es bedeutet, als älterer (60 Jahre) Mann alleine unterwegs zu sein. Die meisten Agenturen konnten sich nicht darauf einstellen, dass ich vor Ort in eine Kleingruppe zusteigen oder eben auch für mich als einzelner Mann eine Reise organisiert haben wollte. Entweder ging es überhaupt nicht oder ich hatte eine bereits vorgestanzte Reise mit ganz anderem Reiseanfang und Reiseende als es für meine Reise notwendig war, nehmen müssen. Da ich zudem auch relativ kurz-



fristig Angebote benötigt hatte, war es praktisch unmöglich für mich hier Unterstützung von Agenturen zu erhalten.

Ganz anders mit ihrer Firma Dabuka in Ägypten und hier insbesondere benannt mit dem Eigentümer Herrn Tarek El Mahdy.

Nicht nur, dass er perfekt Deutsch spricht (und wohl in Deutschland aufgewachsen ist), sondern auch, dass er sich den früher einmal Deutschland zugeschriebenen Werten immer noch verpflichtet fühlt, Zuverlässigkeit, Verbindlichkeit, hervorragende Organisation für genau das, was der Kunde - in diesem Fall ich - wollte.

Meine Reise in Ägypten konnte Herr Mahdy trotz der kurzen Vorlaufzeit von nur zwei Wochen in diesem Sinne wunderbar organisieren. Es ging von Luxor hinauf nach

EGYPT TRIP (CONTINUED)
WOLFGANG SECHSER, MÜNCHEN

Assuan mit einer wunderbaren kleinen Segelschunke zusammen mit einer fünfköpfigen englischen Reisegruppe - ausgezeichnetes Essen, asthetisch eingerichtete Kabinen in Einzelnutzung und eine sehr gute Tourbegleitung. Ganz anders als die vielen fünfstockigen Hotelboote, die uns täglich überholten - entspannt, mit zahlreichen Landausflügen und genügend Zeit auch bei den Ausflügen einzutauchen.

In Assuan wurde mir dann ein Fahrer und ein Tour Guide mitgeschickt, die mich vor Ort ausgezeichnet betreut hatten und es mir ermöglichten, jeweils außerhalb der touristischen Zeiten die vielen historischen Bauten zu besichtigen. Kompetent, zukommend und freundlich.

Auch hier konnte ich auf Empfehlung von Dabuka ein wunderschönes, kleines Hotel auf einer Insel buchen, wo ich der nubischen Volksgruppe nahekommen konnte.

Mit dem Flugzeug (aus zeitlichen Gründen - mir wurde zuerst der Nachtzug empfohlen, den ich gerne benutzt hätte) ging es dann nach Kairo, wo ich inmitten dieser hektischen 22 Millionen Stadt ein wunderbares, kleines Hotel mit Garten und Pool, wiederum auf Empfehlung von Herrn Mahdy, kurzfristig buchen konnte.

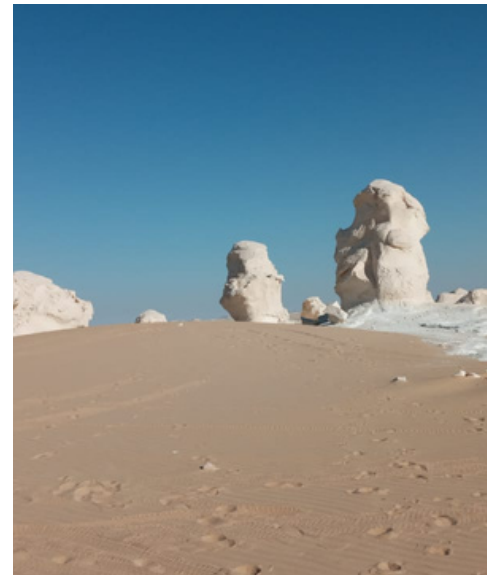
Die von ihm organisierte deutschsprachige



Begleitung brillierte mit historischem Fachwissen und auch sozial-politischen Kenntnissen. Selbst der zusätzlich organisierte Fahrer hat sich eher als als freundschaftliche Begleitung als Dienstleister gezeigt.

Zusammenfassend kann ich die Firma Dabuka und Herrn Mahdy nur aufs wärmste empfehlen, gerade wenn man individuell, spontan und mit einem Anspruch an Ästhetik unterwegs sein möchte.

Weiter gutes Gelingen und bitte lassen Sie nicht in Ihrem Anspruch nach.



WHITE DESERT TRIP
OLI, BONN

Spending three days in the White Desert with Dabuka was an experience of a lifetime.

From driving off-road right into the spectacular dunes past surreal-looking white sand to camping right underneath the stars with no one else around us - priceless.

The cook spoiled us with culinary delights (pretty incredible given we had to carry everything with us in our jeeps) and Tarek was a fantastic guide ready to share his knowledge as we ventured deep inside the desert.

Highly recommend! Can't wait for another trip!



NEWS

Oman:

Maternity leave in Oman has been almost doubled in sweeping reforms announced by the country's government. Previously, paid maternity leave could last up to 50 days but that figure has been increased to 98.

Other changes include the introduction of seven days' paid paternity leave, when previously there was none.

Under the new laws, there is also an entitlement of 14 days of paid bereavement leave in the event that the husband of a non-Muslim worker passes away.

Employers and workers have welcomed the changes.

Muscat, Oman, 26.7.2023, thenationalnews

Dar es Salaam:

Tanzania's Magnet Youth Sports Academy (MYSA) B14B and B16 teams have qualified for Gothia Cup playoffs in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The two teams managed to top their groups after winning all three group stage matches to collect the maximum points.

MYSA's B14B managed to collect nine points while MYSA's B16 collected seven points.

The citizen, 19.7.23

Tanzania has lifted a ban on night-time upcountry bus travel that was imposed decades ago.

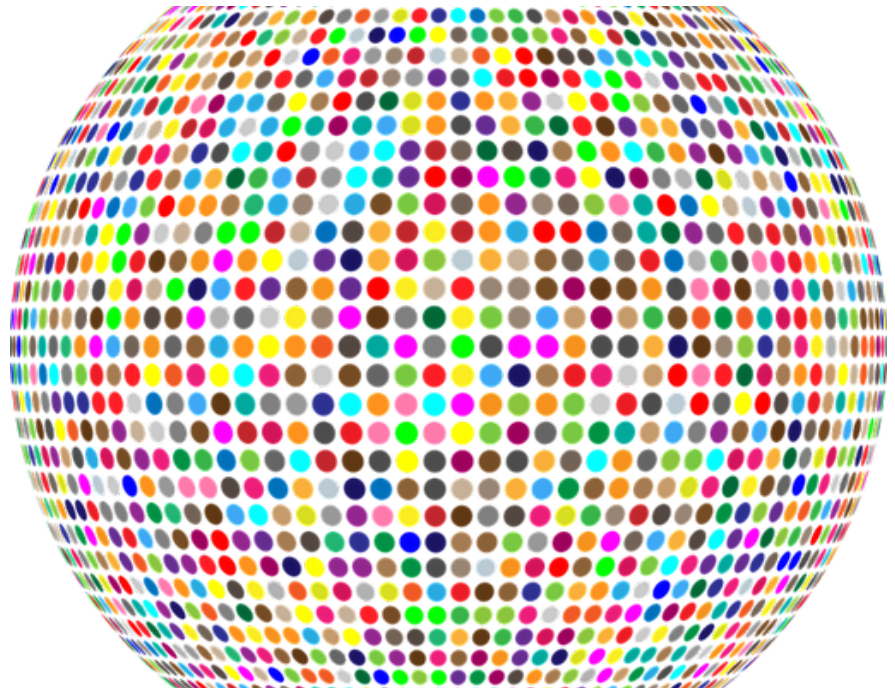
The government says the changes came after considering the views of stakeholders in the transport sector, as well as improvement in infrastructure and security.

While announcing the move in parliament, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the ban was imposed in the 1990s following a rise in road accidents and hijacking of buses.

He has now directed the relevant authorities to work to "establish a procedure to be followed by the owners and drivers of passenger buses who intend to transport passengers at night".

The lifting of the ban, which is expected to stimulate growth in the transport sector, has been welcomed by the association of Tanzanian bus owners.

BBC News, June 23



Egypt:

The first symbolic direct flight *between Tehran and Cairo* will be launched within 45 days," according to /_Tasnim_/, a semi-official news agency in Iran.

It reported that Iran held talks with Egypt last week to resume tourism between the two countries, adding that a delegation from the Egyptian tourism ministry is expected to visit Tehran soon. On Thursday, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said his country welcomes normalizing relations with countries of the region, *including Egypt and Morocco*

al-Shorouk/ recalled- July 2023

Four Egyptian artifacts have been nominated as among the world's most "supernatural" discoveries, archaeological expert Magdy Shaker announced on Wednesday.

Shaker added in televised statements to "Extra News" channel that the pieces that were nominated are unique and unprecedented.

The first of these is the Rosetta Stone, the discovery that led to the world deciphering ancient Egypt's language.

He explained that the stone was discovered during the French campaign in Egypt, then the UK seized it to put it on display in the British Museum.

The second piece is the statue of King Ramses II, which is still in the British Museum, and weighs 7.25 tons.

It is considered one of the largest statues in the world, Shaker said, pointing out that the British forces seized it after the French campaign attempted to destroy it.

The third piece, called the 'icon of beauty', is a piece of a statue of Nefertiti's head. At 47 cm high, it weighs around 20kg. It is made of limestone and lacks the left eye, he said, describing it as a beautiful masterpiece.

The fourth piece is the most expensive artifact in the world, which is the mask of King Tutankhamun, Shaker said.

He said that the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamun is "beyond imagination."

Shaker stressed that the nomination of the four pieces to be among the most "supernatural archaeological discoveries" is excellent advertising for Egyptian tourism even if three of the four artifacts are outside the country.

Egypt Independent, July 2023

Stories beside the main stream

My way from Germany to Tunisia – Libya – Egypt

As a German-Egyptian, I have always traveled back and forth between both countries and cultures.

And – certainly not to the delight of my parents – my life decisions were based on visions that I was willing to implement on my own if necessary and with an uncertain outcome.

I remember one example: 30 years ago, I wanted to travel by car from Germany to Egypt via Tunisia and Libya:

4500 km on the road.

Ghaddafi's Libya had opened up for tourism in 1989 but hardly anyone noticed it. Later It took me three years to take friends along and another two years to take the first client to Libya. For now I had just saved enough money to buy a brand new Toyota Land Cruiser in Germany. Unfortunately, many dreams cannot be realized without money – which was always scarce for me at the time.

I had already made an expensive trip by boat from Venice to Alexandria and here I got the information that the route from Tunisia through Libya was open and that someone had done it. That was the initial spark! Even though it was all I knew, I wanted to try myself. Since I was well aware that all my friends would think I was more or less crazy, I planned the tour on my own from the start. Arabic speaking, I thought communication would not be a problem.

But - a Toyota Landcruiser is quite a big car and being solely responsible for everything is a big deal. The last days before departure, I bought everything that seemed useful to me - for the first time I didn't have to worry about possible excess luggage like on flights – my best friend, the car, carried everything without complain.

Ready to go!



North Africa was quite safe at that time - my worries were in Southern Europe. That's why I wanted to finish this route as quickly as possible. No sooner said that done!

Italy was not very familiar to me and my Italian was none existing. But actually I ended up in Genoa in the harbour and found the right ferry boat. The Tunisian "Habib", at that time already a legend for all the Algeria and Tunisia lovers.

I thought to myself: "Fortune favors the brave" and I was curious to see how things would continue.

The crossing from Italy to Tunisia was quite pleasant and the 17 hours including the night passed quickly. Everyone was already preparing the entrance procedures on the ferryboat. The passports were stamped and the custom procedures (diwan) done.



But when I went to get my passport stamped, my first difficulty arose. The officer saw a German passport and an Arabic name and decided that I have to stamp the passport when the Habib enters the harbor. Without a stamped passport, no finishing of the customs.....

Therefore I had plenty of time to “enjoy the stay on board,” while everyone else had their papers done, before the ship entered Tunisia.

Finally, we arrived and everyone got off. I had to wait and look for a passport officer, while everyone else was leaving the boat and the harbor with a smile. Very few Tunisians with overloaded cars were still waiting in the custom area. After a while, I received my stamped passport and were allowed to drive to the customs. The staff there obviously was not too keen on having to wait for latecomers, so they bothered myself with having to completely unpack my car. Several hours later, I had to pack again. I left the harbor as one of the last 600 cars.

How to find my way now?! Everyone was gone. With the Sea at one side and not too many choices I was heading towards Tunis, the capital, looking for road signs towards the Libyan border. Arriving at the first big roundabout with signs of city names which didn't tell me anything, I decided to ask the nice Tunisian police man who was standing in the roundabout. I stopped beside him, let the window down and asked politely for the way to the Libyan border.

His answer was a lesson in Tunisian habits, In Tunisia, first you have to greet and park the car, get off from the car and then address your question to a person. Here I faced a new problem where to park? Was it allowed to park in the roundabout?

I had to make up my mind in seconds. I obeyed and parked the car in the roundabout, got off with soft knees and went over to that kind policeman to get my next instruction. Instead I was shown the direction! New countries - new habits!

I got something to eat in a street restaurant and slept this night some kilometers from the border in a small hotel with a fenced garage.



When I was approaching the border the next morning there were more and more men with a moto cycle, standing along the road with a bundle of strange looking money and waving with it as soon as a car came from any side. Several cars with Tunisian or Libyan number plates stopped occasionally.

I thought: “Ok, this is for sure blackmarket money exchange. I will be a smart boy and ignore them. As Libya is a serious country, I will not make any transaction. I will see what they will need from me and at the border bank, I will exchange with the official exchange rate. “

I had enough German DM in my pocket and were sure, this made me unassailable. For the general cause of the trip, I had also US dollars with me to be on the safe side. However it was clear to me, that I shouldn't use them in Libya, since relations with America had bombed Gaddafi's house in the 1980s and an embargo was enforced. So ignoring everyone - I came to the border....

[Read how it went on in our next issue.](#)



OUTSTANDING DESTINATIONS



Selected Destinations Around The Globe

In our last issue we started to introduce Nubia Part 1.

Follow us today to Part 2: Aswan Low Dam or Old Aswan Dam and Heissa Island

We are speaking about the area south of the Aswan Low Dam until Aswan High Dam as further south Lake Nasser starts. (This part was our Nubia Part I of the last issue).

As we had started our first issue with the Aswan High Dam we will start this issue with the Aswan Low Dam or Old Aswan Dam which is a gravity masonry buttress dam on the Nile River in Aswan, Egypt. The dam was built by the British at the former first cataract of the Nile, and is located about 1000 km up-river and 690 km (direct distance) south-southeast of Cairo.

The aim was to dam the floods in order to bridge the drought in phases of water shortages and to be able to cultivate agricultural land several times. When initially constructed between 1899 and 1902, nothing of its scale had ever been attempted; on completion, it was the largest masonry dam in the world. Nowadays it's the main connection between Aswan city and Aswan airport. It was raised twice: between 1907 and 1912 and again between 1929 and 1933. These heightening still did not meet irrigation demands and in 1946 it was nearly over-topped in an effort to maximize pool elevation. This led to the investigation and construction of the Aswan High Dam 6 km upstream.

Only 6 kilometers distance – but a big impact.

For sure the most important and well known structure in that part is the Temple of Philae. Due to the damming of the Old Dam it had to be moved from the island of Philae to the neighboring island Agelika.-

Do our quiz about the temple and find the answers in our next issue!

There were also three bigger islands. Bigga, Awad and Heissa the biggest. They lost area due to the flooding. In any case, until 2012 these areas were forgotten and neglected.

When in 2012 the festival “Characters of Egypt” was held on Heissa Island, it was the first and only time that it drew attention.

Afterwards, Dabuka was one of the first to get some individual tourist to that island. In the last ten years the island saw a boom in activity and became an insider destination.

Additional infos:

Plenty of huge rocks were removed from Heissa island north side and were used in the construction of the Aswan Dam (Old Dam).

Sunsets can be seen from several places and there is a ferryboat link to the mainland during the day time hours.

There are several Taxi (Boat stops) as well as each of the places of the island is arranging its own boat transfers to Aswan. Crossing over takes between 5 – 15 mins.

Kayaking is possible too.

Dabuka Insider tips where to stay and where to eat on [Heissa Island](#):



Agilika Lodge	Bayt Toto	Heissa Artie	Sally's Nubian Guest House
Annory house	Beebaro Lodge	Ijelka Hotel	Tigana hostel
Anno Ka 1	Ben Ben Hotel	Kemet Nubian guest House	Anno Ka Dool restaurant
Anno Ka 2	Blue Lotus Ecolodge	Maison Nubienne Badwai Ka	Basem
Ano Ka Dool Hotel and restaurant	Bob Marley Camp and Cafe	Noprea Boutique Hotel	Bayt Hassan Abd Haress
Ashay Ka	Guest house Vasser	Nubia Sudania	Bayt Ramadan
Ayujidda Nubian House	Haissa Camp	Ramy Haissa Camp	Mando
Bayt Ahmed Badawy	Happiness Nubian House	Ramy Heisa Nubian Guest house	Nubia Key Camp



Quiz

- 1- What do have Philae Temple in Luxor and Balbeek in Lebanon in common?
- 2- In which very famous story telling, known all over the world, the Philae Temple is involved?
- 3- How was the original island called, where Philae Temple was located and how is the island called now?
- 4- Why and when the Philae Temple was moved to his present location?
- 5- An Obelisk was removed from Philae Temple. From whom, when and where is the Obelisk now?

TRAVEL VISIONS



Series: Hidden Gems

In our series of hidden gems we regularly introduce you to places that are less well-known, although are definitely worth visit or do.

I believe I can fly I believe I can touch the sky!!

Take 3 days to experience some of Cairo's top attractions, with a flight over the pyramids sure to be the highlight. With Dabuka you can now book your Paramotor Flying ticket and soar above the Pyramids.

Book your adventure today, and participate in a life event that you will never forget.

What else?

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Booking details:

Price: 148 \$ or 168 \$

The pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx are among the most popular tourist destinations in the world, and indeed already were even in Roman times.

Embarking on a tour of the Egyptian Museum is an exhilarating adventure into ancient Egypt's captivating history. The tour showcases the evolution of ancient Egyptian art and culture, from Tutankhamun's gallery to royal mummies. The Egyptian Museum tour offers a glimpse into the extraordinary world of pharaohs and their legacy.

The Citadel of Sultan Salah al-Din al-Ayyubi (Saladin) is one of the most iconic monuments in Islamic Cairo, and among the most impressive defensive fortresses dating to the Middle Ages. Its strategic location on the Muqattam Hills gave it a formidable defensive position, and offered, as it still does today, an unrestricted panoramic view of Cairo.

August 2023	October 2023	December 2023
Friday 4 August 2023	Friday 6 October 2023	Friday 1 December 2023
Saturday 5 August 2023	Saturday 7 October 2023	Saturday 2 December 2023
Sunday 6 August 2023	Sunday 8 October 2023	Sunday 3 December 2023
Friday 11 August 2023	Monday 9 October 2023	Friday 8 December 2023
Saturday 12 August 2023	Tuesday 10 October 2023	Saturday 9 December 2023
Sunday 13 August 2023		Sunday 10 December 2023



The winner get's it all

Sometimes you can't decide and just want EVERYTHING:

WOW – here you can combine the highlights of three extraordinary countries worth seeing. Egypt is regarded as a key player in the Middle East and Africa region.

We think, no traveler can avoid having been close to the Pharaohs at least once in his life.

And we bring them to life - the Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Temples at Aswan and Luxor, as well as snorkeling paradises in the Red Sea.

Get the main attractions of Egypt all in one - Live life - Egypt!

If there's one Middle Eastern country that is truly distinctive from other countries in the region, it has to be Lebanon. It is an incredible tourist destination with its fascinating historical landmarks, pristine beaches, delicious cuisine, stellar night life and picturesque mountains. The country truly offers something for everyone's taste. Visitors can take in Phoenician ruins, Greek and Roman temples, medieval Arab cities, and a vibrant modern culture featuring some of the best food, music, and coffee culture in the world.



Insider tip for nature lovers and travel enthusiasts

:
Socotra – a kind of modern Garden of Eden, a secret world filled with trees of knowledge and life – unique species with mythical names such as Dragons Blood or Desert Rose. Socotra is a botanists paradise.

It is the last place on planet Earth where no species that we know has gone extinct in the last 100 years. In recognition of its distinct plant and animal life, the archipelago was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008.

The Island stands isolated between the Guardafui Channel and the Arabian Sea and is often described as the Galapagos of the Indian Ocean.

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Booking details:

Price: from 7990\$

Duration: 21 days

(including flights - Cairo - Beirut • Cairo / Cairo- Aden - Hadibu - Aden - Cairo)

SPOTLIGHTS



THE STORY OF THE FAYOUM POTTERY BOOK

JULY 29, 2023

Published by the American University in Cairo Press, the Fayoum Pottery book by Mr. Neil Hewison is a lavishly illustrated book with over 150 full-color photographs of unique designs and rare methods, providing an in-depth look at the pottery produced in the Fayoum. The book reveals the stories of the three villages and the skilled potters who make their living in Fayoum, looking at how they learned their trade and how they work, from the preparation of the clay to the formation of the pots on the wheel or by hand, to the decoration, the glazing, and the firing, and finally to the display or distribution and sale of the finished product.

For past and future travelers to Egypt, lovers of the craft of pottery, practitioners, and collectors, this beautifully illustrated exploration of the ceramics of the Fayoum will inspire and enchant.

Come and see yourself! Here you can practice the theory of the book.

Day 1: Drive to Wadi El Hital = World Heritage Site, also called Valley of the Whales. It shows how the desert used to be sea.

Now it is an openair walk, where individual skeletons with explanations can still be found.

There is also a very nicely designed museum that explains the history.

Surrounding landscape is also spectacular, all the while dunes and sandy desert. On the way back you can add a few dune runs, then you have an overnight stay in the artists' village of Tunis.

Day 2: Stroll around in the pottery village, watch the pottery and maybe buy some. Beautiful walks, you can also go horseback riding along the lake.



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13 reasons why you should visit Oman at least once in your lifetime:

- Omanis are one of the kindest people on Earth.
- Oman's majestic heritage and culture.
- Oman is all about natural beauty – and it has an amazing desert!!
- Oman is a perfect place for peace and relaxation,
- Oman is one of the cleanest countries in the world.
- Omanis generosity and hospitality.
- Oman's traditional costumes.
- Salalah Khareef Festival.
- To be surrounded by the marvelous smell of frankincense.
- The unique and authentic Omani food.
- A walk around local souks.
- Museums, History, and Islamic Oman.
- Traditional weddings and celebrations.



A key reason to do it with us:

Oman trips are offered by many – our relationships are unique!

Route:

Muscat tour – Jabal Akhdar – Nizwa-Falaj Daris - Jabal Shams - The Balcony Walk – Hasat Bin Salt - Bahla - Fahud - Wadi Aswad – Um Samim - Qurun Al Fiddah - Ramlat Al Sahmah - Ramlat Muqshin - Al Ghaftayn - Jiddat al Harasis - Wild Life Reserve- Huqf Depression - Wahiba Sands - Ghuwafat al-Habb -Wadi Bani Khaled - Sur - Muscat

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Booking details:

Price: from 4200\$
Duration: 15 days / 14 nights (3 hotels/ 11 camping)

Dates: 13 - 27 February 2024
Registration deadline: 31 December 2023



PACKING LIST FOR DESERT TRAVEL

Generally

Travel documents (passport, visa, credit card, pen)

- Travel bag or rucksack (ideally 120 l.), suitcases are rather unsuitable
- small daypack (20-30 l.)
- Warm sleeping bag (nights in the desert can be cold, especially in Dec. - Feb)
- 1 sleeping pad per participant will be provided
- Water bottle 1-1.5 l or water bag
- Thermos bottle, e.g. Flsk, is not only suitable for tea/coffee, but also very good for water
- Headlamp, possibly flashlight included. spare batteries
- Pocket knife ATTENTION: Not in hand luggage!
- Sunglasses/spare glasses (contact lenses may cause problems in wind and sand)
- Lighter/matches (to burn toilet paper)
- small plastic bags to protect sensitive objects from sand (e.g. camera, mobile phone, etc.)
- Stuff sacks for clothes and dirty laundry

Clothing

- Headgear, e.g. peaked cap, headscarf
- Shawl
- Long, comfortable cotton pants or trekking pants. Women should avoid shorts (especially in the oases)
- 1 warm wind jacket/ski jacket
- Hat and gloves important from Dec.-Feb.
- 1 fleece jacket or sweater
- 2-3 short and long sleeve shirts/blouses, also depends on the season
- 3-4 t-shirts, short and long sleeve
- underwear
- pyjama
- 1 pair of socks/week. Warm socks for the evening
- pair of sturdy shoes, e.g. sneakers, trekking shoes, well worn in for walking/trekking
- pair of sturdy sandals. Shoes that you can slip in and out of quickly, for camp or short distances
- 1 towel/cotton wrap. Also suitable as a pad, bath towel, protection against wind and sun

Toiletries

- Soap suitable for body, hair and clothing
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Dental floss
- Mouthwash
- Sun cream with a high sun protection factor
- Skin Lotion
- Foot Cream (if needed)
- Lip balm with sun protection factor
- Disposable washcloths or kitchen towels that burn well
- Wet wipes also for washing cats as a shower substitute
- Toilet paper
- Ladies' hygiene items
- Bread paper bags, for disposal of daily rubbish. Can also be burned very well

Travel pharmacy

- personal medication / medicines / painkillers/ diarrhea/vomiting/ fever
- Cold/cough/nasal spray/nasal ointment
- Mosquito repellent
- Handkerchiefs



What is the meaning of a Fata Morgana?

Morgan the Fairy

Fata Morgana is the Italian name for Morgan le Fay (meaning "Morgan the Fairy"), a sorceress of medieval legends. This sister of the legendary King Arthur is sometimes portrayed as the ruler of the island paradise Avalon and is said to have had a number of magical powers, with which she caused a great deal of trouble.

Nowadays, when one thinks of a mirage, one thinks of a mirage that fools the eye.

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"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

W. H. Murray

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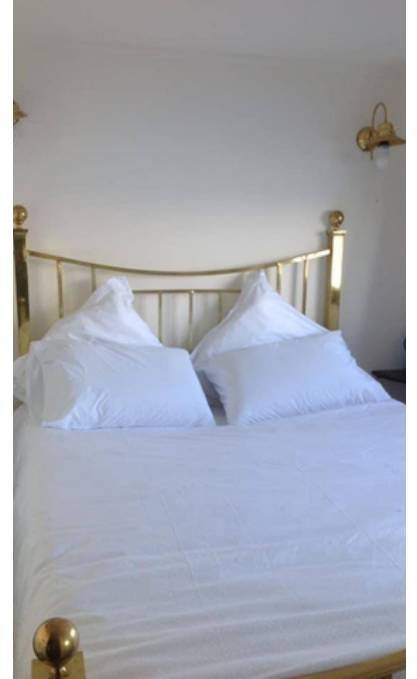
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What was the original name of Luxor, Egypt?

Thebes

Luxor was a very important city as the Greeks named it “Thebes” and the ancient Egyptians called “Waset.” The current name “Luxor” means in Arabic Al-Uqşur that means “The Palaces” or perhaps “The Forts” from the Roman castrum and from the Latin castrum as the “fortified camp”.

Travelling to Luxor is a lifetime experience, as if in a time machine that takes you back to the great times of Egypt’s legendary kings, queens, deities and above all Egypt’s exquisite capital of civilization. Situated in the Nile Valley in Upper Egypt, Luxor is an essential component of any Egyptian itinerary. It is a layered city, each inch of it witnessed great times, then had been covered with newer monuments of greater beauty and glamour.

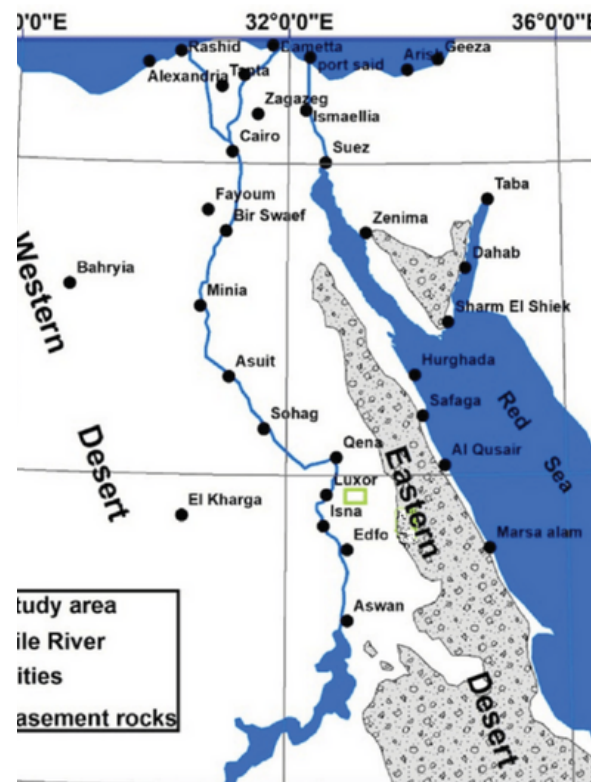
He was a famous one Amun-Ra in this period (16th to 11th centuries BC) held the position of transcendental, self-created creator deity “par excellence”; he was the champion of the poor or troubled and central to personal piety. With Osiris, Amun-Ra is the most widely recorded of the Egyptian gods.

If you look on the internet you will be overwhelmed by tips and sights in and around Luxor.

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:
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Lake hopping in Tanzania

Poem from Tanzania

The Winds of Time

One day I stood on a small hill looking down at the lake on the day of storms. I watched the waves rising and falling. Swelling swirling, churning and spuming foam like mad bulls in a field with no grass. How they surge!
How they collapse and rise again!

I had seen nothing like this before.
I watched them crash and soar driven by the winds from the West and the East - just like our world and our lives which rise and fall on the winds of time.

Watch them grab power the way a drowning man clutches the leg of his friend!

Watch them clutch money the way a child grips a doll or a mad soldier grabs his rifle to silence us.

They will rise and fall and collapse, driven by the winds of time.

POEM BY EUPHRASE KEZILAHABI

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- Tarangire's elephants and baobab trees.





Desert and waterways - Do you believe in Jinns?

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And sometimes while traveling you jump a bit out of our so-called "normal times". Once a guest was sitting at night at the hotel entrance to read a book. He was interrupted by two hotel staff, Adel and Hussein who started a little chat. And the magic of the desert night led them into the omnipresent realm of the supernatural.

Adel was explaining how certain Sheikhs have the power to enslave jinn and use them to "pull" treasures buried deep under the ground, treasures such as Pharaonic statues, gold, and red mercury, an extremely rare and valuable substance that was used for mummification. A proficient Sheikh is not only able to "pull" treasure from a certain site, but can also do so from a distance.

Furthermore Sheikh's differ in their "pulling" power, some can "pull" at a depth of fifteen kilometers, others at five, and others can only fix a treasure's place in the ground.

As for the jinn they inhabit the different layers of the earth and have the power to possess people. Once possessed, a person would behave in bizarre ways, and would return to normality only when the jinn leave their body.

At that Adel recounted a story of a man who used to lock himself in a public bathroom and talk to himself. Adel found him there once, and asked him to get out. A voice responded: "leave him alone". This, Adel explained, was no doubt a jinn talking through the man. Adel threatened the jinn with a beating if he doesn't leave, a few minutes later the man opened the bathroom door, was crying and left the building. Hussein

gave support to this anecdote, confirming that the possessing jinn could leave the body after the possessed person is beaten. He said that a beating is directed, essentially, at the jinn and the person feels nothing.

The guest traveled on the next morning, the day had him again – but the stories of the night accompanied him.



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This is one of our friends who was also a close co-worker for years.

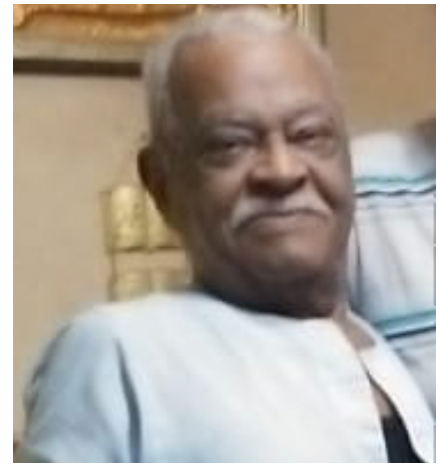
Dabuka: "Rayes, for many years you looked after our cars without asking for money, that's really unusual."

Rayes: "Maybe, but I just saw that you needed me and I also felt comfortable in your garden, next to the garage. Sometimes it is not only about business, but about human relationships. I had already a long career behind me and was happy to pass on knowledge and connections"

Dabuka: "We were lucky....You spent a lot of time with us – your family was not complaining?"

Rayes: "I have no children and my wife supported me always (like good women do,)) Tarek was a bit like my son..."

Dabuka: "Thank you. When you think back to your long working life – is there anything that you particularly remember?"



The plane how we found it in the Libyan Desert



Rayes: "It was really a long life. You know, I am born in Aswan, starting to work there as a responsible for cars and drivers in iron ore mines. After a while, I was moved to Baharya, also working in the same business.

At that time, there was still a functioning airport near the oasis and there used to be regularly flights to Cairo and back. We're talking about the late 1960s period.

One day, a flight took off – and never arrived at Cairo Airport. I was part of the search party that was sent to find the machine. But she was disappeared for good. We were looking everywhere without success, after a while, we had to give up.

A few years later, residents of the oasis went to Libya for work – and found the remains of the missing plane in the desert. Apparently the pilot flew in the wrong direction and, when the fuel ran out, made an emergency landing.

An oil search party found the bodies of the inmates, who died of hunger and thirst in the wider area. One person was gone forever.

It remains a complete mystery how this accident could have happened on a routine flight.

As a consequence, all the flight routes to all oases were shut down."

Dabuka: "We know, many years later, we found the machine also during a trip. We always wondered what happened- now we know!"

The picture was taken shortly before the famous "Arab Spring".

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By Chance

There are many ways to come to Egypt!! Did you know that there are different daily ferryboats?

1- There is the ferry line between Jordan and Egypt (Arab Bridge Maritime Services)

She has daily departures in both directions and is handling passengers and vehicles alike.

Running since 1885 she has meanwhile a fleet of seven vessels.

Timetable (please make sure that timings are still valuable!)

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Aqaba Nuweiba: 10 pm and 1 am.

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Timetable:

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2- Ferry line between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. She has daily departures in both directions and is handling passengers and vehicles alike. The ports Dibah (Saudi Arabia) and Safaga (Egypt) are expanding their capacities due to the growing demand between the Gulf States and Egypt.

3. The legendary ferry-line between Shallal and Wadi Halfa was shut down again, due to the two official land crossing possibilities that opened up officially in 2015 between Egypt and Sudan.



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