

MEDITERRANEAN & MIDDLE EAST



WHO ARE WE

Established in 1978 the Thompson Tours and Travel Group is the touring arm of Cullinan Holdings, a specialist and outdoor group quoted on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. We provide tourism services within South Africa and cater to both people travelling abroad and to those visiting Africa from around the world.

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THOMPSONS

Thompsons Tours Mediterranean product is made up of Greece, Turkey and, new in 2006, Tunisia. The Greek Isles are a sun-lovers paradise, Turkey is famous for its beautiful mosques and bustling markets, while Tunisia is a land of contrasts between the beauty of the blue Mediterranean and the harsh, mystical Sahara Desert.

The Middle East offers awe-inspiring places such as Dubai, Qatar & Egypt. Here the contrast between old and new amazes visitors. Dubai is only 30yrs old and is a modern marvel while still retaining some of its Bedouin traditions. Egypt, on the other hand, is steeped in history dating back to the time of the Pharaohs who lived 4 000 years ago.

The Mediterranean & the Middle East together offer the traveller diversity beyond belief. There is truly something

for everyone - amazing shopping, incredible attractions, exciting activities, sun-drenched beaches, bustling nightlife, exotic food and a cultural experience never to be forgotten. Thompsons can take you there.

Thompsons has added new destinations, new and exciting sightseeing tours, new hotels and a whole host of special offers for 2006 to ensure an incredible holiday in the Mediterranean & the Middle East.

CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN

Thompsons Tours offers a variety of cruises in the Mediterranean on board Royal Caribbean, Star Cruises or Star Clippers. Visit some of the Mediterranean's historical cities such as Barcelona, Marseille, Rome, Venice, Dubrovnik or Alexandria or explore the beauty of the Greek Isles and Turkey. Choose from our wide range of itineraries, sailing dates and excellent prices. Experience the Med like never before!

THOMPSONS VALUE FOR MONEY

We at Thompsons know and love the Mediterranean & the Middle East.



As one of the largest tour operators to this region from South Africa, we enjoy excellent rates and booking conditions with our partner Airlines, Hotels, Ferry and Coach companies. This translates into the best value for you, our valued customer.

OUR SERVICES

- Transfers from airports and hotels
- A huge range of accommodation
- Escorted Tours
- Tailor-made holiday packages
- Luxury Cruise packages
- Adventure holidays
- Entertainment... and more



PRICE GUARANTEE

All prices quoted are based on the airfares and exchange rates ruling at March 2006. Both elements are volatile, and final prices need to be confirmed at the time of booking. However, once full payment is received from you, the price paid is guaranteed, irrespective of any subsequent airfare increase or fluctuations in the exchange rate. Thompsons Terms and Conditions apply to all reservations.

HOTEL GRADINGS

Hotels are graded according to the official grading system of the relevant country. Please note that these standards may differ from South African hotel standards.

Whatever the country, we at Thompsons maintain the highest standards, with regular visits to all hotels to check standards and facilities.



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THE FUTURE OF DUBAI



CAPITAL CITY:
Abu Dhabi. Tourist gateway, Dubai.

LANGUAGE:
Arabic and English

CURRENCY:
UAE Dirham (AED) 1 AED = 3.673 USD

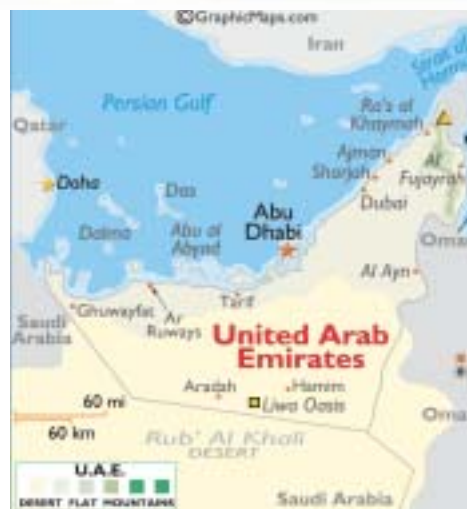
VISA:
SA passport holders require a visa. All other passport holders to check with Thompsons before travel.

AIRPORT TAX: Included in your ticket

AREA: 83 000 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE: SA time + 2 hours.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:
No inoculations are required when visiting the UAE.



The UAE is made up of 7 Emirates - Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Ras Al Khaimah, Fujairah and Umm Al Quwain. Dubai is the centre of Tourism for the region and is the most highly developed of the cities in the UAE. Dubai is a cosmopolitan city with a distinctive cultural blend of old meets new and East meets West.

Founded on maritime trading, the emirate of Dubai has welcomed visitors to its warm, sandy shores for hundreds of years. Today this entrepreneurial tradition remains strong and visitors will be charmed by the warmth and hospitality of the "City of Merchants". Superb sporting opportunities, extensive shopping centres and excellent dining and entertainment facilities, coupled with safe streets, make Dubai a destination second to none.

For holidaymakers seeking a break in the sun to adventurers hunting for their next adrenaline rush, Dubai has something for everyone.

TREND SETTERS

For years Dubai has been at the forefront of innovation and proved that they were committed to development when they built the first 7-star hotel in the world in the middle of the ocean, the Burj Al Arab. The desalination plants in Jebel Ali are state-of-the-art and make it possible for a city to flourish in the middle of a desert. Dubai is also setting trends with its recent land reclamation projects, the Palm Jumeirah and the World.

In 2006 and the coming years, Dubai has planned development beyond imagination:

THE PALMS

The three Palm Island projects are creating one of the world's most iconic housing and tourism projects, each offering a host of villas and apartments for sale, as well as stunning resorts including the 2 000-room Atlantis on The Palm. They are the world's largest man-made islands and are adding much-needed beach frontage to the emirate of Dubai. There will be three Palms in total - the Palm Jumeirah, The Palm Jebel Ali and the biggest of them all, The Palm Deira. Residents of the Palm Jumeirah, the first Palm due for completion, will be taking up residence by the end of 2007.



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL CITY

This area of Dubai will contain a new Chinatown district, the Dubai Marina, Emirates Hills, Arabian Ranches, Dubai Festival City, Jumeirah Beach Residence, Jumeirah Lake Towers and Jumeirah Islands. All of these areas will combine homes for sale with new hotels and tourist attractions.

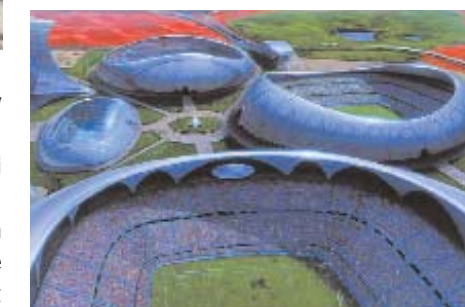
BURJ DUBAI

Billed as the world's tallest tower at more than 800m high, Burj Dubai will lie at the centre of a fantastic new downtown complex also containing the world's largest shopping mall, the Dubai Mall, and an Arabian-themed housing district.



DUBAILAND

One of the biggest developments is Dubailand, which covers an area twice the size of Disneyworld in Florida. Comprising 6 huge areas for themed leisure attractions with hotel accommodation, Dubailand has been billed as a cross between Las Vegas and Orlando. There are already 10



projects underway in Dubailand. These comprise the government's new Global Village and Dubai Heritage Vision district, the Dubai Autodrome, the Aqua Dubai Waterpark, the Dubai Sunny Mountain Ski Dome, the Plantation Equestrian Centre, the Arabian Land Theme Park, a new Downtown Area and Al Emarat Sports World. In addition to this, Dubai Sports City, which will offer facilities managed by Manchester United, Ernie Els and tennis champ, David Lloyd, will also form part of Dubailand.



USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT THINGS COST: (Estimated)

- Glass of wineAED35
- BeerAED30
- Bottle of waterAED1
- ColdrinksAED2
- Light lunchAED15

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shopping for clothes, shoes, handbags, sunglasses and watches and bargaining at Al Karama.
- Waking up to sunshine and clear skies everyday of the year.
- Traditional Briyani made with either lamb or chicken.
- Crossing the Creek in an Abra (traditional water taxi).
- The smell of the Spice Souk and the dazzle of the Gold Souk.
- Riding the slides at Wild-Wadi Water Park.
- Smoking a sheisha (hubbly-bubbly) pipe under the stars on a Dune Safari.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

The weather in Dubai is very predictable - hot and humid. November to March is the best time to visit as this is considered "winter" in Dubai. It is not humid at all during this time and the daytime temperatures are bearable - around 20 degrees.

The hottest time of the year is July and August when the daytime temperatures can reach over 50 degrees and the humidity is 100%! It only rains in Dubai about twice a year. You can be guaranteed of clear blue skies and sunny weather no matter what time of the year you go...

HOW TO GET THERE:

- Emirates flies direct to Dubai
- Qatar Airways flies via Doha to Dubai
- Ethiopian Airways flies direct to Abu Dhabi
- Kenya Airways flies via Nairobi to Dubai



DUBAI - CITY

★★★★ GOLDEN SANDS APARTMENTS

LOCATION: Located in Bur Dubai just 5km from the Dubai International Airport, and less than 2km away from the shopping district and other leisure activities.
ACCOMMODATION: Guests have a choice of either 1 or 2 room studios, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments. All units have kitchenettes (apartments have full kitchens), washing machine and kitchen appliances. Fully furnished apartments, can accommodate up to 6 adults or 4 adults & 2 children.
FACILITIES: Swimming Pool, Sauna, Gymnasium, House keeping, security, restaurant, free internet.

★★★★ PEARL RESIDENCE APARTMENTS

LOCATION: Conveniently located just off Bank Street in Bur Dubai, 15 minutes from Dubai International Airport.
ACCOMMODATION: Thompsons offer 1 room studios or 1 bedroom apartments. All apartments are serviced daily by housekeeping and external laundry facilities are also available.
FACILITIES: 24hr coffee shop and 24hr room service. The Blue Moon Club entertainment facility.

★★★★ SAVOY HOTEL APARTMENTS

LOCATION: In the centre of the commercial hub of Bur Dubai. Within easy walking distance of Bur Juman Shopping Mall, restaurants and the Fahidi Street shopping district.
ACCOMMODATION: 126 furnished studio apartments, with kitchenette, en suite bathroom and TV. Standard studios, accommodating 3 adults or 2 adults and 1 child.
FACILITIES: Coffee shop which offers a buffet breakfast and lunch, swimming pool jacuzzi, sauna billiards, table tennis and fitness centre.

★★★★ DAR AL SONDOS APARTMENTS

LOCATION: Located in Bur Dubai, just a few minutes walk from major shopping centres.
ACCOMMODATION: 144 elegantly furnished, spacious studios with self-catering facilities. All apartments are air-conditioned and have colour TV with satellite channels, microwave, kettle, toaster, electric oven, cutlery, crockery, washing machine/dryer and hair dryer.
FACILITIES: Health and fitness centre and features a roof-top swimming pool, sauna and steam rooms, shuttle bus to the beach. Restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

★★★★ SEASHELL INN

LOCATION: On the famous Bank Street, in the heart of Dubai's business district. Traditional souk area is only a few minutes walk away while the beach is 15 minutes drive from the hotel.
ACCOMMODATION: Comfortable and air-conditioned accommodation units, with modern amenities. Room service is also available.
FACILITIES: On site restaurants serve Indian and international cuisine. Parking available on premises, baby sitting, laundry facilities and room service.

★★★★ MARCO POLO

LOCATION: Centrally located in Deira, the oldest section of Dubai, 15 minutes from Dubai International airport and 10 minutes away from shopping centres.
ACCOMMODATION: 128 well equipped units in both double and twin configurations. All rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, TV, daily newspaper, valet, laundry, safe and mini bar.
FACILITIES: 24hr room service. Doctor on call, baby sitting, business centre, swimming pool

★★★★ FOUR POINTS SHERATON

LOCATION: Located in Dubai's main business and shopping district, within walking distance of most banks and airlines.
ACCOMMODATION: 125 tastefully appointed guest rooms. 24hr room service, TV, air-conditioning, coffee/tea maker turndown service.
FACILITIES: Enjoy a wide variety of dining options. The hotel has an outdoor pool, healthclub, sauna and beauty salon.

★★★★ JUMEIRA ROTANA

LOCATION: On fashionable Al Diya Street, in the vicinity of Dubai's key shopping areas. The Dubai World Trade Centre and the Jumeirah beachfront are just 5 minutes away.
ACCOMMODATION: 116 rooms and suites elegantly designed for your comfort. All rooms have air-conditioning, TV, minibar, hairdryer and kitchenette.
FACILITIES: 24hr room service, laundry and dry-cleaning service, beauty salon, non smoking rooms. Access to private beach club at a minimal charge. Note: Hotel under refurbishments 01 May - 31 Aug '06.

★★★★★ SOFTEL CITY CENTRE

LOCATION: Located 5 minutes from Dubai's airport, adjacent to world class golf course and the Deira City Shopping Centre.
ACCOMMODATION: 327 luxury rooms. All rooms are equipped with the latest technology and offer the highest levels of comfort, including air-conditioning, safe, internet, hair dryer and TV.
FACILITIES: Restaurants and bars, swimming pool, billiard room and bowling facilities. Direct access to Deira City Centre Shopping Mall.

★★★★★ LE MERIDIEN DUBAI

LOCATION: Located near the commercial districts, shopping centres and the PGA rated golf course. Minutes away from World Trade Centre and Dubai International airport is 3km away.
ACCOMMODATION: All bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms, TV, hairdryer, mini bar, air-conditioning and daily newspaper.
FACILITIES: 15 Restaurants and bars with any type of cuisine from Lebanese to Sushi, French to Italian. Children can enjoy a supervised playground and paddling pool.

DUBAI - APARTMENTS

DUBAI - CITY HOTELS

DUBAI - BEACH

★★★★ OASIS BEACH HOTEL

LOCATION: Located on the white sandy shores of the Jumeirah beach strip, just minutes from the Emirates Golf Club and the Jebel Ali Free Zone, this lively, casual beach resort offers a comprehensive array of facilities.
ACCOMMODATION: All rooms have air-conditioning, mini bar, safe deposit box, bathrobes, TV/Radio, Direct Dial Telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, hair dryer and large balconies with seaviews.
FACILITIES: Large swimming pool, jacuzzi, shaded childrens pool, floodlit tennis court, shopping arcade, wellness facilities, archery, health club and a host of water sports, including skiing, windsurfing, catamarans and snorkelling.

★★★★★ SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT & TOWERS

LOCATION: A beautiful resort located on the white sand of Jumeirah Beach, surrounded by landscaped gardens that boast more than 200 palm trees.
ACCOMMODATION: 256 luxurious guest rooms elegantly designed to meet your every need. All rooms have all the amenities one would expect from a Sheraton.
FACILITIES: Outdoor pool with pool bar, numerous restaurants and a piano bar. The hotel offers a whole range of watersports as well as saunas, steam rooms and a brand new spa. Wild Wadi Water Park and the Madinat Souk are located nearby. A shuttle operates to the main shopping centres in Dubai city centre free of charge.

★★★★★ HILTON DUBAI JUMEIRAH

LOCATION: Sunshine, white sandy beaches and crystal blue sea at the Jumeirah beach location, just 20 minutes from Dubai.
ACCOMMODATION: 389 rooms and suites offer a range of luxurious and spacious accommodation with beautiful sea views from private balconies. Each standard hotel room is fully equipped with direct dial telephone, mini bar, TV, air-conditioning and hairdryer.
FACILITIES: Enjoy a stroll in exotic gardens or relax beside the outdoor pool, revitalise in the luxurious health club or try our full range of watersports. Five restaurants and 6 bars offer you a range of contemporary dining.

★★★★★ DELUXE JUMEIRAH BEACH HOTEL

LOCATION: Set on the shores on the Arabian Gulf and built in a startling shape that mirrors a breaking wave, the award winning Jumeirah Beach Hotel has its own private beach.
ACCOMMODATION: 598 air-conditioned luxury rooms and suites enjoy a unhindered view of the sea through floor to ceiling windows. Revel in the fine fabrics, hand crafted furniture and luxury walk-in shower. Thompsons rates include breakfast.
FACILITIES: Jumeirah Beach Hotel offers every activity under the sun including fitness and sports activities, golf, diving, tennis, swimming and water sports. For the kids there is the Sinbad Kids Club. Wild Wadi Water Park is just next door and free of charge to residents of Jumeirah Beach Hotel.

★★★★★ DELUXE MADINAT JUMEIRAH - MINA A' SALAAM

LOCATION: Nestled on the shores of the Arabian Gulf, Mina A' Salaam is the 'harbour of peace' - and gateway to Madinat Jumeirah, The Arabian Resort of Dubai. Offering a unique escape into a world rich in culture and faithful to time honoured values, Mina A' Salam is a grand boutique hotel of exquisite style.
ACCOMMODATION: All 292 rooms and suites enjoy private balconies, air-conditioning and breathtaking views across the waters of the Arabian Gulf.
FACILITIES: The resort offers 1km of private beach, watersports, health club, superb bar and gorgeous pool. Souk Madinat Jumeirah is next door with 75 boutiques 23 restaurants and bars and a theatre. Wild Wadi is next door to the resort and guests are entitled to a discount on entrance.

★★★★★ DELUXE MADINAT JUMEIRAH - AL QASR

LOCATION: Al Qasar is the 'palace' at the heart of Madinat Jumeirah, The Arabian Resort - Dubai. Approached via a ceremonial causeway, this majestic mansion style hotel rises up to form the jewel in the crown of the world's most sublime resort and authentic recreation of 'old Arabia'.
ACCOMMODATION: 292 guest rooms and suites. Each room offers high quality linens and fabrics, luxurious bath amenities, air-conditioning, hairdryer, minibar.
FACILITIES: 3 exquisite restaurants bring the best global cuisine to the palace at the heart of Madinat Jumeirah. Souk Madinat Jumeirah is next door with 75 boutiques, 23 restaurants and bars and a theatre. Wild Wadi is next door to the resort and guests are entitled to a discount on entrance.



PLEASE NOTE: The construction of the Jumeirah Residence is taking place along the beachfront until 31 December 2006. This will affect most of the hotels along the beachfront, with the exception of Jumeirah Beach, Burj al Arab and Madinat Resort. Guests may experience some background noise in the external areas of the hotels. All land view rooms overlook the development and some sea view rooms may have a partial view of the construction. However, the development will in no way interfere with the facilities of the hotel, which will operate normally.

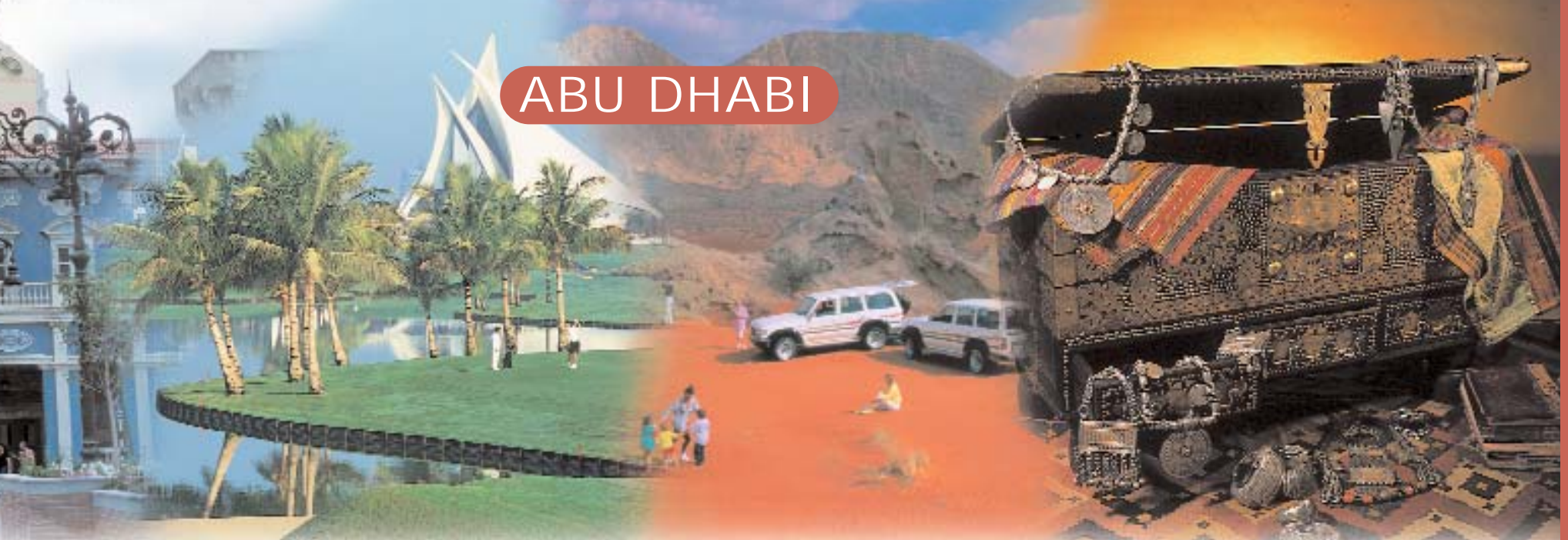
UAE - DUBAI



SIGHTSEEING



ABU DHABI



TOURS AROUND DUBAI

CITY OF MERCHANTS - USD30

A fascinating historical excursion and orientation of the city. Our route takes us to the magnificent Jumeirah Mosque and past modern palaces sprawled along the coast. In Bastakia we stop for a while to admire the old wind-tower houses built by the wealthy merchants. Close by stands the 150-year old Al Fahidi Fort. Here, the Dubai Museum records the city's past as an important pearl diving and trading centre. We continue our journey by Abra - local water taxi. As we cross the Creek we see the modern metropolis with its splendid architecture towering above the bustling alleys of our last stop, the gold and spice souks.

SCHEDULE: Daily pickup at 14h00
DURATION: 3 hours
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, entrance to museum.

MOONLIGHT SONATA DHOW CRUISE - USD79

Your cruise aboard a traditional dhow offers an intriguingly different view of this amazing city - a portrait of the true character of Dubai - the intertwining of traditional and modern. You will see old wooden dhows and luxury yachts, splendid examples of modern architecture like the National Bank of Dubai and the spectacular Chamber of Commerce building. Sheikh Saeed's House, the birthplace of Sheikh Rashid and the Heritage Village are reminiscent of the days gone by. Dinner and fragrant Arabic coffee is included - a delicious taste of true Arabian hospitality.

SCHEDULE: Daily pickup at approx. 19h00
DURATION: 3 hours
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, Dinner and Arabic coffee.

SUNDOWNER DUNE DINNER SAFARI - USD77

The mysterious desert beckons you for a magical evening out - an adventure you will never forget. Leaving behind the bustle of the city in the afternoon, our safari guides will transport you, by four-wheel drive vehicle, and take you on a thrilling journey over rolling dunes, deep into the heart of the desert. En route you will stop to see camels resting at their camp, and then, from the crest of a high dune, watch the sun cast its orange glow over the vast expanse of rippling sand, as it sets. Like a shimmering mirage in the distance you will see the flickering lights of your camp where a traditional Arabian welcome awaits you. The encampment conjures up images of the 'Arabian Nights'. Relax on comfortable low cushions in Bedu tents and quench your thirst, have your hands painted with intricate henna designs, experience a short camel ride, or just enjoy the aromatic shisha. A feast of grilled meats, fresh salads and delectable Arabic sweets is served under a galaxy of stars, while you are entertained by the bewitching belly dancer swaying to the haunting strains of Arabian music. You will not want this enchanting evening to end.

SCHEDULE: Daily pickup at 15h30
DURATION: Dropoff between 22h30 & 23h00
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, dinner, activities, all drinks

**NEW in Dubai
SKI**

Ski Dubai is the first in-door ski resort in the Middle East and offers an amazing snow setting to enjoy skiing, snowboarding and tobogganing or just playing in the snow. Young or old, there is something for everyone, from the beginner to the snow sport enthusiast. Ski Dubai is a unique mountain-themed attraction that offers you the opportunity to enjoy real snow in Dubai all year round in below zero temperatures.

Ski Dubai has 5 slopes that vary in difficulty, height and steepness, the longest run being 400 meters with a fall of over 60 meters. Test your skills on the world's first indoor black run or practice your turns on the gentle beginner slopes. Skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels will enjoy these various slopes and snowboarders can also practice their stunts on the 90-metre long quarter pipe. Kids and parents alike will have fun in the huge interactive Snow Park, which at 3000 square meters is the largest indoor snow park in the world.

SCHEDULE: Open from 10h00 - 22h00
7 days a week. Open for sale Mid 2006.

HOTELS & TOURS IN ABU DHABI

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Abu Dhabi Shopping Festival held every year in early March is filled with fantastic bargains, sales and prizes from all the shopping malls.
- The Abu Dhabi Duty Free is one of the finest duty free shopping centres in the world and its prize draw is popular throughout the world.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Etihad Airways flies direct to Abu Dhabi.

STAYING IN ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi is the business centre of the UAE and in the past, most of the travel to Abu Dhabi has been for corporate reasons. With the launch of Etihad Airways flights to South Africa, Abu Dhabi has recently become more than a corporate stopover destination. Visitors are discovering that Abu Dhabi is a stunning alternative to Dubai. The streets are less congested, the hotels are of a superb standard and the city itself is beautiful. Dubai is just a 2-hour drive away so visitors are still able to make the most of all that Dubai has to offer as a destination, while staying in the peace and tranquillity of the Garden Capital. Thompsons is able to accommodate the visitor in the following world class hotels in Abu Dhabi:

★★★★ HILTON ABU DHABI

A contemporary 10 storey hotel in the city centre on the famous Corniche Road, close to the Financial District and within walking distance of the latest modern shopping malls. All rooms have a breathtaking view of the Arabian Gulf or beautiful landscaped gardens. Hilton Abu Dhabi offers a variety of restaurants and bars with live entertainment to satisfy all tastes.

The Hiltonia Beach Club has a wide range of water sports, three swimming pools and a private beach.

★★★★ INTERCONTINENTAL ABU DHABI

A stunning location next to the beach and surrounded by palm trees and parkland, this beautiful hotel is the first choice for both business and leisure travellers who appreciate the finest things in life. Beautifully appointed with every modern convenience, this pinnacle of luxury has the added advantage of its own private island. Perfect peace and tranquillity are only a short boat trip away.

★★★★ LE MERIDIEN ABU DHABI

This five-star deluxe property is ideally located in the heart of the city, close to the business district and shopping areas. Set in lush, beautifully landscaped gardens, Le Meridien Abu Dhabi offers a private beach and a swimming pool, which makes it an ideal destination either for business or leisure travellers.

★★★★ SHERATON ABU DHABI RESORT & TOWERS

Overlooking the Arabian Gulf, the Sheraton Abu Dhabi Resort & Towers is strategically located in Abu Dhabi's most prestigious and refined neighbourhood. The hotel is a testament to understated elegance with a distinctive design, superb location, and outstanding service. The Sheraton is within walking distance of the shopping and commercial district and only 37km from the airport.

**SPECTACULAR CITY - USD27**

Visit the fishing harbour, dhow yard, Heritage Village with its small museum, the Petroleum Exhibition, the renovated Al Husn Fort & Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation. Drive along the Corniche, past Volcano fountain to the tip of the breakwater for a city view.

SCHEDULE: Every Tuesday and Sunday morning
DURATION: 1/2 day. INCLUSIONS: Transfers.

SILKS, SPICES AND GOLD - SHARJAH/ DUBAI SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING TOUR - USD44

Depart Abu Dhabi & travel past Jebel Ali to Sharjah for excellent shopping and sightseeing. Onto a popular Dubai shopping mall for shopping & lunch. Visit the Dubai Museum, cross the Creek to the Spice Market & the famous Gold Souk for more great shopping.

SCHEDULE: Every Wednesday and Saturday
DURATION: Full day. INCLUSIONS: Transfers.

MOONLIGHT SERENADE DHOW CRUISE USD39

Fascinating 2-hour evening cruise aboard a traditional Arabian dhow. Sail past Zayed Free Port, Lulu Island, buildings lining the Corniche. Enjoy a delicious BBQ on board then sail to one of the city's night spots.

SCHEDULE: Daily in the evening. DURATION: 2hrs
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, dinner and Arabic coffee.

SUNDOWNER DUNE DINNER - USD68

Experience the desert's stark beauty in a 4-wheel drive vehicle. En route to the dunes, visit the camps where racing camels are bred & trained. Watch the sun set, enjoy a camel ride & a delicious traditional dinner.

SCHEDULE: Daily in the evening. DURATION: Approx. 6hrs
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, activities and dinner.





CAPITAL CITY:
Doha

LANGUAGE:
Arabic & English

CURRENCY:
Qatar Riyal. 1 QR = 3.64 USD

VISA:
SA passport holders require a visa for Qatar. All other passport holders to check with Thompsons before travel.

AIRPORT TAX:
Included in your ticket

AREA: 11 440 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE:
SA time + 1 hour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:
No inoculations are required when visiting Qatar.



Qatar, considered to be one of the Gulf's best-kept secrets, has plenty to offer for the discerning business and leisure traveller. Qatar offers a selection of world-class hotels, offering high standards of service and hospitality. With its warm and friendly people, Doha, the country's capital is well placed to welcome visitors from all over the world.

The shopping infrastructure in Qatar has also been completely transformed and can easily be compared with Dubai. With the opening of the Landmark Mall and more recently, The Gulf's largest Doha City Centre, shoppers have a wealth of choice. Besides the malls, Doha still offers traditional shopping in souks (markets) where you can find virtually everything you could possibly want at very competitive prices.

The desert in Qatar offers a natural beauty that cannot be equalled anywhere else in the Gulf. From sand skiing down large dunes to deserted beaches bordering the Arabian Sea. Doha also boasts an outstanding golf course, historical sights and many diverse sporting events.

QATAR AIRWAYS

Qatar Airways is the national carrier of the Arabian Gulf State of Qatar. The airline has become one of the world's fastest growing airlines since its re-launch in 1997. Qatar Airways has made personal attention and service quality their trademark. As part of their service commitment, they are expanding their route network to give the traveller a greater choice of destination. At the end of 2003 Qatar Airways was flying to 49 destinations across Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, the Indian subcontinent and the Far East. By the end of 2005, the airline was flying to 69 destinations.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

November to March is the best time to visit as this is considered "winter" in Qatar. It is not humid at all during this time and the daytime temperatures are bearable - around 20 degrees. The hottest time of the year is July and August when the daytime temperatures can reach over 50 degrees and the humidity is 100%! It only rains in Qatar about twice a year.



HOW TO GET THERE:

Qatar Airways flies directly to Doha.



USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT THINGS COST: (Estimated)

Meal in hotel restaurant.....QR25
Glass of wineQR15
BeerQR10
Bottle of waterQR2
ColdrinksQR2.50
Light lunchQR11

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Qatar is mainly a stopover destination, but still has a lot to offer visitors:
- Shopping in the old Souks and bargaining with the locals.
- Dune bashing in the desert in 4x4 vehicle.
- Sand skiing on the desert dunes
- Travelling to the inland sea and having a barbeque under the stars.
- Enjoy the delights of Arabian cuisine and coffee.
- Sample some of the world's best dates, grown locally.

SIGHTSEEING

DOHA CITY TOUR - USD24

Your visit to Qatar will undoubtedly begin in Doha, the capital city and home to 80% of the country's population. Doha is also the commercial centre and the heart and pulse of its culture. The guided city tour, in an air-conditioned vehicle, will take you to the sea-front Corniche, Dhow Harbour, Old Souk, Museum, Equestrian Club, Falcon Market, Fruit & Vegetable Market, Fish Market and Traditional Market.

SCHEDULE: Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoon

DURATION: 15h00 - 18h30

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers

INLAND SEA SAFARI - USD94

This full day tour in a comfortable 4-wheel drive vehicle, takes you some 75km across the southern Qatari desert, with over half of this distance off-road. Our highly experienced drivers will take you on an exciting and unforgettable roller-coaster ride over the magnificent sand dunes - some as high as 50 meters! You will venture as far as the famous Inland Sea - an area renowned for its outstanding beauty. In our Desert Camp, relax, Bedouin-style, complete with carpets and cushions and enjoy a fabulous BBQ dinner.

SCHEDULE: Saturday, Monday & Wednesday

DURATION: 14h30 - 21h00

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers and dinner

GOOD EVENING DOHA - USD48

This evening tour in a fully air-conditioned vehicle winds its way through the centre of the city with its traditional brightly-lit souks and shopping areas, ablaze with colour and lights. The tour includes a short City Tour (Visits to Corniche, Downtown, Old Market & Gold Market), dinner at a traditional restaurant to taste traditional Arabic food & beverages and then ends off with a visit to an exclusive Night Club to bring the day to a close.

SCHEDULE: Monday & Wednesday

DURATION: 19h30 - 23h30

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers & dinner. Drinks are for your own account.



★★★★ MOVENPICK DOHA

LOCATION: Located in the heart of the city - on Doha's spectacular Corniche and ten minutes from the airport.
ACCOMMODATION: Amenities in every room include air-conditioning, IDD telephone, cable and interactive TV with internet access and games.
FACILITIES: 6 restaurants, fully equipped gym, steam bath, jacuzzi and swimming pool. Don't miss the famous Movenpick Ice cream available in their deli shop.



★★★★ RAMADA HOTEL DOHA

LOCATION: Situated within walking distance of a leisure park and shopping centre and ten minutes from the airport.
ACCOMMODATION: Each room has a work desk and lamp, Cable/Satellite TV with an all-news channel, newspapers delivered and minibar.
FACILITIES: Cocktail lounge, valet services, hair salon, gift shop and business centre. There are 5 restaurants and bars and numerous recreational facilities including whirlpool, sauna, jogging, tennis and squash.



★★★★★ RITZ CARLTON HOTEL

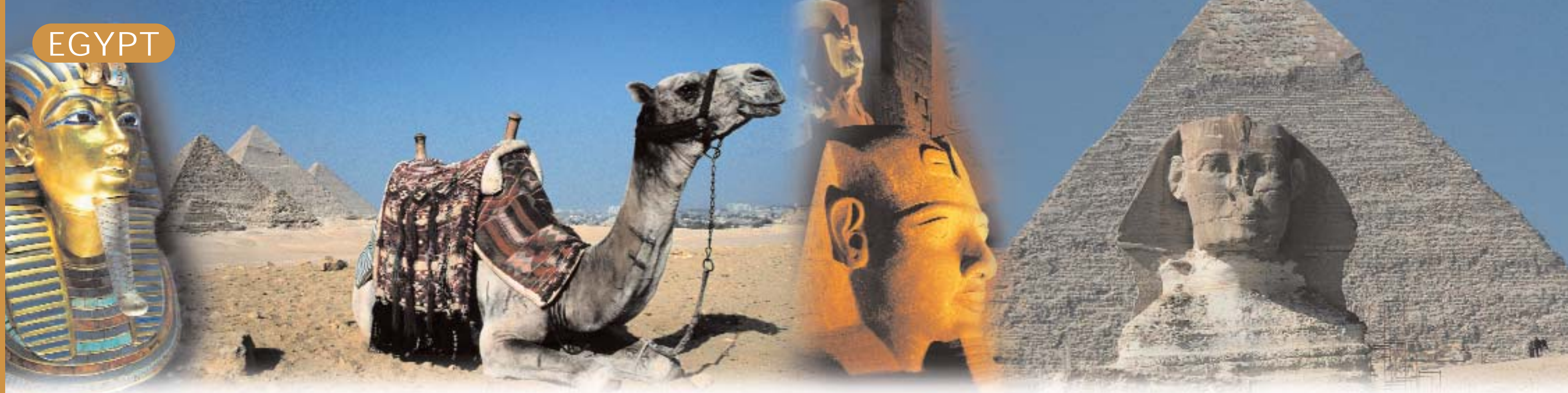
LOCATION: Located in the prestigious West Bay Lagoon district, adjacent to the renowned Doha Golf Club. 20 minutes from the airport.
ACCOMMODATION: Luxuriously appointed rooms with elegant accents of gilt and gold, along with the most up-to-date in-room technology.
FACILITIES: Fully-equipped business centre, world-class restaurants, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, squash courts, spa, gym, a private beach, a seven-acre water park, and a 200-slip marina.



★★★★★ INTERCONTINENTAL DOHA

LOCATION: Situated in the prestigious West Bay Lagoon area of Doha, a 25-minute drive from the airport.
ACCOMMODATION: Rooms have views over the Arabian Gulf and gardens. Rooms are also specially designed for the business traveller, including desk, stationery, fax, printer, scanner and copier.
FACILITIES: The hotel boasts the largest free form pool and longest beach in town. Other facilities include Cocktail Lounge, 6 Restaurants, Airline Desk.



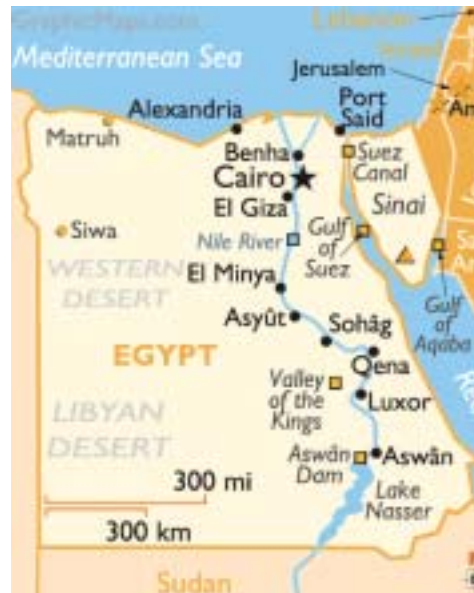


CAPITAL CITY: Cairo
LANGUAGE: Arabic and English
CURRENCY: Egyptian Pound. 1 EGP = 5.733 USD
VISA: SA passport holders require a visa and visa is free of charge
AREA: 1 001 450 km²
TIME DIFFERENCE: Oct - Apr same as SA time. May to September SA time + 1 hour.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No inoculations are required when visiting Egypt, but malaria precautions are recommended if travelling to the Red Sea.

USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT THINGS COST: (Estimated)
 Glass of wineEGP 30
 Glass of juice.....EGP 20
 Bottle of waterEGP 5
 ColdrinksEGP 8
 Meal in a restaurant.....EGP 120
 Meal in hotelEGP 50

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Viewing the Pyramids for the first time is truly awe-inspiring.
 - The amazing treasure of Tutankhamun in the Egyptian Museum.
 - Dinner aboard one of the floating restaurants on The Nile.
 - Shopping in Khan Khalili Bazaar. There are great bargains to be had if you don't mind being hassled by the locals trying to secure your business.
 - The Nile Cruise takes you back to the time of the Pharaohs.
 - Diving the Red Sea.



BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Egypt has only two seasons: a mild winter from November to April and a hot summer from May to October. The only differences between the seasons are variations in daytime temperatures and changes in prevailing winds. In the coastal regions, temperatures range between an average minimum of 14°C in winter and an average maximum of 30°C in summer. The maximum temperatures in Cairo in summer can reach 43°C and 18°C in winter. Although it can get very hot, Egypt is not humid. Rainfall is rare in Egypt and days are usually warm and sunny.

HOW TO GET THERE
 Egypt Air flies direct to Cairo and domestically in Egypt.
 Qatar Airways flies via Doha to Cairo and Luxor
 Emirates flies via Dubai to Cairo
 Kenya Airways flies via Nairobi to Cairo

Egypt is probably the world's oldest civilization having emerged from the Nile Valley around 3,100 BC. Egypt is probably one of the oldest vacation spots. Early Greeks, Romans and others went there just for fun, and to see the wonders of some of mankind's earliest triumphs. But Egypt is much more than Pyramids and monuments. It is also Red Sea scuba diving, hot nightspots, luxury hotels and five star restaurants. It is romantic cruises down the Nile on festive riverboats and it is a cultural experience like none you have ever experienced. Egypt is a land bustling with life, sound, visual beauty and excitement.

Cairo, is an amazing city full of life and movement, and it is that way almost 24 hours every day, with the noisy honking of horns, children playing in the streets and merchants selling their wares and services. Here, the Egyptians are most at home in this powerful, modern and ancient city. Just outside the city, you will find the Pyramids and the Sphinx in Giza and the step Pyramids of Memphis and Sakkara.

Historically the Nile cruise was really the only way to visit the temples and tombs located along this stretch of the river. Nile cruises visit a wide variety of antiquities along the banks of the river. It is a wonderful experience to sit on a shaded deck of a floating hotel, sipping an iced beverage while watching 5,000 years of culture slowly drift by.

The Red Sea is renowned as one of the world's best diving spots. Each Red Sea resort has a different character and there is something for everyone and to suite every kind of budget.

SIGHTSEEING

FULL DAY MUSEUM, PYRAMIDS & SPHINX - USD65

The Egyptian Museum has the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world and features artefacts from the Pharaonic and Greco-Roman periods. The pyramids of Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, were considered by the Greeks, as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC).
 SCHEDULE: Daily at 09h00
 DURATION: Full day
 INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers and lunch

HALF DAY CITADEL, MOSQUE & BAZAAR - USD38

The tour begins with a visit to the Citadel, one of Cairo's most popular tourist attractions. Facing The Citadel is the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, built between 1356 and 1363 and perhaps the most majestic monument of Arabic architecture in Egypt.
 SCHEDULE: Daily
 DURATION: 3 hours
 INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers

MEMPHIS & SAKKARA - USD41

Memphis served as the capital of Upper and Lower Egypt some 5 000 years ago. The first Pharaoh of this dynasty built a great, white-walled palace and the Temple of Ptah here.
 SCHEDULE: Daily
 DURATION: 3 hours
 INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers

SOUND & LIGHT SHOW AT THE PYRAMIDS - USD38

Enjoy a fabulous sound and light show at the foot of the Pyramids in Giza.
 SCHEDULE: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday evenings. Departure times vary according to the season
 DURATION: 45 minutes
 INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers



★★★★ HELNAN SHEPHERD
 LOCATION: 45mins from Cairo International Airport. Facing the Nile River and is within walking distance of the Egyptian Museum and numerous restaurants.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air conditioning, TV, mini bar.
 FACILITIES: Room service, casino and shopping arcade. Restaurants - (Caravan and Asia House) & Discoteque.

★★★★ RAMSES HILTON
 LOCATION: Located in the heart of Cairo on the east bank of the River Nile, few minutes walk from the Egyptian Museum.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air-conditioning, TV, mini bar.
 FACILITIES: 250 shops, 5 cinemas, health & fitness centre, swimming pool, beauty salon and beauty salon.

★★★★ DELUXE SEMIRAMIS INTERCONTINENTAL
 LOCATION: On the Banks of the Nile and within walking distance of shopping centre and Egyptian Museum.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air-conditioning, TV, mini bar, high speed internet and safe box.
 FACILITIES: 11 Restaurants, nightclub, casino, swimming pool, health club, gymnasium and massage room.

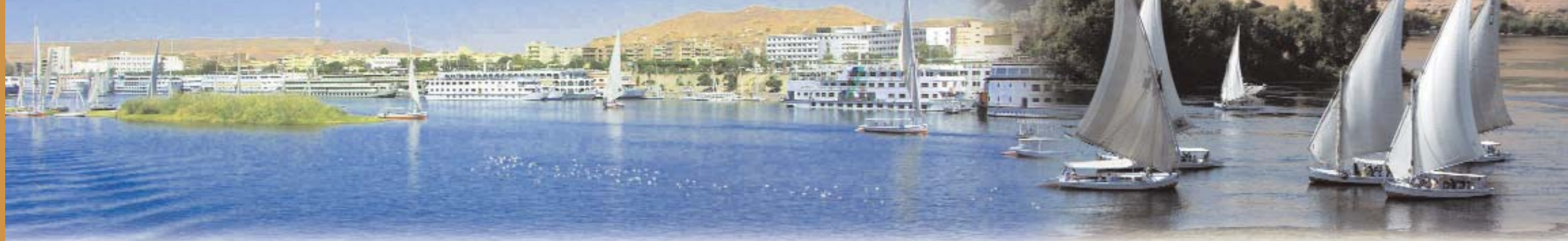
★★★★ MOVENPICK HELIOPOLIS
 LOCATION: Heliopolis, most elegant residential district.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air-conditioning, TV, mini bar, hairdryer.
 FACILITIES: 6 Restaurants, bar and coffee shops, casino, swimming pool, health club, lovely gardens and a children's zoo and play area.

★★★★ DELUXE INTERCONTINENTAL CITY STARS
 LOCATION: Adjacent to Cairo's largest retail and leisure complex, Citystars Heliopolis.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air-conditioning, Satellite TV, minibar.
 FACILITIES: 10 restaurants, spa, casino, pool, 550 shops, 16 cinemas, entertainment centre.

★★★★ LE MERIDIEN PYRAMIDS
 LOCATION: Within walking distance of the historic treasures of Egypt, The Pyramids of Giza.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air-conditioning, TV, balcony, non-smoking, disabled rooms, safe.
 FACILITIES: 6 restaurants & bars, heated pool, beauty salon, shopping arcade and business centre.

★★★★ DELUXE MENA HOUSE OBEROI
 LOCATION: In the shadows of the Great Pyramids and in 40 acres of jasmine scented gardens.
 ACCOMMODATION: Air-conditioning, private bathroom, TV, minibar, hairdryer, safety box in certain rooms.
 FACILITIES: Coffee shop, poolside restaurant, fitness centre, 18-hole golf course, camel and horseback riding.





TYPICAL 3 NT CRUISE

DAY 1: Aswan: A.M: Arrival at Aswan airport, meet & greet. Embarkation before lunch. P.M: At leisure. Overnight in Aswan.

DAY 2: Aswan / Kom Ombo / Edfu : A.M. Visit of the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. Sail to Kom Ombo. P.M. Visit the Temple shared by the two Gods Sobek and Haroeris. Sail to Edfu and overnight.

DAY 3: Edfu / Esna / Luxor: A.M. Visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu. Sail to Esna. Cross the Lock. P.M. Sail to Luxor and overnight.

DAY 4: Luxor: A.M. Disembarkation after breakfast. Cross to the West Bank. Visit the Necropolis of Thebes, Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Visit the Luxor & Karnak Temples. Transfer to Luxor airport, meet & greet by representative, flight to Cairo.

Please note that times may vary depending on the cruise and sailing days. All Thompsons cruise packages include transfers, accommodation, all meals and sightseeing.

SIGHTSEEING

ABU SIMBEL - USD247

Fly from Aswan to Abu Simbel to see the most spectacular and the best preserved of all the ancient temples - Abu Simbel. The temples of Abu Simbel were built by the great pharaoh, Ramses II. When the Aswan High Dam's project threatened to submerge the temples, an international salvage action under the auspices of Unesco conceived the audacious plan of moving the temple to a higher level. As a result, the buildings themselves as well as part of the surrounding rocks were hewn into blocks of 30 tons each and built up again in and around a concrete skeleton framework. The larger temple celebrates the Pharaoh himself, while the smaller one honours his wife, Queen Nefertari.

SCHEDULE: Daily. DURATION: 3 hours
INCLUSIONS: Flights, transfers and sightseeing

PRESIDENTIAL NILE CRUISES



Presidential Nile Cruises have successfully grown over the years to become the leading Nile cruiser and now own and operate a fleet of 7 deluxe boats, totalling 500 cabins. They have gained an outstanding reputation on the market due to their ongoing quality of service and experience.

Ship Facilities: The ship features a piano bar/lounge, sun deck, swimming pool, restaurant, bazaar and jewellery shop. An exciting entertainment programme is featured every night and guests have the opportunity to dress up and have some fun at the Captain's Dinner. **Cabin Facilities:** Each cabin is equipped with en-suite facilities, air conditioning, Satellite TV, Radio, Mini Bar and 24hr Room Service.

Programmes: Presidential Nile Cruises offer 3, 4, 6 or 7 night cruises. Guests can choose to cruise from Aswan to Luxor or from Luxor to Aswan on the 3 and 4 night cruises. 6 & 7 night cruises are from Luxor to Luxor only. Contact Thompsons Tours for the sailing dates in 2006.

TI-YI NILE CRUISE



Ti-Yi, the Queen, was the great wife of the late 18th dynasty Egyptian ruler Amenhotep III (1390-1352 BC) and this magnificent boat is a tribute to her life. The M/S Ti-Yi was established in 2004 and is one of the most luxurious boats on the Nile today. **Ship Facilities:** An open air jogging track and fully equipped gym caters to the fitness fanatics.

The Ti-Yi also has a swimming pool with snack bar, massage room, cyber café and reading lounge. There are 3 dining facilities and bars on board Ti-Yi. The elegant cuisine provides a collection of delicious meals that takes you on a tour throughout the different cultures of the world. The bars give you the chance to relax and indulge in your favourite drinks while overlooking the amazing view of the river Nile. Evening entertainment includes folkloric shows, belly dancing and fancy dress dinners. **Cabin Facilities:** M/S Ti-Yi has 59 cabins on board, rooms are fully equipped with all modern amenities including minibar with tea and coffee making facilities, satellite TV, hairdryer, laundry service and 24hr room service. **Programmes:** M/S Ti-Yi offers a 3 night cruise from Aswan to Luxor departing on a Friday, and a 4 night cruise from Luxor to Aswan departing on a Monday. Contact Thompsons Tours for the sailing dates in 2006.

TYPICAL 4 NT CRUISE

DAY 1: Luxor: A.M. Embarkation before lunch. P.M. Visit the Temple of Karnak and the Temple of Luxor. Overnight in Luxor.

DAY 2: Luxor / Esna / Edfu: A.M. Cross the West Bank. Visit the Necropolis of Thebes, Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. P.M. Sail to Esna. Cross the Lock. Sail to Edfu and overnight.

DAY 3: Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan: A.M. Visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu. Sail to Kom Ombo. P.M. Visit the Temple shared by the two gods Sobek and Haroeris. Sail to Aswan & overnight

DAY 4: Aswan: A.M. Visit of the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. P.M. View of The Elephantine is by felucca (sailing boat) & view of the Agha Khan Mausoleum. Overnight in Aswan.

DAY 5: Aswan: A.M. Disembarkation after breakfast.

SUGGESTED HOTELS IN ASWAN

If you are experiencing the Nile Cruise it is not necessary to stay in Aswan, but for those travellers wishing to extend their stay here, Thompsons can recommend the following hotels:

Sofitel New Cataract - 4*
Sofitel Old Cataract - 5*

SUGGESTED HOTELS IN LUXOR

If you are experiencing a Nile Cruise, it is not necessary for you to stay in Luxor, but for those travellers wishing to extend their stay in Luxor, Thompsons can recommend the following Hotels.

Sheraton Luxor Resort - 4*
Sonesta St George - 5*

SONESTA NILE CRUISES



SONESTA SUN & MOON GODDESS

The Nile's most elegant cruise ships will take you between Aswan and Luxor on the sail of a lifetime. Enjoy a four or six night cruise on the Nile, and watch five thousand years of history unfold before you. The Sun Goddess was built in 1993 and the Moon Goddess in 2000. All Sonesta

ships feature a private lounge, restaurant and entertainment.

Facilities: Both ships feature a main dining room, lounge, sun deck bar, discotheque and outdoor swimming pool with bar. The Moon Goddess also offers a casino as well as panoramic gym room. The Sun Goddess is able to offer guests therapeutic and relaxing massage treatments. Evening entertainment includes Nubian folkloric show, belly dance show, captain's welcome cocktail party and fancy Galabya party.

Cabin Facilities: Moon Goddess has 48 cabins, all with sliding glass doors opening onto private balconies. Sun Goddess has 58 cabins featuring panoramic windows. All cabins feature 5-star facilities such as minibar, TV and movie programmes, hairdryers and bathtubs.

Programmes: Sonesta Sun and Moon Goddess offer 4 and 6 night cruises between Luxor and Aswan. Please contact Thompsons Tours for sailing dates in 2006.

THE SONESTA STAR GODDESS - DELUXE



The Sonesta Star Goddess is the newest addition that crowned the deluxe Sonesta Nile Cruises fleet. Built and launched in 2005, introducing a new dimension of cruising services to all Sonesta Nile Cruises esteemed guests from the moment they step onboard. This ship offers the ultimate Nile cruise experience with an exceptional variety of magnificent suite accommodation, providing comfort and beautiful surroundings.

Programmes: Sonesta Star offers 3 & 4 night cruises between Luxor and Aswan and 7 night cruises from Luxor to Luxor. Please contact Thompsons Tours for sailing dates in 2006.





SHARM EL SHEIKH

The simplicity of sun, sea and sand, the luxury of five-star hotels, water sports, shopping and entertainment - this is Sharm el Sheikh, one of the most accessible and developed tourist resort communities on the Sinai peninsula. All around are Bedouins, colourful tents, mountains and sea.

Sharm has all the amenities one could expect of a tourist centre, including casinos, discos and nightclubs, golf courses and health facilities. In fact, with diving and snorkelling, windsurfing and other water sports, horses and camel rides, desert safaris, and great nearby antiquities attractions, it is almost impossible for a visitor to ever suffer from boredom. Na'ama Beach is the centre of tourist activities. Located just north of Sharm, this area is developing into a resort town of its own.



★★★★ MOVENPICK GOLF RESORT

LOCATION: Just 5km from Sharm El Sheikh Airport and 7km from Naama Bay on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula surrounded by monuments of nature and history, the Jolie Ville Movenpick Golf Resort is perfect for exploring the area.

ACCOMMODATION: The Movenpick offers 300 standard rooms and suites and 6 villas. All rooms are spacious and quiet and have their own balconies. All rooms are equipped with cable TV, hairdryers, showers and air-conditioning and much more.

FACILITIES: With 7 restaurants and bars to choose from guests will be able to try something new every night. The Movenpick is the only hotel in the area with an 18-hole golf course.



★★★★ HILTON SHARM DREAMS RESORT

LOCATION: A five-star resort commanding a central location in Naama Bay, 150 metres from the beach, with 314 guest rooms set in beautiful landscaped gardens.

ACCOMMODATION: Exquisite rooms with a private balcony or terrace set amidst colourful landscape gardens and the resort's seven pools - a perfect setting for complete relaxation. All rooms have tea and coffee making facilities.

FACILITIES: The hotel features seven outdoor swimming pools, one of which is heated in the winter. There is also a diving centre, a variety of water sports activities and a variety of restaurants and bars. The hotel provides direct access to the beach at Hilton Fayrouz.

AIN SOUKHNA

Ain Soukhna can be translated as "hot spring" and the name originates from the sulphur springs in Gebal Ataqa, a nearby Eastern Desert mountain. It stretches from just south of Suez down the coast for about sixty kilometres. Traditionally, Ain Soukhna was a purely Egyptian weekend and vacation retreat, only recently becoming an international destination. Ain Soukhna is a leisurely two hour drive from Cairo. Ain Soukhna has a reputation for having pristine beaches and coastal waters. Here, the beaches are very well kept, and the water is crystal clear. Most importantly, Ain Soukhna offers all the facilities and amenities of other 5-star Red Sea resorts, at half the price.



★★★★ SEA CLUB STELLA DI MARE ALL-INCLUSIVE

LOCATION: Situated on one of the most beautiful coastlines along the Red Sea. Just 2 hours drive south of Cairo.

ACCOMMODATION: Rooms are situated in 43 two-level villas. There are 253 guestrooms that overlook lushly landscaped gardens, swimming pools, and a large lagoon. All of the rooms are air-conditioned, have a private balcony or terrace, satellite TV, mini fridge, IDD telephone and a large bathroom with shower.

FACILITIES: The resort offers a choice of 7 restaurants and bars offering Mediterranean, Italian, Indian and Lebanese cuisine, cocktails, cigars, snacks, pastries and Shisha (hubbly-bubbly). There is also a health club, tennis and squash courts, 6 swimming pools, beauty shop, boutique, medical clinic and a laundry service. A water sports centre is on site with a resident instructor. Watersports include windsurfing, canoeing and sailing. Activities include beach volleyball, soccer, table tennis or archery. The Amphitheatre features nightly entertainment. Kids have their own kids club with a daily programme.

THOMPSONS PACKAGES TO STELLA DI MARE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: All meals, local drinks, snacks, shisha and selected sporting activities. (There may be time restrictions on inclusions at selected outlets)



THINGS TO DO IN EL GOUNA

• **Beaches and Islands** - Spend all day every day of your holiday on El Gouna's beaches and you will never have to stay on the same beach twice! El Gouna has 10km of unspoilt beaches. Enjoy 5 star service on your hotel beach or take a day trip to one of El Gouna's many deserted islands.

• **Diving** - El Gouna is a real divers' destination as its heated pools and calm local reefs provide an excellent start to your diving experience and the range of walls, reefs and wrecks are the finest in the Red Sea. As a protected area, dive sites offer frequent interaction with marine life, in particular, wild dolphins.

• **Dining** - Here you'll find everything from five-star gourmet restaurants to casual marina-side bistros, seafood buffets, shisha cafes and poolside eateries. Dine with a view of the sparkling sea, verdant golf course, stunning desert mountains or bustling marina.

• **Nightlife** - from trendy pubs to cosy bars, from casinos to nightclubs, there is something for everyone in El Gouna

• **Shopping** - From typical Egyptian souvenirs, art and antiques in the downtown arcades to exotic hand-made Turkish lamps and eclectic oriental furniture, you can get it all in El Gouna

• **Rejuvenation and Wellness** - Work out, take a steam, sauna or Turkish bath and then pamper your body and skin with any one of the international selections of massage techniques and beauty treatments offered at your hotel's spa or the state-of-the-art El Gouna Health and Fitness Club.

• **Sports and activities** - There is so much to keep you amused. Activities include: biking, beach volleyball, boat charter, fishing, go-carts, horseback riding, kiteboarding, kitesurfing, mini golf, tennis, squash, and water-skiing

EL GOUNA

NEW Destination

El Gouna, the Red Sea's Premier Leisure Destination, is built on 10kms of scenic beachfront & boasts unique & diverse architecture. Spread across a myriad of islands interlinked together by beautiful turquoise lagoons, El Gouna offers a beach holiday that is out of this world. El Gouna is easily accessible by air, lying 22kms north of Hurghada International Airport.

Once in El Gouna you will find a wide variety of activities to keep yourself busy. El Gouna is a diver's paradise with internationally certified diving centres. Windsurfing, kite surfing - first professional centre in Egypt, water-skiing, parasailing, snorkelling & many other water sport activities are available.

From teeing-off at El Gouna's 18-hole USPGA Golf Course, to burning rubber on the go-kart circuit, the choices of sports and activities are endless. Maybe, you prefer to laze and soak up the sun's rays on one of the many beaches. Take advantage of the Dine-Around-Gouna programme, which is unique to El Gouna's hotels.

This facility allows guests on half-board basis to sample the different restaurants of all El Gouna's hotels, regardless of the hotel they are staying at.

Kafr El Gouna or the downtown area, is the heart of El Gouna. A town centre with plenty going on both day & night. It is here that guests & residents come together. The kafr is built in a traditional Egyptian style with inner courtyards, winding alleys & rolling domes, all surrounded by turquoise lagoons. The Kafr provides everything one would expect of a lively downtown area: shopping arcades, bazaars, an art village, cafes, discotheques, a wide selection of restaurant & bars, an internet café, ATM machines, public phones, a post office, and an information centre.

Did you know that El Gouna...

- Is as big as central London!
- Boasts 10 kilometres of beachfront!
- Is home to nearly 3,000 residents!
- Has year-round sunshine!
- Spreads across islands inter-linked by lagoons!
- Lagoons cover a total area of roughly 2 million square meters!
- Has its own 18-hole USPGA golf course!
- Offers the widest range of leisure possibilities in the entire Red Sea area!
- Lies against the dramatic backdrop of Egypt's Eastern Desert Mountains!



★★★★ MOVENPICK EL GOUNA

LOCATION: A few minutes from downtown Kafr El Gouna.
ACCOMMODATION: 553 rooms with views of the sea, lagoons or gardens. Superior, deluxe and family rooms are available.
FACILITIES: 6 restaurants, healthclub, ice-cream boutique, watersports



★★★★ SHERATON MIRAMAR

LOCATION: In the village of El Gouna, 22km north of Hurghada.
ACCOMMODATION: Rooms are spread over a myriad of islands interlinked by lagoons, with private terrace or balcony.
FACILITIES: Golf course, healthclub, watersports and dive site access.





CAPITAL CITY:
Athens

LANGUAGE:
Greek & English

CURRENCY:
Euro.

VISA:
SA passport holders require a Schengen Visa.

AREA: 131 940 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE: Nov-Mar: Same as SA time.
Apr-Oct: SA time + 1 hour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:
No inoculations are required when visiting Greece.

USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT THINGS COST: (Estimated)

Meal in hotel restaurant.....EUR20
Glass of wineEUR3
BeerEUR3/EUR5
Bottle of waterEUR0.50
ColdrinksEUR2.50
Light lunchEUR5.50

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Explore The Plaka area in Athens and its numerous tavernas, restaurants, shops and flea market.
 - Climb up to the Acropolis from The Plaka and explore this ancient site
 - Island hop just off the coast of Athens in the Saronic Islands.
 - Ride a donkey up the high cliffs of Santorini to the town of Thira and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Caldera.
 - Shop up a storm in the duty-free town of Rhodes.
 - Dance the night away in Mykonos, famous for its nightlife



BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Conditions are perfect between Easter and mid-June - beaches and ancient sites are relatively uncrowded, public transport operates on close to full schedules and accommodation is cheaper and easier to find than in the mid-June to end of August high season. Conditions are once more ideal from the end of August until mid-October, as the season winds down. Winter is not a viable period outside the major cities as most of the tourist infrastructure goes into hibernation from the middle of October till the beginning of April.

HOW TO GET THERE:
Olympic Airlines flies direct to Athens and domestically within Greece.
Qatar Airways flies via Doha.
Emirates flies via Dubai.
Iberia Airlines flies via Madrid.

Having exported chaos, drama, tragedy and democracy before most nations were staying up late enough to want souvlaki, Greece boasts an unrivalled legacy. But don't expect a visit there to be a sober study of the ancient world - the Greek propensity for partying dates back to Dionysus. From smoggy Athens to blindingly bright islands, ancient fragments abound - the belly button of the cosmos at Delphi, frescoed Minoan palaces on Crete and even, quite possibly, the remnants of Atlantis at Santorini.

Redolent with mythology, Athens is an affable city enlivened by outdoor cafes, pedestrian streets, parks, gardens and urban eccentrics. All of the hotels in Athens boast either rooftop restaurants, pools or bars so that guests may have uninterrupted views of their beloved Acropolis, dominating the centre of this amazing city. At the base of the Acropolis, The Plaka still retains its ancient charm with cobbled streets and bustling tavernas. Greek shop owners sit outside their shops, sipping coffee and playing chess, just willing away the time.



ATHENS - HOTELS



★★★ OSCAR HOTEL
LOCATION: Located opposite the Central Railway Station of Athens, 50m from Metro station, close to city buses.
ACCOMMODATION: All rooms have air-conditioning or central heating, stereo music, satellite TV and in house movies, direct-dial telephone, balcony, room service (18 hrs).
FACILITIES: The hotel offers a currency exchange, car rental, left luggage service, safe deposit box, fax and photocopier, internet, laundry service and gift shop. There is also a doctor on call. The roof top garden offers a view of the Acropolis and an open air swimming pool and bar. The hotel restaurant offers Greek & International Cuisine.



★★★ HOTEL STANLEY
LOCATION: Located on Karaiskaki Square, 500m from Omonia Square. The entrance to the metro subway station is right outside the hotel's sidewalk.
ACCOMMODATION: The Hotel Stanley offers 395 rooms recently renovated with air conditioning, sound proof glass, electronic in-room safe, hair-dryer in bathroom, colour satellite television, and telephone.
FACILITIES: The piano restaurant situated on the green rooftop garden, has the most spectacular views of the whole city of Athens including the Acropolis and the Lycabettus hill. The roof garden also offers a swimming pool with a sun deck, snack bar and cafeteria. Guests can relax at one of the hotels two bars.



★★★★ HOTEL TITANIA
LOCATION: Located in the centre of Athens, between Syntagma and Omonia, the city's major squares.
ACCOMMODATION: The recently refurbished rooms are tastefully decorated. All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite and cable television, minibar, and private in-room safe. All bathrooms are equipped with luxury amenities.
FACILITIES: The hotel has recently been refurbished. The Titania offers 24-hour room service and La Brasserie restaurant offers light Mediterranean dishes all day, while the hotel's rooftop Olive Garden Restaurant, has a stunning panorama of the Acropolis, the Lycabettus and the city beyond.



★★★★★ ELECTRA PALACE HOTEL
LOCATION: Located in the heart of Athens in Plaka area and under the shadow of the Acropolis.
ACCOMMODATION: All rooms & suites have classic decoration in order to match with the classical façade of the hotel & the character of the ancient district of Plaka.
FACILITIES: 24 hrs room service, laundry service, restaurant, bar, business center, garden, spa center with indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, gym and massage room. Restaurant Motivo offers Mediterranean Cuisine from their a la carte menu. Duck Tail bar is classic with deep leather sofas for the ultimate relaxation.



★★★★ DELPHI ART HOTEL
LOCATION: Situated in the heart of Athens, just a few minutes from the shopping area of Omonia, Acropolis and the ancient district of Plaka.
ACCOMMODATION: The hotel has 36 rooms and 4 suites. The high curved ceiling, wooden floors and windows in combination with modern furniture and decoration details, offer a cozy comfortable atmosphere to guests. All rooms and suites are equipped with the latest facilities.
FACILITIES: This Art Boutique hotel combines atmosphere with high service standards to make every guest feel at home. After sightseeing or shopping try some snacks, coffees or pastries at the Bistro Elaiva. For the evening hours the bar tender will be pleased to prepare your favorite drink at the lobby bar.



SIGHTSEEING IN ATHENS

HALF DAY ATHENS SIGHTSEEING TOUR - EUR51

Enjoy a tour of Athens, combining many of the city's principal modern and classical sights. Drive by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament House on Constitution Square, the Panathenian Stadium (site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896). See vistas of the Presidential Palace (ex Royal Palace), government buildings and elegant homes. In contrast, we visit the Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Acropolis with its many monuments atop its rocky base. We also visit the Acropolis Museum.

SCHEDULE: Daily at 09h00. **DURATION:** 4 hours
INCLUSIONS: Transfers and entrance to Acropolis.

ATHENS BY NIGHT - EUR59

Depart your hotel at 20h30 for an evening drive through Athens, ending at a typical restaurant for a live show of Greek folk dances and bouzouki music. Enjoy a 3-course dinner, followed by dancing and plate breaking.

SCHEDULE: Daily at 20h30. **DURATION:** 3 hours
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, dinner and entertainment (drinks for your own account)

ONE DAY 3 ISLAND CRUISE - EUR93

Transfer by motorcoach to Flisvos Marina and embark on the cruise ship. At 08h30 sail for the island of Hydra. In Hydra you are at leisure to stroll, shop or swim. In the early afternoon sail for the island of Aegina, passing through the narrow strait separating the Peloponnesian coast from the island of Poros. Lunch is served after sailing. Short visit of Poros. Upon arrival in Aegina you can either join the excursion to the Temple of Aphaia or walk around

the main town. Finally, embark for the sail back to Flisvos Marina. Arrive at the marina at 19h15 (in winter arrive at 18h00), and transfer to Athens.

SCHEDULE: Daily at 07h45. **DURATION:** 11 hours
INCLUSIONS: Transfers, cruise and lunch (excursions for your own account)

FULL DAY DELPHI - EUR96

Drive through the fertile plain of Boeotia, past the towns of Thebes - connected with the tragedy of King Oedipus - Levadia and Arachova, famous for its colourful rugs and carpets. Arrive at Delphi, the centre of the ancient world - the "Omphalos" (Navel) of the Earth - whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Visit the treasury of the Athenians, the temple of Apollo and the museum containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete, Aghias. After lunch in the modern village of Delphi, return to Athens by the same route.

SCHEDULE: Daily in summer at 08h15
DURATION: 10 hours
INCLUSIONS: Transport, lunch and entrance fees (drinks for your own account)



DAYS - EUR416

DAY 1:

Corinth Canal: Drive to Mycenae where you visit the archaeological site and then on to Nauplia. In the afternoon drive to Epidaurus (visit the archaeological site and the Theatre, famous for its remarkable acoustics). Return to Nauplia. Dinner & overnight.

DAY 2:

Drive through the central Peloponnese area passing the cities of Megalopolis & Tripolis. Arrive in Olympia. In the afternoon visit the archaeological site & museum. Dinner & overnight in Olympia.

DAY 3:

Morning drive via Patras to Rion where you cross by car-ferry to Antirion and drive through Nafpaktos. Arrive in Delphi for dinner and overnight.

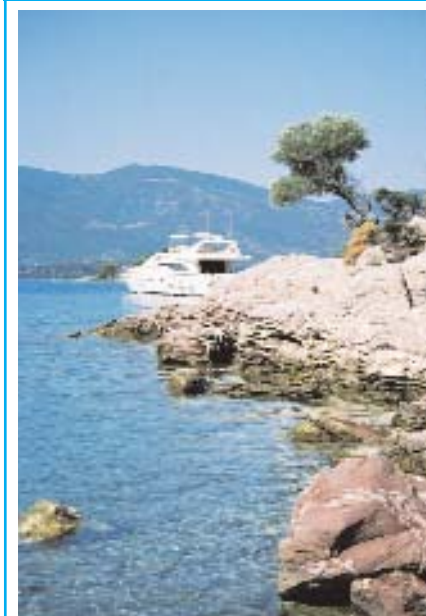
DAY 4:

In the morning, visit the museum of Delphi then start the drive back to Athens.

SCHEDULE: Mon, Tues & Sat (April to October)
DURATION: 4 days departing Athens at 08h45 and arrive Athens at 19h00
INCLUSIONS: Coach transport, accommodation in 3* hotels, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites

GREEK ISLANDS

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES



5-NIGHT ITINERARY

2-nights in Athens at the Titania Hotel
3-nights in Mykonos at the Petassos Bay Hotel, Breakfast daily

7-NIGHT ITINERARY

2-nights in Athens at the Titania Hotel
2-nights in Santorini at the Melina Hotel
3-nights in Mykonos at the Petassos Bay Hotel, Breakfast daily
Ferry transfers between Santorini and Mykonos

10-NIGHT ITINERARY

2-nights in Athens at the Titania Hotel
3-nights in Santorini at the Melina Hotel
2-nights in Paros at the Eri Hotel
3-nights in Mykonos at the Petassos Bay Hotel, Breakfast daily
Ferry transfers between the islands

MYKONOS



★★★★ PETASSOS TOWN HOTEL

LOCATION: Centrally in Mykonos town.
ACCOMMODATION: 18 rooms, all with satellite TV, air conditioning, hairdryer, balcony or terrace most with town or sea views.
FACILITIES: TV room, lounge, breakfast area, safety boxes, sun terrace, snack bar, room service



★★★★ PETASSOS BAY HOTEL

LOCATION: Located 50m from the beach of Plati Yialos.
ACCOMMODATION: The 22 rooms are comfortably equipped with air-conditioning, minibar, satellite TV, hairdryer and all have balconies.
FACILITIES: Indoor bar, swimming pool, pool bar, jacuzzi, restaurant, fitness centre and sauna.



★★★★ PETASSOS BEACH HOTEL

LOCATION: Situated on Platis Yialos Beach.
ACCOMMODATION: All 82 rooms have air-conditioning, minibar, satellite TV, room service and balconies with views.
FACILITIES: Hotel's facilities include bar, swimming pool, jacuzzi, internet corner, fitness room, sauna and restaurant with beautiful views. Water-sport facilities are available.

SANTORINI



★★★★ MELINA HOTEL

LOCATION: Located in Thira, the main town on Santorini.
ACCOMMODATION: All 20 rooms have colour TV, air-conditioning, safety box, bathroom(shower), mini-fridge, hairdryer and private veranda.
FACILITIES: Swimming pool, bar, information desk, car and mopeds rentals. Boating tours can be arranged at the hotel.



★★★★ NOMIKOS VILLAS

LOCATION: Located in Thira overlooking the Caldera.
ACCOMMODATION: Studios and apartments can accommodate 2, 4 and 6 persons. Room facilities include, air-conditioning, TV, hairdryer, safe and kitchenette. Each villa has its own terrace with views of the Caldera.
FACILITIES: Swimming pool and pool bar



★★★★ BELLONIAS VILLAS

LOCATION: Located on the black sand beach of Kamari.
ACCOMMODATION: Villas can accommodate from 2-6 persons. Villas have private balcony, air-conditioning, kitchenette, satellite TV, safe box, hairdryer and bathrobes.
FACILITIES: Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, babysitting, laundry, massage, car or motorbike rental.





CRUISING

MEDITERRANEAN

GREEK ISLANDS

FERRY INFORMATION

Island hop in style on any number of ferries offered in the Greek Isles. The ferries are able to accommodate between 1 400 and 1 800 passengers. They are all equipped with stabilisers and are fully air-conditioned. Passengers travel in comfort and have access to all facilities on board the ferry including coffee lounge, bar, a la carte restaurant, self-service restaurant, conference lounge, children's playroom, giftshop, telephones and internet access. The most popular ferry routes are between the Cycladic Islands of Mykonos, Paros, Naxos and Santorini. Thompsons Tours will arrange all ferry bookings for you and the tickets will be issued to you in Greece. Ferry schedules are subject to change without prior notice due to adverse weather conditions.

HOTELS

Thompsons has introduced a range of All-Inclusive hotels in Greece. All of the properties featured here on Rhodes, Crete & Corfu, offer all meals, drinks and entertainment as part of their holiday packages. This is the most convenient and hassle-free way to travel. Just arrive on your island and forget about the hidden costs.



PAROS

NAXOS

RHODES

CRETE

CORFU

★★★ ERI HOTEL
 LOCATION: Situated 800m from the port of Parikia.
 ACCOMMODATION: 43 rooms and two apartments have bathrooms with shower, air-conditioning, TV, balcony, mini fridge and safety deposit box.
 FACILITIES: Car & motorbike rental, excursions. Lounge and bar have a breathtaking view of the Parikia Gulf.

★★★★★ DELUXE YRIA HOTEL
 LOCATION: 100m from the beach, 2km from Parikia.
 ACCOMMODATION: Rooms have white marble baths & verandas, air-conditioning, satellite TV, CD/DVD player, safe, minibar, hairdryer, and bathrobes.
 FACILITIES: Tennis, restaurants, health club, bar/lounge, swimming pool.

★★★ ASTIR OF NAXOS
 LOCATION: 2 minutes walk from beach of Saint George.
 ACCOMMODATION: The hotel's 26 rooms can accommodate up to 4 persons and have a balcony or veranda, air-conditioning, mini bar, TV, safe, hair dryer.
 FACILITIES: Dry cleaners, safe, tourist services, breakfast room, internet, kids pool, swimming pool, TV room.

★★★★ ELECTRA PALACE **ALL-INCLUSIVE**
 LOCATION: Situated 9km from the historical centre of Rhodes, right on the magnificent beach of Ialysos.
 ACCOMMODATION: 321 recently renovated rooms have Satellite TV, hairdryer, fridge, telephone and Beach towels.
 FACILITIES: All-inclusive hotel, games room, swimming pool, lounge bar on the beach, jacuzzi, restaurant.

★★★★ SANTA MARINA HOTEL
 LOCATION: Located on the beach 6km west of Heraklion and 8km from Heraklion International Airport.
 ACCOMMODATION: 158 rooms and 52 bungalows with air-conditioning, direct-dial phone, fridge, music.
 FACILITIES: Restaurant and a beach snack-bar, pool bar, sun terraces, large swimming pool (fresh water).

★★★★ LOUIS GRAND HOTEL
 LOCATION: Situated on the most famous beach of Corfu.
 ACCOMMODATION: 242 rooms which include Satellite TV, hairdryer, telephone and in-room safe.
 FACILITIES: Canoeing, beach volley, pedalo, transfer service, garden, children's play yard, swimming pool, tennis, partially air-conditioned.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN



ROYAL CARIBBEAN IN THE MED

Royal Caribbean's well known ship, Splendour of the Seas will be based in Venice, Italy from where she will alternate between sailing 7-night cruises to the Greek Isles and 7-night Turkey & Greek Isles itineraries. The Splendour of the Seas features many of the amenities and 'extras' that have become synonymous with the Royal Caribbean fleet, such as the Rock-climbing wall, Themed bars and lounges, 18-hole miniature golf course, Indoor/outdoor pool and the ShipShape Day Spa & Fitness Centres.

Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas will sail two 7-night Med cruises out of Barcelona, calling on Marseille and Villefranche, France, and Livorno, Rome and Naples, Italy. Introduced in 1999, Voyager was the first cruise ship to feature a rock-climbing wall, an ice-skating rink, an in-line skating track and the Royal Promenade, a horizontal atrium featuring shopping, dining and entertainment venues. Voyager of the Seas offers guests a state-of-the-art theatre, the Las Vegas-style Casino Royale, and the outstanding Adventure Ocean youth programme.

STAR CRUISES



CRUISE THE EASTERN MED ON BOARD THE SUPERSTAR LIBRA

Capture the wonders of the Mediterranean on board the Superstar Libra which is designed to meet the changing needs of today's cruise passengers, by providing a more relaxed, resort-style cruise. Superstar Libra brings you an adventure on the high seas offering an impressive array of facilities, entertainment, recreational activities and services coupled with Star Cruises warm Asian hospitality.

This innovative approach to cruising means a more relaxed, casual atmosphere with no fixed schedules. There are no set meal times, so you can dine when and where you want, or with new found friends. Dine early or late, the choice is yours. Forget about everything except having fun.

Cruise through the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean and choose from a variety of different itineraries including a host of fascinating destinations including Malta, Italy, Greece, Croatia, Turkey & Egypt. The Superstar Libra also has a 'No tipping policy'.

STAR CLIPPERS



TALL SHIP SAILING ON BOARD THE STAR FLYER

Step aboard the Star Flyer and discover a new age of sail, where the traditions of the past are happily married to the comforts and amenities of the present. It is a modern cruise ship in every way, created for comfort-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, much like travelling on a private yacht. You'll never feel confined, as the ship offers pleasingly spacious accommodation and expansive teak decks with ample space for relaxing and play.

The décor of Star Flyer is reminiscent of the grand age of sail. Antique prints and paintings of famous sailing ships please the eye, while teak and gleaming mahogany rails are richly reminiscent of Star Clippers' proud nautical heritage. Enjoy our convivial indoor-outdoor Tropical Bar and Piano Bar, and Edwardian style library where a Belle Époque fireplace glows with a warmth that reflects the friendliness and enthusiasm of Star Clippers' hospitable officers and crew.

**CAPITAL CITY:**

Ankara

LANGUAGE:

Turkish

CURRENCY:

New Turkish Lira.

VISA:

SA passport holders require a visa.

AIRPORT TAX: Included in your ticket**AREA:** 780 580 km²**TIME DIFFERENCE:** Nov-Mar: Same as SA time.

Apr-Oct: SA time + 1 hour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

No inoculations are required when visiting Turkey.

USEFUL INFORMATION**WHAT THINGS COST:** (Estimated)

Bottle of wine	US\$20
Beer	US\$4
Bottle of water	US\$3
Coffee/ tea	US\$2
Coldrinks	US\$2
Toasted sandwich	US\$10
Light lunch	US\$10 - 20

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit the Topkapi Palace, St Sophia and the Blue Mosque in Istanbul
- Cruise on the Bosphorous and see the divide between the continents of Europe and Asia
- Shop for leather and carpets in the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul
- See the unusual and strange rock formations and chimneys in Cappadocia
- Soak up the sun on the Mediterranean Coast in either Kusadasi, Bodrum or Marmaris
- Visit the ancient sites of Troy and Ephesus by motorcoach



Turkey is a paradise of sun, sea, mountains and lakes that offers the visitor a complete change from the stress and routine of everyday life. Turkey also has a magnificent past, and is a land full of historic treasures from 13 successive civilizations spanning 10,000 years. There is no doubt that one visit will not be enough, and you will want to come back again and again as you discover one extraordinary place after another.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Turkey has a typical Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers. Winters tend to be rainy all over the country and very cold in the central regions. Turkey is a year-round destination and the very best time to visit would be between April and October. Although prices tend to drop between November and March.

HOW TO GET THERE:**ALL FLIGHTS INTO ISTANBUL.**

Olympic Airlines flies via Athens
Qatar Airways flies via Doha
Kenya Airways flies via Nairobi
Emirates flies via Dubai

The Aegean shores of Turkey are among the loveliest landscapes in the country. Kusadasi and Izmir can be found in this region as well as the famous ruins at Ephesus. Visitors can also see the legendary Trojan Horse in Troy enroute to Canakkale, on the Northern Aegean Coast. The thermal salt-laden spring waters of Pamukkale have created fantastic formations of stalactites, cataracts and basins, found east of Izmir.

Antalya, Turkey's principal holiday resort in the Mediterranean region, is an attractive city with shady palm-lined boulevards and a prize-winning marina. In the picturesque old quarter, Kaleici, narrow winding streets and old wooden houses about the ancient city walls.

HISTORIC TURKEY COACH TOUR
YEAR ROUND DAILY DEPARTURES**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- * All airport/hotel transfers
- * 2 nights in Istanbul in either 4-star or 5-star hotel
- * 2 nights in Izmir in either 4-star or 5-star hotel
- * Flight between Istanbul and Izmir
- * Full day tour of Istanbul with lunch
- * Full day excursion to Ephesus with lunch
- * Breakfast daily

SIGHTSEEING**ISTANBUL****Byzantine Visions - USD39**

Visit Hippodrome Square, St. Sophia Museum, Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar. The Gallery Section of St. Sophia is included.

SCHEDULE: Daily at 08h30. DURATION: Half Day

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers

Ottoman Visions - USD39

Visit Suleymaniye Mosque and Topkapi Palace (Main and Treasury sections). Topkapi Palace, built between 1475 and 1478 by Mehmet II, Fatih, the conqueror of Istanbul, served as the residence of the sultan and administrative seat of the Ottoman Empire for 400 years.

SCHEDULE: Daily at 13h30. DURATION: Half Day

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers

Bosphorous by Boat - USD34

Begin the trip with a visit to the Spice Bazaar with its mystical smells of various spices. See shops selling fruits, vegetables, flowers, caviar and dry fish etc. Then board your boat for the trip along the Bosphorous River, the waterway separating the two continents, Asia and Europe.

SCHEDULE: Daily at 08h30 or 13h30

DURATION: Half Day

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers

IZMIR**Full Day Ephesus with Lunch - USD88**

Visit the ruins of the best-preserved ancient city Ephesus, the House of Virgin Mary, and the Archaeological Museum in Selcuk.

SCHEDULE: Daily.

DURATION: Full Day

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers and lunch

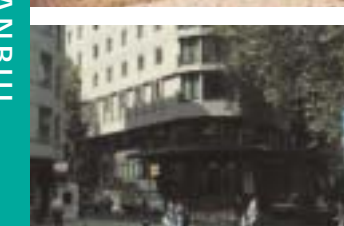
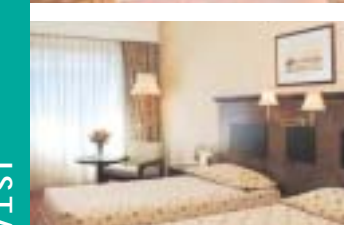
Full Day Pamukkale with Lunch - USD133

Drive to Pamukkale and visit the ancient city of Hierapolis, the best-preserved necropolis and the thermal pools of Pamukkale.

SCHEDULE: Daily

DURATION: Full Day

INCLUSIONS: Return hotel transfers and lunch



ISTANBUL

KUSADASI

ANTALYA

★★★★ BEST WESTERN SENATOR HOTEL

LOCATION: Situated in the old city centre of Istanbul.
ACCOMMODATION: 102 comfortable functional rooms all decorated in a modern style with minibar, hair dryer, satellite TV, air-conditioning and dataport.
FACILITIES: Health club, banquet restaurant; live band, casino, disco lounge, nightclub, coffee shop, room service, heated pool, indoor pool and jacuzzi.

★★★★ BEST WESTERN PRESIDENT HOTEL

LOCATION: Situated in the old city centre of Istanbul. Within walking distance of the historical sites.
ACCOMMODATION: 204 modern rooms all with minibars and satellite TV. Some rooms have views of the Marmara Sea.
FACILITIES: Indoor swimming pool, massage, sauna and jacuzzi. Café, pub and two restaurants on the premises.

★★★★ DELUXE POINT HOTEL

LOCATION: Located in the centre of Istanbul/Taksim.
ACCOMMODATION: 142 spacious rooms offering air-conditioning, mini bar, hair dryer, full entertainment centre, satellite TV, CD and DVD player.
FACILITIES: Three restaurants to choose from offering a variety of international cuisine including traditional Turkish food and Japanese sushi.

★★★★★ THE MARMARA ISTANBUL

LOCATION: Located 5 km from the old City on the highest of Istanbul's seven hills.
ACCOMMODATION: The large rooms offer panoramic views of the city, marble bathrooms, TV, hair dryer, air-conditioning, minibar, safe,
FACILITIES: 6 restaurants & bars, fitness centre, outdoor swimming pool, Turkish bath and sauna.

★★★★★ FANTASIA HOTEL

LOCATION: On the private Fantasia Beach.
ACCOMMODATION: 326 rooms with modern amenities offer air conditioning, satellite TV, radio, minibar, DD telephone.
FACILITIES: Bars, watersports, parasailing, tennis, Fitness Centre with resident gym teacher.

★★★★ PORTOBELLO HOTEL

LOCATION: Situated on the world famous Konyaalti Beach. The historical centre of Antalya is 10km away.
ACCOMMODATION: 346 rooms with telephone, satellite TV, radio, minibar, safe and air-conditioning
FACILITIES: Discoteque, 2 tennis courts, jewellery shop, hairdresser, silver and souvenir shops.





CAPITAL CITY:
Tunis

LANGUAGE:
French & Arabic

CURRENCY:
Tunisian Dinar. 1 TND = 1.3392 USD

VISA:
SA passport holders require a visa.

AIRPORT TAX:
Included in your ticket

AREA: 163 610 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE:
1 hour behind SA time.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:
No inoculations are required when visiting Tunisia.



Whatever the season, your first glimpse of Tunisia will be one of golden beaches and a deep blue sea. With over 1200 kilometres of coast this sunny Mediterranean land is a paradise for the holidaymaker. Well known seaside resort areas such as Sousse, Hammamet, Nabeul, and Djerba offer their visitors the finest sand beaches and crystalline water along with a dizzying choice of waterfront hotels featuring sun and watersports. An hours drive from these modern resorts will bring you to another Tunisia, one of ancient Roman, Arab, Berber or Phoenician sites.

Hammamet is known for its stunning beaches, while nearby Nabeul is renowned for pottery making and ceramics. Visitors can watch how this is made.

Sousse is a beautiful seaside town very proud of its heritage, which is shown in the many museums open to the public and its Medina, with its tiny colourful shops overflowing with silver jewellery, wool blankets, copper and carpets. Port El Kantaoui is an extension of Sousse and is a charming white and blue Tunisian style village boasting a marina and an 18-hole golf course. It is also where the hotels are located along the beachfront

One hour from Hammamet, Tunis takes you by surprise with its modern conference halls, hotels and banks, bright yellow taxis and all the hustle and bustle of a modern Mediterranean city. Steel and glass blend with the baroque and palm trees look down on chic boutiques, gardens and cafés.

USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT THINGS COST:

Bottle of wineTND1200
BeerTND3000
Bottle of waterTND2000
ColdrinksTND1500

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Buying pottery and ceramics in the Medinas of Hammamet & Nabeul
- Visiting the Bardo Museum in Tunis, one of the largest archeological museums in the world
- Enjoy the pleasures of Thalassotherapy (salt water therapy), where you can have any kind of treatment from a simple massage to anti-smoking cures
- See the vast difference between the lush oases, the dry salt lakes and the stark Atlas Mountains in Tozeur and Gafsa
- Visit the Bedouin village where Star Wars was filmed in Tozeur
- Touch the sands of the Sahara Desert, the largest desert in the world.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Spring, February to May, is the best time to travel to Tunisia. The weather is great and hotels are less crowded than the hot summer months of June, July and August.

Winter, December to February, is not recommended as this period tends to be windy and rainy. The autumn months of September to November are also good months to travel although it may be windy on the Sahara

HOW TO GET THERE:

Qatar Airways flies via Doha to Tunis
Air France flies via Paris to Tunis
Egypt Air flies via Cairo to Tunis



SIGHTSEEING

3 DAY JEEP SAFARI - USD234

Day 1: Depart from Hammamet. Visit El Jem, Sfax, Gabes and Matmata. Camel ride to oasis at Gabes and visit Berber family in Matmata. Dinner and overnight in Matmata.

Day 2: Visit El Hamma, Kebilil, Douz, Nouail, Bildet, Zaafrane and Tozeur. Camel trek in Zaafrane and visit of oasis in Tozeur. Dinner and overnight in Tozeur.

Day 3: Visit Chebika, Tamarza, Gafsa and Kairouan. Visit cascades of Tamarza. Return to Hammamet.

SCHEDULE: Monday & Thursday. **DURATION:** 3 days.
INCLUSIONS: Transport, accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

FULL DAY TUNIS, CARTHAGE, SIDI BOU SAID & BARDO - USD67

Depart from Hammamet for Tunis. Upon arrival, explore the Medina and then onto the Bardo Museum. Lunch in Tunis before travelling to Sidi Bou Said for a visit of the village. Depart for Carthage and visit the main sites before returning to Hammamet.

SCHEDULE: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.
DURATION: Full day.
INCLUSIONS: Transfers and lunch.

FULL DAY NOMADS BY JEEP - USD65

Depart from Hammamet to Chott Selloum, one of the inland salt lakes. Continue to Enfidha and visit the local market. Depart for the Berber village of Takrouna and then visit Jeradou. Visit the village and Temple of Water in Zagouan. Continue the journey to Hammam Bent Djedidi, a Berber village. Visit the village and a nomad family preparing lunch. Lunch underneath a tent at Laroussi and enjoy an afternoon of relaxation before returning to Hammamet.

SCHEDULE: Sunday.
DURATION: Full day (08h00-17h00).
INCLUSIONS: Transfers and lunch.

FULL DAY KAIROUN, EL JEM & MAHIDA - USD63

Depart from Sousse to Kairouan via Enfidha. Upon arrival in Kairouan visit the great mosque Okba Ibn Nafaa, the Aghlabides Basin, the Berber Mausoleum, the Sidi Abid Museum, the Bir Barroua and the souks. Lunch in Kairouan. Depart for El Jem and visit the Roman Amphitheatre. Depart for El Mehida, where you will have leisure time before returning to Sousse.

SCHEDULE: MONDAY & THURSDAY. **DURATION:** FULL DAY. **INCLUSIONS:** TRANSFERS AND LUNCH.



TUNIS

★★★★ ABU NAWAS EL MECHTEL

LOCATION: Situated in the Belvedere Gardens area of Tunis town centre.

ACCOMMODATION: The 421 guestrooms all have balconies and include air conditioning, cable television, DD phones, safes and minibars.

FACILITIES: There are 5 restaurants on-site as well as 3 bars, swimming pool, health centre, gym and sauna.



CARTHAGE

★★★★★ DELUXE THE RESIDENCE HOTEL,

LOCATION: On the beachfront, facing the Med sea, 20 min from the city centre and 15-mins from the airport

ACCOMMODATION: All rooms have a private balcony overlooking the sea, Comfortable king-size beds with marble bathrooms with separate bath & shower.

FACILITIES: Thalassotherapy Spa Centre, 5 restaurants.



HAMMAMET

★★★★★ HOTEL HASDRUBAL THALASSA & SPA HAMMAMET YASMINE

LOCATION: Located on a beach on the Med Sea.

ACCOMMODATION: All rooms are suites, most with sea view, Italian marble bathroom and private balcony.

FACILITIES: 5 restaurants, The main focus of the hotel is the Thalassotherapy Centre where guests can pamper themselves with saltwater treatments that relax and revive.



SOUSSE

★★★★★ MELIA EL MOURADI PALACE, PORT EL KANTAOUI SOUSSE

LOCATION: On the beachfront, in front of a 36-hole golf course, 10km from Sousse.

ACCOMMODATION: All rooms have terraces or balconies and are equipped with satellite TV, minibars and en-suite bathrooms with hair dryers.

FACILITIES: 8 restaurants and bar, pool, jacuzzi & more.



DJERBA

★★★★★ HOTEL HASDRUBAL THALASSA

LOCATION: Situated on one of the most beautiful beaches on the island, the Sidi Mehrez Beach.

ACCOMMODATION: The air-conditioned rooms are equipped with a DD telephone, radio, satellite TV, safe, mini-bar, balcony overlooking the sea or garden.

FACILITIES: Thalassotherapy Centre, nightclub, pool.

