

Cairo

Cairo is today the largest city in Africa; home to 14 million people and the crossroads of Africa and Arabia. Despite such a large population Cairo prides itself on its village atmosphere and friendly welcome to all visitors. With its Pharaonic foundations and reputation as one of the great centres of the world for art and learning combined with modern developments, Cairo holds an endless fascination for visitors and residents alike. The Museum is a must for any traveller. Containing a vast collection of treasures dating back to the time of the Pharaohs (and including the Tutankhamun tomb) it will give you a real insight into the roots of civilisation. You will certainly want to come back again. The bazaars of Khan Al-Khalili are one of Cairo's major shopping areas, originally built in 1382 and lying in the middle of the ancient Fatimid city. The greatest source of belly-dancing costumes ever found!! Egypt is home to two of the remaining Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, one of these being of course the Giza Pyramids. Built at the dawn of civilisation by the Pharaohs as monuments to their Gods, they still hold the visitor in awe and wonder. They are much more than art and architecture. The Pyramids give many people a window back through time to the roots of their cultures.

Luxor

Luxor is a superb holiday resort combining the best of quality accommodation; colourful local markets; a wonderful dry, hot, climate; and the largest surviving concentration of ancient monuments in the Nile Valley. Visit the superb temple of Luxor - one of the most handsome in Egypt - built by Amenhotep III. Wonder at the amazing Karnak temples, including the temple of Amun, which took more than 1,000 years to build. Visit Thebes, on the West Bank, where can be found the awesome tombs in the Valleys of Kings and Queens; the incredibly restored Hatshepsut Temple; and the wonderful Memnon Colossi. Or just sunbathe, eat and drink, or relax in a Felucca, for an idyllic sail on the Nile.

Workshops in Morocco, Turkey and Egypt



Istanbul
1st - 4th June



2006



MARRAKECH

21st - 29th October

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Open to partners and friends. Non-dancers welcome!

Marrakech - 4 nights; subject to level of interest
Istanbul - 3 nights; Thurs 1st - Sunday 4th June 2006
Cairo/Luxor - 8 nights; Sat 21st - Sun29th October 2006

Join Jacqueline for one or more of these trips of luxury, fun, mystery and pure magic, with the opportunity to attend authentic classical or folkloric belly dancing workshops led by a local teacher. See all of the famous sights of each of these fabulous destinations at the same time. At every location we visit local bazaars to buy belly dance costumes and exotic gifts; and arrange fun evenings out including folklore, belly dancing and sumptuous banqueting. Come with us and find out for yourself - you will have an exciting and unusual holiday with plenty of hard work and fun.

Included in the basic trip prices:

- Direct return air flights from London
- Private coach transfers between local Airport and hotel
- B&B or half-board accommodation in 4 or 5 star hotel

Numerous Optional Items including:

3-hour Belly Dancing Workshop classes with a local teacher (1 in Marrakech and Istanbul, 3 in Cairo); Additional nights (subject to availability);
Single room; Private escorted trips with guide:

in MARRAKECH - Koutoubia Mosque, Saadian Tombs and Bahia Palace; Medina, Souks and Djemaa el Fna square; Evening dinner and folkloric dancing at the extraordinary Fantasia show; Exclusive dinner evening at the Riad Dar Marjana or el Diaffa; Half-day Calèche (horse-drawn carriage) tours; Tour of the Ourika Valley.

in ISTANBUL - The Blue Mosque and the Cathedral of St Sophia; Topkapi Palace and the Basilica Cistern; Grand Bazaar and belly dance costume shops; Dinner and Belly Dancer show at the Orient House; Bosphorus River cruise; Dolmabahce or Beylerberri Palace.

in CAIRO - The Giza Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum; the Khan Al-Khalili bazaar belly dancing dress shops; Nile Boat Dinner and Belly Dancing show.

in LUXOR - Karnak and Luxor temples at the east bank; Valley of Kings and Queens, Hatshepsut Temple and Memnon Colossi; Son et Lumière at Karnak Temple; One day trip to the incredible Abu Simbel Temples; Dinner and Folkloric show at the Old Winter Palace.

Marrakech

Marrakech dates back as far as 1070 and several monuments stand out as landmarks in its history. Foremost is the Koutoubia Mosque, the minaret of which has become the symbol of the city. Behind the massive pink ramparts that made Marrakech a fortified city, are the Saadian Tombs of the 16th century dynasty showing the great skill of Arabic craftsmen. The 19th century Bahia Palace is often inhabited by the King of Morocco's guests; and its succession of intricately carved and decorated rooms nest in gardens planted with orange and jasmine trees. The labyrinthine and fascinating Souks of Marrakech are the most colourful and lively local markets in Africa. Your walk through the souks ends at the magical Djemaa El Fna square, a popular entertainment area where, at the end of the afternoon, storytellers, snake-charmers, tooth-drawers and dancers appear to entertain the crowd in a scene that is pure street theatre. Join us at an evening of Berber folklore, dancing and sumptuous banqueting at Fantasia - Marrakech's unique answer to Disneyland!

Istanbul

This fascinating city is the gateway between Orient and Occident, the Christian and the Islamic world. Visit the Byzantine and Ottoman sites at the Hippodrome with its Obelisk and Serpentine Column; the stunning Blue Mosque and the magnificent architecture of St Sophia - originally built as a cathedral in the Middle Ages; converted to a mosque during the Ottoman times. Venture through the teeming Grand Bazaar, with its thousands of shops, whilst you hunt for costumes, accessories and other bargains. Visit Topkapi - the breathtaking palace of the Ottoman Sultans with its world-famous Harem and amazing exhibitions of jewellery, costumes, porcelain and armoury. Visit the fascinating underground Byzantine Cistern. Enjoy a 4-course meal, with wine, accompanied by oriental floor show incorporating belly dancing, folkdance and much more; at the incomparable Orient House. Cruise on the magical River Bosphorus; and visit one of the fabulous Ottoman Palaces