

# Libya and Egypt – Lost Cities of Roman Africa

Tour Code LE

This unique and comprehensive tour combines the great classical ruins of Libya, the archaeological wonders of Alexandria and the fabled oasis city of ancient Siwa. The vast scale and unbelievably well-preserved classical sites along the Mediterranean coast of Libya stand as testament to the wealth and grandeur of Roman North Africa. Equally the significance of Alexandria, once the most renowned city in the ancient world after Athens and Rome, and beauty of the remote Siwa oasis deserve close inspection. Furthermore it is not unusual to be able to view the ancient cities of Libya in virtual solitude, which can be an overwhelming experience. We end the tour in Cairo and the option is given to book one of a number of tours available through our local ground agent if you wish.



Severan Forum, Leptis Magna  
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### Day 1 Fly to Tripoli

Morning flight with British Airways direct to Tripoli. Three nights at the Yosser hotel. Welcome dinner in a quality restaurant (D)

### Day 2 In Tripoli. Visit Sabratha

We visit the excellent National museum this morning before driving west to spend the afternoon at Sabratha, famous for its largely intact and stunning Roman theatre. We return to our Tripoli hotel and enjoy Libyan cuisine in a nearby restaurant (B,L,D)

### Day 3 Visit Leptis Magna

A full day at one of the most spectacular ruined cities in the world, Leptis Magna. Wandering alone through these spectacularly well-preserved ruins on such a grand scale is one of the major highlights of the tour. We also visit the Roman city's superbly preserved Amphitheatre and Circus ruins located along the coast. We return to Tripoli in the late afternoon (B,L,D)

### Day 4 In Tripoli. Fly to Benghazi

We spend the morning visiting some of the landmarks of Tripoli's old city including Marcus Aurelius arch and Gurgi Mosque. The afternoon is left at leisure in Tripoli to wander through Tripoli's old medina and shop in the bustling souk. This evening we fly to Benghazi. Overnight at the Uzu hotel with dinner (B,L,D)

### Day 5 Visit Tolmeitha and Qasr Libya

This morning we drive to the beautiful site of Tolmeitha situated beneath the green Cyrenaica hills. Here we discover the largest ancient cistern in Africa. With an interesting museum, its peaceful gardens make an excellent spot for today's lunch. This afternoon we drive into the green Jebel Akdar hills and visit Qasr Libya with its beautiful Byzantine church ruins and stunning floor mosaics. We continue to Apollonia for two nights at the Al Manara hotel wonderfully located next to the town's Byzantine church ruins on the coast (B,L,D)

### Day 6 Visit Cyrene and Apollonia

A full day visiting the breathtaking ruins of Cyrene, a beautiful site scattered across terraces on the slopes of the Jebel Akdar hills. Regarded as one of the most important Greek monuments in the world we have a full morning guided tour of the site including the great Doric temple of Zeus. After a break for lunch we visit Apollonia, the ancient port of Cyrene. Stunningly set against the azure blue waters of the Mediterranean we visit its three beautiful Byzantine churches and its evocative theatre with commanding views over the sea (B,L,D)

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### Day 7 Visit Al Athrun and Tobruk

We drive along Libya's unspoilt vast coastline to Al Athrun to visit two beautiful marble-clad churches set against a stunning coastal backdrop. Driving east we stop at Derna for lunch before continuing to Tobruk to visit the beautifully kept Commonwealth war graves. Overnight and dinner at the Al Masira hotel (B,L,D)

### Day 8 Cross into Egypt. Drive to Marsa Matruh

An early departure this morning crossing into Western Egypt and driving to Marsa Matruh, We have a relaxing afternoon on the shores of the Mediterranean at our hotels' private beach. Overnight and dinner at the Beau Site hotel (B,D)

### Day 9 Journey to Siwa Oasis

We drive south through the desert to the remote Siwa Oasis. We visit the stunning tombs on the Mountain of the Dead before transferring to the Siwa Paradise hotel our base for the next two days. In the afternoon we have a tour of the abandoned Old Town of Siwa (B,D)

### Day 10 Visit ancient Siwa

We visit the Temple of the Oracle, visited by Alexander the Great in 331 BC and the remains of the nearby Temple of Amun. We have a break for lunch at our hotel with the afternoon at leisure before taking a desert safari by 4 wheel-drive vehicles across the dramatic dunes of the Great Sand Sea, and hopefully to witness a dramatic sunset. Dinner at the hotel (B,D)

### Day 11 Visit El Alamein. Drive to Alexandria

We drive to Alamein this morning, scene of the historic Allied victory in the Second World War, where we visit the museum and British cemetery. We have a break for lunch before continuing to Alexandria for a two night stay at the elegant Windsor Hotel located along the historic corniche of the city. Dinner in the hotel (B,D)

### Day 12 Visit Alexandria

This morning we visit the extensive Greco-Roman Museum. Afternoon sightseeing includes the Citadel of Qait Bey where the Pharos Lighthouse supposedly once stood, the superb Egyptian Roman Catacombs of Kom El-Shuga and Pompey's Pillar. Dinner at a local restaurant (B,D)

### Day 13 Drive to Cairo

This morning we drive to Cairo and transfer to the Helnan Shepherd hotel well located on the Nile close to Tahir Square. This afternoon we visit the unrivalled National Museum full of stunning antiquities including the infamous treasures of Tutankhamen. Dinner at a local restaurant (B,D)

### Day 14 In Cairo

A day at leisure with various options to book a local tour to visit the Pyramids at Giza, the stunning mosques Islamic Cairo or enjoy a relaxing felucca ride along the Nile. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant (B,D)

### Day 15 Fly London

A morning departure with British Airways direct to London Heathrow Terminal 5 (B)

**Cost £2395.00** per person in twin room (excludes international flight) Single supplement £375.00



Fascinating mud brick old town of Siwa  
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#### Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ Specialist guides for the duration of the tour
- ▶ All transportation – A/C bus exclusive to the group
- ▶ One internal flight within Libya with Buraq Air
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Best available hotels in Libya on a full board basis
- ▶ Four star hotels in Egypt on half board basis
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities
- ▶ Bottled water daily

Not included – travel insurance, visa fees, drinks, lunches guide and driver gratuities, British Airways international flights

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