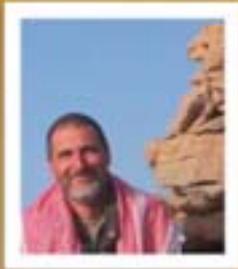


NEWSLETTER 2015 - 2016

# Take an ADVENTURE like no other

DABUKA NEW HORIZONS



*Dear Travel-Companions,*

The season 2015-2016 is waiting for you with a lot of new ideas. Based on the fact that times are passing always in the same rhythm but the world is changing constantly, we offer a huge variety of tailor made trips trying to meet different demands.

Far away from mass-media rumors – but of course well connected to reality, we offer new sites combined to breathtaking nature. Our experience as Egyptian locals helps us to realize your dreams in a reasonable way. Highlights will be cross-border tours into Sudan, Ethiopia and Djibouti!

We are working WITH and not against nature and invite you cordially to come and experience first and to judge after! It's your life – no matter what other people think of it!

Feel free to ask a lot of more questions through Viber, Skype, E-Mail...

*Best regards,*

*Tarek El Mahdy & Team Dabuka*



## Explore Exotic Destinations!

### Save the Date!

#### Hidden Treasures

I: 10.09 - 21.09.2015

II: 21.04 -07.05.2016

Immerse yourself in a full-adventurous trip to explore the hidden treasures of 8

destinations from Cairo all the way to Luxor

Price: 1,422 €

#### Nubian Adventure

I: 04.10 - 13.10.2015

II: 14.04 – 28.04.2016

Special Nubian hospitality, a boat, and hiking Safari on the Lake Nasser

Price: 1,185 €

#### Cairo

I: 02.09 – 06.09.2015

II: 18.05 – 22.05.2016

III: 22.06 – 26.06.2016

Showing you the other face of an exciting metropolis off the mainstream.

Price: 414 €

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## Hidden Treasures

Date I: 10.09 - 21.09.2015

Date II: 21.04 - 07.05.2016

Egypt offers plenty of hidden treasures, not yet really discovered by mass tourism

### Cairo

We are happy to present you some of them in Cairo, like the Ibn Toloun Mosque or the Geographical

### Middle Egypt

Before heading to Luxor, you find most of the Pharaonic Monuments in Middle Egypt. Reason for that is, that the Pharaoh Achnaton was very innovative by creating a new god and a new capital. Here we will enjoy for some days the hospitality of a local Coptic family.

### Luxor

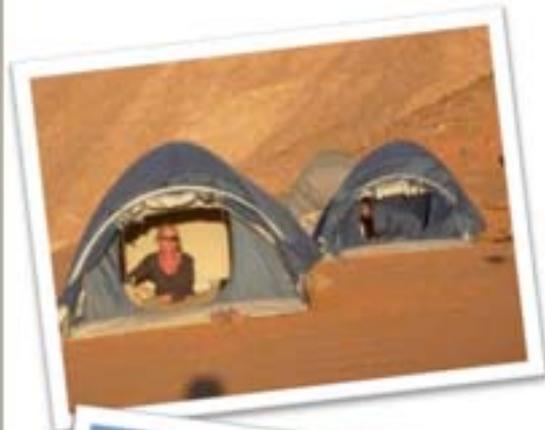
Luxor has got more than one face; you can choose the touristic part on the East bank with huge hotels and the famous temples of Luxor and Karnak. Or you chose the more natural Luxor on the West Bank located in the fertile Nile valley. Here we chose to stay in a small hotel.

### Route:

Cairo- Beni Hassan – Deir Abu Hinis – Tell el Amarna  
– Tuna el Gebel – Ashmonein – West Bank Luxor –  
Valley of the Kings – Cairo

Participants: 4-12

Price: 1,422 €



## Following the Holy Family

Date I: 27.09 - 08.10.2015

Date II: 21.11 - 02.12.2015

Egypt is a country of accentuated contrasts and also the Holy Family travelled around 2000 km through the country. We try to follow their traces.

### Cairo

We will start our trip from Cairo where the Holy Family had a rest more than one time. From here we will visit the monasteries of Wadi Natrun, and from Maadi -a district of Cairo- we will find our way on the Nile, going south like the Holy Family.

### Moharreq Monastery

Before returning back to Palestine, the Family had their longest stay in the Moharreq Monastery. We will discover again also that ancient building.



### The Red Sea Mountains

The return route of the Holy Family kept always mysterious. So we are returning now to the Mountains of the Red Sea, to the two oldest monasteries in history; Saint Anthony and Saint Paul. We will have a hike between the two monasteries before returning back to Cairo.

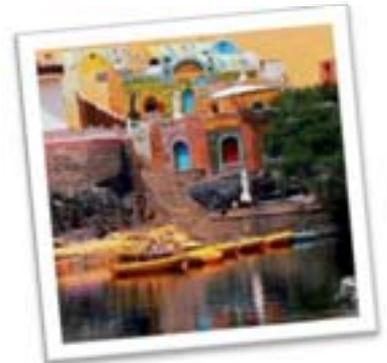
### Route:

Cairo – Wadi Natrun – Bahnasa – Gebel el Tayr – El Ashmonein – Moharreq Monastery – Deir Abu Hinis – Durunqul – Asyuit – Antony Monastery – Paulus

Participants: 4-12

Price: 1,035 €





## Nubian Adventure- Nubia & Lake Nasser

**Date I: 04.10 – 13.10.2015**

**Date II: 14.04 – 28.04.2016**

Follow us to a special "Nubian Adventure", to explore amazing landscapes and great hospitality that will create wonderful memories

Our Trip: Assuan will just be the gathering point – we are going further, moving around Nubian villages and attractions.

We will eat simple and delicious local food, we will stay in their mud houses on their island close to the Nile, we will drink their traditional Coffee (Gabana), we will experience their amazing music and shows...& we will swim on their beaches.

The second part of our trip will consist of a **Boat & Hike Safari!**

For 5 days we will have our adventure on Lake Nasser, we will not travel on one of those luxury cruisers, but we will sail in one of the smaller boats where we can easier go on shore.

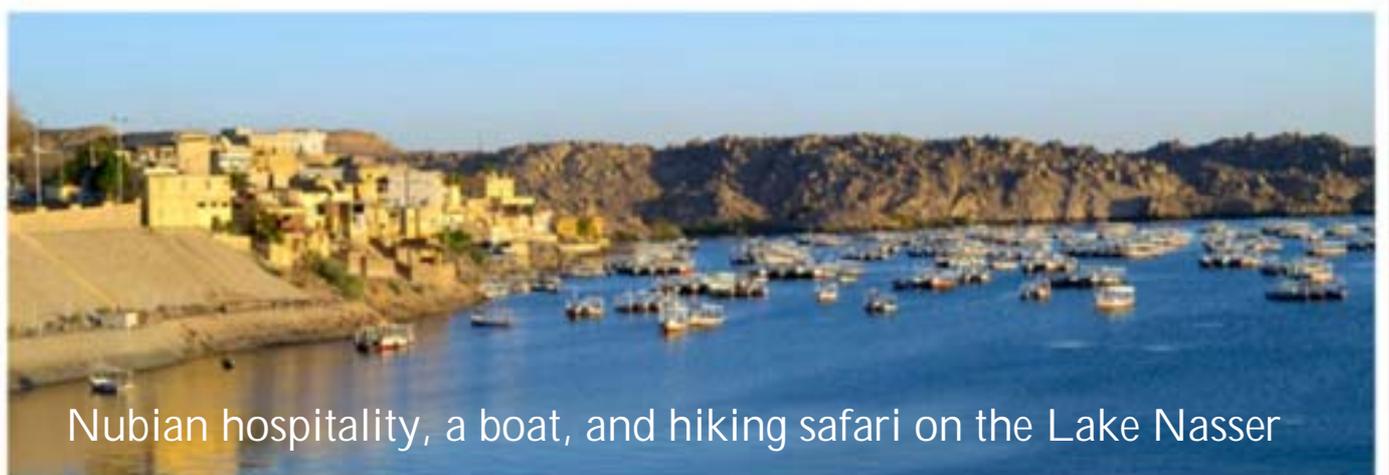
We will spend in each day a one-hour hike & we will visit the attractions of the Nubian Temples (Wadi Sebuia, Amara) and undoubtedly Abu Simbel!

We will spend each day an one-hour hike..

Route: Aswan – (Boat safary on Nasser Lake)  
Wadi Sebuia – Amana – Abu Simbel – Aswan.

Participants: 4-12

**Price: 1,185 €**



Nubian hospitality, a boat, and hiking safari on the Lake Nasser

## Red Sea National Parks & Gebel Elba

Date I: 07.11 – 19.11.2015

Date II: 09.12 – 22.12.2015

Date III: 05.02 – 17.02.2016

### A dream of lifetime comes true!

**Gebel Elba** itself and a hike to the mountains are definitely worth a visit. This place was a restricted area during the last years and we are happy to offer it now!



As a kind of “additional bonus” you might get fascinated by the flora and fauna, which are vastly spreading in a rich landscape.



### Shalatin

The market in Shalatin specialized in **African spices** and if you are keen to find **African music**, which would be the place to have a look.

Additionally, we will visit Roman ruins and some Pre-Historic rock engravings.



### Route

Marsa Alam – Seket – Ras Banas – Shalateen – Abu Ramad – Gebel Elba – Wadi Hodein – Abraq – Sheikh Shazly – Marsa Alam

Participants: 6-12

Price: 1,737 €





## In the Land of the Beja

**Date: 19.03 – 03.04.2016**

The **Eastern Desert**, home of the Ababda and Basharin Arabs, is still one of the most unknown regions of Earth.

The Bedouin there still live the same way they did hundreds of years ago. The area is rich in vegetation in which many gazelles live. The most interesting settlement is to be found at Shalatin on the coast, where one finds the largest camel market in Egypt.

**Our Trip:** We shall have the opportunity to visit this fascinating and unique camel market.

The hospitality of the Nubians is unforgettable and you will take away with you many fond memories of these fine people.

**Route:** Aswan – Wadi Allaqi – Taimur wells – Sheikh Shazley – Wadi Naam - Abraç – Abu Safaa – Wadi Hodein – Shalatin – Satout – Marsa Alam.

**Participants:** 6-12

**Price:** 2,095 €



## Faces of the Eastern Desert

Explore the pristine beauty of Egypt's Eastern Desert in the faces of its people and their persistent culture

We invite you to a virtual tour to explore the Ababda & their culture at Dabuka's photo stream on [Flickr](#)

**Recommended book:** Desert plants of Egypt

## Cairo –the glorious– “Mother of the World”

Date I: 02.09 – 06.09.2015

Date II: 18.05 – 22.05.2016

Date III: 22.06 – 26.06.2016 (Special experience of Ramadan)

We are offering a-five-day tour to Cairo. Away from the main touristic attractions, we want to show you the other face of an exciting metropolis.

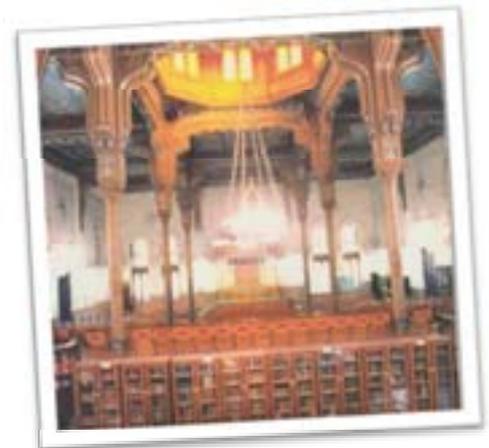


Experience the Coptic Cairo with its Hanging Church...

Experience the Islamic Cairo with the dance of the Dervish ...

Experience the modern Cairo with the Geological Society...

Experience the Nile with a Felukka ride on it...



Experience handicraft with a visit of a special tissue market....

Participants: 2-8

Price: 414 €

## Grand Oasis Tour

**A: Date I: 11.02 – 20.02.2016**

**B: Date II: 05.05 – 14.05.2016**

### **10 days through the 4 Oases of the Western Desert**

**Route A:** Aswan – Luxor – Kharga – Dakhla – Farafra – White Desert – Bahareya – Wadi Haitan – Cairo

**Route B:** Cairo – Deir Abu Hinis - Kharga – Dakhla – Farafra – White Desert – Bahareya – Wadi Haitan – Cairo.



Every desert needs an oasis for all human beings to survive. Each of the four main oases of the Western Desert in Egypt has its very own character but they are all an attraction for body and mind.

You will discover handicraft, local people, architecture and tradition as well as a huge variation of landscape and nature.



During the day you experience desert, farming and everyday life of local people, at night you will relax in nice hotels.

Participants: 4 - 12

**Price: 874 €**

## North Coast & Siwa Oasis

Date I: 08.04 – 19.04.2016

Date II: 10.06 – 21.06.2016

### Siwa

Siwa Oasis is a very special destination. It became famous by the writings of the Greek historian Herodotus about the lost Persian army of Cambyses as well as the famous visit of Alexander the Great to the Amon Oracle. In Siwa sometime we will spend time walking around the Oasis and the palm gardens, visiting the ancient city of Shali and the Temple of the Oracle. We will visit the tiny remote town of "Qara um al Sarrir", located at the edge of the Qatar Depression.



### Alexandria

Alexandria, the city of Alexander the Great, is worth a visit with its famous Alexandria Library and the Fortress of Qait Bey. You might enjoy as well tasting the delicious fresh fish from the coast.

### Rosetta

Rosetta is a unique place at the Western arm of the Nile, where we still could see some of the few houses from the Ottoman period, as well as the fortress of Rosetta, where the famous Rosetta stone was found.

### Northern Coast

Alexandria, The Northern Coast of Egypt has got plenty of lakes. We will have the unique experience to travel on the Borolluslake, using one of the local fisher boats.

### Ras al Bahr

Ras al Bahr is a relatively new Coastal Village, which was founded during the Second World War. As the rich Egyptians could not travel to Europe at that time any longer, that place was found instead to spend the summer months there.

### Damietta

Damietta is the second coastal town at the end of the second Nile arm, it became famous for wooden furnishers.

**Route:** Cairo - Wadi Natrun - El Alamein - Marsa Matruh - Siwa - Alexandria - Rosetta - Borullous Lake - Ras al Bahr - Damietta - Cairo

Min. participants: 4

**Price: 1,488 €**

**\*Sgl room/tent: 135 €**





# Go Africa!

## Sudan, Ethiopia, Djibouti

### Save the Date!

Gebel Uweynat

I: 23.12.15-05.01.16

II: 18.02-07.03.16

Exploring the highest mountain in the heart of the Libyan Desert

Price: 2,840 €

Sudan-Ethiopia- Djibouti

I: 06.01-19.01.16

Our expedition will offer highlights of each country in a very special combination

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Sudan-Ethiopia- Djibouti- Egypt

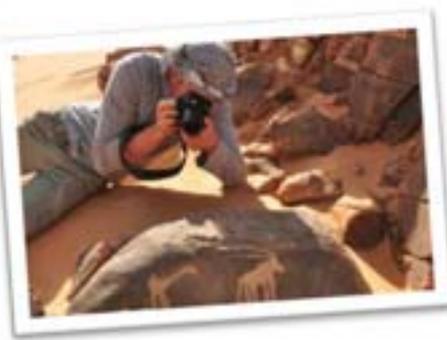
I: 20.01-10.02.16

Live it all in a 21 days desert tour!

Price: 2,970 €

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## Gebel Uweynat- in the heart of the Libyan Desert

**Date I: 23.12.2015 – 05.01.2016**

**Date II: 18.02 – 07.03.2016**

Gebel Uweynat is the highest mountain in the heart of the Libyan Desert.

Some seventy years ago the mountain was newly discovered by the Egyptian explorer Ahmed Hassanein Pasha and was divided then into different political parts.

Now the Gebel Uweynat is located half in Sudan and the other half in Libya and only a very small portion resides in Egypt.

**Our Trip:** We will be starting from Aswan to travel south and visit the Abu Simbel Temple before entering into the Sudan. From here we will travel over the Selima Sandsheet to the remote mountains of Gebel Uweynat and Kissu

where you can find pre historic paintings.

Our return route will lead us up the Nile to the Pyramids of Meroe before we will reach the capital of Sudan, Khartoum, where our tour will come to an end.

**Route:** Aswan – Abu Simbel – Wadi Halfa – Selima Oasis – Burg al Tuyur – Gebel Uweynat – Gebel Kissu – Bayuda Desert – Meroe – Khartoum

**Participants:** 4-12

**Price:** 2,840 €



### The Discovery Story of Gebel Uweynat

**A mountain range in the area of Egyptian- Libyan- Sudanese borders**

“To him who has the wanderlust, no other actuating motive for exploration is needed than the knowledge that a region is unknown to civilized man; but for my trip from Sollum to El Obeid through the hitherto untraversed Libyan Desert, I had the additional incentive of exploring the western frontiers of my native Egypt and of the Sudan.”

Ahmed Pasha Hassanein, Explorer

©National Geographic Magazine 1924

## Sudan – Ethiopia – Djibouti

**Date: 06.01 – 19.01.2016**

A 14 day tour into the heart of Africa, where you can immerse yourself in this once in a lifetime adventure. Experience exotic lands, outstanding living heritage, people, and the pristine nature of Sudan, Ethiopia, and Djibouti. Our expedition will offer highlights of each country in a very special combination

### **Sudan**

The biggest African country before it had been divided into 2 parts – in the north it is known for the ancient Nubian Pharaohs, called “**Black Pharaohs**”, dominating at the time also Egypt.

### **Ethiopia**

Located at the “Horn of Africa” and for years a “forgotten country” – might be the origin for all our ancestors and offers today 8 **World Cultural Heritage sites** like the rock church of Lalibela or the archeological sites of Axum. But also for its nature it is worthwhile a visit.

### **The East-African Republic of Djibouti**

Djibouti is famous semi-desert landscape, the Danakil-depression.

We offer a very special combination of the three destinations. We start our trip in **Khartoum (Sudan)**, located where the Blue and White Niles merge to form the Nile. The Blue Nile flows between Khartoum and Bahri, the White Nile between Khartoum and Omdurman, and the merged Nile between Bahri and Omdurman.



The city, both the old part and its newer extensions, is laid out mostly in a grid. **Omdurman** has a more Middle Eastern atmosphere with maze-like streets and is home to the huge Souq Omdurman. Bahri is largely industrial and residential.

Arriving to **Ethiopia** you will explore Gondar, founded by Emperor Fasilidas around 1635 and famous for its medieval castles and churches, for which Gondar has been called the "Camelot of Africa".



The city retains an atmosphere of antique charm mixed with an aura of mystery. Only 35 km to the south the gleaming waters of **Lake Tana** (the source of the Nile and the largest lake in **Ethiopia**) are waiting for you.

#### Route:

Khartoum – Omdurman – Gedaref Metema(Ethiopia) – Tana Lake – Gondar – Axum – Mekelle – Hamed Ela – Danakil – Salt Digger – Eraale Vulcano – Salt lake Afrera – Djibouti – Lake Abbe – Lake Assal - Tadjoura



Participants: 6 - 12

**Price: 2,080 €**





## Djibouti – Ethiopia – Sudan – Egypt

Date: 20.01 – 10.02.2016

**21 days desert tour**

### Djibouti

For century Ethiopians have made the long trek to the **Danakil Depression** - one of the hottest and harshest environments in the world - to collect salt from the sun-blasted earth before transporting the slabs back by camel. Meanwhile there is a paved road to transport the “White Gold” through one of the earth’s most unforgiving landscapes. We follow Ethiopians ancient salt trade.

## Ethiopia

**Lake Assal**, also known in French as Lac Assal, is a crater lake in central Djibouti and lies 515 feet below sea level. Its shores comprise the lowest point of land on the African continent. It's also one of the hottest places on earth and the air temperature can reach 140 °F and higher. This large surface of salt around the lake is about 2 feet thick and you can drive a car on the surface.

**Lalibela** is one of Ethiopia's holiest places, dating back to the 12th century. Lalibela town, formerly known as Roha, is known by the amazing eleven churches hewn from solid rock. Built in the twelfth century, they are still standing in excellent condition. Most consider them as the eighth wonder of the world, and is one of the world heritage sites listed by UNESCO.

## Sudan

Historically, **Wadi Halfa** was Nubia's most important trading point, being the gateway between Egypt and Sudan, surrounded by the golden dunes of the Nubian Desert. It marks the entry point between Egypt and Sudan. Between Port Sudan and the Egyptian border there is a range of hills that follows the Red Sea coast - **the Red Sea Hills** - with a rich bird life and a dry but fascinating landscape.

## Egypt

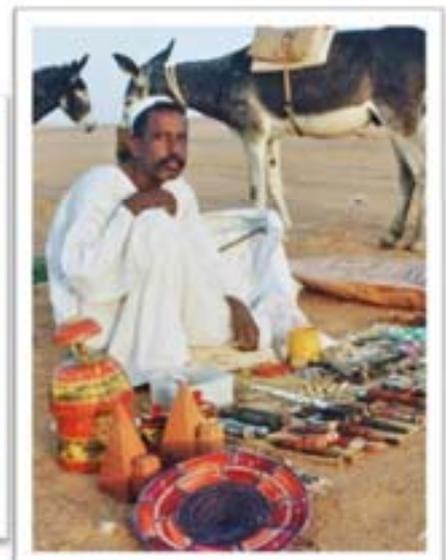
**Nubia** is a region along the Nile river located in what is today northern Sudan and southern Egypt. One of the earliest indigenous civilizations, with a history that can be traced from 2000 B.C. onward through Nubian monuments and artifacts as well as written records from Egypt and Rome, it was home to one of the African empires. Today it will welcome you still with its own culture and hospitality.

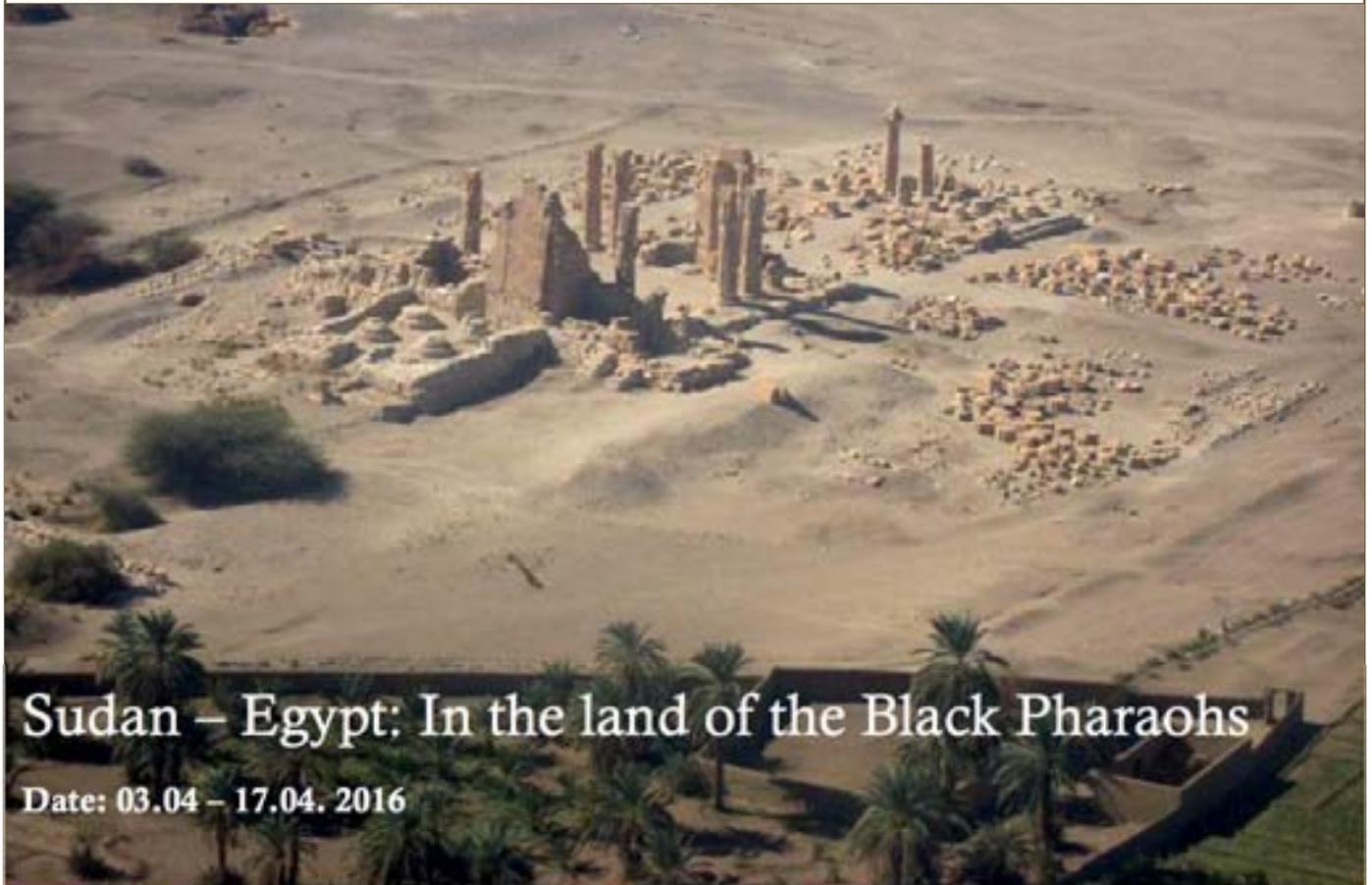
The two temples of **Abu Simbel**, last but not least, dignified witnesses of the history of Pharaoh Ramesses II and his queen Nefertari, never lost their fascinating appearance.

**Route:** Djibouti – Salt Lake Assal – Lake Abbe- Afrera – Hamed Ela – Mekele – Lalibela – Tana Lake – Metema – Gedaref – Kassala – Port Sudan – Wadi Gabgaba – Wadi Halfa – Abu Simbel – Haissa Island (Aswan).

Participants: 6 – 12

**Price: 2,970 €**





## Sudan – Egypt: In the land of the Black Pharaohs

Date: 03.04 – 17.04. 2016

**Khartoum** is the capital of Sudan and its beautiful market is located in Omdurman across the Nile. Here you can buy plenty of exotic African products.

All the way along the Nile from Khartoum till we reach **Aswan** we will come across the Pharaonic monuments of the **Black Pharaohs**. It is the **Pyramids of Meroe** or the **Mastabas of Kurru**. When we reach Egyptian soil the first Pharaonic Temple, that of **Abu Simbel** will greet us. The temple was build from Ramses the Second and was discovered by Burckhard in 1812.

Near Aswan we will experience the **Nubian hospitality** on an Island on the Nile.

### Route:

Khartoum – Musawwarat es Sufra – Naga – Meroe – Bayuda Desert – Ghazali – Nuri – Karima – Kurru – Old Dongola – Kerma – Sesebi – Sai – Soleb – Wadi Halfa – Abu Simbel – Haissa Island – Aswan

Participants: 6 - 12

**Price: 2,670 €**



## Levison Wood, Walking the Nile Expedition

Dabuka New Horizons, 2014

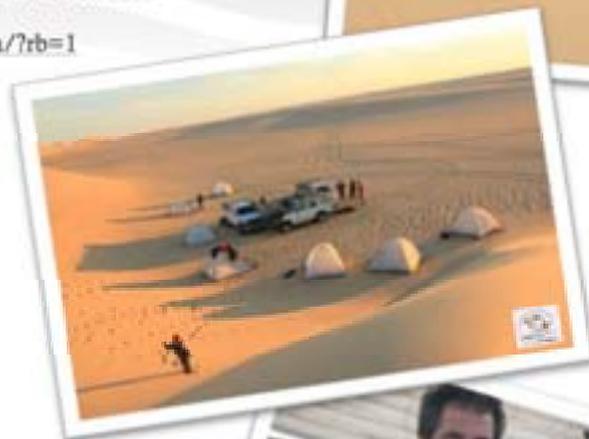
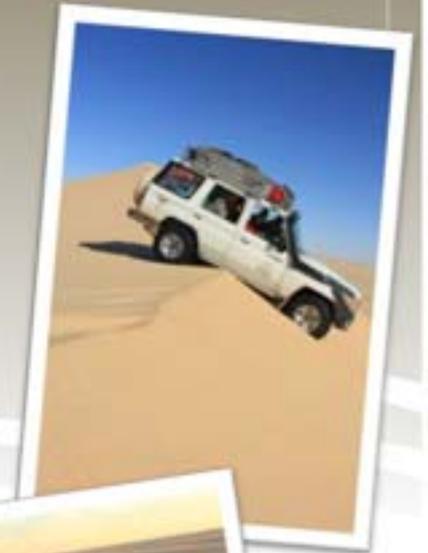
Levison Wood attempt to become the first person to walk the entire length of the Nile, as he started in Rwanda in December 2013 and finished in Egypt in 2014, covering 4,250 miles across six countries. Sponsored by BBC Channel 4, with the Photographer Tom McShane who documented his journey, Dabuka supported logistically Wood's expedition throughout his final destination in Egypt.

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