



# ANCIENT WORLD TOURS

## TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN



### 9 Days In Libya Featuring A Magical Solar Event with Mike Beales Tour 2 – 24th March 2006

This tour has been specially designed to give eclipse watchers some fascinating history and Archaeology lovers a chance to experience one of life's truly memorable events. We are very lucky to have the respected astronomer, Mike Beales, Solar Section Director of the BAA. Our itinerary takes in many fascinating historical sites from the Ancient World and includes a wonderful, exciting and safe desert safari. The tour is guided throughout. Culminating in the eclipse itself our experts will discuss the astronomical skills of Greek, Roman and Islamic scholars. We have chosen Jalo Oasis for its excellent position.

#### Day 1 – To Libya, Friday, 24th March 2006

Fly London to Tripoli and check into our city hotel for two nights. If time permits there will be an introductory city tour this evening.



#### Day 2 – Sabratha

We visit the splendid and atmospheric ruins of Sabratha, a great Roman City where we can explore the baths, mosaics, temples, theatre and forum. We also visit the museum in Tripoli (B/L/D)

#### Day 3 – East to Benghazi

Today we undertake the long drive to Benghazi with rest stops and lunch en route. This was a great and famous supply base in WWII. Two nights at a local hotel. (B/L/D)

#### Day 4 – Over the Mountains

A wonderful full day's excursion over the Green Mountains to the ancient Greek city of Cyrene where the spectacular ruins include the acropolis, the agora and private houses all set on a series of levels. If time permits we may visit the Allied War Cemeteries at Tobruk. Overnight Benghazi. (B/L/D)

#### Day 5 – Into the Desert

This morning we head south towards the Great Sand Sea to set up camp for the night by Jalo Oasis, this will be a major eclipse watching area so we don't expect the usual peace and quiet, but a great sense of mounting excitement.

AWT is very experienced in desert camping in the Sahara. (B/L/D)



#### Day 6 – The Total Eclipse of the Sun

This morning we will set up our eclipse viewing site out in the desert some miles from the Oasis at a carefully chosen spot. We predict 3 minutes 57 seconds of totality – only 3 seconds short of the maximum possible. There will be refreshments on hand at all times. After this magical event we relax over lunch before returning to Benghazi for a further night. (B/L/D)

#### Day 7 – Westward

This morning we drive back along the coast of Libya and take a hotel near to Leptis Magna. (B/L/D)



#### Day 8 – Leptis Magna

A full day's excursion to this extraordinarily well preserved site, arguably the greatest remaining Roman site in the world. There will be plenty of time to admire the splendid theatres, temples and markets of this most beautiful ancient city. (B/L/D)

#### Day 9 – Homeward Bound, Saturday, 1st April 2006

After breakfast, we will check out and depart for the airport. Fly to London arriving in the evening. (B/L)

#### HOLIDAY PRICE

Holiday Price	£1,749
Single Supplement	£238
Insurance	£70

*Meals as indicated - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (B/L/D)*

*The above cost INCLUDES your required Libyan Visa.*

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