

Sightseeing

Sidi Bou Said - a picturesque artists' town on a cliff overlooking the Mediterranean, known for its Moorish-Andalusian architecture, galleries, and cafes



Carthage - the city of Hannibal abounds in Punic and Roman archeological excavations and ruins.

Bardo Museum - the national museum - includes treasures from Tunisia's history from pre-historic times through the Punic civilization, Roman era, Christian era, and Muslim civilization, features a world-class collection of mosaics, and is located in a former palace of the Ottoman bey.

The Souk in Tunis offers an abundance of Tunisian handicrafts - carpets, copper, ceramics, jewelry, leather goods, and more.



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Belly Dancing in TUNISIA

June 22 - June 30, 2009

*Khadejah & Mustapha
El Oueslati*



Joan Kafri



and special guest Tunisian teacher
Beach resort hotel
Dance classes, hammam and henna party
Sightseeing in Tunis, Carthage,
Sidi Bou Said, and more
Opportunity to perform in hotel show

Khadejah & Mustapha El Oueslati have taught hundreds of workshops and have been performing together in theaters and on television throughout Europe, Tunisia, Egypt, and the United States. They are also the artistic directors of the Ahlam Dance Theatre, based in Wiesbaden, Germany. Their joyous and dynamic dancing includes Raks el Sharki and Arabic folkloric forms. Khadejah's dance style is feminine, strong, and emotional. In 2001 she opened the show for Hakim at the Carthage Festival. She was the first American to teach at Raqia Hassan's Ahlan Wah Sahlan Festival in 2002 and 2003. In 2003 and 2005 she was the featured teacher at the Israeli International Festival of Middle Eastern Dance. Mustapha, who was born in Tunisia, is an accomplished actor, folk dancer, and drummer whose background includes folk dances from Arabic and Balkan countries.



Joan Kafri has taught and performed in the New York/ New Jersey metropolitan area, San Francisco Bay area, on tour in Belgium, Finland, and Holland and in Israel, Tunisia and Turkey. She has been based in Santa Fe, NM since 1980, where she teaches, performs, and produces dance events. She is artistic director of the Israeli International Festival of Middle Eastern Dance and has toured throughout Israel, Europe, and the United States with the Israeli national folklore ensemble. Joan's style and technique are a synthesis of many forms of dance used to achieve a single goal - expressing the joy and spirit of music through movement.

Dance Workshops

Tunisian Bounawara & Scarf Dance - Mustapha
Nubian - Mustapha & Khadejah
Raks Sharki - Khadejah
Beledi - Khadejah
Tunisian - Khadejah
Raks Sharki - Joan
Veil - Joan
Turkish 9/8 - Joan
Tunisian Fezzani - guest teacher T.B.A.

Special Activities

Gala show featuring performances by all group participants
Hammam and henna party
Professional photo shoot at Au Palais d'Orient, Tunis



Accommodations

Dar el Naouar is a beach resort on the Mediterranean, complete with private beach, pool, fitness room, water sports, tennis, restaurant, nightclub and disco. Accommodations are double-occupancy, air-conditioned bungalows in a garden setting.

Cost

The cost of the June 22-June 30 Hamsa Holiday Belly Dance trip to Tunisia is \$1,950.00 (Plus airfare).

This includes 8 nights lodging (double occupancy), 3 meals daily, all workshops, all sightseeing, and ground transportation. Group discounts and single supplements are available.

Payment

A 50% (\$975.00) deposit is due by March 1, 2009. Full payment is due no later than April 25, 2009. You may make partial or full payments at any time. Foreign participants, please send a bank check or international money order in US Dollars. Payment in Euros is also possible. Please contact us for details.



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