

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER LIBYA

eclipse tours

MARCH 2006

LAND PRICES

\$2,990 per person sharing

\$350 single room supplement

AIRFARES

From JFK: \$890

From LAX: \$990

Airfare based on current fares and subject to change without notice. Departure taxes not included.

Attractive business class fares available on request.



On Wednesday, 29th March 2006, the shadow of the Moon will sweep a band starting from Brazil, through Atlantic Ocean, Gold Coast of Africa, Saharan Desert, Mediterranean Sea, Turkey, Black Sea, Georgia, Russian Federation, northern shores of Caspian Sea, Kazakhstan; ending in Mongolia. The duration of totality will be less than 2 minutes near the sunrise and sunset limits, but will be as long as **4 minutes and 7 seconds** in Libya, at the moment of greatest eclipse. The path of totality will be 180 kilometers wide at that moment.

Libya, the fourth largest country in Africa, is a cultural and geographic bridge between Egypt and the Arabian lands to the East, and acts as a link between the Mediterranean/Europe and Saharan Africa. The climate is Mediterranean with hot dry summers, cool winters and some modest rainfall. Weather can be variable, influenced by the Sahara Desert and the Mediterranean Sea, which moderates daily temperature ranges. In Tripoli average temperatures are 86 deg F in summer and 46 deg F in winter; annual precipitation averages 15 inches, and falls mainly in winter. In the southern deserts frequent periods of drought occur, and a scorching wind called the "GHIBLI", which is a hot, very dry, sand laden wind, can raise the temperatures in a matter of hours.

TRIP INCLUDES

- 5 nights' accommodations in first class hotels.
- 2 nights' Eclipse Camp accommodations, including tent (double or single), mattress, sleeping bag and pillow.
- All meals, from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8.
- Transfers on arrival and departure in Tripoli.
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout Libya.
- Scheduled flight from Tripoli to Benghazi
- Private chartered flight from Jalu Oasis to Tripoli.
- Services of local English speaking guide.
- All entrance fees for museums and archaeological sites.
- Baggage handling where available.
- Gratuities at hotels and restaurants.
- Visa Invitation Letter.
- Passport registration.
- Local dancing show.
- Free mineral water & soft drinks at the Eclipse Camp.
- SITA Tour Escort.



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Join science guide, Dr. Jay White, a frequent leader of astronomy and science-related trips throughout the world. Share the experience in the dramatic and awesome desert scenery in the Libyan Great Sand Sea. You may contact Dr. White for any science-related questions at jwhite@rhodes.edu.

ITINERARY – 8 DAYS

Mar 25 Sat: Arrive in Tripoli (Libya)

Arrive in Tripoli. After clearing customs and Immigration, you will be met by a SITA representative and transferred to your hotel. Join us this evening for a welcome dinner and trip orientation. Overnight: Wahat Hotel 4* or Grand Hotel 4* (D)

Mar 26 Sun: Tripoli Full Day

Tripoli is the major city and de facto capital of Libya. The old walled city of Tripoli - the Medina – is one of the classical sites of the Mediterranean. The castle, Al-Saraya Al-Hamra, occupies a site known to be pre-Roman in the east quadrant of the old city and still dominates the skyline of Tripoli. It houses a library and an well-organized museum, and has excellent views over the city from the walls. There are a number of interesting mosques – the best known being Gurgi Mosque with its elegant architecture. Modern Tripoli spilled out from the tight confines of the old city as early as the 18th century. (BLD)

Mar 27 Mon: Tripoli – Sabratha – Tripoli – Benghazi

Drive to Sabratha located on the Mediterranean coast, one-hour drive west of Tripoli. It was founded by the Canaanites in the 6th century BC – a Phoenician trading-post that served as an outlet for the products of the African hinterland. Amongst the walls and foundations of public buildings discovered in the city, are the market, tribunal and some temples. Among the most prominent features of the city during Roman times are the public arenas, the Temples of Liber Pater, Sirapis, Isis, and Hercules, the forum, the theatre, the tribunal arena, and the public paths. The main monument is the Amphitheatre, used in modern times as a theatre and concert hall. Early this evening fly from Tripoli to Benghazi. Overnight: Ozou Hotel 5* or Tibesti Hotel 5* (BLD)

Mar 28 Tue: Beghazi - Jalu Oasis Eclipse Camp (Libyan Desert)

This morning board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a 7-hour drive to Jalu Oasis. Continue south of Jalu to a specially prepared centerline Eclipse Tent Village. This private Camp will feature a fully staffed kitchen preparing regional foods, as well as showers and outdoor toilet facilities. Tents include cots, mattresses, sleeping bags and pillows. A large “mess area” is being set up, to eat and socialise, and also keep out of the wind and sun. This evening you may wish to set up your telescope and camera equipment at our specially selected centerline location adjacent to our camp, before taking a sunset walk in the Libyan Desert.

28° 13.83' North, 21° 30.40' East

(These co-ordinates are EXACTLY on the centerline (based on a Delta-T of 68.6 seconds) and can easily be adjusted by several hundreds of meters (if necessary) to accommodate any change in Delta-T.)



Mar 29 Wed: Eclipse day

After breakfast, begin countdown to totality. There will be plenty of refreshments (non-alcoholic) available throughout the day. There is virtually no chance of cloud, and the sun will be handily placed at an altitude of about 65 degrees. Local circumstances (eclipse timings) at our Centreline Camp are expected to be:

Phase	Time UT	Libyan Local Time
1st Contact (eclipse begins)	09:08:21	11:08:21
2nd Contact (totality begins)	10:26:30	12:26:30
Mid Eclipse (mid totality)	10:28:32	12:28:32
3rd Contact (totality ends)	10:30:34	12:30:34
4th Contact (eclipse ends)	11:49:55	13:49:55

This evening enjoy a local show.

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Mar 30 Thu: Jalu – Tripoli
Drive to Jalu to board a chartered aircraft for non-stop flight to Tripoli. This evening will be at leisure to explore the city on your own. Overnight: Wahat Hotel 4* or Grand Hotel 4*



Mar 31 Fri: Tripoli – Leptis Magna – Tripoli

After breakfast, travel to the Roman ruins of Leptis Magna – a world Heritage Site. The city grew up at the mouth of the Wadi Lebda where a small port was developed over the years, exporting important volumes of grain and olives. The early Roman period saw the

construction of basic harbor works and a forum close by the original Punic settlement. The city flourished under the rule of and patronage of Septimus Severus (193-211 AD) who was born in Leptis Magna. Most of the major buildings at Leptis date from his time. The city spread along the coast and inland. All the important buildings can be reached adjacent to the main paved monumental road from the present entrance through the new parts of the site. This evening we'll return to Tripoli for an evening farewell dinner. Overnight: Wahat Hotel 4* or Grand Hotel 4*(BLD)

Apr 1 Sat: Depart Tripoli

After breakfast transfer to airport for your homebound flight home, or extend your stay for a Libyan Desert 4x4 Adventure. (B)

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Please read the Terms, Conditions & General Information very carefully. Payment of deposit and/or final payment is an acknowledgement of receipt and constitutes acceptance of such terms & conditions as outlined.

Excluded from tour price: meals not mentioned; visa fees and processing; insurance; tipping/gratuities to guides; inoculations; air travel to/from Tripoli (quoted separately subject to change), items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages; any items not listed under "Inclusions".

Visas: US Passport holders require visas for Libya. Please ensure that your passport is valid for 6 months from return date. Visa information will be sent to you on receipt of deposit.

Insurance: We recommend Travel Insurance for protection in case you must cancel or interrupt your trip, incur accident or sickness related medical expenses. Comprehensive insurance is available for \$139 (covers up to \$3,000) and \$219 (covers up to \$4,500). The plan contains an exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions if premium is received with initial deposit or within 14 days thereof. The plan may not be purchased after final payment. More details available on request. A signed Waiver is required by final payment whether accepting or declining insurance.

Deposit: A deposit of \$600 per participant is required by March 25th, 2005 in order to guarantee your space. A second installment of \$1,000 is due by August 25th, 2005. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure (November 25, 2005).

Payments: SITA WORLD TRAVEL accepts tour payments by check or by Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover credit cards. Signed booking form authorizes charge for deposit. A signed statement provided by SITA WORLD TRAVEL is required by each client charging final payment on credit cards.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received 120 days or more prior to departure: deposits are forfeited; 119-90 days: 75% of the tour price; 89 or less 100% of the tour price. Cancellations must be received by SITA WORLD TRAVEL in writing; cancellation/s will be effective when the written notice is received.

Unused Tour Items: No refund will be made for any unused accommodations, missed meals, transportation segments, sightseeing tours or any other service. Such unused items are neither refundable nor exchangeable (no exceptions).

Tour Documents: Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent 21 days prior to departure.

Health Requirements: No inoculations are required for entry into Libya, however Hepatitis A and Typhoid are recommended vaccinations. SITA strongly recommends that you consult with your personal physician or contact Passport Health at 1-888-499 7277 or www.passporthealthusa.com for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

Accommodations on a double occupancy basis, will be provided. Rooms will be assigned by the respective supplier/s. All per person rates are based on double occupancy. A Tour member occupying single room will pay the single room supplement. Quoted single room rate does not necessarily mean single occupancy of a double room, as some of the establishments featured in this brochure have especially designed single occupancy units.

Airlines Baggage Regulations: Economy-class allowance per tour participant permits two checked pieces of luggage per person up to 70lbs each, and subject to a total combined measurement of 106 inches (width + depth + height), however, there is a weight restriction of 33lbs on internal flights, therefore please plan accordingly.

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BOOKING FORM:
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MARCH 25th to APRIL 1st, 2006

Name(s): 1. _____ M F
2. _____ M F
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4. _____ M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Night _____ E-mail: _____

Passport #: _____ Place of issue: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Preferred Departure City: _____

I accept/decline Travel Insurance (refer to Terms & Conditions): Accept Decline

Tour Deposit Amount (plus insurance if accepted): \$ _____

Form of Payment: Check Enclosed Credit Card
 Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

(Please Forward A Copy Of Your Driver's License And Credit Card)

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I have read the Terms & Conditions which apply and agree to abide by the same. If form of payment is by credit card, this signature authorizes SITA World Travel (credit card processing merchant) to charge the deposit amount shown to my credit card.

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