



Travel to Cairo with Charlotte and experience the excitement of this amazing city, the capital of bellydance!

Last year we had our second group trip to Cairo. It was an unforgettable experience for everyone who went – riding camels at dusk at the Pyramids, going hipscarf crazy in an enormous bellydance emporium, trying on amazing hand-made designer costumes, dining in five-star nightclubs whilst watching the world’s top bellydancers perform, floating down the Nile in a felucca, dancing to live musicians at a party thrown just for us in a wonderful apartment overlooking the Pyramids – it was a truly magical week which everyone agreed had been the holiday of a lifetime.

The trip was organised in tandem with Kay Taylor of Farida Adventures. Kay has been running tours for bellydancers for many years, she knows everyone on the bellydance scene in Cairo and always seems to manage to get us the best table wherever we go!

Kay is supported by Yasmina (an English dancer based in Cairo) and Nibel, the daughter-in-law of one of Egypt’s best loved dancers. Nibel is our Egyptian guide, she takes us around the Pyramids and into the tombs and helps us barter for the best price in the markets! Yasmina liaises with the bellydance world for us and throws an amazing party with a live band of musicians and professional folkloric dancers.

Kay has put together a special package for us at a very special price - around £100 less than a usual Farida Adventure. We are based in a characterful hotel in the very heart of Cairo which looks out onto a wonderful fruit market and is situated on Cairo’s top street for shoe shopping! Almost everything except flights is included in the price – hotel rooms, most meals, all tickets, nightclub entrances, guides, Nile boat hire. And best of all, it’s just for us – so you know you’re amongst friends! Read over for details of this fabulous adventure.

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Hipsinc trip to Cairo

Saturday 17th – Friday 23rd October 2009

Price £460

The price includes the following:

- Six nights bed and breakfast in a shared room (single room £50 extra)
- Dinner and a bellydance show on a Nile cruiser.
- Dinner and a bellydance show in one of the top nightclubs.
- The Tannoura – a show with Egypt's amazing whirling dervishes
- A party night at Yasmina's apartment with a live band of musicians and guest dancers.
- A day shopping at the Khan el Khalili – one of the world's largest markets, full of perfume, jewellery and music shops. But most of all, three bellydance emporia including the amazing Mahmouds with its five floors of bellydance costumes.
- Coffee and shishas at Fishawis in the heart of the Khan and lunch at world-famous Nagib Mafouz, again in the heart of the Khan el Khalili.
- Dinner under the stars at the beautiful Al Azhar park in the heart of Cairo.
- Visits to the top costumiers to order a handmade designer costume if you wish
- A visit to the Pyramids followed by lunch in a lovely rural restaurant overlooking the Pyramids
- A visit to the Egyptian Museum – an incredible place which includes the amazing Tutenkhamen exhibition. I never thought I liked museums until I saw this!
- A trip down the Nile in a felucca.
- A visit to Kardassa, a village famous for its beautiful embroidered galabayas (kaftans) with Nibel to barter for us

Optional extras include:

- A dance class with a top Egyptian teacher
- Further cabaret nights out if you wish. We could go to up to two more shows if you have the energy!
- A late night at a seedy nightclub
- Trips to tourist sights such as the Citadel, Islamic Cairo or the Cairo tower
- Camel riding at sunset at the Pyramids

Finally, if there's something you really want to do, we can arrange it.

NB The price does not include flights, but currently there are flights available at around £325. (They will rise as we get nearer the time so do book quickly)

A £100 deposit secures your booking. Payment for the balance not required until one month before we leave.