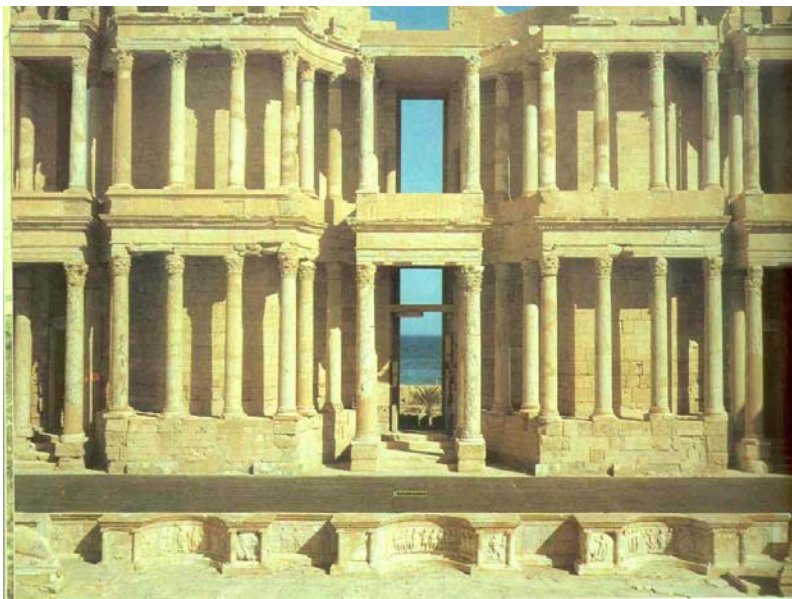


CLASSICAL TOUR TO GREEK & ROMAN SITES IN LIBYA, TUNISIA & ITALY 11 March – 31 March 2008

Led by Warren Snowball
Recently retired as Subject Head of Classical Studies, School of
Languages at Rhodes University
Includes at least thirteen major World Heritage Sites



Theatre at Sabratha

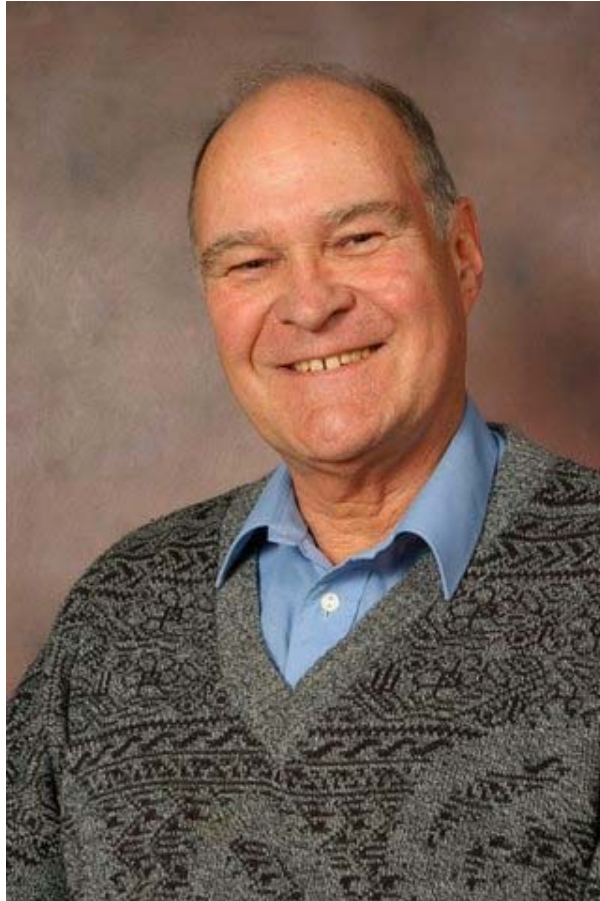
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COST ex CAPE TOWN R35 770 ex JOHANNESBURG R35 350
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT R 6 350

Based on 25 full fare paying passengers.
Costed June 2007.

WARREN SNOWBALL

Warren Snowball earned a BSc in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Cape Town, then switched horses and completed a BA Hons in Classics at Rhodes before going to London University for his MA in Classics. He has spent virtually all his working life in Grahamstown, where for many years he was Subject Head of Classical Studies in the School of Languages at Rhodes University. His study areas include architecture, statuary, vases, ancient epic, and drama. He is an experienced tour leader, having led five tours already, all of them to lands with classical sites.





This tour includes 13 World Heritage Sites, hereafter designated as WHS.

You will visit all the places included in this itinerary but we reserve the right to amend the itinerary according to the conditions at the time of arrival.

Tuesday 11 March

JOHANNESBURG – DOHA -TRIPOLI

Check in for your flight to Tripoli via Doha.
Overnight on plane.

Wednesday 12 March

TRIPOLI

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On arrival in Tripoli, the capital of Libya you will be met and driven straight to Sabratha (WHS), one of the few places where one can still see the permanent stage backdrop (restored) of a large Roman theatre. In addition you will see the temples of Bacchus and Isis, the Justinian basilica and the ocean baths. Light lunch. Afternoon at leisure in Tripoli.

Dinner and two nights' accommodation.

Thursday 13 March

TRIPOLI

BLD

Visit the Jamahiriya museum, the chief archaeological museum of Libya, to view its impressive collection of Roman and Greek antiquities. Then drive to Leptis Magna (WHS), the leading Roman City of Africa, vast in size and in a better state of preservation than most of the Roman cities in Italy. Septimius Severus, the African emperor who ruled the Roman world from 193-211 AD, was born here. Late morning visit to the museum. Break for lunch. Afternoon visit to the main site where we will see, amongst other things, the restored arch of Septimius Severus, the baths of Hadrian, the nymphaeum, the massive Severan basilica and forum, the old market and the theatre. If there is time we might see the amphitheatre as well.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Friday 14 March

TRIPOLI – GHADAMES

BLD

A long drive inland to the very edge of the Sahara desert, the southernmost limit of the old Roman Empire. This spectacular drive takes us into the Jebel Nafusa, or Western Mountains, through fertile or semi-arid plains, set amid rocky escarpments. Our destination is Ghadames (WHS) in the heartland of the Berbers. Check into your hotel.

Dinner and two nights' accommodation

Saturday 15 March

GHADAMES

BLD

A day spent exploring ancient Ghadames, a fascinating mud-brick town which was one of the most important unloading points for the fabled camel caravans that travelled across the desert, bringing the riches of Africa to the Mediterranean world. Light lunch - local food - in a house in the old town. Late afternoon viewing of the sunset from the sand-dunes.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Sunday 16 March

GHADAMES -TRIPOLI

BLD

Drive back to Tripoli along a slightly different route.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Monday 17 March

TRIPOLI - TUNIS

BD

Morning at leisure. Midday flight to Tunis, the capital of Tunisia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, for an afternoon at leisure. You might want to do some shopping in the old Medina (WHS).

Dinner tonight in Sidi Bou Said. Two nights' accommodation.

Tuesday 18 March

TUNIS

BLD

After breakfast you will have all morning in the Bardo Archaeological Museum, which has the most extensive collection of Roman mosaics you are likely to find anywhere, as well as the Greek bronze statues and furniture from the Mahdia shipwreck. Afternoon visit to Carthage (WHS), the major overseas colony of the Phoenicians, destroyed by the Romans in 146 BC. The Roman poet Vergil set the first four books of his epic poem, the Aeneid, in this city as he described the tragic love affair of Dido and Aeneas.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Wednesday 19 March

TUNIS-SOUSSE

BLD

Drive to Dougga (formerly Thugga – a WHS), the best of Tunisia's Roman cities - once more in a surprisingly good state of preservation and occupying a beautiful site on a hillside amid fertile fields. Then on to Sousse (visit the museum, if time allows and if the renovations have been finished).

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Thursday 20 March

SOUSSE –TUNIS - PALERMO

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Drive to El Djem (WHS) to see a vast Roman gladiatorial amphitheatre, towering up above a small village in 'the middle of nowhere'. This amphitheatre is the third largest in the world, after the Colosseum in Rome and the badly ruined one in Capua. Back to Tunis where you will be transferred to the port to catch your overnight ferry to Palermo in Sicily.

Friday 21 March

PALERMO

BD

On arrival at the pier in Palermo you will be met and taken to the Archaeological Museum to see its collection of Greek architectural sculpture and the bronze ram from the Hellenistic period. Next comes a panoramic tour of the city. Free time for lunch. Afternoon at leisure.

Check into the hotel for dinner and two nights' accommodation.

Saturday 22 March

PALERMO

BD

Visit Monreale Cathedral and the Palatine Chapel (if the restoration of the latter is complete). These were built by the Normans (using Arab help) in the style of Byzantine churches and decorated inside with a profusion of brilliant gold mosaics. Rest of the day at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

There may be time to attend an opera or concert in the beautiful Palermo Opera House.

Sunday 23 March
EASTER SUNDAY

PALERMO - AGRIGENTO

BD

Depart Palermo for Segesta. Here in a broad, secluded valley can be found a Greek Doric temple with its surrounding peristyle of columns still intact, and on the hillside above, a Greek theatre commanding the kind of view often enjoyed by ancient spectators, but seldom left unspoiled today. Continue to Selinunte and visit the archaeological site with its profusion of ruined temples. Proceed to Agrigento (ancient Acragas -- a WHS).
Dinner and overnight.

Monday 24 March

AGRIGENTO – SYRACUSE

BD

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Valley of Temples to see the so-called Temple of Concord (which is as well preserved as the Hephaisteion in the Agora of Athens) and all that is left of what was once the largest Doric temple in the Greek world. Next, visit the archaeological museum to see its fine collection of Greek vases and other artifacts. Free time for lunch. Visit Piazza Armerina (if time allows), to see Roman mosaic floors still in situ. Continue to Syracuse (ancient Siracusa – a WHS).

Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday 25 March

SYRACUSE – TAORMINA

BD

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for a tour of the archaeological park of Syracuse. This is where a large Athenian army met its end during the Peloponnesian War in 413 BC, and where one of the greatest mathematicians of the ancient world, Archimedes, was born. It was also to this city that Aeschylus travelled to premiere some of his tragedies, and Plato came to try to turn the newly crowned Dionysios II into a philosopher king. Then on to the island of Ortygia, home of the Greek tyrants of Syracuse and site of the fountain of Arethusa. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, we take a scenic drive along the beautiful east coast of Sicily, past the very foot of Mount Etna, to visit the lovely little town of Taormina and its Greco-Roman Theatre.

Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday 26 March

REGGIO DI CALABRIA- SORRENTO

BD

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Messina to take a ferry to the toe of Italy and on to Reggio di Calabria. In its museum we will see the Bronzes of Riace, two warrior statues which belong to the handful of High Classical Greek bronzes which have escaped the ravages of time. Dredged from the sea-bed off Italy, they are close in quality to those two other great bronzes, the Hero of Artemision in Athens and the Charioteer in Delphi. Time at leisure for lunch and then private bus transfer to Sorrento.

Arrival at your hotel, dinner and four nights' accommodation.

Thursday 27 March

SORRENTO- POMPEII

BD

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Pompeii (WHS) for a visit to perhaps the most famous archaeological site in the world. Free time in the afternoon for a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Naples with its large quantity of antiquities from Pompeii and Herculaneum, including the famous "Alexander mosaic". We hope also to see the Farnese collection of ancient sculpture and cameos and the once-forbidden room of erotica.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Friday 28 March

PAESTUM – HERCULANEUM

BD

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Paestum (Poseidonia to the Greeks -- a WHS) to see three important Greek temples. One of them, the well-preserved Temple of Hera II, was built shortly after the canonical Doric Temple of Zeus at Olympia (now in a hopeless state of ruin) and was intended as a near replica of the latter. It is only here that one can see what the great Olympian temple was meant to look like. Visit the museum. Free time for lunch. Continue to Herculaneum (WHS) and visit this second Roman city that was destroyed by Vesuvius in 79 AD. At the end of the visit, return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Saturday 29 March

SORRENTO

BD

Breakfast at the hotel.
Full day at leisure or you could take a full day tour to Capri
Or visit the historic centre of Naples (WHS)
Or the Archaeological Museum.

Farewell dinner and overnight in your hotel.

Sunday 30 March

SORRENTO - ROME- DOHA-JOHANNESBURG

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Breakfast at the hotel and then depart for Rome for your flight home to Johannesburg via Doha.

Monday 31 March

Arrive in Johannesburg

INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Accommodation:

In specially chosen 3 & 4 star hotels with private facilities.

Airlines Clause:

The carriers concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines concerned and the purchaser of this tour and / or the passengers.

Baggage:

One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms.

Cancellation:

All cancellations must be made in writing. The company reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares lodged by passengers who cancel reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by all tour operators worldwide, we reserve the right to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which event refunds will be made at the company's discretion, without any further liability on the part of the company.

Fares:

The tour is based on current airfares (**June 2007**) hotel rates and rates of exchange. Consequently the company reserves the right at any time to amend its inclusive tour price in accordance with price increases. Similarly, airfares and taxes are subject to alteration according to the variations in the rates of exchange of foreign currencies.

Flights:

All air transportation in economy class services of IATA carriers.

Gratuities:

Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers.

Insurance:

Comprehensive cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Tours.

Itinerary:

The itinerary is subject to alteration where necessary according to conditions en route.

Liabilities:

The tour operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for land services, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be liable for injury, damage or any other irregularity that may be occasioned by any defect in any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers, carrying out the arrangements of the tour or otherwise in connection therewith, in accordance with tour operators' standards throughout the world.

Meals:

As per itinerary:

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner FB = Full Board

Not included in tour price:

All entertainment not shown in the itinerary. Meals or food purchased over and above menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, personal tips, portorage and telephone calls.

Passport and Visas:

SA & British passport holders require visas for Libya. SA passport holders require visas for Tunisia and Italy

These will be arranged by Titch Tours. (Cost not included)

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after your return.

Payment:

A deposit of R4 000.00 is required at the time of booking. Further deposits will be requested as required. The full cost is payable by 11 January 2008.

Surface Transport:

Private air-conditioned coaches.

Titch Tours:

Bag and wallet.

Tour Leader:

The tour will be led by Warren Snowball and accompanied by Evette or Michael Johnson, if numbers permit.

Tours:

This tour is based on a group airfare and will operate with a minimum of 25 passengers.

Date: June 2007.



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Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit to **TITCH TOURS**

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