

Libyan adventure on Africa trek

ADVENTURE specialist Encounter Overland (0171-370 6845) is looking for 18 seasoned trailblazers for its multinational pioneering trip across the North African desert from Cairo to Tunis.

Three weeks of the 42-day expedition, starting on March 2, are to be spent in Libya visiting remote southern oases, as well as the Roman site of Leptis Magna. Although the itinerary is intended to be flexible and exploratory, the proposed route aims to take in Alexandria and El Alamein before crossing into Tobruk in Libya. From here visits will include Benghazi and Al-Kufrah oasis, with 350 miles of desert track to negotiate before you reach the Fezzan region and Akakus mountains in the southwest, bordering Algeria. In Tunisia, places where *The English Patient* was filmed are on the expedition map, as well as the coastal resorts of Sousse and Tunis.

The cost is £1,225 for transport by 4WD truck, camping en route and food; flights cost from £350.

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