

The Groove Company

Travels on Minerva I & Minerva II with Swan Hellenic

Middle East

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Beirut - Lebanon



Don't think they've introduced the congestion charge in Beirut yet!



'Sherpa Smith' emerging from a mosque to reclaim his shoes.

Jerusalem - Israel



Easter Sunday at the Wailing Wall - mayhem. Followed by a visit to The Dome of the Rock (below) & the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Unforgettable.



Persepolis - Iran



A short internal plane flight in Iran to Persepolis & Shiraz. Trace (right - wearing required clothing in 90 degree sun) above with some locals. The flight attendant greeted us at 7am with "goodnight", followed at 6pm with "good morning". The flight was so short they hadn't served breakfast before we were coming into land - some irate gentleman shouted, "but I haven't finished my tea" & we promptly rose to do another lap at such an incline that Glynn's coffee ended up in his lap - he was not amused - but we were.



Being greeted by some school kids at a mosque. They were bemused with the video cameras.

Jeddah – Saudi Arabia



Trace in her swimming gear! This was actually a westernized beach - they had locked & bolted 2 steel doors behind us. The snorkelling was some of the best we've ever experienced.