



Taziry Ecolodge & Sustainable Village
Your Pathway to Mother Nature

Siwa Oasis
Egypt

THE SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE

Siwa is an epic oasis situated in the mist of the western desert of Egypt. Throughout all great civilizations that embraced Egypt, Siwa has been a pilgrim center to the Oracle Temple of Amun, or Zeus-Jupiter, where among many other legendary Pharaonic, Greek, and Roman figures, Alexander The Great, was initiated son of Zeus and savior of Egypt.

Taziry has been built at the footstep of the famous Red Mountain of Siwa, facing the magnificent White Mountain; overlooking the vast Gary Lake, and the timeless dunes of the Great Sand Sea. At Taziry, we provide a unique return to nature experience, where one can truly sense this magical energy of Siwa.

Through vernacular architecture, following the ancestral Siwan method of construction, Taziry figures as only an extension of the surrounding natural environment. Taziry, which means "full-moon" in the Siwan language, brings about the splendor of the sky, for we only use candles inside the rooms, or oil lamps and torches outside, giving the place a rousing poetic atmosphere.

THE ECOLODGE

There are 30 rooms in Taziry, combining large comfortable double rooms and family chalets. Each room is distinct from the other, with a spacious bathroom and a private veranda. While some chalets are carved out of the mountain, others are facing the natural swimming pool of flowing fresh water from the fountain. The furniture featured in the Ecolodge has all been developed in Taziry's local carpentry and handicrafts workshops. The decorations are an authentic redesign of Berber settings, and the ceilings are made from palm trees. The construction with "Karshif" (mud bricks, salt and other natural elements) eliminates the need for air-conditioning, while doors and windows are ideally positioned to capture the desert breeze.



ORGANIC LIVING

At Taziry, we serve North African/Siwan cuisine, which was claimed by our guests as one of the finest in Egypt. Our chef is present at both ends of the culinary spectrum, fetching vegetables, fruits, oils, honey, jams, eggs, milk, meats, poultry and fish from our home grown organic farms. While our objective is to be fully self-sufficient in nutrition; we are constantly innovating to create a brand cuisine for Taziry, aiming high quality standards of health and taste.



The drinking water is from our local spring, considered as the richest in Siwa for its benefic minerals, filled in naturally freshening pottery jars.



Taziry Spa offers wellness services such as massages with olive oil and sand-bathing in the smooth healing hot summer sands. Sulfuric thermal waters and clay treatments are also part of our program.

We spread around the world our vision of healthy nutrition by exporting our pure organic products such as dates, olives, and olive oil.



GREEN ENERGY

The sun radiation per square meter is the highest in Siwa in the entire region. At Taziry, the Sun is our renewable energy of choice. Solar water heating panels are installed over the rooms to produce high temperatures of water in the showers. Photovoltaic is used in some facilities of the Ecolodge, such as the reception and the kitchen to supply power efficient tools, preventing dependence on polluting fossil-fueled systems. Furthermore, we regard Taziry as a laboratory for green energy technologies, where innovative and reliable green energy solutions are constantly implemented and tested as a model for the oasis of Siwa.

Moreover, genuine solid waste management is undertaken in the village. Organic waste is disposed of to animals or used as compost, sewage is treated through an engineered wetland, and inorganic waste is segregated and sent for recycling.



THE STUD & THE GREAT SAND SEA

“And God took a handful of southerly wind, blew His breath over it, and created the horse. Thou shall fly without wings, Oh Horse!” The Arabian horse is a dreamlike creature that will always inspire by their beauty, character and strength. At Taziry Stud, we breed pure Arabian horses, who fit in their perfect habitat of Siwa Oasis. From trotting on the plane terrains across the olive and palm tree farms, to galloping over the proverbial sand dunes of the Great Sand Sea, Taziry horses are trained to deliver the most memorable journeys a rider could dream of.



In addition, Taziry works with local 4x4 Safari guides, to organize superb excursions in the desert, for a full-day, an overnight dinner, or a sunset spin. Prepare yourself to swim in salt lakes, fresh basins and sulfuric hot springs. Sand-boarding could also be enjoyed, down the steepest dunes for extreme riders or milder ones for the amateurs. The Great Sea of Sand is furthermore a haven of testimonies from ancient natural phenomena and marine life existence in Siwa, over millions of years ago: petrified forests, meteorites, fossilized sea-shells, whale spines ...and more!



CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

The concept of Taziry revolves around the conservation of the local Amazigh (Berber) culture of Siwa and the Mediterranean region. A market place with 50 handicraft workshops have been operating in Taziry to revive the sustainable living know how of Siwa's ancestral natives. In addition, a library and museum have been built to highlight not only the wonders of the Berber arts, literature and music; but also the universal sciences that pursue and stir sustainable development.

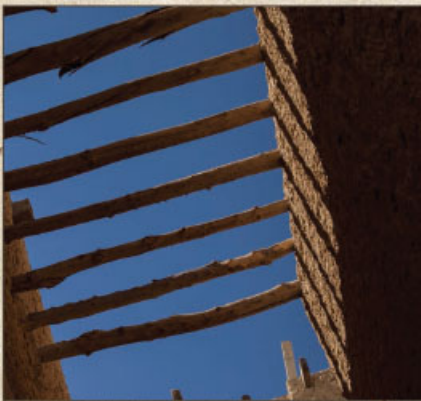




“I know that I am mortal by nature, and ephemeral; but when I trace at my pleasure the windings to and fro of the heavenly bodies I no longer touch the earth with my feet: I stand in the presence of Zeus himself and take my fill of ambrosia”

Ptolemy

GENERAL INFORMATION



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