



Date: November 2007
To: All my favorite savvy travelers
From: Teresa Beall Expeditions
Re: 2007 TBE Travel Photography Contest!

Earlier this week, 20 friends and I returned from a pretty spectacular 18-day journey through Egypt and Jordan. We bargained our way through the ancient open-air market of Khan el Khalili... meandered through King Tut's amazing collection at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo... toured the Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx... sailed on a local felucca in Aswan... explored fabled Abu Simbel... skirted the edges of the Nile River on a "First-Class" train to Luxor (*remind me to tell you THAT story over a cocktail some evening, along with a similar tale of our overnight "First-Class" train journey in India*)... dined at the famous Old Cataract 1902 restaurant where "Death on the Nile" was written



by Agatha Christie and much of the movie of the same name was filmed... hot-air ballooned over Thebes and the Valley of the Kings... strolled Karnak Temple in what seemed like 110° weather (in the shade)... scuba dove in the Red Sea at Sharm El Sheikh (*off the shores of the same resort where Condoleezza Rice visited days before – we even procured the same suite where she resided during the peace summit*)... 4X4'd into the depths of Wadi Rum and rode out on camels a la Lawrence of Arabia after an overnight stay in a goat-hair Bedouin tent with traditional Zarb dinner... traipsed through Petra (*where another celebrity, Ted Turner, walked along the same rock-cut path the following day*)... and cooked traditional cuisine alongside local Jordanian women. We ended the journey at the lowest place on earth – the Dead Sea – for a little dead man's float of our own. Several bobs in the salted sea followed by black mud baths at our luxurious shoreline spa were the salubrious end to our Middle Eastern wandering.



Traveling is multifaceted. It is not always about how far, long or remote you go in your travel experience; it is also about how deep you go into the lives and the customs of the people who inhabit the land where you visit. I always return home reflecting about where I have been and the experiences shared with old and new friends, knowing how fortunate we are to have the freedom and means to travel, understanding how the journey has the potential to enhance our lives and the lives of those we visit, and being responsible to use those experiences to help make a difference in our own communities.

On that note, we encourage you to travel. It makes you feel younger and it helps build a more peaceful world. Travel anywhere. Travel to a far and distant place or only as far as your own backyard. Wherever you go, enjoy the moment and be good to yourself and others. And, while you are taking it all in, capture the image forever by snapping a photograph. It just might be worth \$50 or \$100.

TBE 2007 Travel Photography Contest Rules: Send us your best travel (digital) photograph with a description (50 words or less) of its location and a little about the captured story that might not be evidently obvious within the four edges of the image. Entries must be received by December 1, 2007. There are no photographic boundaries, limitations or restrictions. Anything goes. Let's make this interesting and fun. Hit us with your best shot!

TBE will pick up to five top photographic entries, taking creativity, composition and travel content relevance into account, and is not subject to appeal. We will then post the top entries in our next newsletter and on our website so that all of our dedicated readers can enjoy, comment and vote for their favorite. All top entries (one winning entry per traveler) will win a \$50 gift certificate on a future trip orchestrated by TBE, and the person whose photograph receives the most comments and votes from our dedicated readers during the weeks following the post will win an additional \$100 gift certificate. We will even reward our readers who vote and comment by drawing one name from those participating for a similar \$50 gift certificate.

Contestants are fully responsible for the photograph they submit and must affirm that submissions are their original work and that they have the right to copyright any and all photographs submitted to this contest. All entries must be a genuine photograph that is recognizable and not a completely created image. You must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the United States to enter. Void where prohibited. No purchase necessary.

And, by the way, if you need help orchestrating an independent or group journey – to capture your own winning photograph(s) – call Teresa Beall Expeditions @ 530-342-6999.

NOTE - Each month (sometimes more or less often than that) we send out an e-newsletter containing timely announcements, notices and tips intended as useful, up-to-the-minute information for discriminating domestic and international travelers - you, our clients. The intent is NOT to send unwanted information. If you are not interested, please let us know and we will promptly remove you from our database!

Best, Teresa

...Traveling makes people feel younger. It should be administered periodically, like medicine.