Leptis Magna Excursion
Location: 120 Km East of Tripoli

An excursion that allows you to explore the Roman Empire Leptis Magna
Brief History

Around 1000 BCE: Established as a trading post of Phoenicia.

6th century: Carthage becomes the most important Phoenician colony, and trade control over Leptis Magna together with other colonies.

202: With the defeat in the 2nd Punic War, Leptis Magna comes under Numidia and its king Masinissa.

1st century: A quarry was opened just south of Leptis Magna, selling first class hard limestone. This limestone would be extensively used in the building of the fine monuments, and their survival until our times.

16 BCE: An annual tax is imposed on Leptis Magna of 1.5 million kilos of oil.

58 CE: An amphitheater is built here.

Leptis Magna becomes a free city, securing its inhabitants Roman citizenship, yet great autonomy was guaranteed and no land was confiscated by Rome.

An aqueduct is constructed, providing Leptis Magna with constant water supplies.

Lucius Septimus Severus is born in Leptis Magna; he would later become Roman emperor.

Septimus Severus becomes emperor, and soon starts a great construction program for his home town.

Emperor Septimus Severus visits Leptis Magna, and gives it exemption from property and land taxes.

Middle 3rd century: Economic decline in the Roman Empire strikes Leptis Magna hard.

4th century: The economic decline in the Roman Empire had resulted in far lower number of inhabitants in Leptis Magna. Desert tribes used the city's weakness to raiding it numerous times.

685: Leptis Magna is severely destroyed by an earthquake.

534: The Byzantine Empire destroys the Vandal kingdom, and takes control over Leptis Magna.

Muslim Arab troops take control over the region where Leptis Magna lies, but by now the city is almost empty.

1920s: Archaelogical excavations start at Leptis Magna under the leadership of the Italian colonial authorities.

1982: Leptis Magna is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

"Lose your heart to Leptis Magna"
Spring in Leptis Magna

Amazing beauty
Spring in Leptis Magna

So many beautiful flowers to photograph.

Imagine how the Romans enjoyed their city.

Dreaming of Leptis Magna?