



## EVENTS

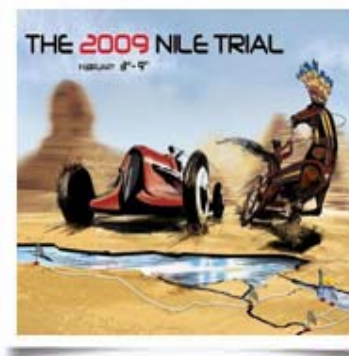
### The Nile Trial 2009

The Nile Trial, a prestigious 15-day rally spanning over two continents, was launched by the Endurance Rally Association on January 26 at the starting point in the UK. The first event of its kind to come to Egypt, the finishing leg of this impressive spectacle of historic cars is scheduled to take place on February 9 in El Gouna.

By the time they reach our town, The Nile Trial participants will have progressed from the UK through France and across to Tunis, driving through some of the stunning Tunisian countryside via the extensive Roman ruins of Carthage. The route then heads to the northern border of Libya past the spectacular Sabartha ruins. In Egypt, their journey will continue in Marsa Matrouh to visit Rommel's bunker and Al Alamein then on to Cairo, Soma Bay, and Luxor before ending in El Gouna, where a prize ceremony, gala dinner, and concert await.

On **February 9th** there will be a car show in the marina in the square besides Ali Pasha, come see the spectacular cars as of 4 or 5 pm. For information call Ghada Amin, ext 32030.

To participate in the Egypt leg of The Nile Trial register at [www.classicpassions.com](http://www.classicpassions.com)



## SPORTS

### BSC Old Boys winter football camp

BSC Old Boys, a private sports club founded in 1894 in Basel, Switzerland, is one of Switzerland's largest football clubs encompassing 28 youth teams including a girls and women's section. The club's top team plays at the highest amateur level in Switzerland, while their younger teams have become very successful in the region's highest youth divisions.

The prestigious sports club has selected El Gouna as the venue for their 2009 BSC Old Boys Winter training Camp. The February 21 to March 1 camp will allow the enthusiastic team to use El Gouna's excellent training facilities while enjoying the warm winter weather. During their stay, the team will play two friendly fixtures, the first of which will be a face-off with the El Gouna Football Team, which is competing for promotion to the Egyptian Premier League this season.

For information on the BSC v El Gouna match, call the Info Center at ext 32100, [www.oldboys.ch](http://www.oldboys.ch)



### Paintball monthly tournament

The Red Sea's newest and most exciting sport is bringing you a monthly tournament like no other every last Thursday of the month from 7pm. Entry is only LE 100 per person and spectators are welcome!

Teams of five persons are sent out to battle against each other. The rules are simple; the winner is the last team standing! If you get hit you are out, but if you or your team member is the last man (or woman!) standing **you** all get through to the next round. The winning team will be crowned with the Championship Trophy for the month. Get your team organized and register today; we look forward to crowning our new El Gouna champions!

[El Gouna Paintball](http://ElGounaPaintball.com), open daily from 10am to 10pm  
Shafik +2 012 759 2445 or Jody +2 011 104 8255  
[info@elgounapaintball.com](mailto:info@elgounapaintball.com)



## CINEMA

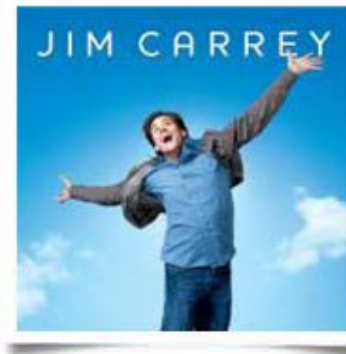
### Mirage Movie Nights

Big time blockbusters are to be seen at Mirage, El Gouna's open air movie theatre in Downtown El Balad where a new movie is featured every week and entrance is free! February features are as below, download the [cinema program](#) for film details:

Feb 01-05 Four Christmases  
Feb 08-12 Australia  
Feb 15-19 The Day The Earth Stood Still  
Feb 22-26 Yes Man

Winter showings take place every Sunday and Tuesday @ 7pm and a double showing every Thursday @ 7pm and 9pm

*Drinks and light snacks catered by the Arena Inn  
For information, call the Info Center at ext 32100*



## VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

### Celebrate the romance at El Sayadin

Join the Moevenpick for an evening of romance on the shores of the Red Sea at the renowned El Sayadin Restaurant. To get you in the right mood enjoy a glass of pink sparkling wine before you embark on a culinary journey offering an amazing 9-course menu that will tempt your palate and touch your senses while musical entertainment adds the ultimate romantic touch.

LE 280 per person including Pink Valentine's welcome drink, coffee or tea at the end of the meal, and all service charges and taxes.

*To secure advanced reservation call at ext 120  
and ask for the Guest Relations desk*



## Connect with your beloved at the Sheraton

After sipping on a Welcome Cocktail, delight in a graceful 4-course Valentine's menu served to you on the Red Sea beach under the moonlit sky where the soft violin tunes and splashing waves highlight this amorous atmosphere. Following your romantic candlelight dinner finish the evening by staying the night! Slip into the comfort of our Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed especially arranged for you with a warm and enchanting touch. Share a rich breakfast buffet the following morning at the Miramar restaurant.

LE 715 per couple excluding beverages, including all service charges and taxes.

- Dinner served from 7-10pm
- Breakfast buffet from 7-10:30am
- Children of 5 years and above can be entertained at our Kids Club during dinner time for free.
- Complimentary transport within El Gouna can be arranged for you upon reservation.

*Limited seats available; to book now call ext 110 and ask for Guest Services*



## Blissful Day at TTC Ocean View

### Vitalis Valentine

Start with a "Snuggle-Bath" in the Jacuzzi, where you will be served a bottle of sparkling wine to enjoy together. A neck and back or full body massage will then be savored shoulder to shoulder in a romantic private atmosphere. Afterwards, relax your body and soul while enjoying each other's company in a beautifully candlelit spa.

LE 540 per couple for package with neck and back massage

LE 690 per couple for package with full body massage

### Romantic dinner set menu at Chez Pascal

Glass of sparkling wine; Tomato cream soup or lobster bisque soup; Tomato salad (mozzarella with olive oil and basil) or cheese croquettes; Mixed seafood platter (fish fillet, shrimps, calamari, and lobster) or grilled beef fillet with a choice of sauces, Valentine tart or banana split.

LE 200 per person for set menu excluding drinks

### Free Cocktail at Peanuts

Dance the night away with your loved one-or find a new one-to the tunes mixed by DJ MUSS. Free cocktails for ladies till midnight! The party starts at 9:30 pm and goes on until late.

*The Three Corners Ocean View, ext 177*

*Enjoy the entire Valentine's Day Program or choose your favorite part*



## SPA SPECIALS

### Angsana Spa specials

Angsana Spa invites you to indulge in a series of pampering treats with special offers through the end of March 2009. Be spoilt by invigorating massages with up to 50% discount on regular rates. Choose from three delectable series to embark on your journey of relaxation:

- 90-minute massage x 5 sessions  
LE 1,200 promotional price (instead of LE 2,400)
- 120-minute massage x 5 sessions  
LE 1,500 promotional price (instead of LE 3,000)
- 120-minute signature massage x 5 sessions  
Choice of Angsana, Aroma Thai or Siam massage  
LE 1,600 promotional price (instead of LE 3,250)

Full rate is due at the time of first session with discount applied when the full number of sessions is completed.

*Terms and conditions apply; contact Angsana for details.  
ext 120, +2 065 354 4501, [spa-elgouna@angsana.com](mailto:spa-elgouna@angsana.com)*



## FOOD & DRINK

### New chef at the Steakhouse

Captain's Inn welcomes new Executive Chef Ali Maghabi. The 34-year-old father of three has been working at the Steigenberger's La Rotisserie Restaurant and main kitchen for three years. Prior to that, he gained valuable experience at the Four Seasons Cairo, Steigenberger Taba, and Hilton's Sharm properties. Maghabi is still employed by Steigenberger but as part of the centralization scheme of OHD-managed hotels he fully manages the Captain's Steakhouse. Chef Ali shared that he is happy with his new assignment and eager to raise quality standards at the Steakhouse. [download menu](#)

*Captain's Steakhouse, ext 144 located on the marina boardwalk*



## Lobster Academy at Sayadin

El Sayadin Restaurant is opening its doors to host the Lobster Academy offering fresh lobster served through the end of February at the special price of only LE 50 per 100g. Choose your own lobster from the daily display and let the talented chefs prepare it to your liking: grilled, fried, sautéed or baked. This delicacy of the Red Sea will be served with sauce and garnished with rice or baked potato. During the Lobster Academy the El Sayadin Team will tell you everything you always wanted to know about lobster and, after an enjoyable meal, award you with a Lobster Certificate for successful lobster eating.



*For reservations call ext 120 and ask for Guest Relations*

## SERVICES

### ALAM introduces laser printing

ALAM Writing Materials introduces its brand-new 4-Color Laser Print and Copy service. A small number of professional copies as well as superior print-on-demand jobs in full color laser quality are no longer impossible to get in El Gouna! Prints and copies can be processed up to A3 size on envelopes and a variety of paper stock.



*Abu Tig Marina, ext 77943, +2 012 331 8988*

## COMMUNITY

### Community announcements

#### Newly named street

The El Gouna Management has announced another newly named street in El Gouna. Mehri Bint Kadria St. runs from the North Golf circle past the Steigenberger entrance until it meets Dr. Fathy Iskander St.

#### Culturama reduced price

The Culturama ticket price has been reduced from 15 Euros to ONLY 10 Euros, making it all the easier to enjoy historical culture at the El Gouna Library! [download factsheet](#)

#### Sheraton jetty maintenance

The shuttle boat jetty station at the Sheraton Miramar hotel will be under reconstruction through the end of February. During this time, the TGI diving center will act as a temporary station for the Sheraton stop.



For information, contact the Info Center at ext 32100

## Turtle's Inn goes online

The Turtles Inn proudly announces the launch of its new dual language website; visit [www.turtles-inn.com](http://www.turtles-inn.com).



## Magical Music

Residents and guests were treated to two special New Year performances by internationally acclaimed Opera Trio, Tara Harrison (Soprano) Fiona MacDonald (Mezzo-soprano) and Gulliver Ralston (Pianist) from the UK. The Trio, who were passing through El Gouna having performed in Cairo and Luxor, enchanted the audience with two "Magical Evenings of Music" on January 2 and 3 at the Moevenpick's Café Vienna.

The performances included Offenbach's Barcarolle, Humperdinck's Hansel & Gretel, Ave Maria as well as songs by Gershwin, Cole Porter and Rodgers & Hammerstein and songs from West Side Story. The Trio loved El Gouna and hopes to return later in 2009.

*The organizers are considering a ticketed event for information contact Kim Earl +2 018 604 4596*



## ENVIRONMENT

### Green Gouna

Following the lead of El Gouna hotels who participated in the Green Star Hotel initiative program to improve the level of sustainable environmental standards in our destination, we invite the entire community to get involved for a clean, green, and environmentally friendly El Gouna. Every individual can contribute to this goal with very simple actions that have a great impact by adjusting a few of our daily habits.

#### Minimize the use of plastic bags!

Plastic bags are waste of resources and hazardous to our environment, particularly along the seaside as they present a major menace to marine life. Carried by the wind, polyethylene



bags take more than a hundred years to break down. They are considered one of the oceans' and seas' deadliest predators because when mistaken for food they can choke many sea animals causing a slow death.

Billions or even trillions of bags are produced each year as we are used to getting new plastic carrier bags every time we visit a store and for everyday grocery shopping. We can contribute to the environment by either re-using plastic bags, or even better, using El Gouna's canvas shopping bags (available at the Info Center). If each person uses one plastic bag less while shopping, 20 million less bags will be used in Egypt alone.

*For information on environmental initiatives contact the Info Center at ext 32100*



## Recycled wares

El Gouna's Solid Waste & Recycling Plant has far exceeded expectations since it was established at the beginning of the 1990's. Ten tons of garbage arrives daily in 20 trucks to the recycling plant, where they are processed for recycling or compressed for resale:

- Large garbage bags 5 LE
- Small garbage bags 4.50 LE
- Plastic hangers 5 LE /dozen
- Envelopes 3 LE /pc
- Wood furniture 300 LE /pc for chairs, benches, and tables
- Tiki sun shades 500 LE
- Black bricks 40 LE /m
- Colored bricks 50 LE /m
- Compost 300 LE /t

*The Recycling Plant is located in the industrial zone, open 8am-5pm daily, call Eng Eriny at +2 012 399 2774 for an appointment.*



## Organic products

Another great establishment, the El Gouna Farm located right next to the Recycling Plant, has expansively developed, and now offers a great variety of highly beneficial organic products ready for your home:

- Green olives 5 LE /kilo
- Olive oil 24 LE /0.75 lt
- Jojoba oil 10 LE /50 ml
- Dates 6-7 LE /kilo (July-Sept)
- Chicken 25 LE /kilo
- Ducks 25 LE /kilo
- Goat 25 LE /kilo
- Ostrich eggs 40 LE /Egg
- Ostrich feathers 100 LE /kilo (upon availability)



- Handmade wool carpets 100 LE /1x2 mt carpet

Products and prices are on availability and subject to change.

*El Gouna Farm, ext 32308*

*Open 8am-5pm daily for visitors and customers*

## **Fish Farm**

A Fish Farm has also been established in El Gouna. While it is still in its experimental stage, fish production is not yet for sale to the public, but the facility is a beautiful venue to visit on a sunny day and a relaxing place to read a book or spend some quality time with your family.

*El Gouna Fish Farm, ext 32251*

*Free entrance, open 8am-5pm daily for visitors*

