

January in El Gouna



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ENVIRONMENT

Guests plant golden trees

Guests of The Three Corners Rihana who have returned to the resort regularly over a ten year period, known as "golden regular guests", are honored with a tree planting ceremony on the hotel premises.

In the past few months, Anny Jacobs and Suzanna Roberti, Jeannine Steurs, René Kuys and Marie-Jeanne Pieters, as well as the Van De Peppel family planted their tree, contributing to the already green heart of the Rihana Resort.



SPORTS

Five a Side Football

Orascom Events and Communications Department, in association with Orascom Housing, is pleased to announce the upcoming Five a Side football tournament for all Orascom departments, concessionaires, and sister companies in El Gouna.

The event is scheduled to take place on **January 15th** on El Gouna's football field between the Rihana Inn and the tennis academy. Generous prizes await the top three teams, and further awards will be presented for best team spirit best player



For more information call Momo
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Golf Tournament

A weekly open 9-hole Stableford tournament sponsored by Ancient Sands Golf Resort is organized every Tuesday at 2pm at the El Gouna Golf Course. Entry fee is 10 Euros, maximum handicap 45. [view flyer](#)

For information and to secure your tee time
call ext 77860 or mob +2 065 358 0405



Marathon Results

In December, El Gouna hosted the first International Marathon of Egypt and Africa with four races consisting of the marathon, a half-marathon, a 5-km race, and a 10-km race. The course had a diverse setting alternating between desert, gardens, streets, bridges, lagoon- and seashores, and residential and commercial areas. The total number of runners was 433 participants from 12 different countries and the total prize worth amounted to USD 40,000. Representatives of the European and Egyptian written press as well as Egyptian Nile TV covered the event that saw Kenyan runners take first place in every race. [view results](#)

Jointly organized by Swiss and Egyptian teams, the event was declared a success by race director Dr. Ahmed M. El Ashker, who also announced that the 2nd edition of the El Gouna Marathon will take place from December 11-12, 2009, with the addition of a charity race and the possible participation of disabled runners. Organizers thanked everyone who helped make this event possible, in particular the athletes and their managers for coming to El Gouna, and event sponsors.

www.elgouna-marathon.com



AROUND TOWN

Vigliacchi Italian fashion

The owners of Bollywood Indian garments and Mona Lisa European ladies wear have now completed their assortment by offering Italian menswear in Abu Tig Marina. The newly opened Vigliacchi boutique features stylishly displayed casual and elegant fashion for men including jackets, suits, shirts, ties, and belts, all imported from Italy.

Vigliacchi is located between Saigon and Segafredo in the marina and is open daily from 3-10pm, ext 77853



Club House pool heated

The Club House, a favorite hangout of many a resident and the place to be during the holidays, now has the added advantage of a heated pool. Relax, catch up with friends, have a drink or a meal, and splash the winter away!

The Club house is located in Downtown Kafr El Gouna, ext 32412



Festive package at the Sheraton

Start the year at Sheraton Miramar with their "Best Rate Guarantee". You are invited to benefit from their biggest promotion ever, "Creating Memories" for your family at Sheraton Miramar Resort with a special "Festive Package" featuring complimentary treats and exceptional discounts starting from LE 500.

For more information, see [offer details](#) online.



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!** January features are: Babylon, A.D., Nights in Rodanthe, Disaster Movie, and Jumper.

Movie showing are every **Tuesday and Sunday @ 7:00pm**, and a double showing every **Thursday @ 7:00 and 9:00pm**. For film details, [view cinema program](#)

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



COMMUNITY

Announcements

El Gouna's Customer Services department informs that El Gouna Transportation **shuttle busses and boats ticket fares** and monthly passes will increase effective January 1, 2009, as follows:

Hotel Guests: Daily ticket LE 7
Weekly ticket LE 30

Children under 12 years: Daily ticket LE 5
Weekly ticket LE 20

Homeowners/Staff: Daily ticket LE 5
Weekly ticket LE 25
Monthly pass LE 100
6-month pass LE 500

For more information, contact the Info Center at ext 32100



Dredging machine in the lagoons

A dredging project is now taking place in all shallow areas of the lagoons in El Gouna. To that end, a blue dredger is located in the lagoon between the Sheraton and the Hill villas (precisely in front of Villa W15 in Old Nubia). For technical reasons, a wire will be dragged/pulled from the dredger and fixed to the waterfront soil between villas W15 and W16. This will prevent/stop the boats from passing through this area during the dredging process. Buoys and floating markers will be in place to alert boat drivers that the area is closed. The mentioned areas will be closed for two months; please be attentive when driving in these areas to avoid injury or accident.

*For inquires call the Abu Tig Marina Manager
at ext 32249, mob +2 012 223 0090*



AWARDS

Prestigious Travelife Awards

In addition to the Sultan Bey, the Three Corners Ocean View and the Sheraton Miramar have also received Gold Travelife Awards for their commitment to environmental and social sustainability. Aware of the need for responsible practice in resorts, leading tour operators in Europe are using a system called Travelife to assess hotels. It is fast becoming the most applicable system for use by tour operators and the only scheme chosen to be featured in future brochures. As a destination, Egypt's water and energy supplies make responsible development vital. Accordingly, it is fitting that resorts in Egypt have been among the first to be assessed using the Travelife Sustainability System as developed by the UK Federation of Tour Operators and the Dutch Association of Tour Operators.

Auditors run through a checklist to assess a hotel's policy and practice on energy, water and waste management, conservation, employment, sourcing, and community relations. Travelife assesses a property's performance on:

- **Energy management:** Is 50% of lighting energy efficient? Are key cards used to switch off power? Are renewable energy sources used?
- **Water management:** Are water-saving devices fitted? Is waste water used for irrigation?
- **Waste management:** How is solid waste disposed of and is it being reduced?
- **Nature conservation:** Is chemical use minimal?
- **Understanding:** Are clients informed on environmental



protection? Are they encouraged to go beyond the property?

- **Fair treatment:** Do staff members have written contracts? Are they paid the legal minimum? Is there a trade union?
- **Choosing suppliers:** Do hotels use local goods and suppliers?
- **Benefiting communities:** Are facilities available to local people? Are traditional rights respected?