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Visit to the Khalawati Demerdash Soufi Order

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Abi Abdallah Mohamed shams Eddin, known as El Mohammedi and titled El Demerdash was born in Tabriz in 758 H or 1453AD.

He was the religious guide to the Sultan Kayit Bay who gave him the land on which the domed prayer hall was built, where the sage was buried and where it stands to this day.

This great Soufi religious leader died on 26 of Zu El Hegga 929 H or 1542 AD. His religious school or Tarika continued uninterrupted to this day.

During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries the Tarika was an important centre of influence in Egyptian society, but they greatly suffered from the confiscations of the 1960's. Today they have regained some, but by no means all of their properties, for example their large and very important library was not returned to them. For the past five and a half centuries, the Demerdash have been one of the leading Soufi orders in Egypt.

Program

- 1 pm Our coach leaves the Gezira car park of the Marriott Hotel in Zamalek.
- 2 pm Reception and light lunch at the Demerdash Centre during which we will be given a short history of the order and of the Soufi Centre.

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3 pm Visit of the domed Mausoleum and Prayer Hall, originally built in the Fifteenth Century.

Visit the mosque and the attached complex of Khalawats (cells) where the adepts retire for three days of fast and meditation in the middle of the month of Shaaban of every year (the month preceding Ramadan).

Visit the Demerdash Mansion which is the seat of the family descendants of the Fifteenth Century sage.

4 pm Return by coach to the Marriott.

We will be received and guided throughout by Dr. Moustafa El Demerdash who will address our group in English.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible with Mme. Nadia Lamie Tel. 27923861.

Your contributions will cover transport by coach and a donation to the Demerdash Charities. The Demerdash Centre is offering us refreshments and a light lunch.

Suggested minimum contributions:

Members LE 100

Non-members LE 150

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