

Dear Friends,

Sacred Gardens in partnership with the Makhad Trust invites you to take part in a unique wilderness journey to the Sinai desert in contemplation of the divine feminine.

A small group of women are being personally invited to travel together for 10 days to expand our experience of the feminine landscape, inside and outside. We will travel deep into the Sinai desert to make our own spiritual quests and experience desert solitude. Three of these ten days will be space for us to glimpse the wisdom of the great desert mother. We will meet and work with nomadic Bedouin people restoring their ancient oasis gardens, meet Bedouin women at their craft co-operative and finally journey to St. Katherine's Monastery and on down to the Red Sea for some rest and relaxation. (see attached itinerary) The dates are 8th - 18th March 2006.

Our vision for this journey is that in spending time in wilderness, women will experience 'returning home to themselves'. Wilderness experiences are often beyond words but our belief is that individuals informed by these diverse and visionary experiences will make right decisions in the world. We hope that by being fed by the vast wilderness that is the Sinai desert, you will return nourished and with further wisdom for your own areas of work. We envisage that some participants from this journey will work together afterwards on projects which honour the divine in nature.

This is a not for profit project. The total cost of £1,254 includes **everything** - return flights to Sharm-El Sheikh, all ground transport, food, accommodation **and tips**, and a contribution to the Bedouin women's craft project.

The details and itinerary of this trip are **attached**. If you are interested, please contact Chrissie Barker on 01242 544 546, who will discuss bookings with you, and send you a Makhad Trust brochure and details of what we need to bring.

Currently there are a limited number of seats available on the flights, so please let Chrissie know as soon as possible if you think you'd like to join in. We do hope you will.

**Pamela Woods**, director of Sacred Gardens Design Ltd, has come to specialize in designing both public and private gardens for clients who have a spiritual focus. Pamela is an author, landscape designer and artist whose book Gardens for the Soul received awards in both Britain and the USA. Pamela has taught women's spirituality studies through both Celtic and North American traditional teachings and has been designing and making gardens for the last 20 years.

See her article about the Divine Feminine in Caduceus this Autumn or on [www.sacredgardens.co.uk](http://www.sacredgardens.co.uk)

**Danny Shmulevitch** is director of the Makhad Trust and has been working with the Bedouin for 35 years. In consultation with the Archbishop of Sinai and the Bedouin sheikhs, he helped initiate the restoration of the Lost Gardens of Sinai, that we shall be visiting. See [www.makhad.org](http://www.makhad.org) The Makhad Trust is a not-for-profit organisation, managed by a Board of Trustees, registered in the U.K. (reg. no. 4583140) and it has charitable status (reg. no. 1100377).

**Scilla Elworthy** works in conflict resolution with Peace Direct and the Oxford Research Group, is the author of many books including 'Power and Sex – a book about women' **and serves on the board of Suzanne Mubarak's Womens International Peace Movement**. She has travelled many times to the Sinai desert and finds nourishment, inspiration and delight each time.