Libya and solar eclipse

March-April 2006
Arrival

View from hotel Corinthia over the old city of Tripoli.

Jim Human and Suleimann took us to dinner.
National museum, Tripoli
Glowing finishes and elegant forms
Strength and elegance
from Greece to Byzantium
more mosaics
Sabratha near Tripoli
(with unique Punic structure among Greek ruins)
Elegance by the sea,
and modern trash as well
Numerous public toilets and baths
Greek columns against the sky
Multi-story theater
Theater details
Temple of Zeus, Cyrene: immense, solid
Zeus temple, fossil, mosaic

fossil, about 2” diameter
Lower city, Samratha.
Marble ship
Overviews, lower city
Lion as guard
more views
Byzantine Church by the sea
and spring flowers
Limestone cliffs and flowers
Walk in Derna(?)

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[Images of children outside a building with a man standing nearby]
Guide, driver, “security”, and guests
Path of the eclipse
Eclipse site and facilities
we chose not to join the crowd
the low and lonely sands stretched far away
hand held works only so far
Images from the web

diamond ring!

During totality we saw Mercury, Venus, and Mars.
shadows (in – above; out-below) and pinholes
into totality
some came equipped
Rommel’s bunker etc. in Tobruk - waterfall
Statue repository, Cyrene
Cyrene
cyrene sculpture
the third head is in Switzerland
German-built bridge
Leptus Magna, Amphitheater
Roman road, Forum
Market: fishmonger, lengths and measures
Hygiene: Baths, "forica latrini"
Odeon
Leptis Magna
Villa by the sea near Leptis Magna
Parade, Tripoli
mosque, Tripoli
old city: once there were jews
missed the green flash (Ben Ghazi)
Byzantine mosaics at Gasr el Lebra. Tigris, Euphrates, the lighthouse at Alexandria
Kadafi, Margy, and airport instructions