

# SIWA KENZ

WHERE THE BEAUTY OF  
THE WORLD AND OF  
ONESELF MEET



# ABOUT ME



## SAMAH GAYED

Samah Gayed, a native Italian speaker, was born in Alexandria, Egypt to Egyptian parents and grew up in the province of Como, later completing her studies in Switzerland. In Canton Ticino, she founded a school of Egyptian Middle Eastern dance and later the OneDance project, where whirling dance becomes a message of peace and unity among peoples.

After 47 years in Europe and a lifetime of travels around the world — from South Africa to Lapland, from India to Hawaii — a deep inner calling led her to the oasis of Siwa, where she chose to put down roots.

Today, through Siwa Kenz, Samah promotes a fair, responsible, and intercultural tourism, supporting projects mostly dedicated to Amazigh women and children, the local population.

# WELCOME TO SIWA



In the heart of the Egyptian desert, on the border with Libya, lies the oasis of Siwa. A place of rare beauty, where history, culture, and nature merge in mystical harmony.

Here fresh, salty, hot, cold, and even thermal water springs gush — all in the middle of the Sahara. This crossroads of elements makes Siwa a place of powerful energy, an experience that goes beyond a simple vacation.



# SIWA KENZ'S PHILOSOPHY

The soul of Siwa Kenz is encounter. Encounter between people, cultures, spirituality. Here you can visit local people in their homes, cook traditional dishes together, weave palm-leaf baskets, and move slowly on a donkey-drawn cart to savor the details that often escape notice.



Samah, also a holistic practitioner, offers experiences that heal the human being in all its dimensions. In Siwa you breathe pure air, you live 18 meters below sea level, you immerse yourself in the beneficial salt pools, and you lose yourself in the starry sky to find yourself again. Every experience is an invitation to the sacred within us.



# THERAPEUTIC TOURISM AND AGRITOURISM

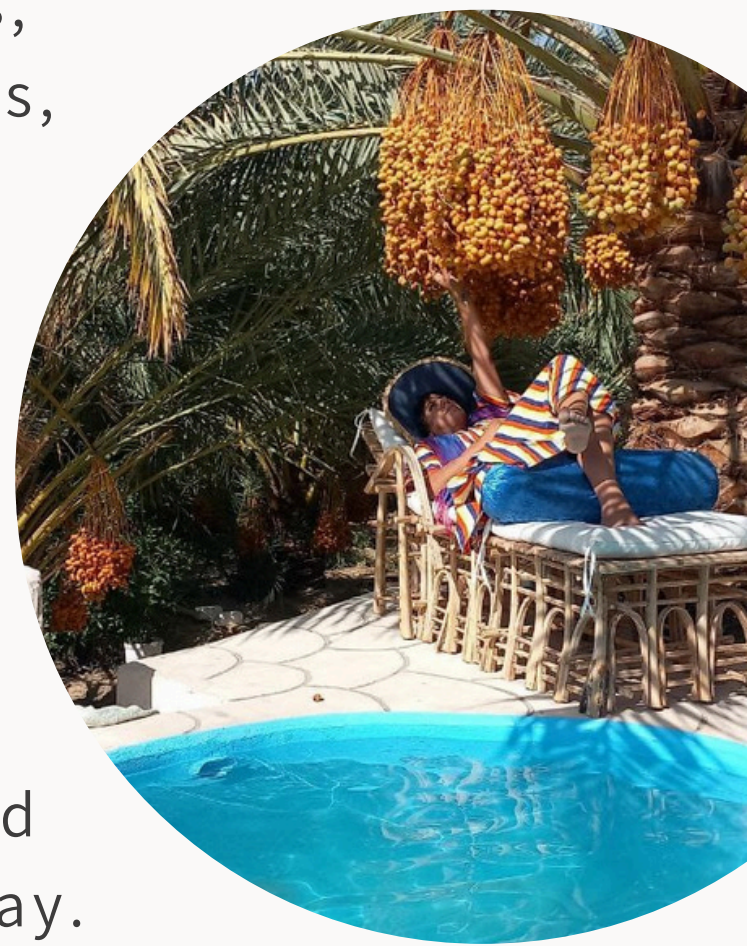


During the summer, Samah promotes therapeutic tourism linked to sand burials, an ancient regenerating practice. Everything takes place at her agritourism, surrounded by nature, with a swimming pool filled with pure, drinkable natural mineral spring water to bathe in.

The garden, over 2,200 m<sup>2</sup>, offers seasonal fruits and vegetables you can pick and enjoy directly: dates, olives, figs, apples, oranges, lemons, melons, watermelons, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuces, arugula, coriander, chili peppers, and much more.

Excellent quality organic dates are available for purchase “below zero kilometers.”

There are also little goats to milk and hens that provide fresh eggs every day.



Siwa Kenz is ready to create a tailor-made journey for you: whether tourist, therapeutic, or with themed retreats. Every stay is designed to nourish body, mind, and soul.

# SIWA' TREASURES

The Oracle of Amoun Ra, built in the 6th century BC and consulted in 331 BC by Alexander the Great, was considered the “center of the world.”

Michelangelo evokes it in the Sistine Chapel with the figure of the Libyan Sibyl. From the sacred mountain of Dakrou (280,000 Bovis, a unique energy measurement in the world), you can admire this extraordinary place and dine by candlelight, meditating in the salt room of the Siwa Kenz center.

The fortress of Shali, in the historic center, built of salt and mud, is a traditional architectural example with surprising thermal properties. After the torrential rains of 1926, much of the structure dissolved, but it remains a living symbol of local resilience.

In Siwa, different eras meet: Pharaonic, Greek, Roman, Ptolemaic, Islamic. The Temple of Amoun Ra, the Mountain of the Dead, and other sites tell thousands of years of history.



# SALT PANS AND DESERT

The desert of Siwa is a poem of sand and wind. Millions of ancient fossils, hot water pools, and cold lakes make it a surprising ecosystem.

4x4 excursions are adventures that awaken your inner child. Golden dunes, blazing sunsets, bonfires in the dark, and tea under the stars: every moment is magic.

And at night, the sky opens like an ancient book. An expert astrologer will guide you to discover the constellations, just as the ancients did to navigate. A journey both outward and inward.

A lunar landscape.

Expanses of salt that reflect the colors of the sky: turquoise, emerald green, and pink. The water, 95% saline, is saltier than the Dead Sea. The salt pans are a place of healing as well as wonder. Immersing yourself in these pools is a transformative experience.





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