

Roman North Africa

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North Africa contains probably the best preserved, least known and yet among the most spectacular remains of the ancient Roman world. This book provides an evocative introduction to the history of Rome in Africa and a fascinating account of the many sites and cities that can be visited today.

Beginning with the story of the Carthaginians and their struggle against Rome, Lennox Manton then describes the transformation of North Africa into a wealthy Roman province. The wide-ranging influence of emperors such as Hadrian and Septimius Severus led to the development of military and agricultural towns and cities built in the Roman style, together with an efficient network of roads, many still the basis of modern roads in the area. The geographical range of the book extends from Mauretania to Cyrenaica, with detailed descriptions of all the major sites, including such highlights as Leptis Magna, Sabratha, Timgad, El Djem and Volubilis. The text is lavishly illustrated with the author's own photographs, together with maps and plans of the major sites.

This book will appeal to all who have visited or are intending to travel to Roman North Africa, as well as everyone with an interest in the ancient world.

The front cover shows the theatre at Leptis Magna, a seated statue of Niobe in the foreground; the back cover shows the capital at Sbeitla (Photographs courtesy of the author).

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