

## **DNHG Sunset Canal Cruise - 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – 4.30pm – 6.55pm (or later)**

Please do not reply to this email but contact the person below to register for this trip. Should more than 20 people apply, their names will go on a waiting list. A second trip may be arranged, depending upon the number of respondents.

Getting there will be either on public transport or taxi, as we will leave the meeting point by ferry. The ferry will drop us at another ferry station, almost an hour and a half later.

There is an hour at the meeting point prior to the ferry departure time, to allow for latecomers, enable ticket purchase (45 dirhams) and provide photo opportunities of the traditional dhows and the variety of birds feeding at the waterside as dusk falls. At this time of day the light usually becomes a warm sunset glow, which also reflects well (see the white heron photo on page 5 of the December Gazelle).

During the journey, there are plenty of opportunities to photograph the city skyline as the sun goes down. A new mangrove is being established but there isn't a great deal going on there as yet. Birdlife along the route will mainly be egrets, herons (grey and white), the odd cormorant and other random birds looking for supper before going to roost. We cannot see the flamingoes, however, as the canal route diverts from the natural end of the creek.

It will be dark at our destination, where we will either walk to a hotel for some refreshment, or leave at this point by taxi or public transport. Further details regarding transport will be provided in a later email within the confirmed group.

**Trip Leader:** Margaret Swan - to attend, please register your name/s at [gazelleeditor@gmail.com](mailto:gazelleeditor@gmail.com)

**Number of people:** 20

**Cost of ferry:** 45 dirhams (this is the ferry fare only, transport to and from ferry points will have to be incurred by individual parties).

**Itinerary:**

4.30pm	Assemble at meeting point, purchase ticket and register your attendance.
5.30pm	Ferry disembarks with DNHG group on board.
6.55pm	Group disembark ferry.

At this point, people can either leave, or stay for refreshments at a new outside eating area within the hotel premises. Food is available and coffee costs around 20 dirhams at the hotel, where we can observe the various vessels, cruising up and down the busy canal.

**Other useful information:**

- There are ramps for boarding the craft to aid with disabilities.
- Toilets are at the ferry station, on board and of course, at the hotel.