

Clouds over New Mexico



In November 2010, Cynthia Culbertson and Dick Bryant, along with a small group of Arabian horse breeders from the USA joined me in a cruise on the Nile. We had arranged for a small Dahabia (small river boat) to take us from Luxor to Aswan—a trip that took 7 days. We spent most of the day sitting on the boat deck watching the Eastern and Western banks of the Nile as we cruised along. Under the warm sun with crisp blue cloudless sky we could enjoy the serene landscape, people going to their daily duties, fishermen and feluccas drifting by. During day time, the sky was clear and deep blue. At the end of the day, we were treated with a colorful peaceful and warm sunset. We would all sit and enjoy that magical moment every single day.

Dick Bryant is a great professional photographer with great talent and creativity. One evening as we were enjoying the greatly anticipated “Sunset of the Day”, he told me that I should experience sunsets and clouds over New Mexico where he lives and works.

He promised that although what we were watching at that moment was magical, sunsets in New Mexico were also magical in a totally different way especially in the month of August during the rainy season. Dick and Cynthia invited me to experience this splendor with them the following August. I jumped on the occasion and did join them in New Mexico for 10 days of pure enjoyment and fascination. Dick and I carried our camera gear in his car accompanied by Cynthia we drove across New Mexico on a carefully planned trip to get the taste of the amazing state.

The landscape is miraculous and so is the architecture. We went into a frenzy of picture taking. As promised, the sunsets were astounding. Unlike the Egyptian sunsets, the clouds add a stupendous palette of colors to an otherwise soft tranquil sky. Unlike the Egyptian sunset, these were furious and vociferous.

Here are some images taken there that I would like to share with you. □

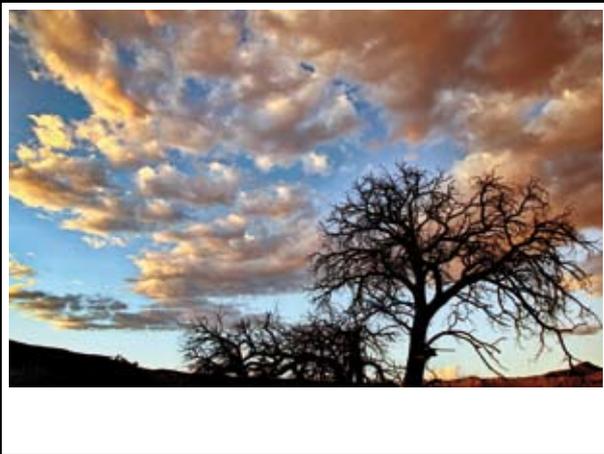
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