

EXOTIC ADVENTURES

Tuareg

the blue men of the desert

For more than 3,000 years, the Tuareg were known as the bandits of the Ténéré, robbing camel caravans as they headed across the void of the Sahara desert in North Africa.

Tuaregs are easily recognized by their dark blue turbans and veils, usually worn with a lighter blue robe. Tuareg camels tend to be white or light brown.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1911 edition, notes:

Their general colour is the reddish yellow of southern Europeans, the uncovered parts of the body being, however, darker through exposure. Their hair is long, black, and silky, beards black and thin; eyes black, sometimes blue; noses small; hands delicate, but bodies muscular. They are a tall people, the chiefs being especially noted for their powerful build.



Tuareg with takouba (sword).

They dress generally in a black tunic (some tribes wear white), trousers girt with a woollen belt, and wear as turban a cloth called litham, the end of which is drawn over the face, allowing nothing to be seen but the eyes and the tip of the nose. The purpose of this is to protect the throat and lungs from the sand. These cloths are dark blue or white: the former being worn most by the nobles, the latter by the common people. To this difference of colour is due the terms 'black' and 'white' Tuareg.

*The Tuareg seldom remove their masks or face-cloths, hence Arabs call them.....
"People of the Veil."*

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