

Arabian Night for Lufthansa Cargo Charter party

A TOTAL OF 200 tonnes of sand, some Bedouin tents and a few camels brought in from their usual residence near Frankfurt transformed Germany's Vivarium zoo at Darmstadt into a desert encampment for the night.

The scene had been set for

Lufthansa Cargo Charter's annual summer party earlier this month (July).

An annual event, for the German charter broker's customers, colleagues and their families, features a different fantasy each year.

Past themes have included

the football World Cup, while this year's topic was based on Omar Khayyam's 'Arabian Nights'.

While daylight lasted, children were able to tour the zoo and see the animals, mingle with the ever-popular goats in their activity area or risk rid-

ing one of the camels, while their parents enjoyed a seemingly endless supply of spicy Arabian-style food, "in the style of the former sultans and caliphs", washed down with the drink of their choice.

Come sundown, and it was show time, complete with fire-eaters and a troupe of ladies undertaking other dangerous things with fire and a bed of very sharp nails, while the venue itself was transformed into a candlelit fairy-tale scene.

Dancing to a live band followed until the early hours of the next morning or, for the less energetic, one of the Ara-



Life isn't just a bed of nails at Lufthansa Cargo Charter

bian tents provided divans and cushions for guests to relax and chat while smoking

one of the hookahs provided on each table for the summer evening's festivities.