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TOUR DATES AND COSTS

This 18 day boutique tour commences Friday 8th January 2010. Please note the tour starts and ends in Cairo.

Land content only: AU\$6,495 (twin share)*
Single Supplement (land content): AU\$1,624*
Non-refundable deposit: AU\$450
Local payment for group tipping AU\$110 (approximately 500 Egyptian Pounds).

Special airfares may be available, please refer to our travel agent.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

This is compulsory for this tour, please refer to our travel agent.

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS 2009

Session 1: August 18th 2009

Session 2: September 22nd 2009

Session 3: October 20th 2009

Call UWA Extension on 6488 2433 or visit www.extension.uwa.edu.au and click on 'Tours and Expeditions' to register.

Reserve your place on this tour by contacting Julie Watson at:

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VISIT THE TOUR WEBSITE

www.extensions.uwa.edu.au/tours/index.shtml

SPECIAL EARLY BIRD OFFER

Book before October 30th 2009 and receive a free hot air balloon flight over ancient Luxor.

**All costs are subject to change without notice due to fuel increases, tax changes etc.*

Land of the Pharaohs Tour 2010

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- All accommodation and breakfast daily.
- The Pyramids of Giza, Sakkara and the Sphinx.
- Full board and accommodation on Nile cruise (drinks not included).
- Guided tour of the Egyptian Museum.
- Photographic workshops on tour.
- Visit to the temple of Abu Simbel.
- Dinner in an Egyptian family home.
- All entry fees to historic sites as listed in itinerary.
- Sunrise desert trip.
- Camel caravan adventure at sunset.
- Light and sound show in Cairo.
- English speaking tour guides.
- Old Cairo including Khan Al Khalili Bazaar.
- Language workshops on tour.
- All group tipping (see local content fee).
- Boutique small group tour (maximum of 17 people).

INCLUDED IN THE LAND TOUR

- All accommodation and breakfasts.
- Airport transfers days 1 and 18, and day tours as per itinerary.
- Pre-tour travel advice on travelling in Egypt.
- English speaking Egyptian tour guides and presenters.
- Photography, language and cultural workshops while on tour.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR

- Travel insurance, airfares and departure tax.
- Personal expenses such as laundry and telephone.

ABOUT THE TOUR LEADERS

Mona Ketelsen is a glass artist and owner of Monart Studio & Gallery. Mona was born in Egypt and lived there for 26 years and has firsthand knowledge of the culture and lifestyle of this ancient land.

Greg Hocking is an award-winning Master Photographer and one of Australia's leading professional photographers. Greg will share his knowledge and passion for photography to help you capture Egypt's unique landscapes and people.

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Land of the Pharaohs - Itinerary January 2010

Please note that some items of the itinerary may vary depending on the availability of shows, opening times of venues, Nile cruise schedules and similar unforeseen events outside of our control.

Day 1: Cairo Friday 8th January

Welcome to Cairo. A city where past and present stand side by side. On arrival we meet and assist you at the airport and then transport you to your hotel. At 3pm we meet in the foyer for a welcome drink and to meet the other participants and tour leaders. After a photographic briefing and checking your equipment we take a scenic walk along the Nile through residential areas to catch a dinner and show aboard ship. We experience a sit down feast of Egyptian cuisine with a folkloric show. After dinner we take our bus to the hotel.

Day 2: Cairo Saturday 9th January

This morning we take a short walk to the Egyptian Museum to join a guided tour that will take us deep into the past through the magnificent pharaonic culture. After a short walk downtown we enjoy a traditional Egyptian lunch before we catch our bus to Khan al Khalili, one of the biggest bazaars in the Middle East. Here we can enjoy a drink of mint tea or Arabic coffee at the El Feshawe (the oldest coffee shop in Cairo). We then have some free time to discover the bazaar. Tonight we have dinner at a local restaurant to compare treasures bought and photos taken. Bus to hotel.

Day 3: Train Sunday 10th January

Today we investigate Sakkara and visit the Step Pyramid. We have a light lunch in Sakkara before traveling to Giza. We now join a guided tour of the Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. Next we dine early at one of the world's most unique hotels (from an architectural point of view). After dinner we travel by bus through Cairo to Cairo Train Station where we board our sleeper to Luxor. The overnight train to Luxor allows us to travel in deluxe comfort (First Class only). The train has lounge cars for comfort and meals are served in your compartment.

Day 4: Luxor Monday 11th January

Arriving Luxor early morning we join our Nile Cruise Program (subject to cruise program timetable), living on board with a buffet for breakfast, lunch & dinner and afternoon tea on deck. These luxury cruise boats are an ideal way of experiencing the Nile with its changing landscapes and mix of people while kicking back around the pool or having a drink on the bar deck. We visit Al Karnak temple and the Valley of the Kings (guided tour). In your free time you can investigate the local Markets or relax on deck watching life on the river banks.

Day 5: Essna Tuesday 12th January

Today you can take to the air with a pre dawn balloon ride (optional). See Egypt from a different angle as we glide over the desert, the temples and the town of Luxor in a hot air balloon. An experience not to be missed. We follow this with a guided tour to Luxor Temple before the boat sets sail on the way to Aswan.

Day 6: Komombo Wednesday 13th January

Life on the cruise ship is very relaxing and a great way to unwind. Today we step back in time and take a guided tour through Horas's Temple at Edfu. One of the great social occasions on board is the daily afternoon tea which is served on deck. Next we have a night visit to Sobek and Harocies Temple - this tour is guaranteed to take your breath away. Also tonight, we get ready for the Galabiyya Party (dress like an Egyptian and belly-dance the night away).

Day 7: Aswan Thursday 14th January

After breakfast we visit the beautiful Temple of Philae (guided tour) situated in the scenic south of Aswan. Philae was the last bastion of ancient Egyptian religion and hieroglyphic usage. It is also a superb example of threatened cultural heritage being saved in the face of modern civilization's march to change the environment.

Day 8: Aswan Friday 15th January

Disembarkation day and transfer to hotel. After breakfast we relax as we sail the Nile in a felucca around Kitchener Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum. Anyone for perfume? This region is renowned for its beautiful perfume and is a tour with a difference. A stopover for cup of coffee or tea with a scenic view of the Nile while watching the sunset.

Day 9: Aswan Saturday 16th January

Today we take an early morning camel trek through the desert to visit the Monastery of St Simeon. After a typical Nubian lunch we enjoy a cup of tea of coffee in a Nubian house. Here you can arrange to have a henna painting with a Nubian woman or alternatively visit a Nubian village. Later we explore the Aswan markets and then watch the sun setting over the sand dunes and the town (a great photo opportunity).

Day 10: Aswan Sunday 17th January

Today we investigate the ancient town of Aswan with its Nubian culture. Later we explore the Aswan markets and then watch the sun setting over the desert sand dunes and town (another great photo opportunity).

Day 11: Alexandria Monday 18th January

Today we take an early morning drive to Abu Simbel. We visit the two temples of Abu Simbel which overlook Lake Nasser, the Great Temple of Ramses II and the Temple of Hathor. Later in the day we depart and fly to 'The Pearl of the Mediterranean, Alexandria. On arrival we take an evening walk by the sea, by far the best way to get a feeling for the city, before dining out on Alexandria's favourite fare - fish.

Day 12: Alexandria Tuesday 19th January

Today we visit the world famous Alexandria Library. After our visit we visit an old world tea house for tea and coffee. We also visit Fort Qaitbey, the site of the famous Pharos Lighthouse. Lunch will take us across the Mediterranean to Greece! Tonight we explore the restaurants of the city and dine renaissance style.

Day 13: Cairo Wednesday 20th January

After breakfast we drive back to Cairo, stopping for lunch and photographic opportunities. After relaxing on the bus, we hit the night with an unique event - a mesmerizing display of Sufi dancing. Tonight will be a night to remember as we watch the Sufi dancers performing in the heart of old Cairo.

Day 14: Cairo Thursday 21st January

Today we take a guided tour of Old Cairo, where we visit the Hanging Church and take a stop for fresh juice, tea or coffee in a traditional Cairo cafe. Egypt's other important religion is Coptic Christianity and the Coptic Museum offers a unique look at this Orthodox form of Christianity. Lunch is a truly Egyptian affair. Next we visit the English bookshop (and maybe find an original copy of Agatha Christie's *Death on the Nile*). At 8pm we go to a show at the Cairo Opera.

Day 15: Cairo Friday 22nd January

This morning we take a guided tour to the Citadel, one of the world's greatest monuments to medieval warfare, as well as a highly visible landmark on Cairo's eastern skyline. We follow this with a visit to Islamic Cairo and take lunch overlooking the whole of Cairo.

Day 16: Cairo Saturday 23rd January

Today we take the opportunity to shop like an Egyptian and follow this with an authentic Egyptian lunch. After a little more shopping we take afternoon tea Egyptian style in an Egyptian home.

Day 17: Cairo Sunday 24th January

After a relaxing day we visit the Pyramids of Giza and see a sound and light show followed by dinner at an Egyptian family home.

Day 18: Cairo Monday 25th January

We spend our last day in group or by ourselves shopping or photographing. Departure day.

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