

MA'AT TOURS EGYPT 2010!



Newsletter 7: September 2009

Hi Everyone,
We would like to pass on the following news:

INFORMATION KIT II

By now all registered participants should have received their Tour 2010 Information Kit II. If you have not, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in the kit, please do not hesitate to contact us. The fastest way to do so is by email:

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NEWS FROM EGYPT

There has been some exciting news from Luxor over the past month. Since mid-August the new lighting system on the West Bank at Luxor has been officially 'opened'. Various monuments on the West Bank – including the beautiful temples at Deir el Bahri – will now be floodlit at night. Also from Deir el Bahri is news that the Shrine of Hathor on the southern side of Hatshepsut's temple is to be opened to the public for the first time. While on past tours we have enjoyed the colour and beauty of the reliefs and columns (see the example below) of the area in front of the building, we are hopeful to be able to enter the shrine in 2010.

The House of Howard Carter (which he used when excavating the tomb of Tutankhamun in the nearby Valley of the Kings) is also now open to the public. It is to be the centerpiece of an extensive new tourist complex.



INFORMATION SESSION

On 17th September we were pleased to welcome to our home in Old Beach, Tasmania, several participants from our 2010 tour. The afternoon provided a wonderful opportunity for those present to get to know each other prior to the tour and to meet us. We discussed various aspects of the tour and those present had the opportunity to ask questions and get responses first hand. Don't forget that we are only an email away if you have questions or concerns about the tour.

Over some home-made Egyptian food (dips, shish taok and lamb koffa) and drinks we looked at some photos of past tours and chatted about our shared experiences to come. Egypt is now only about 3 months away, In sha'Allah (God wishing).

DATES TO HOLD IN MIND

1st October: Payment of Singapore Airlines fare. We will email you current fares/taxes asap.

November: Airline tickets and any further information will be sent to you via express post.

2nd January 2010: Depart Australia, and be in Cairo early the next morning!

HINTS

- If taking underarm deodorant, put it into a sealy bag inside your (waterproof) toiletry bag – they have a terrible habit of leaking at altitude!
- Try vacuum-packing bags for clothing (if you can get them).
- Carry your coat/jacket with you – jam the pockets full (contents are not usually counted at weigh-in) & it can act as a blanket for the flight (air-con can get cold on a long-haul).
- Buy and wear compression socks on the flight (help prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis – see your Chemist).
- Water is heavily treated in Egyptian cities. It can be very hard on the skin, so if you have delicate skin do take some good quality skin lotion/moisturizer with you.

With all good wishes,

Patricia, Mike & Peter