

MA'AT TOURS EGYPT 2010!



Newsletter 9: November 2009

Hi Everyone,
We trust that you are as excited about Egypt 2010 as we are, and that you are looking forward to our shared experiences!

LUXOR FOR CARE

A reminder that we *invite* our tour participants to meet with local representatives of Luxor4Care during our stay in Luxor and to consider making donations of items or money to the organisation.

You might consider the following:

- bringing some children's clothing and/or a soft toy with you and donating it when we meet the L4C representatives in Luxor; and/or
- making a cash donation when we meet the L4C representatives in Luxor.

Please remember that any donation you might care to make is purely voluntary, and that our meeting with the L4C representatives will be an *optional* meeting.



ANIMAL CARE IN EGYPT

Please hold in mind that we *invite* our tour participants to meet with local representatives of ACE during our stay in Luxor and to consider making donations of items or money to the organisation.

You might consider the following:

- making a cash donation when we meet the ACE representatives in Luxor; and/or
- bringing a dog collar & lead (medium size).

Please also remember the ACE SOS for large crepe or cohesive bandages (for horses and donkeys).

REMEMBER...

Buy and wear compression socks on the international flights (they help prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis – see your Chemist).

LAG CARRY-ON LIMITS

Please remember that there are limits regarding liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) that can be taken onto an international flight. See, for example,

<http://www.qantas.com.au/travel/airlines/country-specific-carry-on-baggage/global/en>

If you do not have a plastic bag for your LAGs we recommend a 'Glad Snap Lock' brand sandwich bag (which fits within the limits of edges of 20cm). You can never have too many snap lock bags while in Egypt (for film/memory cards, paperwork etc) anyway! Please remember that if carrying on items like creams, lotions, hair gel, water, perfumes, lipstick, lip balm, lighters, tooth paste, sprays and so on, they **MUST** be in containers no larger than 100ml each **AND** these containers must all fit within the single sealed, clear plastic bag that has a capacity of 1 litre or less, with edges of 20cm. This bag must be presented to security at the screening point prior to entering the departure area.



EXCHANGE RATES: GOOD NEWS!

As at 3 November the exchange rate is 1AUD\$ to 4.92 LE£ (so AUD\$10 = LE£49.20), 1US\$ to LE£5.47 (so US\$10 = LE£54.71) and 1UK£ to LE£8.99 (so UK£10 = LE£89.93). While we cannot predict the rates when we are in Egypt, the current rates are very positive for us!

NEWS FROM EGYPT

New rules at the Egyptian Museum (as of 1st Nov 2009) now limit group sizes that may use personal guides to 5. Larger groups must use a new headphone museum tour systems (at LE£10 each). See, for example, <http://www.eturbonews.com/10738/audio-guides-be-introduced-egypt-museum>

We are investigating splitting our group and using several guides so that you get the best possible visit to this exceptional museum. We will discuss options with you once we have explored all the possibilities available, given this changed situation.

With all good wishes, *Patricia, Mike & Peter*