

MA'AT TOURS EGYPT 2011!



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Hi Everyone,
We trust that you are as excited about Egypt 2011 as we are, and that you are looking forward to our shared experiences!

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).

Visit ACE on-line:
<http://www.ace-egypt.org.uk/Home/>



LAG CARRY-ON LIMITS

Please remember that there are limits regarding liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) that can be taken onto an international flight. For example see the webpage: <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 anyway (for film/memory cards, paperwork etc)! 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 no more than

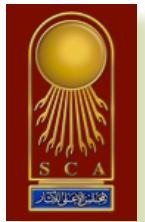


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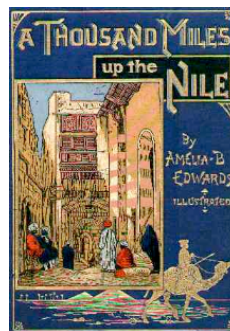
20cm. This bag must be presented to security prior to entering the departure area.

NEW SCA WEBSITE

The Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) oversees all aspects of the protection of Egypt's cultural heritage. The SCA has just launched a new website at: http://www.sca-egypt.org/eng/SCA_MP.htm



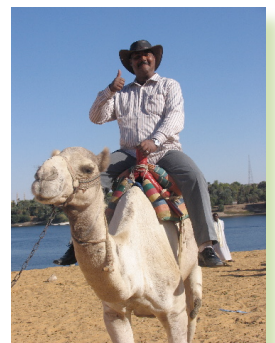
"A DONKEY-RIDE AND A BOATING-TRIP INTERSPERSED WITH RUINS"



In 1873/4 the intrepid Amelia Edwards made her way from Alexandria to Abu Simbel and beyond. She published her journal as *A Thousand Miles Up the Nile* in 1876. Edwards' fascinating and entertaining account of Egypt 137 years ago has been out-of-print for some time but is available on-line at: <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/edwards/nile/nile.html>

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Her description of a camel ride (Chapter X) is hilarious. It will have you eagerly anticipating Tour Day 8 and your ride to St Simeon's Monastery: "Now the lying-down and getting-up of a camel are performances designed for the express purpose of inflicting grievous bodily harm upon his rider... this 'execrable hunch-back' is fearfully and wonderfully made. He has a superfluous joint somewhere in his legs, and uses it to revenge himself upon mankind."



This will be our last newsletter for the year. Preliminary registrations for our 2012 Tour have been very strong and we expect it to be booked out by April 2011.

We look forward to meeting you in Cairo! Don't forget to look out for our Ma'at sign.

With all good wishes, Patricia & Mike