



CLASSICAL *pursuits*[®]

ROCKING THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION
Egypt, then and now
October 21 – November 2, 2010

Each evening, we will post the location of following day's discussions and talks and confirm any additions or changes to itinerary. We are a small group and will cover the material included below but we may decide together to alter the order depending on other opportunities and how we feel.

Two meals are included each day. Alcoholic beverages are not included at meals. David invites participants to join him for those meals that are not included.

Thursday October 21 Arrive Cairo

Participants will make their own arrival arrangements. Please contact us for any assistance with your flights or information on arriving in Cairo. We'll meet this evening for our welcome dinner together.

Overnight: Talisman Hotel, Cairo

Meals: Dinner

Friday October 22 Cairo

After breakfast this morning we'll have our first discussion. Then we'll travel outside of the city to see the most famous sights of ancient Egypt: the Sphinx and the pyramids at Giza. A camel ride in the desert is an entertaining interlude.

Overnight: Talisman Hotel, Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Saturday October 23 Cairo

Today we'll explore Naghib Mahfouz's Cairo in the company of a specialized literary guide. We'll stop for lunch at Mahfouz's favourite restaurant in the heart of the Kahn el Khalili Bazaar. This afternoon we tour the world famous Cairo Museum.

Overnight: Talisman Hotel, Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday October 24 Cairo

Today we explore medieval Cairo, visiting the Citadel of Salah el-Dein and the El Mui'z Street area. We'll stop to visit some of Cairo's contemporary art galleries, including William Wells' Townhouse Gallery. Later today we'll visit the campus of the American University in Cairo to meet with faculty and students.

Overnight: Talisman Hotel, Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Monday October 25 Fly to Luxor

This morning we fly to Luxor where embark our Nile cruiser and set sail. Later this afternoon we'll explore the Luxor and Karnak Temples and walk the Avenue of the Sphinxes. We'll have a discussion this afternoon onboard our cruiser.

Overnight: On board the Sonesta St. George 1

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Note: While we will be onboard a 114 passenger ship, the Classical Pursuits group will have our own guide and private excursions.

Tuesday October 26 Luxor, Esna

This morning we tour the West Bank: the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, the Hatshepsut Temple at El Deir El Bahari and the immense statues of the Colossi of Memnon. In the afternoon, our ship makes its way to Esna as we have a discussion on deck.

Overnight: On board the Sonesta St. George 1

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday October 27 Edfu, Kom Ombo

After breakfast, we'll tour the dramatic Temple of Horus, the god of the sky. After lunch on board, we'll have a discussion as the cruiser continues upstream. In the late afternoon we'll visit the unique double temple at Kom Ombo.

Overnight: On board the Sonesta St. George 1

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Thursday October 28 Aswan

After breakfast on our cruiser, we'll tour the magnificent High Dam, the beautiful Temple of Philae and the Unfinished Obelisk. After lunch, we'll board a small wooden felucca sailboat to tour Aswan's Botanical Gardens and the elegant pink granite Agha Khan Mausoleum, overlooking his spectacular white villa.

Overnight: On board the Sonesta St. George 1

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Friday October 29 Abu Simbel

This morning we disembark our cruiser and take the short flight to Abu Simbel. Not only are the two temples at Abu Simbel among the most magnificent monuments in the world but their removal and reconstruction during the building of the High Dam was an historic event in itself. After visiting the site at Abu Simbel, we return to Aswan. We'll have a discussion this afternoon.

Overnight: Movenpick Resort, Aswan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Saturday October 30 Fly to Cairo and drive to Alexandria

This morning transfer to the airport for our short flight back to Cairo. From the airport, we'll set off by coach to Alexandria. It's hard to find a more legendary city – founded by Alexander the Great, the seat of Cleopatra, site of the Pharos lighthouse and location of the Great Library of Alexandria. This afternoon we'll visit the outstanding National Museum and wander through the imposing catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa, the largest known Roman burial site in Egypt.

Overnight: Hotel Windsor, Alexandria

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sunday October 31 Alexandria

Alexandria's literary heritage is yet another facet of this absorbing city. This morning we'll take a tour of Literary Alexandria in the company of a specialist guide, following in the footsteps of writers such as Lawrence Durrell, Cavafy and E M Forster, including a visit to Villa Ambron, where Durrell lived and wrote.

This afternoon we devote our attention to the spectacular new library, Biblioteca Alexandrina. This superb piece of modern architecture, which has room for eight million books, plants Alexandria firmly back onto the world cultural map, with a declared intention of being 'the world's window onto Egypt and Egypt's window onto the world.' This evening, we'll visit the beautifully restored Fort Qaitbey, which sits on the remains of the legendary Pharos lighthouse, and stroll in the gardens of Montazah Palace, perched on a rocky outcrop over the sea.

Overnight: Hotel Windsor, Alexandria

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Monday November 1 El Alamein, Cairo

Today we'll visit El Alamein, a small coastal outpost famed for a decisive Allied victory in the WWII North Africa campaign. We return to Cairo this afternoon and enjoy our farewell dinner together.

Overnight: Hotel Talisman, Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Tuesday November 2 Depart Cairo

After breakfast at our hotel, our tour draws to a close as we head toward the airport for our flight home

Meals: Breakfast

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TOUR COSTS

US\$4495 per person, from Cairo

Currency

This tour has been priced in US\$. Once you've made a reservation, we will invoice you in US\$ which is the fixed cost. As a Canadian company, we will gladly accept Canadian dollars at our current exchange rate at the time of payment(s). Please note once final payment is made the currency exchange rate is guaranteed and there will be no currency exchange adjustments.

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of **US \$500** per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Single Supplement

If you wish to have guaranteed single accommodation, the single supplement for this trip is an additional **US\$1575**. Please note that if you are travelling alone, and we cannot match you with a roommate, you will have to pay the single supplement for this trip. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Policy

All deposits are non-refundable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

Tour Cost Includes:

- Twin share accommodations in hotels as specified or similar
- Meals as specified
- Sightseeing with qualified English-speaking guides
- All ground transportation by air-conditioned coach
- Domestic flights within Egypt
- All internal fees to monuments and parks
- Hotels and local taxes
- Tour led by David Schmitt

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- International flights
- Airport and departure taxes
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Travel insurance
- Visa fees
- Excess baggage
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional arrangements due to any emergency or other situation

THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

Please note:

1. The itinerary described in these notes is intended as an example only. In the event of weather changes, logistical arrangements, or other problems, we may make changes in the published itinerary or the accommodations.
2. Worldwide Quest is a full service tour operator and will be pleased to arrange your flights for this tour.
3. The tour cost does not include extra expenses incurred because of weather and logistical delays, or delayed departures of chartered or scheduled aircraft.
4. Since most of our tours travel into remote areas, we strongly urge you to purchase travel insurance that will cover you for any emergency medical evacuation.

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