

# Discover the Hidden Treasures of El-Minia and the Delta with the Amarna Trust

1 November – 10 November 2008

In support of the Amarna Trust, and promoting archaeological excavation, conservation and research on the Amarna Period, we invite you to visit some of Egypt's forgotten sites, off the beaten track of regular tourists.

Explore the ancient sites in the vicinity of the cities of El-Minia, Zagazig, and Rosetta, all located in Middle Egypt & the Delta in Northern Egypt, and rarely included in most tours to Egypt.



## Highlights

Ruins of Tebtunis

Tombs of Beni Hasan

Sites of Tell El-Amarna

Temple of Bastet

Remains of Tell El-Faraein

City of Rosetta (Rashid)

The tour will be led by **Dr. Rawia Ismail**; the Guest Lecturer will be **Professor Barry Kemp**, Director of the Amarna Project and Chairman of the Amarna Trust. He has directed excavations and survey works there since 1977.

£1350 Sterling pounds per person in double room or \$2700 US dollars.

Single supplement £195 Sterling pounds or \$390 US dollars.

Excluding international flight tickets.

Price includes :

- Full board accommodation during the whole stay.
- Entrance Fees to all sites.
- Transportation in air-conditioned vehicle.
- Representative assistance in all Egyptian airports.

Last date for receiving bookings is **31 August 2008**.

Return flights from the UK are available from £395 Sterling pounds.

For full details of the tour and the booking form please check the link:

[www.gatewaytoegypt.com](http://www.gatewaytoegypt.com)

### Day 1 : Saturday 1 Nov/Cairo

Outbound flight. Overnight Cairo.

### Day 2 : Sunday 2 Nov/El-Minia

Morning drive to the city of El-Minia. On the way visit the ruins of the Ptolemaic-Roman town of Umm El-Burigat or Tebtunis. Then drive to Ihnasya El-Madina to visit the necropolis of Heracleopolis Magna. Overnight El-Minia.

### Day 3 : Monday 3 Nov/El-Minia

Morning tour exploring the east bank sites of El-Minia. Begin tour with the Fraser Tombs, then visit Zawayet Sultan, the tombs of Beni Hasan and the chapel of Istabl Antar (Speos Artemidos). Overnight El-Minia.

### Day 4 : Tuesday 4 Nov/El-Minia

Travellers will get to spend a full day at the ancient city of Amarna and visit the small Aton Temple, the Central City, the South Tombs and the Workmen's Village. Overnight El-Minia.

### Day 5 : Wednesday 5 Nov/El-Minia

Travellers will get to spend another full day at the ancient city of Amarna and visit the North Tombs, the North Palace and the Royal Tomb. Overnight El-Minia.

### Day 6 : Thursday 6 Nov/El-Minia

Visit the small Malawi Museum which houses a collection of artefacts excavated at various sites in El-Minia province. Continue to the cemetery of Tuna El-Gebel. Afterwards drive back to Cairo. Overnight Cairo.

### Day 7 : Friday 7 Nov/Mansura

Morning drive to the city of Zagazig in the Delta region to visit Bubastis, the home of the ancient cat goddess Bastet. Visit the temple of Bastet, then drive north-east to Mendes to visit the temple dedicated to the ram god. Continue to Mansura and stay overnight.

### Day 8 : Saturday 8 Nov/Rosetta (Rashid)

Visit Behbiet El-Hagar and wander around the ruins of the ancient temple of Isis, then continue to Buto (Tell El-Faraein) the city of the cobra goddess Wadjet, the goddess of the ancient Delta. Continue to Rosetta (Rashid) and stay overnight.

### Day 9 : Sunday 9 Nov/Cairo

Visit the city of Rosetta (Rashid), once Egypt's principal port where many 17th and 18th century merchants' houses are still to be seen. Return to Cairo and stay overnight.

### Day 10 : Monday 10 Nov/Cairo

End of the tour and return flight home.