

Explore the hidden treasures of Middle Egypt

with the Amarna Trust

From 1st February –11th February 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 Minya, Sohag and Asyut, all located between Cairo and Luxor yet rarely included in most tours to Egypt.



Highlights

Medieval City Gates of Islamic Cairo

Lahun Pyramids & Kahun workmen's village near Fayum

Tombs of Beni Hassan

Sites of Tell El-Amarna

Possibility for Overnight in Sheikh Kandil's dig house in Amarna. (if permission granted)

Rock cut Tombs of Hemmamiya & Qau El-Kebir & Meir

Temples of Dendera & Abydos

The tour will be led by **Dr. Rawia Ismail**; the Guest Lecturer will be **Professor Barry Kemp**, Director of the Amarna Project and the Chairman of the Amarna Trust. He has di-

Day 1 : Friday 01 Feb / Cairo

Outbound flight from home country. Overnight Cairo.

Day 2 : Saturday 02 Feb / Cairo

Visit Medieval Cairo, and the remains of the Islamic Fatimide era as Bab El-Fetouh, Bab El Nasr, Bab Zuweila & El-Darb EL Ahmar. Overnight Cairo.

Day 3 : Sunday 03 Feb / Minya

Drive to Minya via Fayum. Visit the Lahun pyramids and the Kahun workmen's village in Fayum. Overnight Minya.

Day 4 : Monday 04 Feb / Minya

Visit the East bank sites of Minya, Tehneh El-Gabel, Zawiyet Sultan, Istabl Antar & Beni Hasan. Overnight Minya.

Day 5 : Tuesday 05 Feb / Minya

Full day tour in the ancient capital of Amarna. The city contains remains of palaces (where Akhenaton lived with his wife Nefertiti) and the houses of the nobility. Overnight Minya.

Day 6 : Wednesday 06 Feb / Minya

Full day tour in Amarna. Overnight Minya.

Day 7 : Thursday 07 Feb / Asyut

Visit the tombs of Tuna El-Gabel & ancient city of El Ashmunein. Then drive to Asyut and visit Meir tombs. Overnight Asyut.

Day 8 : Friday 08 Feb / Sohag

Visit the rock cut tombs of Hemmamiya and Qau El-Kebir south of Asyut. Then drive to Sohag. Overnight Sohag.

Day 9 : Saturday 09 Feb / Sohag

Visit Akhmim, Atribes and the Red & White Monasteries. Overnight Sohag.

Day 10 : Sunday 10 Feb / Luxo

Drive to Luxor and visit on the way the temples of Abydos and Dendera. Overnight Luxor.

Day 11 : Monday 11 Feb / UK

End of Tour. Travellers can fly back home or extend their stay in Luxor, Aswan, Red Sea, Sinai or Cairo.

1200 £ Sterling pounds per person in double room.

Single supplement **115 £ Sterling pounds**

Price includes :

*Full board accommodation in all cities including Cairo & Luxor

*Entrance Fees to all sites.

*Transportation in air-conditioned vehicle.

*Representative assistance in all Egyptian airports & throughout the tour.

Last date for receiving bookings is 30 November 2007

Return flight from UK are available from £380 Sterling



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

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