



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA TOURS

EGYPTIAN HIGHLIGHTS

February 25-March 6, 2011 (10 days)

October 21-30, 2011 (10 days)

with AIA lecturer/host Ted Brock

This 8-night/10-day tour visits all the must-see highlights of Egypt with an AIA lecturer/host plus expert guide and trip manager. Includes all excursions, flights in Egypt, all accommodations, all meals, airport transfers, and more.

CAIRO AREA

- Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza
- Old Cairo
- The Egyptian Museum
- Memphis Outdoor Museum
- The pyramids and tombs of Saqqara

ABU SIMBEL

- Temple of Ramesses II
- Temple of Queen Nefertari

ALONG THE NILE

- Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo
- Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Temple of Isis at Philae

LUXOR

- Several royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings
- Karnak Temple
- Luxor Temple
- Temple of Hatshepsut
- Colossi of Memnon
- The Ramesseum
- Medinet Habu



Above, Avenue of Sphinxes at Luxor. Below, royal tomb (KV 14) in the Valley of the Kings.



Below, relief of Sobek at Kom Ombo. Right, Temple of Horus at Edfu



Edwin (Ted) C. Brock is an Egyptologist currently working for the American Research Center in Egypt to prepare a publication of the finds from the Luxor Dewatering Project, and for several years has been working on royal sarcophagi in the Valley of the Kings. A field archaeologist with more than twenty years' experience, he was a member of the Theban Mapping Project at the American University in Cairo from 1997-2004. Ted has lived in Egypt since 1983, where from 1983 to 1994 he served as Director of the Canadian Institute in Egypt.

"Ted Brock was extraordinary--incredibly knowledgeable and delightful to be around."

"I really enjoyed Ted's knowledge and wit."

"It was truly a pleasure to have him along."

"Ted Brock and our guide were fabulous and attentive to every need and desire."

"Ted 'knows his stuff' and can communicate it."



Days 1 & 2: HOME / CAIRO, EGYPT

Those on the group flights will depart JFK today on overnight flights to Cairo, Egypt. All participants are met at the Cairo Airport by our agents, who assist with baggage, customs, and passport control. Transfer to our hotel next to the Giza Pyramids, with the rest of the day free to rest and relax. *Overnight at Le Meridien Pyramids for two nights.* (D)

Day 3: CAIRO

Today we visit the famous Pyramids at Giza, the ageless Sphinx of Khafra with its valley temple, and the Solar Boat Museum. After lunch, visit the necropolis at Saqqara, site of the Step Pyramid of Djoser and the Pyramid of Teti (with its ancient pyramid texts), plus the Tomb of the Nobleman Mereruka. Last we visit the ancient capital of Memphis to see the beautiful colossus of Ramesses II. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 4: CAIRO / LUXOR

Today will be devoted to exploring the Egyptian Museum, which contains the finest and most extensive collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts in the world, including the Treasures of Tutankhamen and the Royal Mummy Room. After lunch, visit Cairo's Citadel and the Alabaster Mosque. Depart this evening on a short flight to Luxor. *Overnight at the Steigenberger Nile Palace for four nights.* (B,L,D)

Day 5: LUXOR

This morning we will explore Karnak, the world's largest temple complex (built over the course of a thousand years). Among the site's numerous highlights is the great hypostyle hall with its 134 massive columns. After lunch, we will visit Luxor Temple as well as the small but beautiful Luxor Museum. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 6: LUXOR

Today we will explore the West Bank of the Nile and enter several royal tombs in the famous Valley of the Kings. After lunch we will visit the mortuary temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahri and the Ramesseum (mortuary temple of Rameses II). On our way back to the hotel we will stop to see the Colossi of Memnon, the statues of Amenhotep III that once guarded his mortuary temple. (B,L,D)

Day 7: LUXOR

Return to the West Bank this morning to visit Medinet Habu (the beautiful mortuary temple of Rameses III, the best preserved of the New Kingdom temples), and the ancient workers' village at Deir el Medina. After lunch, the afternoon is free to relax, or take a carriage ride and walk through the Luxor bazaar. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. (B,L,D)

Day 8: LUXOR / ASWAN

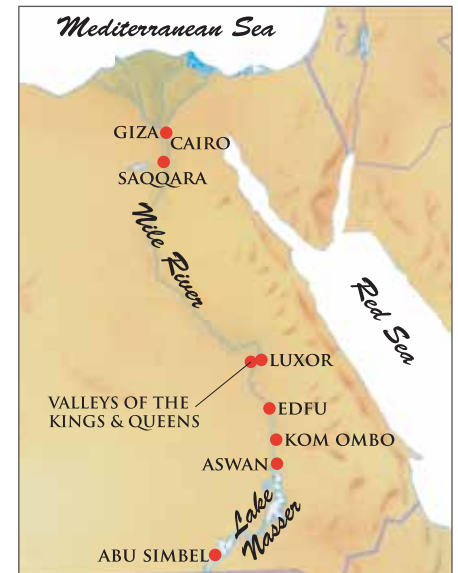
Drive to Aswan today, stopping en route to visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu, the best-preserved temple on the Nile, and the Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo. Arrive in Aswan in the afternoon and tour the Temple of Isis at Philae and the ancient granite quarry. *Overnight at the Movenpick Resort.* (B,L,D)

Day 9: ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL / CAIRO

Today starts with a southbound flight to Abu Simbel, where stand the two enormous rock-cut temples of Ramesses II (built to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari). Moved to higher ground when the Aswan High Dam was built, these gigantic temples are a marvel of both ancient and modern engineering. After our visit we will fly to Cairo and check in to a hotel near the airport. The remainder of the day is free until evening, when we will enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at the Iberotel Cairo.* (B,L,D)

Day 10: CAIRO / HOME

Transfer to the airport this morning for flights home. (B)



Above, the Great Pyramid of Khufu and the Sphinx. Below, the Temple of Hatshepsut



Above, Feluccas lining the Nile River. Below, the Temple of Luxor.





The Temple of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You must be in good physical condition to participate. **You must be able to make long walks unassisted over uneven terrain and up and down steps.** If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. All participants are expected to be ready to experience cultural differences. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry, with temperatures in the upper 70s and 80s during the day and in the 50s at night.

Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA & THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

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PER PERSON PRICING

Double Occupancy \$3,245.
Single Supplement \$745.

**Prices based on a minimum of 10
and a maximum of just 25 participants.**

Optional Group Airfare ~
Roundtrip New York (JFK) - Cairo

Economy \$1,050.

Airfare prices are estimated and subject to availability and change.

PRICES INCLUDE:

- Leadership of **AIA Lecturer/host Ted Brock**, plus a professional tour manager and an experienced local Egyptologist guide;
- All airport transfers;
- All air and land transportation as indicated in the itinerary;
- All accommodations as indicated in the itinerary;
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary;
- All entrance fees to all sites listed in the itinerary;
- Portage;
- Comprehensive pre-departure information including what to pack and a suggested reading guide.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare from home to Cairo and return; passport and visa fees; air and foreign airport taxes; tips for manager and guide; tips to local guide and tour manager for group services; meals not listed as included; excess baggage charges; personal and baggage insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, room service, and beverages.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least 76 days prior to departure will receive a full refund less a \$300 per person fee. Cancellations received between 75 and 45 days prior to departure are subject to forfeiture of 25% of all monies paid and due. No refunds will be made for cancellations received within 45 days of departure.

You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

GROUP EGYPT AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Day	Flight#	City	Time
Friday	986	Depart New York (JFK)	6:30 PM
		Arrive Cairo (+1 day)	12:15 PM
Boeing 777 Total miles: 5608 mi (9025 km) Flight time: 10hrs 45mins			
Sunday	985	Depart Cairo	10:10 AM
		Arrive New York (JFK)	3:15 PM
Boeing 777 Total miles: 5608 mi (9025 km) Flight time: 12hrs 5mins			

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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org

NAME #1: _____ NAME #2: _____
(as it appears in passport) (as it appears in passport)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE PHONE: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

February Departure October Departure

I/We have read the What to Expect section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

I am/We are interested in taking the Group Egypt Air Flights.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Double: one bed two beds Single Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Share - name of roommate _____

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

PAYMENT TYPE: Check payable to: EOS Passenger Escrow - AIA-EgyptHighlights-2011

Visa MC Amex CC# _____ Exp. Date _____

3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____ Name on Card _____

All prices and payments are in US dollars. Please complete the Reservation Form above, sign the Release statement below, enclose your deposit and mail or fax to:

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