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Egyptian Trip Booking Form

Please book places on the Egyptian Trip Wednesday 15 January – Tuesday 30 January 2008

Mr/Mrs	First Name	Surname

Address for all correspondence.

Address:	
Town:	County:
Post code:	Tel:
Mobile:	Email:



Age if under 12 or over 69

Visa Section

For those citizens from the European Union and from the USA visas can be obtained in Egypt when landing at Cairo Airport. At the moment this costs \$18 but may be subject to change.

Please give your Nationality.

The cost of the trip does not include Holiday Insurance. You are strongly urged to obtain insurance cover no later than two months prior to departure.

Name and address of next of kin or any person to contact in emergency.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

I confirm on behalf of all persons named on the booking form that I have read and accept the booking conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

David Furlong Egyptian Trips Booking Conditions

1. Providing your tour

Your contract is with David Furlong. I will arrange to provide you with the various services, which form part of the relevant tour details. Before your booking is confirmed and a contract comes into existence I reserve the right to increase or decrease the quoted price in line with foreign exchange rates or other variables beyond my control.

2. Alterations to the tour

It is my intention to provide you with all the services I have confirmed with you at the time of booking as shown on the relevant tour details. However, arrangements are planned well in advance and sometimes, particularly when dealing with overseas services, last minute changes to the schedules are necessary or are forced upon me through circumstances beyond my control. I therefore reserve the right to make any changes with respect to flight schedules, departure times, hotel bookings, itinerary and other variables beyond my control. Final details of flights will be shown on your tickets.

3. Nature of the tours

Each tour involves extensive travelling with, on some occasions, early morning starts and a certain amount of walking. As such tours can be tiring and participants should therefore be fit and in good health. I do not accept liability, nor offer a refund if participants decide to miss some aspect of the tour for health or any other reason.

All tours involve travelling by coach, plane, boat or other means of transport. Every effort will be made to ensure that these are suitable for the tasks involved but I do not accept liability for breakdowns or faulty equipment outside of my control.

4. Additional charges

The price of your tour is subject to surcharges on the following items: government action, aircraft fuel, overflying charges, airport charges, and increases in scheduled airfares between the time of your booking and departure date. It is also subject to currency fluctuations between the £ and the \$ amounting to more than 2% on a datum base of US dollar = \$1.50 to £1 sterling.

5. Minimum numbers

All tours are subject to a minimum number of passengers. Normally this number is 8 but varies from tour to tour. Tours are regularly reviewed prior to departure and you will be periodically advised on whether the tour will proceed with a final decision being made not less than 4 weeks prior to departure.

6. Cancellation by us

I reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your tour for any reason. If I have to cancel a tour you will be offered an alternative tour or a full refund of the tour price. If an alternative tour is accepted these conditions will be deemed to be applicable to the alternative tour.

7. Health certificates and passports

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a valid passport and all necessary visas and are in possession of any required medical certificates. Most countries insist on passports being valid for six months prior to the date of return at the end of your holiday. All costs arising out of failure to comply with any requirements must be met at your own expense. I accept no responsibility for your failure to comply with passport, visa and health regulations.

For general well-being and peace of mind, people of 70 and over are advised to seek their doctor's assurance that they are fit enough to travel on a tour.

8. Dietary requirements

Special dietary requirements can generally be arranged on flights and at the different destinations of the tour. I need to have the details of such requirements, in writing, a minimum of 28 days prior to departure.

9. My commitment to you

I will accept liability for matters, which arise as a direct result of my negligence and/or breach of my contractual duty to exercise care in making arrangements for you, including any acts of omissions by my employees or agents. This clause is subject to the limitations of clause 2 and 3.

It is important to note that travel with a particular carrier will be subject to the conditions of carriage of that carrier, some of which may limit liability. Operational decisions may be taken by Air Carriers and airports resulting in delays, diversions or rescheduling. I have no control over such decisions, and am therefore unable to accept responsibility for them.

10. Booking your tour

You confirm your tour booking by paying a deposit of £175 per person or such other sum as indicated on the trip details.

When you pay your deposit you are confirming that you understand and have accepted my 'Booking Conditions'. You are also accepting that the terms of my 'Booking Conditions' form the basis of any contract between David Furlong and yourself, which is subject to the English law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

11. Paying for your tour

After your booking is taken and a deposit received, a balance invoice will be sent to you detailing the total cost due. Full payment is due not less than 61 days before departure or as indicated on the trip details. If you do not pay in full 61 days before departure, I reserve the right to cancel your booking and cancellation charges will apply.

If you make a booking within 61 days of your departure date then you must pay the full cost of the holiday at the booking stage.

12. Cancelling your tour

If you or anyone on your tour booking decides to cancel the tour I must be notified of the decision in writing. The cancellation will take effect from the day the written confirmation is received.

The following scale of charges will be payable depending upon when notification of cancellation is received.

Prior to 61 days a full refund of deposit monies will be given

61- 51 days	deposit forfeited
50 - 41 days	30% of the total tour cost
40- 28 days	60% of the total tour cost
27 - 7 days	90% of the total tour cost
Less than 7 days:	100% of the total tour cost

I strongly urge that you take out full insurance, which will in most cases include cover, under certain circumstances, against loss of deposit or cancellation fees.

13. If you have a complaint

If you have cause for complaint whilst on holiday, you must bring it to the attention of the Atlanta Association Representative who will do their best to rectify the situation. It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on a tour, but then write a letter of complaint upon return. However, should the matter remain unresolved you should make a complaint in writing with 28 days of the completion of the holiday. I regret I cannot accept liability in relation to any complaint or problem if you fail to notify us strictly in accordance with this paragraph.

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Practical Information



Weather:

Egypt has basically a desert climate with very little rain and considerable extremes of temperature over the day. During the winter there can be night frosts in the desert with temperatures during the day rising to 86° F.

Temperature range in Luxor for this time of year is on average around 50° F. for night rising to 80° F. at noon. Bring a mixture of clothing including some warm heavy pullovers.

Time:

Egyptian time is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Electricity:

The voltage is normally 220 volts A.C. Power sockets are of the two-pronged European Continental type. Suitable adaptors should be taken.

Travel Documents:

Visitors must have a valid passport extending at least **6 months** beyond the date of entry. A *visa* is required although this can be obtained on entry to Cairo or Luxor. This applies to those with a valid British Passport. For all other please consult the Egyptian Consulate in London.

Health and Inoculations:

As in all hot countries the non-acclimatized tourist should take sensible precautions to safe-guard his or her health. Adequate protection against the sun (head covering, sunglasses, protective cream etc.) is essential; and exposure to mid-day heat should be avoided. In order to compensate for the bodies loss water by perspiration it is necessary to drink a lot of liquids and also to be aware of taking adequate amount of salt.

It is easy to get stomach infections from eating unpeeled fruit, salad or from drinking dubious water. Bottled water can be readily purchased and should be used for washing teeth etc. Also hot tap water can be used for washing fruit etc for although not completely sterilised it is at least pasteurised. i.e. it will kill most of the pathogens liable to cause stomach and intestinal infections.

Malaria should not be a problem at the time of the year that we will be travelling.

Eye infections can sometimes be a problem. They are transmitted by flies or by direct physical contact: it is unwise therefore to lend your camera or binoculars to strangers.

Finally the following vaccinations are recommended although are not obligatory: Hepatitis A.; Polio; Tetanus; and Typhoid. Also you can take Malaria tablets. You are strongly advised to consult your doctor before leaving so that the necessary steps can be taken to safe-guard your health.

Currency:

The Egyptian currency is the Egyptian £ (LE) which is made up of 100 piastres (PT) and 1000 milliemes. There are bank notes for 5,10,25 and 50 piastres and 1,5,10 and 20 pounds. It is advisable to have some small currency which can be used for tipping etc. At the time of writing the exchange rate is approximately £1 sterling = LE 11.00. There is a facility in most hotels for exchanging Travellers Cheques in £ or \$, alternatively banks will provide this service. I would suggest that you obtain some local currency before travelling. This should be able to be done at your departure airport.

Language:

The main language in Egypt is Arabic, which differs considerably from the European languages not only in the grammatical structure but also in the script it uses. However English and French are widely spoken so it is not difficult to make yourself understood.

Food and Drink:

Most good quality hotels and restaurants provide English/Continental menus. Except in the most expensive hotels and restaurants food and drink can be acquired for quite modest amounts of money. Please note the days that you will need to get your own lunches. We will stop at suitable eating places.

Manners and Customs:

Egypt is predominantly an Islamic country although there is also quite a strong Coptic element. It is therefore important particularly when outside of the hotels to avoid offending local susceptibilities. Unduly light or casual clothing should be avoided, particularly when visiting mosques, when one's shoes should be removed. Female visitors should, for their own protection, avoid unduly revealing dress; women with bare shoulders or wearing shorts are regarded as fair game.

Tipping:

Given the low rates of pay many families rely on **Bakshish**. It is the customs to give a tip for any service rendered. Therefore an adequate amount of small change is very necessary. It is normal to give 5-10% on any restaurant bill and for any taxi service etc. You may also in the main Tourist areas be pestered by small children asking for **Bakshish**. Unless they render some service this should be avoided, although sometimes sweets or biros are a good substitute. To tell youngsters to go away simply say "Ma fish bakshish". Porters should be given 1- 2 LE. Although main tipping when moving hotels etc will be carried out by David Furlong.

Bartering:

Bartering is endemic throughout Egypt and if entered into with the right spirit can be fun. The only people who do not barter are the Copts. You can usually tell, if you enter a shop, by looking for any religious pictures or crosses. In these cases the price you are quoted is what you will be expected to pay with occasional small reductions. However in every other case the price you are initially quoted will be very inflated. Do not enter into bartering unless you are really interested in purchasing the goods. If you do wish to negotiate, and there are some good bargains to be had, a rule of thumb is to offer half of whatever sum you are quoted. You will then expect to pay something close to the mid point between the two figures, depending on how good your bartering is. So if you are offered a galabaya for LE50 offer LE25. You will eventually compromise around LE35. For the Egyptians part of the fun of life is bartering, so to accept the first price offered deprives you and them of an important personal interchange and social communication.

The Egyptians are amazingly skilled in getting tourists to part with their money and can be quite persistent in offering camel rides, donkey rides, horse rides and every type of reproduction artifact that you could possibly imagine. Do not feel intimidated, for it is their way of life. But be firm in saying no if you do not want what is being offered.

Warning: Some tourists have had alterations made to their credit card purchases. On the whole the Egyptian are a very honest people, but there are always exceptions. If you make a Credit Card purchase make certain that you keep the receipt slip. You do not want to find that the £50 purchase that you made has been changed to £500. Without your receipt the credit card companies have little course for redress. **So be warned.**

Opening Times:

Shops are usually open from 9 am to 1 pm and from 5 pm to a late hour in the evening. Banks open at 9 am and close at 1 pm. Friday is their Sabbath, so most shops offices and banks are closed then.

There are a number of excellent guide books but probably the easiest to read is Baedeker's **AA Guide to Egypt**. Also to be recommended is the **Blue Guide to Egypt**. On a more esoteric line there is an excellent book by John Anthony West called **The Travellers Guide to Ancient Egypt**. This is published by Quest Books. For general reading any books, which give greater information about the country will help your appreciation of the trip. Two recent books which have come to my attention are "Reading Egyptian Art" by Richard Wilkinson pub. by Thames and Hudson and "The Gods and Symbols of Ancient Egypt" pub. Thames & Hudson.



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