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INCLUDES  
TWO 3 NIGHT  
CRUISES IN  
EGYPT!

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17 DAY TOUR - DEPARTING 22ND FEBRUARY 2011

JEWELS OF THE NILE, LAKE NASSER, ABU SIMBEL AND ALEXANDRIA



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Departing 22nd February 2011

### Day 1: Tue 22 Feb - ON BOARD AIRCRAFT

Fly from your departure city via Singapore to Cairo and arrive on Day 2 at 0555 hours (in flight meals).

### Day 2: Wed 23 Feb - CAIRO AT LEISURE

Welcome to Egypt - a land that abounds in ancient wonders and mysteries which has enthralled travellers for centuries! You are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Relax and settle in, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 3: Thu 24 Feb - CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

Join your Tour Director for a detailed pre-tour briefing. Then commence your exploration of Cairo with a visit to the Citadel, for breathtaking views over the city. Salah El Din started the Citadel in the 12th century, but it owes its present outline to Mohammed Ali, whose great alabaster mosque you visit next. Then take some time to test your bargaining skills in the famous Khan El Khalili bazaars. This afternoon, you visit the famous Egyptian Museum, an unrivaled warehouse of Pharaonic treasure. Among the many exhibits on display are the fabulous artefacts recovered by archeologist Howard Carter from the tomb of King Tutankhamun. (BB)

### Day 4: Fri 25 Feb - CAIRO - ASWAN - ABU SIMBEL - EMBARK CRUISE

Transfer to the airport for your flight via Aswan to the ancient Nubian lands near Egypt's southern border. On arrival, board your comfortable cruise boat on Lake Nasser. Get your camera ready now as you visit the Great Temple of Abu Simbel. Originally built by Rameses II, this temple was designed to impress and it still serves that purpose today. You are confronted by four towering statues of the Pharaoh himself, carved out of a single slab of rock. The smaller Temple of Hathor, built for Rameses' wife, Nefertari, is also guarded by six 10 metre statues. Spend some time exploring inside the 3,200 year old walls, depicting scenes of Rameses and the Gods. Tonight, experience the monuments lit in all their glory at the sound and light show. Ship: MS Prince Abbas. (BB,L,D)

### Day 5: Sat 26 Feb - ON BOARD SHIP

Enjoy the ever changing scenery as you cruise to the ancient ruined citadel of Kasr Ibrim, still occupying its original strategic high ground. Cruise on to Amada, noted for having the oldest surviving structure on Lake Nasser. Also, it has some of the finest carvings of any Nubian temple. Explore the temple dedicated to Amun-Re and Re-Harrakte and also visit the Tomb of Penniut, deputy of Nubia. (BB,L,D)

### Day 6: Sun 27 Feb - ON BOARD SHIP

This morning you visit Wadi El Sebou, - the 'Valley of the Lions', named after the great Avenue of Sphinxes which led to the Temple of Rameses II. Now time to relax and enjoy your superb cruise facilities as you continue on to exotic Aswan - where the Middle East overlaps with Africa! (BB,L,D)

### Day 7: Mon 28 Feb - ASWAN - ON BOARD SHIP

Visit the Temple of Kalabsha, built by the Roman Emperor Octavius Augustus and dedicated to the local fertility god Mandulis. Disembark now and cross over the Aswan High Dam. Take a motorboat to the Temples of Philae, rising from the waters of the Nile. Aswan granite was used by many of the Pharaohs to build their temples and tombs and you visit one of the quarries on your way to your second cruise ship which will transport you up the Nile. Ship: MS Giselle or MS Sapphire or MS La Boheme. (BB,L,D)

### Day 8: Tue 01 Mar - ON BOARD SHIP

For a change of mood this morning, embark on a traditional Nile sailing boat (felucca,) around Aswan's Botanical Gardens. Your cruise continues to Kom Ombo to visit the only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods - Horus the Elder and the crocodile headed Sobek. In fact, crocodiles were kept in the temple and some mummified remains are still on show. Set sail again for Edfu. Tonight celebrate in true Egyptian style at an Oriental Dinner and Galabea Party. (BB,L,HD)

## INCLUSIONS

- Return airfares ex Adl/Mel/Syd/Bne/Perth to Cairo with Singapore Airlines
- Cairo/Aswan/Abu Simbel and Luxor/Cairo with Egypt Air
- Return transfers between your hotel and the airport
- 14 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- First Class Hotel accommodation
- Luxury coach travel
- Touring and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Personally escorted by Scott and Ingrid Davey from Adelaide.
- Departure taxes from Australia and Egypt
- A cruise down the Nile on a luxury vessel
- A cruise on Lake Nasser on a luxury vessel

## PRICES

Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane

**From \$5999**

twin share per person

**\$1150 single supplement**

Perth

**From \$5599**

twin share per person

**\$1150 single supplement**

## OPTIONS

### 1. Singapore Stopover Holiday

From \$72\* pp twin share including Category A Hotel for one night, airport transfers, free SIA hop-on bus and free admission to seven attractions plus more...

\* subject to change and availability at the time of booking your tour

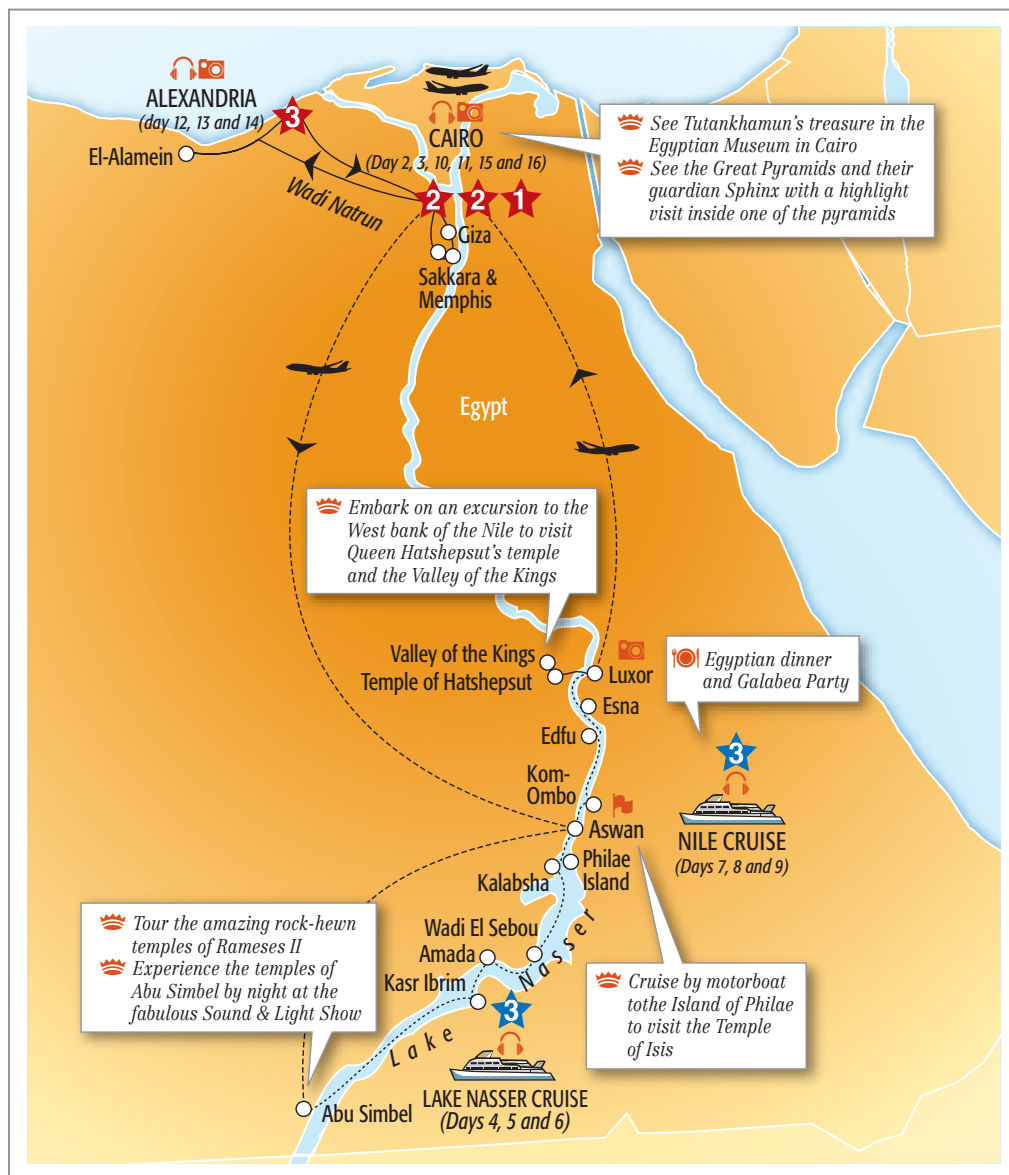
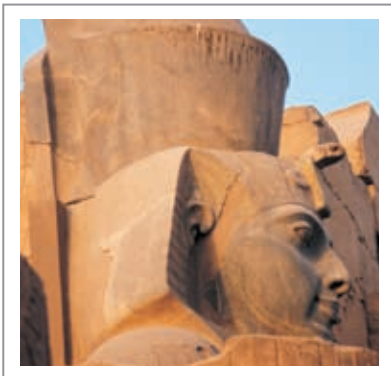
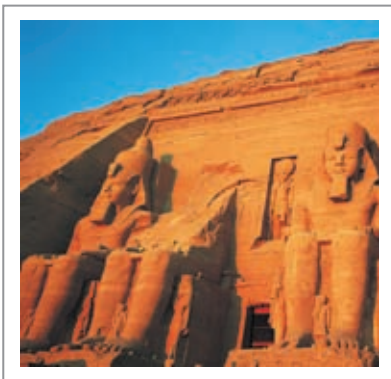
### 2. Customised additional travel requirements

pre or post tours can be added at your request.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

25% discount on SURESAVE Travel Insurance Policy when you book this Tour

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### Day 9: Wed 02 Mar - ON BOARD SHIP

In Edfu this morning, two black granite falcons guard the entrance to the Temple of Horus, the Falcon God. After exploring the beautifully preserved wall reliefs, continue your Nile cruise to Luxor. On arrival, visit the fabulous Luxor Temple. The obelisk now occupying the centre of the Place de la Concorde in Paris originally came from this temple. (BB, L, D)

### Day 10: Thu 03 Mar - DISEMBARK LUXOR – CAIRO

Drive over to the west bank of the Nile for a photo stop at the towering Colossi of Memnon. These two giant seated figures are all that is left of Amon-Ofis III mortuary temple. Next, visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, blending into the cliff face above. Continue to the Valley of the Kings, the burial place of many of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. Return to Luxor to the Temple complex of Karnak. Among its splendours is the Hypostyle Hall, the largest of any temple in the world, with its roof blocks supported by a mass of colossal columns 70 feet high. Later, transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Cairo. (BB)

### Day 11: Fri 04 Mar - CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

Drive out to Memphis, to view the colossal statue of Rameses II and great alabaster sphinx. Nearby at Sakkara, view the Step Pyramid of Zoser; dating from 2686BC, it's the oldest in the world. Your tour reaches its zenith with a guided tour of Giza where you see the enigmatic Sphinx and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids! (BB)

### MEAL CODES

(BB) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner, (RD) = Restaurant Dinner, (HD) = Highlight Dinner

### Day 12: Sat 05 Mar - CAIRO – EL ALAMEIN—ALEXANDRIA

This morning after breakfast we board the coach and drive north, stopping on-route at the El Alamein Cemeteries and Military Museum. Continue to Alexandria where we settle in for a 2 night stay. Tonight enjoy dinner with your fellow passengers. (BB,D)

### DAY 13: Sun 06 Mar - ALEXANDRIA

After breakfast enjoy a full day sightseeing in Alexandria. Visits today will include the National Museum, Roman Theatre and Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, Quarter-Bey fortress and Montazah Gardens. (BB)

### DAY 14: Mon 07 Mar - ALEXANDRIA

Spend the day at leisure exploring Alexandria or perhaps relax at your hotel (BB)

### DAY 15: Tue 08 Mar – ALEXANDRIA - CAIRO

After breakfast we will be transferred back to Cairo. Relax and settle in, the rest of the day is at leisure and in the evening get together for a farewell dinner. (BB,D)

### DAY 16: Wed 09 Mar - DEPART CAIRO - SINGAPORE

After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our onward flights home (in flight meals) (BB)

### DAY 17: Thu 10 Mar - ON BOARD AIRCRAFT - SINGAPORE to HOME

Fly from Singapore to your Australian city with Singapore airlines (in flight meals).

## INCLUDED PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the world famous Egyptian Museum in Cairo and view the treasures of Tutankhamen
- See the statue of Rameses II at Abu Simbel
- Experience the monuments of Abu Simbel lit in all their glory at the sound and light show
- Take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis on Philae Island
- Visit the temple of Hatshepsut and tombs of the Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings
- Venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids of Giza and see the enigmatic Sphinx

## INCLUDED ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS & SIGHTS

- Visit Mohammed Ali Mosque and enjoys views over Cairo from the Citadel
- Visit Khan El Khalili Bazaars
- Overview Kasr Ibrahim and visit the temples at Amada, Wadi El Sebou and Kalabsha
- Sail by traditional 'felucca' around the Botanical Gardens in Aswan
- Visit the Temple of Sobek at Kom Ombo and the Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Enjoy a visit to Luxor Temple which lay hidden beneath the sand for thousands of years
- Tour the Temple complex of Karnak with its vast Hypostyle Hall
- Photo opportunity at the towering Colossi of Memnon
- See the colossal statue of Rameses II and great alabaster sphinx in Memphis
- View the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest in the world

## INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

- Egyptian Dinner and Galabea Party (HD)
- 14 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 6 Lunches (L) and 8 Dinners (D), plus bottled water and tea or coffee whilst cruising

## CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA & NILE CRUISE

- Insight's professional multilingual Egyptologist/Tour Director
- Tour escorted by Scott and Ingrid personally
- Luxury, Air Conditioned touring coach with reclining seats and expansive picture windows
- Deluxe Cairo Hotel with all service charges, taxes and portorage
- 3 Night Lake Nasser Cruise on MS Prince Abbas (or similar) inc gratuities
- 3 Night Nile River Cruise on MS Giselle (or similar) inc gratuities
- Visit the El Alamein Cemeteries and Military Museum
- Visit the National Museum, Roman Theatre and Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, Quarter-Bey fortress and Montazah Gardens in Alexandria

## OTHER TOUR BENEFITS

- Stylish Insight travel wallet, map book journal and information pack.
- Scheduled economy air travel from your Home City/Cairo and return with Singapore Airlines
- Scheduled air travel Cairo/Aswan/Abu Simbel and Luxor/Cairo
- Arrival and Departure transfers between airport and your hotel
- Twin bedded rooms with private facilities in first class hotels
- Final night dinner get together to farewell your travel companions and reflect on the last 14 Days spent together with your escorts

## NOT INCLUDED

- Gratuities to Tour director, Coach Drivers, Local Guides, Cruise or Rail Services. (Tipping is at the passengers discretion however as a measure of guidance we would advise that an average tip would be US \$5.00 pp per day for a Tour Director, US \$3.00 pp per day for a Driver & US\$2.00 pp for or a local guide.)
- Optional excursions, Travel Insurance, Visas and items of a personal nature.

### PAYMENTS

Your full Singapore Airlines airfare & taxes payment is required within 5 days of a confirmed airline reservation. This ensures that your airfare pricing is secured as the tickets are issued. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is also required within 5 days to secure the land component of your booking and the balance is due no later than 90 days prior to your departure date.

Prices are subject to change at anytime until full payment has been made.

### AMENDMENTS

A fee of \$100 per person will be charged in addition to any charges levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines for any changes in your booking after confirmation. Please note that changes can incur heavy penalties and/or may not be allowed by certain suppliers/airlines and are still subject to availability.

### CANCELLATION

Should you or a member of your party choose to cancel, you must advise Cruising Plus in writing. Cancellation charges are calculated on the number of days before a tour departure and are as follows for the land component:

Up to 90 Days.....\$500 per person

89 to 61 Days.....50% per person

Within 60 Days.....100% of total package cost  
Airfare cancellations are subject to Singapore Airlines

rules and will incur penalties of up to \$500pp if cancelled prior to departure. There is no refund after departure.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

All travelers need health, cancellation and baggage insurance and it is essential that adequate cover is taken. We recommend that a policy, which may be purchased from our office, be written at the time of deposit as you are then covered immediately. Please do not underestimate the importance of insurance. Please ask us for further details.

### PRICES

The prices quoted in this brochure are in Australian dollars and are based on rates of exchange and tariffs applicable as at 01 June 2010. Prices are subject to change due to international currency fluctuations and other factors beyond our control. As this tour is sold as a package holiday, no itemisation of costs can be given. Economy Class air travel is utilised. All charges are subject to a final audit.

### PRICE ALTERATIONS

Airfares in tour package are based on H class for Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane departures and M class for the Perth departures, with Singapore Airlines and are subject to booking class availability. Surcharges may apply. Tour prices specified are based on airfares, taxes and land arrangement tariffs applicable at the time of printing, therefore they may be subject to alteration with

or without prior notice until final payment date, as per brochure (final payment date 22nd November 2010)

### MINIMUM NUMBERS

The Tour escorts only travel when the minimum number of 20 passengers are met. If group numbers are not met the tour will proceed as independent travel arrangements.

### AGENTS RESPONSIBILITY

Cruising Plus act in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of transportation and accommodation services. Seasonal variations and currency fluctuations beyond our control may require changes to the tour details as described in this brochure. Changes in accommodation generally will be to a standard equivalent or better than outlined in the itinerary. For further conditions please see those listed in the INSIGHT ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS 2010 brochure.

### PASSPORTS & VISAS

It is necessary for all passengers to be in possession of a valid passport which has at least 6 months validity beyond your return to Australia. Cruising Plus will assist with visa requirements for an extra cost however clients must accept full responsibility for arranging a valid visa for this tour.

**For further information on any of the above conditions, please contact our friendly staff at Cruising Plus.**

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