

MA'AT TOURS EGYPT 2010!



Newsletter 4: July 2009

Hi Everyone,
We would like to pass on the following news:

2010 TOUR DATES AND ITINERARY

The dates for our 2010 Tour are 2nd – 27th January 2010. We have posted the 2010 tour itinerary on our website page: <http://www.maat.com.au/walkitinerary.html>

INSURANCE

By now all those who are using the QBE insurance via David Craike should have received their insurance policies. David asked us to remind you that if you have *any* questions or concerns regarding your insurance, please call him on 1800066111 or email: dcraike@bigpond.com

DATES TO HOLD IN MIND

Mid-August: Our next major mail-out will be posted to you with information on hotels, your visa, some basic Arabic, contact details for family and friends, using an Egyptian toilet(!)...

1st September: Payment of balance of Ma'at & Egyptian Agents fees' (\$1350.00) and EgyptAir fees (to be confirmed).

1st October: Payment of Singapore Airlines (+ any additional domestic fares and stopovers). Updated fare information (including any changes to taxes) will be emailed to you in mid-September.

November: Airline tickets and any further information will be sent to you via express post.

2nd January 2010: Depart Australia, and be in Cairo in the early morning!

YOUR EGYPTIAN VISA

In our next mail-out we will be sending you an information sheet on how to obtain your Egyptian visa. As the visa must be activated within 6 months of being issued, there is no need to apply before September. Please hold in mind that you will need a passport size photo to send with your application.

We will provide you with an application form.

OPEN PYRAMIDS!

Earlier this year the Supreme Council of Antiquities announced that the 'Southern Shining Pyramid' – the so-called Bent Pyramid – of Seneferu (c.2570 BCE, photo below) is to be opened to the public for the first time! We visit Dashur on Tour Day 20 so hopefully you will have the opportunity of entering the pyramid (if you wish). The interior boasts three corbel vaulted chambers and cedar beams imported from the Lebanon some 4580 years ago to bolster the interior structures of the pyramid.



On our 2010 Tour we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the interiors of the pyramids of:

- Khufu at Giza (the 'Great Pyramid')
- Khafre at Giza (the 'Second Pyramid')
- Seneferu at Meidum
- Seneferu at Dashur (the 'Red' and 'Bent' pyramids)
- Teti at Saqqarah
- Pyramid 'GI-a' (a queen's pyramid)

Some past participants have asked about climbing the pyramids. This is strictly prohibited by law as some tourists have fallen to their deaths while attempting a climb. The exception to this rule is the satellite pyramid of the Bent pyramid, which has great view to both the Bent pyramid and the 'Black' pyramid of Amenemhat III.

Remember, please contact us if you have **any** questions or concerns. With all good wishes,

Patricia & Mike

