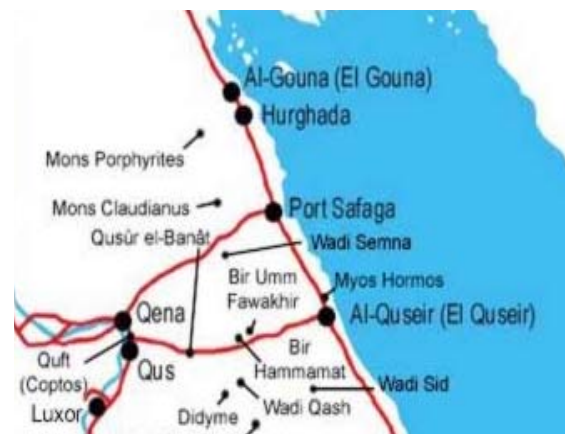


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Dear Friend,

### Study Tours 2010/2011

#### **Study tour to Turin, Italy. October 2010**

The **Turin museum** in Italy has one of the largest and most interesting collections of Egyptian antiquities in the world outside Egypt. The museum prides itself with objects from all periods of Egyptian history but has a particularly fine collection from the workmen village of **Deir el Medina**. The price for this trip is **£430**, which includes a return flight and three nights in a three star hotel. Single room supplement and insurance is not included.

**Study tour to Luxor and the Eastern Desert. February 2011.** The Eastern desert was an area used by many pharaonic expeditions. Some were destined to reach the Red Sea thus moving from one source of water to another. Others went there for the exploitation of natural resources, as the desert was rich in stone and metals. Many of these expeditions left rock drawing or inscriptions to commemorate the expedition, its leaders and other participants. Such rock inscriptions are a very important historical resource. We will explore part of the Eastern desert in jeeps as these allow us to access areas not accessible otherwise and will help us to see the desert in an intimate way. We will also visit the very interesting **Wadi Hammamat**, which abounds with inscriptions and rock drawings from ancient Egyptian times. The rest of the trip will be spent visiting the Theban antiquities in **Luxor**, the temples of **Tod** and **Edfu** and the important tomb of **Ankhtifi**. The price for the 15-day trip will be **£1799**, which does not include single room supplement, visa and extras.

**Study tour to Dublin, Ireland. May 2011.** The National Museum of Ireland's Egyptian collection comprises around 3,000 objects. The majority of these were acquired from excavations carried out in Egypt between the 1890s and the 1920s, and range in date from the Stone Age to the Middle Ages. Among the most important is a granite offering table of Sesostris III. The collection also contains a beautiful model of a Nile boat, from Beni Hasan and a wide range of jewellery.

**Dublin** is one of Europe's oldest cities. From her humble beginnings as a Viking trading port to a walled medieval city and then - in a glorious century of expansion - to an elegant Georgian metropolis with wide streets, gracious squares and great houses, neatly bordered by its two canals - this is a city that should be visited. The price for this trip is **£440**, which includes a return flight and three nights in a three star hotel. Single room supplement and insurance is not included.

**Study tour to Leiden, Netherland. June 2011.** The Rijksmuseum in Leiden houses one of the most interesting collections outside Egypt. The collection covers all periods of Egyptian art and archaeology, in particular New Kingdom sculptures and papyri. The spectacular statue of **Maya**, the treasurer of **Tutankhamun** and his wife Merit is one of the masterpieces of Egyptian art. The trip also allows us to visit Amsterdam with its many museums, art galleries, gardens and parks. The price for this trip is **£440**, which includes a return flight and three nights in a three star hotel. Single room supplement and insurance is not included.

I hope you agree with me that this is a very exciting programme and that many of you will be interested in several trips. If you are, then a deposit of £50 per tour will be sufficient. For those only interested in one trip, a deposit of **£100** will secure your place. Should any of the trips be cancelled, I will of course refund your deposit in full. Please note that all trips have a limited number of places so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Best wishes

Suzanne

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- I wish to participate in the study tour to **Turin** (October 2010)
- I wish to participate in the study tour to **Luxor and the Eastern Desert** (February 2011)
- I wish to participate in the study tour to **Dublin** (May 2011)
- I wish to participate in the study tour to **Leiden** (June 2011)
  
- I understand that I have to have travel insurance, which will be paid separately.

I understand that by paying a non-returnable deposit I make a definite commitment and will not cancel my trip unless there are circumstances beyond my control.

**Signature**.....

**Date**.....

Please make cheque payable to: Suzanne Lax-Bojtos

### **Important note**

Can I draw everybody's attention to the changes in value of the pound against foreign currencies such as the dollar and Euro. When we travel to Egypt the prices quoted are in US dollars and in Europe in Euros. Since summer 2008 the value of the pound has dropped by 30% and everybody feels this fact now. I am dependent on exchange rates and as such have had to change prices accordingly, particularly to Egypt. I endeavour to keep prices to a minimum, but the current changes are beyond my control.

**Study tour to Luxor and the Eastern Desert  
February 2011**

<b>Day 1</b>	Flights to Luxor, transfer to the hotel
<b>Day 2</b>	Visit the temple of <b>Karnak</b> - examining all the major features of the temples of Amun, Ptah and Khonsu, as well as some less well-known nooks and crannies.
<b>Day 3</b>	For the next 5 days we shall travel into the Eastern desert by jeeps (4×4) exploring the available sites there. Our first direction will be towards <b>Hurgada</b> where we shall be staying overnight in a hotel, visiting the monasteries of <b>St Paul and St Anthony en route.</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	Drive to Safaga visiting <b>Gebel el Dokhan</b> and <b>Mons Porphyrites</b> . The Mons Porphyrites, today Gebel Abu Dukhan, was a Roman quarry, in the Eastern Desert of Egypt. It lies on the road between the Red Sea and Maximianopolis, the modern Qena. Porphyry is a hard volcanic rock with inclusions of feldspar or quartz. This red or purple stone was mined until the 5th century and was used and re-used for the creation of numerous monuments and objects in Europe. The red porphyry was an imperial symbol and the delivery room of the palace in Constantinople was panelled with porphyry, that is why the children of reigning monarch were called "porphyrogenitos" i.e. "born-in-the-purple".
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Safaga</b> – visiting <b>Mons Caludianos</b> - Mons Claudianus is at the foot of Jebel Fatira, located about 30 miles from Port Safaga. This was a Roman Penal Colony of substance, where quartz diorite was mined as building materials for the Roman Empire. This black stone can still be seen in Rome. A temple begun by Hadrian but never finished is in ruins, but the staircase leading to it can still be seen. There is also a Roman camp, dwellings, workshops, stables and a dromos. Granite walls surround the camp with rounded defence towers on the corners, to protect it from Bedouin attacks. There are hot springs today, which were used in a complex underground heating system for the sweating baths. The actual quarries are on the opposite side of the wadi. There are fragments of granite, with several ruined artefacts such as a broken column and column slab.

<b>Day 6</b>	Safaga – visit <b>Wadi Hammamat</b> the ancient quarries of the <i>bekhen</i> (greywacke) stone and gold mines with the many inscriptions left by those who worked there; Min was the major god worshipped here. This is the road used in antiquity by the merchants of Arabia to penetrate into the lands to the Pharaohs and trade with the inhabitants of Coptos.
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Safaga</b> – at leisure: a well-earned rest for us, which can be spent swimming, reading or sleeping.
<b>Day 8</b>	Journey from Safaga to Luxor. Transfer to the hotel.
<b>Day 9</b>	Visit Western Thebes – <b>Valley of Kings</b> : 3 tombs in Eastern Valley and tomb of <b>Ay</b> ; <b>Mortuary temple of Seti I.</b>
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Tod</b> and <b>Moala</b> – visiting the temple at Tod and the tomb of Ankhtifi at Moala.
<b>Day 11</b>	Visit <b>Edfu</b> the temple of Horus, one of the most interesting and well-preserved temples from the Graeco/Roman period.
<b>Day 12</b>	Visit <b>Luxor Temple</b> and optional visit to the Luxor Museum.
<b>Day 13</b>	Free day.
<b>Day 14</b>	Western Thebes – <b>tombs of the nobles</b> : Rekhmire, Senenfer, Ramose, Userhat and Khaemhet. Temple of <b>Merneptah.</b>
<b>Day 15</b>	Return journey to London.