



The Platonic Academy of Melbourne  
Study Tour to Egypt: October 2025

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The ancient Greeks were ever captivated by the splendour and antiquity of Egypt. Every school of philosophy was bound to tell of their founder sitting at the feet of Egyptian sages for umpteen years before returning with their wisdom and science. After Alexander’s conquest, Egypt shifted to centre stage in the story of Platonism. The new city of Alexandria became the world centre of Platonic science, Jewish Platonism and neoPlatonism. Eventually, with Christianity, the Platonic infusion spread up the Nile and out into remote desert locations, as is found evident in the surviving texts and relics of the Monastic and Gnostic movements. The

Platonic influence continued with the rise of Islam through the early Islamic mysticism that came to be called Sufism. ~ Bernie Lewin

**Dates** Main tour 15<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Optional extension to 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
St. Catherine & Mt. Sinai

**Cost** Main Tour Up to 7 participants \$6,195  
8 – 12 participants \$6,090  
13 – 15 participants \$5,990

St. Catherine & Mt. Sinai From \$ 905\*

\*Cost is per person, twin-share, based on min. 4 participants

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