



PLATO'S EGYPT with Abu Simbel Festival of Lights: 2025

Meal Plan

<p>Arrival Day OCT 15th</p>	<p>Please make your own arrangements for international flights arriving into Cairo. Pre-tour accommodation this evening is included. Overnight in Cairo.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>DAY 01 OCT 16th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the miracle Pyramids of Giza & the Sphinx. This afternoon visit the Grand Egyptian Museum. Evening, <u>Welcome Dinner</u> in one of Cairo's most reputable, local restaurants. Overnight in Cairo.</p> <p>Bernie Lewin: <i>O Solon, O Solon, you Greeks are always children.</i> The Egyptian Origins of Greek Philosophy <u>Location:</u> Grand Staircase of the GEM</p>	<p>Breakfast & Dinner</p>
<p>DAY 02 OCT 17th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour, visit Coptic Cairo including the Coptic Museum, followed by visiting the NMEC, then later in the afternoon, an adventurer strolling at Al-Moez Street and Khan El Khalili Bazaar. Overnight in Cairo.</p> <p>Bernie Lewin: <i>The Purge of Christian Heresy Gnosticism</i> <u>Location:</u> Cafeteria at the Church of St. Barbara</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>
<p>DAY 03 OCT 18th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel & check out. Transfer by road to Alexandria the second largest city in Egypt founded by Alexander the Great in 331BC. Overnight in Alexandria.</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>





<p>DAY 04 OCT 19th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Full day visiting the Roman Amphitheater, The Catacombs, the Serapeum of Alexandria & Pompey's Pillar. Evening, (optional) City Tour of Alexandria by night on foot. Overnight in Alexandria.</p> <p>Bernie Lewin: <i>Cultural Appropriation Hellenistic Egypt</i> <u>Location:</u> Roman Amphitheatre Stage</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>
<p>DAY 05 OCT 20th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel & check-out. Return to Cairo by road, on the way, visiting St. Macarius Monastery and Wadi El Natrun.</p> <p>Overnight in Cairo.</p> <p>Bernie Lewin: <i>A Theology for the Jesus Freaks Christian Platonism</i> <u>Location:</u> St. Macarius Monastery Open Court</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>
<p>DAY 06 OCT 21st</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel & check out. Transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, proceed to your hotel for check-in. Afternoon enjoy a sailing trip around the islands on a traditional Felucca (optional). Overnight in Aswan.</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>



<p>DAY 07 OCT 22nd</p> <p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Breakfast box from your hotel and checkout. Very early morning set out to visit King Ramses II's Abu Simbel Temple. This is the magical part of your program today.</p> <p>You are visiting the temple when the sun's morning ray is aligned to strike and light the statue of Ramses II in one of its kind rare phenomena that happens only twice a year; on February 22 and October 22 the pharaoh's birth and coronation dates.</p> <p>Return to Aswan to embark your Nile Cruise, Lunch on board, and free afternoon. Overnight in Aswan.</p>	<p>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner</p>
<p>DAY 08 OCT 23rd</p>	<p>Breakfast on board, Spend today visiting the High Dam, the Temple of Philae & the Unfinished Obelisk. Lunch on board while sailing to Kom Ombo. Visit the Temple of Kom Ombo including Crocodile Museum.</p> <p>Later this afternoon, sail to Edfu, with some free time at your leisure. Overnight in Edfu.</p> <p>Bernie Lewin: <i>Mono-poly-theism</i> The Philosophical Roots of Christian Theological Controversies <u>Location:</u> On board/Sun Deck, while sailing to Kom Ombo.</p>	<p>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner</p>
<p>DAY 09 OCT 24th</p>	<p>Breakfast on board. Enjoy the long sailing from Edfu to Luxor and the spectacular crossing of Esna Lock. Upon arrival into Luxor, visit the sites on the East Bank of the Nile, including the Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Transfer back to your cruise. Overnight in Luxor.</p> <p>Bernie Lewin: <i>Fading Into You</i> The Islamic Revolution and Sufism <u>Location:</u> On board/Sun Deck, after crossing Esna Lock</p>	<p>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner</p>





<p>DAY 10 OCT 25th</p>	<p>Breakfast on board. Today is dedicated to Nile’s West Bank including Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El-Deir El-Bahari & the Colossi of Memnon.</p> <p>This evening, you shall attend the Sound & Light Show at Karnak Temple, reputed to be one of the best Sound & Light shows in the world. Overnight in Luxor.</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>
<p>DAY 11 OCT 26th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and Transfer to Luxor airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival into Cairo, you will be met once again by our local staff and transferred to your hotel. Evening, Group Dinner in one of Cairo’s local restaurants.</p> <p>Overnight in Cairo.</p>	<p>Breakfast & Dinner</p>
<p>DAY 12 OCT 27th</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Checkout. Transfer to Cairo airport for your international flight.</p> <p>Completion of main tour.</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>



Group Size	Cost per person in TWIN room
7	\$6,195
8 – 12	\$6,090
13 +	\$5,990
Single supplement	\$1,725

Paying your deposit for this tour means you have read & accept the Terms & Conditions INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation in Cairo at the Golden Tulip Flamenco Hotel (or similar) in standard city-view rooms <https://flamenco-cairo.goldentulip.com/en-us/#The%20Hotel>
- Accommodation in Alexandria at Le Metropole Hotel (or similar) in a standard room



<https://paradiseinnlemetropole.com-egypt.com/>

- Accommodation in Aswan at Basma Hotel (or similar) in a Nile-view room
<https://www.basmahotel.com/>
- Nile Riverboat cruise on board M/S Gratsia Royal Beau Rivage (or similar) in a standard cabin between Aswan – Luxor.
- Accommodation in Luxor at Aracan Hotel (or similar)
<https://aracaneatabeluxorhotel.com-egypt.com/>
- Accommodation in Cairo at Radisson Blu Hotel (or similar) on day 11
<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/>
- Private, small-group lectures and discussions on Platonism by Bernie Lewin – The Platonic Academy of Melbourne
- Meals as specified in the itinerary:
 - 12 breakfasts
 - 3 lunches
 - 5 dinners
- Internal flights within Egypt flying Egypt Air
 - Cairo – Aswan
 - Luxor – Cairo
- Transportation in modern coaches with private driver
- Local Egyptologist guides throughout
- All entrance fees to sites and museums mentioned in the itinerary, service charges, taxes & VAT
- Gratuities/tips included

NOT INCLUDED:

- Visa for entry into Egypt (approx. USD25)
- Any extra meals that not mentioned in the itinerary, beverages and/or personal expenses of any nature.

This is a quote only, no bookings are currently being held and, as such, pricing is subject to availability.

Price is based on the current rate of exchange between USD – AUD being .65; if the rate of exchange drops significantly, we reserve the right to amend pricing accordingly.

THE ABOVE PACKAGE EXCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Egypt entry visa (approx. USD25)
- Arrival & Departure Individual transfers.
- Any extra meals that not mentioned in the itinerary, beverages and/or personal expenses of any nature.
- Any excursions that aren't mentioned in the above program
- Travel insurance – it is a requirement of the Platonic Academy of Melbourne for your participation on this tour that every participant takes out travel insurance for this trip, and a copy of your insurance policy must be received at the point of deposit payment.