



# PADES in Egypt 2014



## a tailor-made tour accompanied by Lucia Gahlin 3 – 12 November 2014

This exciting and well-balanced tour has been created especially for PADES from a list of sites suggested by members of the group. It includes a number of rarely-visited sites. Lucia will be with the group throughout adding comments at the sites, answering questions, discussing Egyptology and giving talks on some evenings. The small size of the group will enhance the experience.

- Day 1: Fly to Luxor. Check in to 4\* hotel in Luxor for 4 nights.
- Day 2: We shall visit the rarely-visited temple of Montu at El Tod; the scanty remains of Amunhotep III's palace at Malkata; the tombs of some of the better- and lesser-known nobles on the West Bank: the 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty tombs of Rekhmire (TT100), Sennefer (TT96), Kheruef (TT192) and Roy (TT255); the Ramesside tombs of Shuroy (TT13); and the 26<sup>th</sup> dynasty tomb of Ankhhor (TT414). We are excited to announce that we will also be able to visit two newly opened sites on this day: the 20<sup>th</sup> dynasty tomb of Amenemope(t) (TT148), a prophet of Amon during the reigns of Ramesses III, IV and V; and the recently conserved Roman Period Temple of Isis at Deir el-Shelwit, one of the last temples to be built in Egypt (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Centuries AD). A group lunch in a restaurant on the West Bank is included this day.
- Day 3: We shall visit the important First Intermediate Period tomb of Ankhtify at Mo'alla; the varied site of El Kab with its New Kingdom temples to Nekhbet and Hathor; New Kingdom tombs including those of Ahmose son of Abana, Paheri and Renni; and petroglyphs and inscriptions on 'Vulture Rock'. We shall also cross the river to visit the ancient sandstone quarries of Gebel el-Silsila with the remains of rock-cut shrines and tombs, notably the Speos of Horemheb.
- Day 4: We shall visit all the open tombs in the Valley of Queens (probably the tombs of Rameses III's sons Khaemwaset (QV44), Amunherkhopshef and Sethherkhopshef (QV43); the tomb of Ay (WV23) in the Western Valley; the 26<sup>th</sup> dynasty tomb of Pabasa (TT279); the Howard Carter House museum. We can now announce that we will also be able to visit the newly re-opened tomb of the Ramesside Queen Tity (QV52) in the valley of the Queens.
- Day 5: We shall head out of Luxor to explore the ancient *bekhen*-stone quarry in the Wadi Hammamat with its rock inscriptions; and the temple to Hathor at Dendera. Night in Assiut.
- Day 6: We shall visit the Old and Middle Kingdom tombs at Meir; and the colossal statue (perhaps usurped) of Ramesses II's daughter and wife Meryetamun in the temple remains at Akhmim. A lunch box will be included this day. Night in Sohag.
- Day 7: An unrushed visit to the temples of Seti I and Ramesses II at Abydos. A group lunch is included in a restaurant near Seti's temple. Drive back to Luxor. Check in to 4\* hotel for 3 nights.
- Day 8: Free day in Luxor.
- Day 9: Free day in Luxor.
- We have a couple of exciting suggestions for your free days if you should so choose:  
The wonderful and long-awaited newly opened Temple of Mut at Karnak.  
The small Ptolemaic Qasr el Aguz temple of Thoth, also newly opened, on the same ticket as Medinet Habu.
- Day 10: Return to UK