

□ An off the beaten track trip to the once cult centre for the ancient Egyptian cat goddess “Bastet“. Tell-Basta is located 80 km to the northeast of Cairo in the eastern Nile Delta. The site houses the remains of a great temple dedicated to the cat goddess, along with a cemetery for the burial of cat mummies offered by ancient worshippers to “Bastet“. A cache of gold and silver vessels and jewellery was also discovered at the site in 1906, and is now housed in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

□ Due to its location in the centre of the modern town of Zagazig, buildings were encroaching on the ancient ruins, cars were able to drive around the temples falling apart. A couple of years ago, the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) launched a project to save Tell-Basta. A safe zone was implemented to protect the site from the modern city. A visitors’ centre was built along with a small museum introducing the history of Tell-Basta. The outdoor area of the museum displays a beautiful statue of princess “Meritamun“, the daughter of Ramesses II.

Trip duration: Approx.6-8 hrs.

Start from/Return to: Guest hotel.**Trip essentials:**Light cotton clothing-comfortable walking shoes-bottled mineral water-sunglasses-eye drops for the dust-hats-sunblock..

Included:

- Transfer in A/C vehicle to Tell-Basta.
- Certified tour guide.
- One bottled mineral water per guest.

Not included:

- Entrance fees.
- Camera or video charge when applicable.
- Lunch/Drinks.
- Tipping.

*****Please dress conservatively especially when visiting churches and mosques.**

Gentlemen should avoid shorts and ladies should avoid mini-skirts, shorts, transparent (see-through) or tight clothing, and tank tops. Also, please be aware that intimate behavior; i.e. holding hands or kissing is not acceptable inside churches and mosques.

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