# جمعية أصدقاء متحف قصر المنيل Friends of Manial Palace Museum المشهرة برقم 9 3 3 6 - القاهرة

Dear Friends,

The Friends of Manial Palace Museum (FMPM) are planning a particularly important Gala evening on 9 November 2014.

The FMPM are offering the attached trip to take place at the time of the Gala. We are trying to negotiate favourable rates with hotels and Egyptair and will give those interested a quotation within two to three weeks.

In the meantime please look at the attached program and let us know if you are interested. You may opt for any of the sections individually, any combinations, all of them, or the Gala evening only.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please ensure that we have your preferred contact address.

Yours sincerely,

Abbas Hilmi Chairman



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## Section 1

Passengers arriving from abroad could be met at the airport, those needing it could spend one night at the Fairmont in Heliopolis or similar and then taken to meet their flight on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Cairo – Hurgada, transfer to the Cascade Hotel, Soma Bay and offered one of their packages including Thalasso Therapy, Golf and a snorkeling boat trip.

Saturday 1 November: Hurgada – Cairo.

## Section 2

Passengers arriving from abroad could be met at the airport and join those returning from Soma at the Sofitel Hotel El Gezira or similar.

On the evening of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, reception at the Opera commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the original Cairo Opera in 1869. The reception should be held in or around the Museum of the Opera, Opera House, followed by a dinner at for example, the Sofitel with a "Rigoletto" Menu.

#### Sunday 2 November

10 am: A coach would leave the Sofitel Hotel for a tour of the Manial Museum. Return to Sofitel at around 1 pm. Lunch Free 3 pm: Coach departure to Mansoureya and the Omar Said Residence to attend the Ashoura celebrations in the Nakshebendi tradition.

#### Monday 3 November

A coach will transfer participants from the Sofitel to the airport where they will fly to Aswan. Met at Aswan airport and transferred to the Movenpick M/S Prince Abbas.

#### Friday 7 November

Met at Abou Simble and transferred by plane to Aswan where the group is met at the airport and transferred to the Cataract Hotel for two nights.

Saturday 8 November

Private boat cruise in the morning followed by lunch at the King Farouk corner. In the evening, visit Philea temple for the sound and light show. Dinner in a "Souk"

Restaurant.

Sunday 9 November

Transfer the group to Aswan airport in the morning. Met and transferred to the Sofitell. Afternoon free. 7 pm A coach will transfer the Group to Manial Palace for the Gala evening. Must include LE 850 per person for the Gala ticket (non-member

basis). About midnight the coach will return our group to the Sofitel.

Monday 10 November

Those leaving the country will be transferred to the airport if required.

Section 3

A coach will transfer a group to Cairo airport in order to board a private charter to Siwa. This group would stay at Adrere Amellal and EQI should offer a package arrangement for 3 nights flying back to Cairo on Thursday 13 November. We might then offer our friends two days free in Cairo, again staying at the Sofitel for 3 nights

and offer to take them to the airport on Sunday 16 November.

It is of course very difficult to judge numbers, but between our overseas visitors and residents, Sections 1 and 3 ought to have about 20 persons each, while Section 2

should reach about 40.

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