Shopping in Egypt

There is many oportunities to purchase souveneirs and handicrafts whilst on this trip. Popular purchases include: gold and silver jewellerie, perfume and Pyrex perfume bottles, essential oils, papyrus art, alabaster statues and silver including cartouches (hieroglyphics). When shopping, it also helps to remember what you can, and cannot bring back into Australia. Alot of souveneirs are left behind at customs because they are made of wood, nuts, or seeds – all items which are prohibited.

While we do not make arrangements for specific shopping excursions, their may be opportunities where you’re local guides can offer services if you are particularly interested. Please note it is customary for local guides to accept commission from the factory or shop in exchange for there service.

Your under no obligation to purchase anything from local guides and we do encourage you to enjoy shopping in the markkets to compair prices and quality.

Buying Silver

Please note that in Egypt, silver is a common souveneir in the form of jewellery and other itmes. The silver in Egypt is generally stamped with '800' meaning that it is 80% silver and 20% other metal. This is a reduced quality to the silver you may be more familiar with which is '925'- higher quality.