



Arrangements
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Egypt & the Nile

A Journey into Antiquity

December 27, 2017–January 7, 2018



Dear Travelers and Friends,

Please join us in December for a New Year's trip through the ancient and fascinating land of Egypt. From her stately monuments to her bustling bazaars, we will experience all the facets of this unforgettable country.

Even if you have been to Egypt before, this program will present the country in a new light. We begin in Giza with two nights at the majestic Mena House, where Agatha Christie stayed. Tour the nearby pyramids and see the paws of the Sphinx up close on an exclusive visit. Fly to Luxor for a two-night stay at the Sofitel Winter Palace, host to Lord Carnarvon while he was funding Howard Carter's astonishing discoveries. Marvel at the timelessly elegant design of the temple of Hatshepsut, first female pharaoh, and ring in the New Year in a very old place. Then board the intimate *Luxury Nile Adventurer* for a leisurely cruise. Step ashore at temples devoted to Sobek, revered and feared crocodile-god of fertility; and Horus, falcon-headed god of war. In remote Abu Simbel, marvel at the colossal temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Nefertari, then fly to Cairo to experience the treasures of Tutankhamun and other priceless artifacts in the Antiquities Museum.



Travelers on this program will enjoy the congenial company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Accompanying us are two amazing lecturers—Isabel Stünkel, who is Associate Curator in the Department of Egyptian Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Norm Olsen, a former Senior U.S. Foreign Service Officer.

You may wish to join an optional postlude in Cairo, where there will be time to explore Coptic and Islamic Cairo, and to visit the step pyramid in Sakkara.

I hope you will join us on this marvelous adventure.

Sincerely,

Jim Friedlander
President, Academic Arrangements Abroad

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

STAY in Giza at the elegant Mena House, near the pyramids, and enjoy up-close access to the paws of the Sphinx

RING in the New Year at Luxor's Sofitel Winter Palace hotel, built by British explorers and visited by Howard Carter

DISCOVER the rarely visited tombs of the nobles in Luxor, lavishly decorated with colorful paintings depicting everyday life

SAIL the Nile aboard an elegant riverboat from Luxor to Aswan, with stops at Edfu and Kom Ombo

FLY to Abu Simbel to see the immense temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari, and learn how they were painstakingly moved during the Aswan Dam project, in order to save them from the waters of Lake Nassar

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Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Cairo.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28: CAIRO / GIZA, EGYPT

Arrive in Cairo this afternoon and transfer to the iconic Mena House. Gather this evening for a welcome cocktail reception with introductory remarks by our lecturer. R

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29: GIZA

This morning tour the legendary Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Explore the Solar Boat Museum, housing the exceptionally preserved cedar boat found near the Pyramid of Khufu, then enjoy special access to the Sphinx. Return to the hotel for a late lunch. An early evening lecture is followed by dinner at leisure. B,L

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30: CAIRO / LUXOR

Board an early morning flight to Luxor and continue to the Sofitel Winter Palace for lunch and check-in. In the afternoon see the massive Colossi of Memnon and the temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari. B,L

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31: LUXOR

Return to the West Bank, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes. See the royal tombs of the pharaohs cut deep into the mountainside in the Valley of the Kings. There will be time at leisure in town before an afternoon visit to Luxor Temple, on the East bank of the Nile. Ring in the New Year this evening, with a festive celebration. B,D

MONDAY, JANUARY 1: LUXOR /

EMBARK SANCTUARY NILE ADVENTURER

At Karnak Temple, walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes and see the impressive Hypostyle Hall with its massive columns. Embark the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* in time for lunch. This afternoon discover the outstanding collections at the Luxor Museum. Toast the beginning of our Nile voyage at a sunset dinner. B,L,D

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2: LUXOR

Discover Medinet Habu, the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III and second only in size to Karnak; then continue to the Ramesseum, the Temple of Ramses II, and the lesser-visited tombs of the nobles. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure as we cruise the timeless Nile. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3: EDFU / KOM OMBO

Step ashore this morning in Edfu to visit the exceptionally well-preserved Temple of Horus. Lunch is on board as we cruise. Our late afternoon visit is to Kom Ombo's picturesque Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and decorated with a series of beautiful reliefs. B,L,D

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: ASWAN

As we cruise attend a morning lecture, followed by lunch. Arrive in Aswan in the early afternoon and visit the exquisite Philae Temple, relocated due to the rising flood waters of the Nile. We will also enjoy a sail on a Nile *felucca* (traditional sailboat). This evening the captain hosts our farewell dinner. B,L,D



Feluccas on the Nile

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5: SANCTUARY NILE ADVENTURER / ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL / CAIRO

Disembark the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* for a morning excursion by plane to Abu Simbel. See the monumental temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari, constructed in the 13th century B.C. to show Egypt's power in the far south. Return to Cairo to check in at the Four Seasons Hotel at the First Residence. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. **B,L**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6: CAIRO

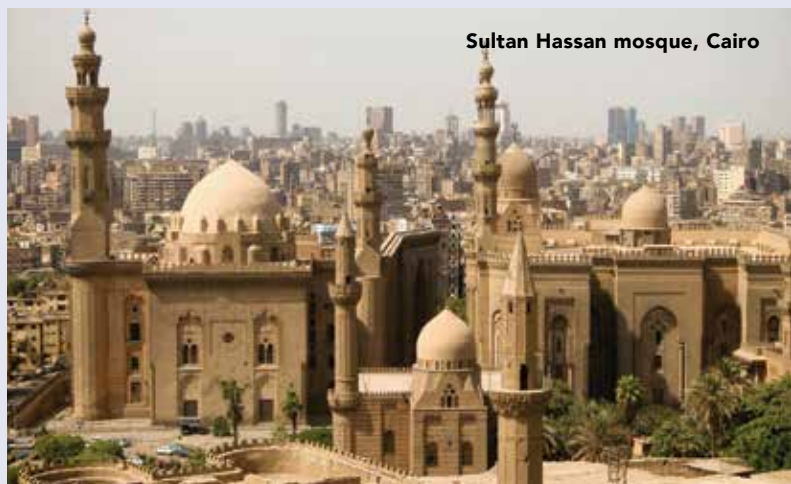
Begin the day with a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, housing the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian treasures, including objects from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Following a light lunch, view the splendid Sultan Hassan Mosque. The remainder of the afternoon is free. Toast our journey at a festive dinner tonight. **B,L,D**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7: CAIRO / U.S. RETURN

Depart Cairo on a return flight to the United States. **B**

An optional two-night postlude in Cairo is offered from January 7–9.

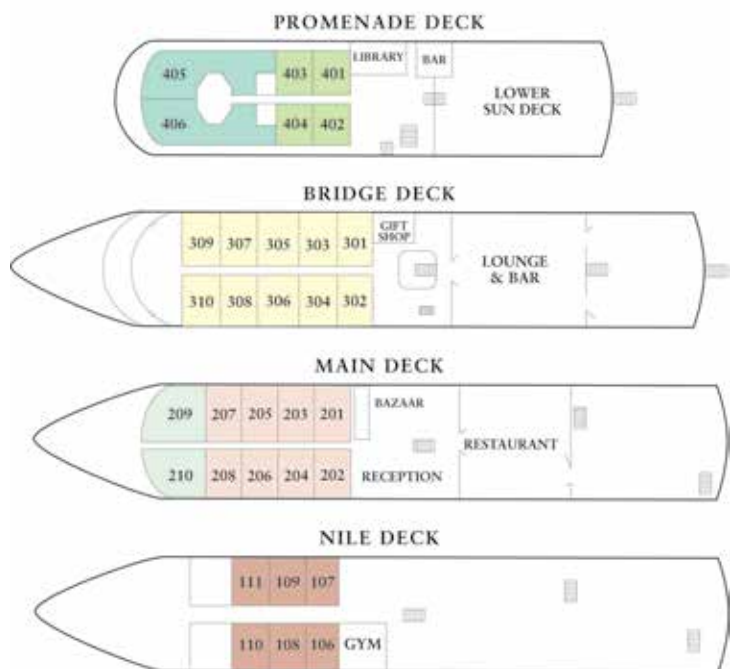
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Sultan Hassan mosque, Cairo

SANCTUARY NILE ADVENTURER

With a sleek contemporary design and only 32 cabins, *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* offers a mix of intimacy and luxury. This elegant riverboat features a sun deck with swimming pool and private cabanas, and a shaded deck with an outdoor bar. All cabins offer Nile River views.



Cabin Categories	Deck	Double Rates	Single Rates
106 to 111 Standard Cabin	Nile Deck	\$8,999	\$10,599
201 to 208 Standard Cabin	Main Deck	\$9,499	\$11,099
301 to 310 Standard Cabin	Bridge Deck	\$9,999	\$11,899
401 to 404 Standard Cabin	Promenade Deck	\$10,499	\$12,399
209 & 210 Deluxe Cabin	Main Deck	\$11,499	\$14,399
405 & 406 Presidential Suite	Promenade Deck	\$11,999	\$14,899

RATES INCLUDE

- ◆ Ten nights hotel/cabin accommodations as per itinerary
- ◆ Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, wine/beer to complement dinners
- ◆ Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- ◆ Internal economy-class flights: Cairo/Luxor...Aswan/ Abu Simbel/Cairo
- ◆ Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- ◆ Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- ◆ Taxes, service, and portage charges; customary shipboard gratuities; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport and visa fees; alcoholic beverages other than wine/beer at dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; optional Cairo postlude; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer





Karnak Temple at dawn, Luxor

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Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

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Telephone (home) (business)

Fax E-mail

I am a member of _____ Council.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL PRELUDE & OPTIONAL POSTLUDE

I/We would like to join the optional prelude in Cairo
Hotel Room Preference One bed Two beds Single

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*) Debit card Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code Expiration date

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Signature (required) Date

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