



Legends of the

# Nile



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# A World of Discovery



Your next adventure begins in exhilarating Egypt! Thrill to enlightening discoveries along the Nile and in Cairo and Abu Simbel in the company of an expert Egyptologist who will guide you through the magnificence of ancient Egypt. Gain intriguing historical and cultural insights as you take in resplendent temples, tombs and treasures together. Join us for an incredibly rewarding experience brimming with extraordinary moments!

*Top: The Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza*

*Above: Temple of Karnak*

*Cover: Pyramids of Giza | Mail panel: Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Luxor*

## Inspiring Moments



- Discuss what you are most curious about with your **Egyptologist** while exploring together at ancient sites.
- Gaze in wonder at the colossal statues of Ramses II at the **Great Temple in Abu Simbel**.
- Stand in awe of towering monuments and dazzling treasures in the **Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- Contemplate the **Great Pyramid of Giza**, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.
- Revel in the delightful hubbub of **Cairo's old bazaar**, where bargaining is elevated to sport.
- Delight in the **natural beauty along the Nile's banks**, a contrast of fertile green valleys and desert beyond.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Astounding treasures await you on this spectacular journey to Egypt! From lively Cairo, rich in antiquity, to stunning monuments that dot the banks of the mighty Nile River, marvel at the wealth of breathtaking sites that have captivated humanity's collective imagination for thousands of years.

On this wonderful, 10-night experience, enjoy a four-night, deluxe Nile cruise, five nights in Cairo and one night in Luxor. You'll stroll through the majestic Temples of Luxor and Karnak, stand before the Great Pyramid of Giza and marvel at Ramses II's awe-inspiring temple carved out of a mountain. You'll also discover Cairo's venerable mosques and bustling bazaar, plus learn how antiquities are preserved with special access at the Oriental Institute's Chicago House.

Throughout your journey, a professional Travel Director is on hand to manage all the details, while a licensed Egyptologist accompanies you on every excursion, offering an exceptional perspective of the history of this ancient land.

Space on this incredible adventure is limited to 28 passengers and will fill very quickly, so make your reservation today!

All the best,

Debbie Vargo

Director, Alumni Tours

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#### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (Temples at Karnak and Luxor; the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens)
2. Historic Cairo
3. Memphis and its Necropolis—the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur
4. Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae



*Mosque of Mohammed Ali, Cairo*



Temple of Luxor

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Cairo, Egypt. 🌐

### Day 2 | Cairo, Egypt

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 and check in to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

### Day 3 | Cairo

**Grand Egyptian Museum.** Take in precious relics that span 3,000 years of ancient history, including an incomparable trove of marvelous objects from King Tutankhamen's tomb.

Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

### Day 4 | Sakkara | Giza

**Sakkara.** This immense burial site served as the necropolis for the ancient capital of Memphis.

Visit the Mastaba of Mereruka, the Pyramid of Teti and the Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered the first pyramid.

Enjoy a delicious lunch at a restaurant.

**Pyramids of Giza.** Marvel at the legendary Great Pyramid, an ingenious masterpiece built for the pharaoh Khufu out of roughly 2.3 million massive blocks of stone, and the enigmatic, imposing Sphinx that crouches nearby.

### Day 5 | Cairo

**Islamic Cairo.** Discover the city's many historic mosques. Inside the Citadel, a medieval Islamic fortress, visit the Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Head next to the Mosque-Madrassa of Sultan Hassan and the grand Al-Rifai Mosque, one of Cairo's largest, where many members of Egypt's modern royal family are entombed.

**Free Time:** Explore the colorful Khan el Khalili bazaar on your own.

Savor a tasty lunch at a restaurant in the area.

**Egyptian Museum.** View priceless antiquities, such as the fabulous treasures of Tanis, at this acclaimed landmark, which opened in 1902.

### Day 6 | Cairo | Luxor

Check out of the hotel and fly to Luxor.

**Luxor Museum.** Admire outstanding artifacts collected from the temples and necropolis of ancient Thebes at this informative museum.

Check in to the Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.

**Temple of Luxor.** Sail along the Nile aboard a felucca to this sprawling complex. Construction began during the reign of Amenhotep III, and subsequent rulers added to it until 323 B.C.

### Day 7 | Luxor

After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

**Luxor's West Bank — The Valleys of the Kings and Queens.** Explore this spellbinding



Khan el Khalili bazaar, Cairo



*Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel*

region where New Kingdom pharaohs and their families awaited immortality. Amazingly, the hieroglyphics adorning the walls of the tombs still spring to life with vibrant color. Go inside several tombs, including King Tutankhamen's tomb and the colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Afterward, stop at an alabaster workshop. Later, study superbly preserved murals in the tomb of Amun-her-Khepeshef, and see the majestic Colossi of Memnon.

Embark the Sonesta St. George I for your Nile cruise. Lunch will be served on board.

**Epigraphic Survey of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (Chicago House).**

During an exclusive visit, learn about the Survey's efforts to preserve Egypt's ancient cultural heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration.

Delight in a belly-dancing performance tonight.

**Day 8 | Karnak | Cruising the Nile**

**Temple of Karnak.** This immense, ancient

religious center contains many halls, temples and chapels. Be awed by a veritable forest of 134 gigantic columns in the hypostyle hall.

**Free Time:** After lunch on board, enjoy some leisure time as the ship transits the Esna Lock.

**Day 9 | Cruising | Edfu | Kom Ombo**

Revel in the Nile scenery on your way to Edfu.

**Temple of Horus at Edfu.** Visit this beautifully preserved shrine built around 237 B.C. with reliefs inside that offer valuable details about ancient religious rituals and political life.

As the ship sails to Kom Ombo, gather for an engaging discussion with an Egyptologist.

**Temple of Sobek and Haroeris.** Explore this unusual double temple dedicated to crocodile-headed Sobek, the god of fertility, and falcon-headed Haroeris, god of the sky. Relish a traditional Nubian show on the ship.

**Day 10 | Aswan | Abu Simbel | Aswan**

After docking in Aswan, fly to Abu Simbel.

**Abu Simbel.** Visit the impressive Great Temple



*Temple of Philae*



## Included Features

### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Cairo, Egypt, at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.
- **1 night** in Luxor at the first-class Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.
- **4 nights** aboard the deluxe Sonesta St. George I.
- **1 night** in Cairo at the first-class InterContinental Citystars Cairo.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers in the Land | Cruise Program: flights and deluxe motor coaches.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 5 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner on board the ship; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **A licensed, professional Egyptologist** shares expert insights during your journey.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of drivers and personnel at itinerary stops.

of Ramses II that commemorates triumphs over the Nubians, Hittites and Syrians, and go inside the fascinating Temple of Hathor. Fly back to Aswan. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, cap off your cruising experience with a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

### Day 11 | Aswan | Cairo

This morning, disembark the ship.

#### Temple of Philae and Aswan High Dam.

Sail by felucca to this island temple dedicated to the goddess Isis. Then learn how ancient papyrus was created at the Papyrus Institute and see the High Dam, an engineering marvel. Fly from Aswan to Cairo and check in to the InterContinental Citystars Cairo. Relax in your evening room before an early morning departure for return flights home.

### Day 12 | In Transit

Very early this morning, transfer to the airport for your return flights home.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL



This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

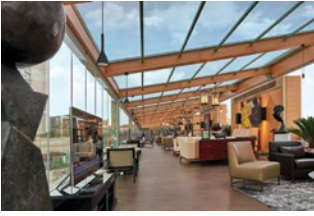
#### Excursions on this program require:

- walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
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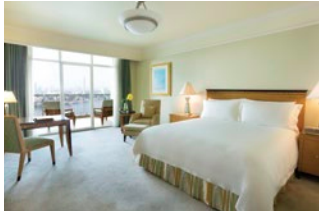


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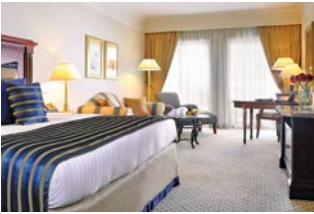
## Accommodations



Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza



Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor



InterContinental Citystars  
Cairo | Evening room



## EXTEND YOUR STAY



### Jordan | 3 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Witness the historic splendor of Jordan's ancient civilizations on this remarkable journey! Enjoy three nights at the first-class InterContinental Amman; daily breakfast, two lunches and one dinner; guided tours of Jerash, Madaba, Mount Nebo and Petra; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; a flight from Amman, Jordan, to Cairo, Egypt; departure transfer and baggage handling; gratuities for guides and drivers; and all taxes and service charges.

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# Reserve your trip today!

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## Program Dates

Travel dates †

**March 5-16, 2024**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates\*

**March 6-16, 2024**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land | Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Price*
C-Lower deck	\$6,245	\$5,995
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*Exploring with Egyptologist*



# Sonesta St. George I



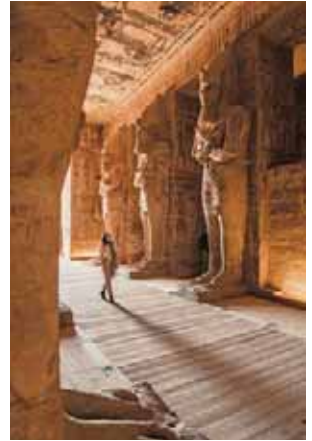
Cruise the Nile River in style aboard this elegant, upscale ship. Sample international cuisine from lavish buffets for breakfast and lunch and from à la carte menus for dinner. Stop by the Panoramic Lounge for refreshments and stellar river views. The ship features a swimming pool, sun deck, spa and wellness center. Relax in your comfortable stateroom which includes French windows and a seating area. The en-suite spa bathrooms are fitted with a steam shower, Jacuzzi and water massage. Wi-Fi is available.

## AHI FlexAir

### Let us arrange your flights

*Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:*

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
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Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

## AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

*Before you go:*

**Travel Consultants** stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

**Passenger Service Representative** offers personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

*Once you arrive:*

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Your Egyptologist**, a handpicked, knowledgeable, licensed expert, opens your eyes to the depth and breadth of the country's history and makes Egypt come to life for you at every stop throughout your journey.



Ancient hieroglyphs

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