



Holy Family & Coptic Churches of *Egypt* Including Nile River Cruise

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES:

Feb. 21, 2019

June 27, 2019

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Giza Plateau



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

Day 1: Thursday • Depart for Egypt

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DAY 2: Friday • Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Arrive in Cairo and transfer to your deluxe 5-star hotel located mere steps from the Great Pyramid. Enjoy time at the hotel pools, in the air-conditioned bars and restaurants, or in the lush hotel gardens. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting with a welcome drink, followed by dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at your hotel. **D**

DAY 3: Saturday • Cairo

Today is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of our hotel. Or you may join the *optional* exclusive excursion to the cave churches in the Mokkattam Mountain district where nearly 70,000 Christians worship weekly. We drive through the garbage collectors district, learning about the trash pick-up and recycle in Cairo and discover how the church started the Ministry there. Our next stop is Virgin Mary Church at El Zaitoun, where she appeared before thousands in 1968. We top our day with a visit to the Virgin Mary Church on the Nile, which is believed to be the marina where the Holy Family set sail for Upper Egypt. We enjoy a boat ride, like they did over 2000 years ago. Optional tour includes a lunch on the Nile. **B, D**

Optional: Cave churches and Virgin Mary Nile church with Lunch.

DAY 4: Sunday • Wadi Natron - Anafora

After breakfast, we start our drive to Wadi Natrun, a famous Holy Family site and an important valley for ancient Egyptian and modern Coptic Christians. This is the actual birthplace of Christian monasticism. At one time, there were over 50 monasteries, but only four survive into modern times. We visit Deir Abu Makar with one of its monks. Next is the oldest of the surviving monasteries, the isolated al-Baramous. We complete our morning at Deir Anba Bishoi and Deir El-Surian. After a group lunch, we arrive at Anafora, a Coptic retreat center and rehab facility for abused boys and girls from around Egypt. We are able to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the organic fruit and vegetable farms, carved underground churches and replica of the Tabernacle. We attend a talk with a Coptic priest or bishop to learn of Coptic traditions. There are opportunities to attend an evening Mass in the Church. **B, L, D**

DAY 5: Monday • Giza/Cairo

You are able to start your day by joining a Coptic Mass. We have breakfast at the retreat center before returning to Cairo for lunch with fine Egyptian food. We visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd & 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom (4600

years ago!). Enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. We ride camels into the desert for a different view of the site. Not far from the Pyramids, see the great Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of one huge piece of limestone. We return to our hotel for dinner and a relaxing evening on your own. Or - attend the *optional* Sound & Light Show held in Giza with views of the mighty Pyramids, a spectacular and unforgettable evening. **B, L**

DAY 6: Tuesday • Cairo

After breakfast at the hotel, we tour the Egyptian Museum*, a neoclassical building located on Tahrir Square. The museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts with more than 120,000 items on display, including the Golden treasures of the boy King Tutankhamun. Next, we visit the most ancient Coptic sites of Egypt in Old Cairo and visit the Hanging Church, the Holy family Cave church of Abu Serga and the Jewish Synagogue before ending the tour with a visit to the famous Cairo bazaar. **B, L, D**

*Note: this museum stop will be replaced by the Grand Egyptian Museum when that facility is completed and opened to the public.

DAY 7: Wednesday • Aswan - Abu Simbel Optional Trip

After breakfast, we fly to Aswan. Upon arrival, we have the morning at leisure in this ancient frontier town. Or, join the *optional* Abu Simbel tour. A flight from Aswan transports you back in time to the mighty Temple of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. We fly back to Aswan and transfer to our cruise ship, our home for the next three nights. After lunch, we have the opportunity for a rare glimpse into another world and even another time as we visit a Nubian Village including a family house, and school (if open). We sail with a motor boat through the National Parks of Aswan, watching local & migrant birds, various plants learning about the Nubians' origin, culture, ancient & modern history. We end our day with a beautiful Sunset Felucca Ride, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile as we watch the exquisite sunset. Dinner is on board our Nile River cruise ship. **B, L, D**

Optional: Abu Simbel by air (AM)

DAY 8: Thursday • Aswan – Cruise to Edfu

After breakfast, we tour the spectacular Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle when originally constructed in the 1960s.



Hieroglyphs at Medinat Habu, Luxor

We continue to Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. We end our morning with a visit to a granite quarry holding the largest known unfinished ancient obelisk. Returning to the ship, we begin our journey on the legendary Nile. Watch the scenery pass from the pool or your sunbed lounger. Our first stop is the temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the sky god Horus. We continue to Edfu where we dock for the evening. **B, L, D**

DAY 9: Friday • Cruise Edfu – Luxor

This morning, we take a horse-drawn carriage ride to the stunning Temple of Horus in Edfu, considered one of the best preserved of all the Egyptian temples. Built during the Ptolemaic times, it was completed over a 180-year period. This afternoon, the ship sails via Esna to Luxor, known in ancient Egyptian times as the city of Thebes. It is a trove of historic treasures. We have an on-board lecture discussing the History and Challenges of the Nile River. **B, L, D**

DAY 10: Saturday • Luxor – Cairo

We view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes and the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, we head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. We conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon: two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III before returning to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we tour the East Bank of Luxor and the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. Afterward, we head to Luxor Temple to admire the giant statues of the great pharaoh Ramses II. We board a late flight back to Cairo and our airport hotel. **B, L, D**

DAY 11: Sunday • Depart Egypt

We transfer to the airport for our departure flight home. **B**

- *Cruise sailing times are subject to change.*
- *At certain times of the year itinerary may be amended to travel early in the morning and late afternoon to avoid the heat. Order or duration of some visits may change without notice.*

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Tour Prices:

Departure Date	Standard Price	Special Offer
2/21/2019	\$3798 per person	\$2841 per person
6/27/2019	\$3498 per person	\$2398 per person
8/1/2019	\$3498 per person	\$2398 per person
9/26/2019	\$3798 per person	\$2841 per person
12/19/19	\$3798 per person	\$2841 per person

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Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned vehicle
- Domestic flights within Egypt
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4 and 5 star hotels,
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 9 dinners
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout
- **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- International flights to/from Cairo. Booking assistance is available upon request. Estimated fares from ORD \$800 - \$1600 depending on dates, airline and routing.
- Entry Visa at Cairo airport (Available upon arrival)
- **End of tour tips** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

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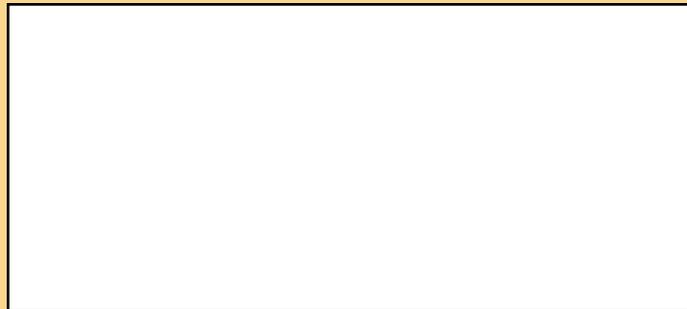
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 - Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids: \$55 per person
 - The Temples at Abu Simbel flight & tour: \$350 per person

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Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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Place of Birth: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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