

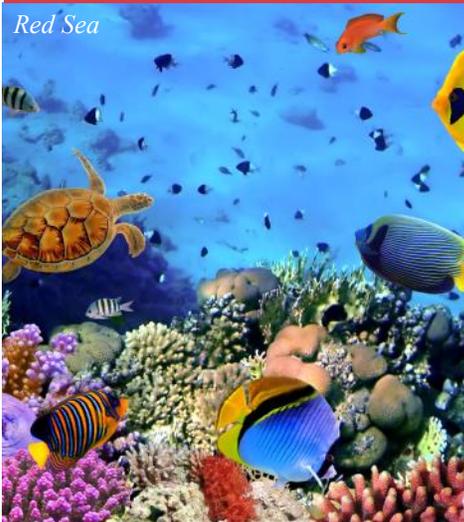
Lake at the Karnak Temple complex

Tour Code: GVE20



Egypt & Dubai

February 16 – 27, 2020



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Giza Plateau



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

Day 1: Sunday, February 16, 2020 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Egypt.

Day 2: Monday, February 17, 2020 • Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Upon our arrival in Cairo we transfer to our hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we attend an orientation meeting where we have a welcome drink with our Tour Manager and fellow travelers at the hotel.

Day 3: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 • Cairo

After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. These monumental undertakings stand as a marvelous testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. Enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. 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. Enjoy lunch at authentic Egyptian food restaurant. Then, we visit 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 with a visit to the Golden treasures of the Boy-King Tut-ankh-Amun. **B/L**

Day 4: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 • Nile Cruise

After breakfast we fly to Aswan, an ancient frontier town. Upon our arrival we spend the morning at leisure or join the optional Abu Simbel tour (\$350). The flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel transports us 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. Later we fly back to Aswan and check into the Nile Cruise, our beautiful home for the next three nights. After lunch, we join a cultural visit to the Nubian Village to visit a Family House and a School (*if open*). While sailing with a motor boat through the National Parks of Aswan, we can watch for local & migrant birds, various plants. We learn about the Nubians' origin, culture, ancient & modern history. Later we end our day with a beautiful Sunset Felucca Ride, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile and watch the exquisite sunset. **B/L/D**

Day 5: Thursday, February 20, 2020 • Nile Cruise

Today we take a tour to the spectacular Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle when originally constructed in the 1960s. The dam brought an end to the Nile's devastating floods. We continue to the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. Our tour concludes with a visit to

a granite quarry which holds the largest known unfinished ancient obelisk. In the afternoon, we cruise on the legendary Nile River to Edfu. We stop to tour the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo that is dedicated to Horus, the Sky God and Sobek, the Crocodile God. We admire the fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls before we continue sailing to Edfu. **B/L/D**

Day 6: Friday, February 21, 2020 • Nile Cruise

This morning we visit the stunning Temple of Horus in Edfu, it is considered one of the best-preserved temples in all the Egypt. It was built during the Ptolemaic times and was completed over a 180-year period. The temple is dedicated to the falcon god Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris. This afternoon, the ship sails via Esna to Luxor, known in ancient Egyptian times as the city of Thebes. **B/L/D**

Day 7: Saturday, February 22, 2020 • Cairo

This morning, we view the magnificence of the West Bank of Luxor on a tour that includes the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. We begin with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, within the necropolis of Thebes, and admire 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. The tour concludes at the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. We return to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor. We visit the magnificent Temple of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. We walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. Afterward, we head to the Luxor Temple to admire the colossal statues of the great pharaoh Ramses II. We transfer to Luxor airport to fly to Cairo and check into our hotel for the night. **B/L**

Day 8: Sunday, February 23, 2020 • Alexandria—Cairo

After breakfast, we have a brief visit to St. Makarios Coptic Monastery, learning about Monastic life and Coptic history. We then embark on a wonderful all day experience to Alexandria, the second largest city in Egypt. It was the capital of Egypt for 1,000 years under the Greeks and the Romans. We enjoy its Mediterranean atmosphere and highlights, including the New Library of Alexandria, the Roman Amphi-theatre, the Citadel of Quait-bay which was built replacing the famous light-house of Pharos. We take pleasure in the views of the Sea while having lunch on the Ancient royal Harbor of Alexandria before returning to Cairo. The evening is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the hotel and to dine on our own. **B/L**

Day 9: Monday, February 24, 2020 • Dubai

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Dubai. Upon arrival in Dubai, we transfer to our hotel for dinner. **B/D**

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
in Abu Dhabi



Day 10: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 • Dubai

Although vast swathes of Dubai are now transformed with contemporary architecture into a modern and luxurious city, traces of the historic town that existed 40 years ago can still be found in some parts. The 'Traditional Dubai City Tour' takes us on a cultural journey through time into with a visit to the heritage area of Bastakiya and 225-year old Fort Al Fahidi which houses the Dubai Museum. A ride on the traditional Abra boat across scenic Dubai Creek. A visit to the Spice and Gold Souks, with tantalizing scents and shimmering jewelry. A drive to Burj Al Arab, the iconic hotel that has established unmatched standards of luxury. We stop to take a photo next to the Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. A trip to the United Arab Emirates would be incomplete without a thrilling safari in a 4x4 vehicle that takes us to some of the most amazing sand dunes of this region. The unique activity is adventurous yet provides a cultural experience, the Desert Safari with BBQ Dinner ensure a memorable evening amidst a scenic desert landscape. There is dune bashing on some of the highest sand dunes in the region, in a 4x4 airconditioned vehicle. The breathtaking views of the sun setting over the charming desert providing a magical experience. There is a chance to enjoy activities such as sandboarding and camel rides at the authentic Bedouin campsite which also has a henna designer, local attire for trial and refreshments. A delicious barbecue dinner under the stars while being entertained by an enchanting belly dancer and a mesmerizing Tannoura dance performance that leaves us in awe. **B/D**

Day 11: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 • Dubai

We spend the day at the capital of the United Arab Emirates and discover how this majestic Emirati city artfully blends the ancient past with the modern present. The 'Abu Dhabi City Tour' is an all-encompassing introductory excursion of the distinctly Arabian sibling of the glitzy city of Dubai. From one of the world's largest mosques, to the mesmerizing and trendy Corniche, there is a lot to take in within this fascinating historic emirate. We visit the beautiful Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, an architectural wonder and one of the biggest mosques in the world. Stop at the Corniche, the impressive eight-kilometer stretch of perfectly manicured waterfront with children's play area, beach, cafés and restaurants. Next we visit the Heritage Village, specifically designed to continually remind the younger Emiratis of their rich and colorful past. We visit the Louvre Museum Abu Dhabi. Shop at the Abu Dhabi Marina Mall, home to hundreds of luxury shops as well as souvenir stores where some can pick up mementos of the capital. *(No Guiding Services included inside Louvre Museum)* **B**

Day 12: Thursday, February 27, 2020 • Return

Unfortunately, it is time to say goodbye as we transfer to the airport and board our international flight bound for the U.S. **B**

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

TOUR COST: \$4,375*

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$950

with a minimum of 15 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** (Chicago to Cairo and home from Dubai) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (estimated at \$1,400)
- **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
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout Egypt
- Services of **professional tour manager** throughout Dubai
- **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- 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 deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly encouraged.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Optional Tour:

- The Temples at Abu Simbel flight & tour: \$350

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

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

Travel Insurance (please check one)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

Deposit Payment Information

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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