



## EGYPT AND A 3-NIGHT NILE CRUISE

**March 10 - 21, 2019**

**12 days / 11 nights**

**\$4259**

A fabulous visit to one of the most fascinating countries in the world! Your journey back in time begins in Cairo, a vibrant metropolis where mosques and minarets are a part of the skyline. Visit the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities that houses thousands of catalogued objects including the golden treasures of King Tutankhamun.

At nearby Giza, high on the Giza Plateau, stand before the great pyramids you have dreamed of seeing. These sand colored triangles seem to rise endlessly into the sky! Nearby visit the majestic Sphinx, guardian of the plateau and all that surrounds him.

Your 3 night Nile cruise will be aboard one of the most luxurious of cruise boats. All cabins have private bath, air conditioning and a large picture window. Cruising the Nile gives you the opportunity to see the perpetual green fields that border the Nile, many still farmed as they were thousands of years ago, and to visit the great temples at **Aswan, Kom-Ombo, Edfu and Luxor. Shore excursions and all meals are included on the Nile cruise.**

In Aswan, an afternoon to rest, relax and have a swim at your hotel overlooking the Nile before an optional excursion the next morning to Abu Simbel to visit the great temple masterpieces created by Ramses II for him and his favorite wife, Nefertari.

**In Cairo, enjoy dinner in a lovely private home with an English speaking Egyptian family, a tour highlight.**

Our Egyptologist will accompany us throughout the tour, share his knowledge and provide continuity as we travel throughout the country. Our small group insures you will hear his every word.

### **ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1- INDEPENDENCE/NEWARK/WILMINGTON/ JFK AIRPORT**

Mid-day departure for JFK Airport to board our non-stop overnight flight to Cairo. Meals: D in flight

#### **Day 2 - CAIRO**

Late morning arrival in Cairo, and after brief custom formalities, transfer by motorcoach to our deluxe hotel including dinner at our hotel this evening. Meals: in flight, D

**SEMIRAMIS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL**

### **Day 3 - MEMPHIS/SAKKARA/PYRAMIDS/SPHINX**

Meet our Egyptologist this morning and travel to the ancient capital of Memphis, home to a nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II. At Sakkara, in the desert, stand before the Step Pyramid of Zoser, oldest of all pyramids. A lovely lunch at the 139 Restaurant by the pool at the Mena House Hotel, overlooking the great Pyramids. Next visit the great **Pyramids of Egypt, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world!** Visit the nearby, huge Sphinx, the earliest truly colossal piece of ancient Egypt sculpture. We have included a camel ride for your pleasure and a few laughs! This evening enjoy the Sound and Light show at the Pyramids. Meals:B,L

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### **Day 4 - CAIRO**

Tour the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. The golden treasures of King Tutankhamun will highlight your introduction to the many antiquities of Egypt. Afternoon visit to Saladin's 12th-century Citadel from which you get a breathtaking view of the city. Nearby is the mosque of Mohammed Ali where you will learn the fundamentals of the Islamic religion. **Dinner with an English speaking, lovely Egyptian family this evening.** Meals:B,D

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### **Day 5 - CAIRO/ASWAN**

Morning airport transfer for our flight to delightful Aswan. An independent lunch at our hotel before a leisurely afternoon and our felucca (sailboat) sail on the Nile. Later today visit the local market. Your hotel overlooks the Nile. Enjoy a leisurely dinner at your hotel this evening. Meals:B,D

**MOVENPICK HOTEL**

### **Day 6 - ASWAN/BOARD CRUISE BOAT**

**Optional flight to Abu Simbel** to visit the great temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife Nefertari, which stand tall above Lake Nasser, relocated here during the construction of the High Dam, with return by air to Aswan. Board your deluxe cruise boat in time for lunch followed by a free afternoon and evening in this favorite city of the Egyptians. All meals

**m/s ROYAL LILY CRUISE BOAT**

### **Day 7 - ASWAN SIGHTSEEING/CRUISE/KOM-OMBO/EDFU**

A morning visit to the magnificent island temple of Philae, the most beautiful temple of all in Egypt. Visit the High Dam, return to cruise boat for lunch and to sail to Kom-Ombo to visit the temple shared by two gods overlooking the Nile. Afternoon tea as we sail on to Edfu. After dinner tonight, a folkloric show featuring a belly dancer! What fun! All meals

**m/s ROYAL LILY CRUISE BOAT**

### **Day 8 - EDFU/LUXOR**

A visit by horse and carriage this morning to Edfu's superbly preserved temple of the falcon-god Horus, lord of the sky. Return to the ship and enjoy cruising the Nile this afternoon. Afternoon tea will be served as you cruise to Luxor. Join the evening fun dressed in your traditional galabaya! All meals

**m/s ROYAL LILY CRUISE BOAT**

### **Day 9 - LUXOR/VALLEY OF THE KINGS AND QUEENS**

Disembark your cruise boat for an exciting day as you cross the Nile to the West Bank to visit the Valley of the Kings. Descend into the tombs of the Pharaohs of Egypt, including King Tut's, with magnificent colorful paintings on the walls that look as though they were painted only yesterday. Travel through the desert to Deir el Bahri to visit the impressive Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. You will no doubt be overwhelmed with the beauty of the sites you see today. A relaxing lunch at the Sonesta Hotel in Luxor

before checking into your hotel, located on an island overlooking the Nile. Meals:B,L

**JOLIE VILLE HOTEL**

**Day 10 - LUXOR**

The city of Luxor stretches along the east bank of the Nile and is home to two of the greatest historical sites in the world. The Temple of Luxor, set beside the Nile, is one of the most beguiling of all Egypt's pharaonic monuments. It is approached by the Avenue of Sphinxes, which at one time in history went all the way to Karnak, 2 miles north. Originally raised by Amenhotep III (R.1390 - 1352 B.C.) Ramses II added huge statues of himself. It has a wealth of reliefs and an air of serenity. Nearby is the Temple of Karnak, and to the ancient Egyptian it was The Most Perfect of Places. Within the dizzying hypostyle hall stand 134 columns roughly 50 feet high and it takes six men with their arms outstretched to circle one column. Once again you feel the ancient aura of Egypt. This afternoon at leisure at your hotel to relax by the pool, do some shopping in Luxor. Meals:B

**JOLIE VILLE HOTEL**

**Day 11 - LUXOR/CAIRO**

Depart for the airport and our return flight to Cairo. A stop at the Khan el Khalili Bazaar before returning to our hotel. Meals:B

**SEMIRAMIS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL**

**Day 12 - HOME**

Board flight for JFK Airport where transportation will be waiting to return you to home. Meals:B, in flight

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:** \* roundtrip air JFK/CAIRO / \* air taxes (subject to change until ticketed) \* domestic air in Egypt \* accommodations for 7 nights in deluxe hotels based on double occupancy \* accommodations for 3 nights in staterooms aboard the Movernpick Royal Lily cruise boat \* meals include full breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners on land portion of tour \* **all meals aboard the Nile cruise boat \* admission to all sightseeing as per itinerary and all shore excursions while cruising** \* camel ride at the Pyramids \* hotel taxes and service charges \* transfers between airports, hotels and cruise ship \* gratuities for motorcoach drivers \* luggage handling \* **accompanying Egyptologist throughout the tour** \* services of a Tour Director from 4 Seasons Tours \* **a pre-departure briefing.**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport, and entry visa fee (visa fee \$25 as of 1/25/18 which you will receive at Cairo Airport on arrival), gratuities to Egyptologist \* items of a personal nature such as beverages not included with meals, optional tour to Abu Simbel \* single supplement of \$ 823 \* **COST OF TRANSPORTATION TO JFK AIRPORT WILL BE BASED ON NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR FINAL COST.**

Conditions: A deposit of \$200 due with each reservation. Final payment is due January 10, 2019.

Cancellations: After final payment date, there are no refunds.

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