



## EGYPT AND A 3-NIGHT NILE CRUISE

April 22 - May 3, 2022

12 days / 11 nights

\$4659

Visit one of the most fascinating countries in the world! Your journey back in time begins in Cairo, an exciting metropolis where mosques and minarets are a part of the skyline. Visit the new and dazzling Museum of Egyptian Antiquities that houses thousands of objects including the golden treasures of King Tutankhamun. Your hotel, the famous Mena House, is the Gateway to the Pyramids! High on the Giza Plateau, stand before the great pyramids you have dreamed of seeing and touching. These sand-colored triangles seem to rise endlessly into the sky! Nearby visit the mysterious 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! In the Valley of the Kings visit **three tombs including the Tomb of King Tutankhamun and the very special tomb of Queen Nefertari**. 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.

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

### FLIGHTS ARE ROUNDTrip PHILADELPHIA

#### ITINERARY

##### **Day 1 - INDEPENDENCE/NEWARK/WILM. /PHL AIRPORT**

Morning departure for PHL Airport to board our overnight flight to Cairo. Meals:D in flight

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

Afternoon arrival in Cairo, and after **brief** custom formalities, transfer by motorcoach to our hotel, the Gateway to the Pyramids! Meal in flight

**MENA HOUSE HOTEL**

##### **Day 3 - GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM**

Meet our Egyptologist this morning for an intriguing glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles and dynasties exploring the remarkable collection of the new Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs sarcophagi and treasures, many from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Lunch at the 139 Restaurant at our hotel enjoying views of the Pyramids. Meals:B,L

**MENA HOUSE HOTEL**

#### **Day 4 - CAIRO**

Another exciting day as you see and touch the great Pyramids of Egypt, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. The Great Pyramid will thrill you before our camel ride and our visit to the great Sphinx of Giza. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid, the first pyramid and the oldest construction of stone in the world. Return to our hotel in the late afternoon. Tonight, be our guest at the nearby Sound and Light Show, a spectacular and unforgettable evening. Meals:B,L

**MENA HOUSE HOTEL**

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

Morning flight to delightful Aswan. An independent lunch at our hotel before a leisurely afternoon that includes our felucca (sailboat) sail on the Nile. Later today stroll through the local market. Your hotel is on an island overlooking the Nile where we will enjoy dinner this evening. Meals:B,D

**MOVENPICK HOTEL**

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

Romani will be with you on your **optional tour of 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. Return to Aswan and board your cruise boat in time for lunch. A free afternoon and evening in this favorite city of the Egyptians. All Meals

**NILE CRUISE BOAT**

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

A morning visit to the magnificent island temple of Philae, the most beautiful temple in all of Egypt. Next visit the High Dam, return to cruise boat for lunch and sail to Kom-Ombo to visit the temple shared by two gods overlooking the Nile. Afternoon tea as we sail on to Edfu. Tonight, an Egyptian Galabiya Party with music, dancing and lots of fun!! All Meals

**NILE 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 including sailing through the Esna Lock this afternoon. Afternoon tea will be served as you cruise to Luxor! All Meals

**NILE CRUISE BOAT**

#### **Day 9 - 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. Lunch at the Sonesta Hotel with time for local shopping afterwards. Check into our hotel. Meals:B,L

**JOLIE VILLE HOTEL**

#### **Day 10 - LUXOR/VALLEY OF THE KINGS AND QUEENS**

Cross the Nile to the West Bank to visit the Valley of the Kings. This is an absolutely thrilling day!!

**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 yesterday. **A special visit to the Tomb of**

**Queen Nefertari has been arranged!** Travel through the desert to Deier 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 pizza dinner tonight at our hotel. Meals:B,D  
**JOLIE VILLE HOTEL**

**Day 11 - LUXOR/CAIRO**

Depart for the airport for our return flight to Cairo. Visit Old Cairo church and Jewish Synagogue. Check into our hotel with dinner at the al Fayrouz Lebanese Restaurant at our hotel. Meals:B,D  
**INTER-CON HOTEL**

**Day 12 - HOME**

Board our flight to Philadelphia Airport where transportation will be waiting to return you to Wilmington, Newark and Independence. Meals:B and meals in flight

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:** \* roundtrip air PHL/CAIRO/PHL \* air taxes (subject to change until ticketed) \* domestic air in Egypt \* accommodations for 7 nights in deluxe and first-class hotels based on double occupancy \* accommodations for 3 nights in staterooms aboard our Nile cruise boat \* meals include **full breakfast daily**,

**3 lunches, 3 dinners on land portion of tour \* all meals aboard the Nile cruise boat \* admission to all sightseeing as per itinerary and shore excursions while cruising \* camel ride at the Pyramids \* hotel taxes and service charges \* transfers between airports, hotels and cruise ship \* accompanying Egyptologist throughout tour \* gratuities for motorcoach drivers AND our Egyptologist \* luggage handling \* services of Barbara Osman as Tour Director \* a pre-departure briefing.**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport, entry visa fee (visa fee \$25 as of 1/25/21), cost of transportation to PHL airport to be determined by number of passengers \* items of a personal nature such as beverages not included with some meals, laundry, etc., **optional** tour to Abu Simbel, \$350 \*

**CONDITIONS:** A deposit of \$200 due with each reservation. Final payment is due February 10, 2022.

**CANCELLATIONS:** After final payment date, there are no refunds.

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