

Egypt Unveiled

DISCOVERY SERIES

11 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Sunday | Limited to 24 passengers



The Pyramids rise from the Giza Plain



Travel in the company of experienced A&K Egyptologists who enhance your journey • Spend more time exploring with convenient charter flights and private Nile docking facilities • Cruise to Denderah, site of one of Egypt's best preserved (and less-visited) temples • Sail around the Aswan islands in a *felucca* (sailboat)

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Cairo, Egypt

Arrive in Cairo, a city encompassing thousands of years of history within its sprawling borders. Check in to your hotel after clearing customs with the help of your A&K host. *Mena House Oberoi*

DAY 3: Cairo

This afternoon, after a briefing by your Egyptologist, visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. Housing relics dating back to 4000 BC, the museum is a perfect introduction to the artistic and architectural styles representative of each historical time period. The world-famous treasures of Tutankhamun are also housed here. This evening, meet fellow travellers at an A&K-hosted welcome dinner in your hotel. *Mena House Oberoi B D*

DAY 4: Cairo

Travel to Memphis, the legendary city of Menes, the king who united Upper and Lower Egypt. Continue to the necropolis of Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of Zoser. After lunch, travel to the Giza Plateau, site of the Pyramids of Mycerinus, Chefnen and the

Great Pyramid of Cheops, the only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. This is also the site of the Great Sphinx, guardian of the royal tombs dating back to the third millennium BC. *Mena House Oberoi B L*

DAY 5: Cairo/Luxor

The vast size and complexity of the Temple of Karnak is the result of construction and development spanning from the Middle Kingdom to Ptolemaic times. The temple grew from the contributions of nearly 30 pharaohs, making this magnificent structure the largest ancient religious site in the world. Walk through the Great Hypostyle Hall, with its massive columns expertly aligned over an area of 50,000 square feet. After lunch, cross the Nile to visit the Valley of the Kings, magnificent tombs carved into desert rock. Explore the Temple of Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt's first female pharaoh, whose mummy has recently been identified. You also have a chance to explore the Valley of the Queens, known in Egypt as Biban el-Harim. *MS 'Sun Boat IV' B L D*

DAY 6: Luxor/Denderah/Luxor

Cruise northward on a scenic route far from the crowds and other ships. The Temple of Hathor at Denderah is one of the best preserved temples in all of Egypt. The roof of the hypostyle hall is almost intact, along with the small shrines to Isis and Hathor resting on it. Explore the interior chambers and underground crypt among foundations that date to the time of Cheops in the 4th Dynasty. Later this afternoon, embark on a tour of Luxor Temple, completed by Egypt's most renowned pharaoh, Ramses II.

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DAY 7: Luxor/Esna/Edfu/Kom Ombo

Cruise to Edfu to explore the second largest and best preserved Greco-Roman temple in Egypt, the extraordinary Temple of Horus, the falcon-headed god. The temple was built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III, and its large size and excellent condition make it easy to imagine what temple worship in ancient Egypt would have been like. Disembark at Kom Ombo ("hill of gold") to visit the lovely Greco-Roman temple, uniquely dedicated to Haroeris (the sun god) and Sobek (the crocodile god). Crocodiles once basked on this stretch of Nile shore, and scores of crocodile mummies have been found here; some are on display in the temple.

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DAY 8: Kom Ombo/Aswan

This morning, cruise to Aswan and then board a motorboat for a short ride to Philae Temple on the Island of Agilika, moved here and painstakingly reconstructed to avoid flooding caused by the building of the Aswan dam. Continue your sightseeing with a visit to the famous granite quarries, site of the Unfinished Obelisk; this enormous monolith illustrates the skills of Ancient Egypt's stonemasons. End the day with a sail around the Aswan islands in a *felucca* (weather permitting). *MS 'Sun Boat IV' B L D*

DAY 9: Aswan/Abu Simbel/Cairo

Leave 'Sun Boat IV' and fly to Abu Simbel, site of the two magnificent temples of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari. The façade of the great temple of Ramses II is dominated by four enormous statues of the pharaoh, each over 60 feet high. Afterward, return to Cairo for an afternoon at leisure, a perfect opportunity for some additional shopping or sightseeing at your own pace.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence B L

DAY 10: Cairo

Start this morning with a visit to the Citadel of Salah el-Din, a spectacular medieval fortress dating from the 12th century and one of the finest examples of Muslim military architecture. Continue to the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, a vast outdoor array of stalls selling everything from food and spices to leather goods and jewelry. Bargaining is expected, so come ready to negotiate. Later, enjoy a traditional lunch at the Arabian-style Naguib Mahfouz restaurant. Named after the Nobel-prize-winning Egyptian author, the restaurant lies in the very heart of the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar and is steeped in atmosphere and history. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. *Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence B L D*

DAY 11: Cairo/USA or Canada

Board your international flight. *B*



The hieroglyphic reliefs of Denderah Temple



PRICE PER PERSON				
Land/cruise arrangements	May - Sep	Single supplement	Balance of year	Single supplement
Nile Deck	\$ 4,895	\$ 1,350	\$ 5,640	\$ 1,725
Main Deck	\$ 5,060	\$ 1,415	\$ 5,780	\$ 1,790
Bridge Deck	\$ 5,160	\$ 1,450	\$ 5,880	\$ 1,820
Promenade Deck	\$ 5,260	\$ 1,480	\$ 5,980	\$ 1,850
Presidential Suite	\$ 6,160	\$ 2,025	\$ 6,880	\$ 2,395
Royal Suite	\$ 6,895	\$ 2,440	\$ 7,595	\$ 2,810
Internal airfare Cairo/Luxor; Aswan/Abu Simbel/Cairo			Economy class from \$ 630	

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2010	Jan 14 - 24	Apr 29 - May 09	Oct 14 - 24
	Jan 28 - Feb 07	Jul 15 - 25*	Nov 04 - 14
	Feb 11 - 21	Aug 05 - 15*	Nov 11 - 21
	Mar 11 - 21	Aug 26 - Sep 05	Nov 25 - Dec 05
	Apr 01 - 11*	Sep 09 - 19	Dec 16 - 26*
	Apr 15 - 25	Sep 23 - Oct 03	
2011	Jan 13 - 23	Feb 03 - 13	Mar 03 - 13
	Jan 27 - Feb 06	Feb 17 - 27	Mar 17 - 27

*New dates and prices may apply in 2011.
*Holiday surcharge will apply.
Departure will be accommodated on board 'Sun Boat III.'