Legends of the Nile
featuring Cairo, Luxor, a Nile Cruise & Abu Simbel

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Cairo, Egypt.

Day 2 | Cairo, Egypt
Transfer to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

Day 3 | Cairo
Grand Egyptian Museum. Tour this new museum that houses precious relics spanning 3,000 years of ancient Egyptian history. The burial treasures of King Tutankhamen, an incomparable trove of 5,000 objects, are displayed together for the first time since his tomb was discovered in 1922. Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

Day 4 | Sakkara | Giza
Sakkara. Journey to this vast necropolis for the ancient capital of Memphis. Visit the Mastaba of Mereruka, the Pyramid Tomb of King Teti and the Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered the first pyramid. Break for lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant. The Pyramids of Giza. Marvel at the awe-inspiring Great Pyramid of Giza, the sole surviving and oldest monument of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The largest of the three Old Kingdom pyramids in the complex, this masterpiece of ingenious engineering was built for the pharaoh Khufu out of roughly 2.3 million massive blocks of stone. Stand before the imposing Sphinx that crouches nearby.

Day 5 | Cairo
Islamic Cairo. Discover Cairo’s many mosques. Pass through the walls of the Citadel, a medieval Islamic fortress complex, to visit the Mosque of Mohammed Ali, also known as the Alabaster Mosque. Continue to the Mosque-Madrassa of Sultan Hassan and the grand Al-Rifai Mosque, where many members of Egypt’s modern royal family are entombed.

Thrill to the eternal allure of Egypt! This stellar, small-group journey features a four-night luxury Nile River cruise and explorations in Cairo and Abu Simbel, all in the company of an expert Egyptologist. Explore the grandeur of ancient Egypt, including the Pyramids of Giza, the Valleys of the Kings and Queens, the Great Temple of Ramses II and much more!

Discuss what you are most curious about with your Egyptologist while exploring together at ancient sites.

Gaze in wonder at the colossal statues of Ramses II at the Great Temple in Abu Simbel.

Stand in awe of towering monuments and dazzling treasures in the Grand Egyptian Museum.

Contemplate the Great Pyramid of Giza, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.

Revel in the delightful hubbub of Cairo’s old bazaar, where bargaining is elevated to sport.

Delight in the natural beauty along the Nile’s banks, a contrast of fertile green valleys and desert beyond.

Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Excursions on this program require:
- walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats
- climbing in and out of excursion boats
- tolerating varying climatic conditions

Enhanced Health & Safety Protocols (see website for details)

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Free Time: Explore the colorful Khan el Khalili bazaar. Relax over a delicious lunch of Egyptian specialties.

_Egyptian Museum._ Opened in 1902, this famed landmark contains priceless Egyptian antiquities including the complete burials of Yuya, Thuya and Psusennes I, and the fabulous treasures of Tanis.

**Day 6** | **Cairo | Luxor**
Check out of the hotel this morning and fly to Luxor.

_Luxor Museum._ Admire impressive artifacts from the temples and necropolis of ancient Thebes. Check in to the Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.

_The Temple of Luxor._ Sail along the Nile aboard a felucca to this sprawling temple, one of ancient Egypt’s most important religious complexes.

**Day 7** | **Luxor**
After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

_Luxor’s West Bank — The Valleys of the Kings and Queens._ Explore several tombs today, including that of King Tutankhamen, in this spellbinding region where New Kingdom pharaohs and their families awaited immortality. Below dramatic limestone cliffs, walk up the ramp that leads to the striking Temple of Queen Hatshepsut designed with colonnaded terraces. After a stop at an alabaster workshop, visit the tomb of Amun-her-Khepeshef featuring superbly preserved murals, and see the majestic Colossi of Memnon.

Embark the Sonesta St. George I, and enjoy lunch.

_Epigraphic Survey of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (Chicago House)._ Learn how the Survey preserves Egypt’s ancient heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration during an exclusive visit.

Delight in a belly-dancing performance this evening.

**Day 8** | **Karnak | Cruising the Nile**

_The Temple of Karnak._ Visit this immense royal burial place which includes a great hypostyle hall with 134 gigantic sandstone columns.

_Free Time:_ After lunch on board, enjoy some leisure time as the ship transits the Esna Lock.

**Day 9** | **Cruising | Edfu | Kom Ombo**
Revel in the Nile scenery on your way to Edfu.

_The Temple of Horus at Edfu._ At this well-preserved shrine, study reliefs that offer details about ancient religious rituals and political life.

As the ship sails to Kom Ombo, gain insights during an engaging discussion with an Egyptologist.

_Temple of Sobek and Haroeris._ Explore this unusual, double temple complex dedicated to the crocodile-headed Sobek, god of fertility, and the falcon-headed Haroeris, god of the sky.

Tonight, enjoy a traditional Nubian show on the ship.

**Day 10** | **Aswan | Abu Simbel | Aswan**
After the ship docks in Aswan, fly to Abu Simbel.

_Abu Simbel._ Visit the spectacular Great Temple of Ramses II carved out of a sandstone cliff along the Nile, and admire the finely preserved temple nearby dedicated to the goddess Hathor.

Fly back to Aswan. After some free time, enjoy a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship this evening.

**Day 11** | **Aswan | Cairo**

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Aswan.

_Temple of Philae and Aswan High Dam._ Sail by felucca for a tour of this island temple dedicated to the goddess Isis. After a visit to the Papyrus Institute to learn how ancient papyrus was made, see the High Dam, an engineering marvel.

Fly from Aswan to Cairo, then relax in your evening room at the InterContinental Citystars Cairo before an early morning departure for your return flights home.

**Day 12** | **In Transit**
Very early this morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

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### Included Features

**Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- 4 nights in Cairo, Egypt, at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.
- 1 night in Luxor at the first-class Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.
- 4 nights aboard the deluxe Sonesta St. George I.
- 1 night in Cairo at the first-class InterContinental Citystars Cairo.

**Transfers** (with baggage handling)
- All transfers in the Land | Cruise Program: flights and deluxe motor coaches.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 5 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner on board the ship; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- AHI Travel Assurance plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- A licensed, professional Egyptologist shares expert insights during your journey.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of drivers and personnel at itinerary stops.

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**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

_Flights & transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants._

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_Above: Pyramids of Giza | Above right: Feluccas on the Nile | Above lower right: Temple of Luxor_