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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Your exclusive Egyptian experience is limited to **28 passengers**.
- **All excursions are included** and guided by a local Egyptologist.
- Visit the best of Egypt's antiquities, including the **Great Pyramid at Giza**, the **Valleys of Kings and Queens** and the **Temple of Ramses II** at Abu Simbel.
- Spend a total of five nights in the treasured capital city of **Cairo**.
- **Cruise on the Nile** as you enjoy fine cuisine and amenities aboard the **Sonesta St. George I**.
- A **relaxed cancellation policy** ensures more security when booking your trip.

EGYPT ... This eternal destination, home of the pharaohs, is a guardian of secrets. Throughout the centuries, the resplendent threads of three cultures — African, Mediterranean and European — have been intricately woven into an exotic tapestry that is today's Egypt, a fusion of splendor and wonder. The essence of Egypt is yours to discover as we present a spectacular adventure into the very heart of this magical country. From the bustling streets of Cairo and the waters of the mighty Nile River to the hidden hieroglyphic tombs in ancient Thebes and the peaceful atmosphere of Abu Simbel, this journey of a lifetime allows you to experience the unique cultural heritage of Egypt and its wealth of historic treasures.

Howdy, Ags!

The ancient riches of Egypt await your discovery and amazement on this spectacular Legends of the Nile program. From Cairo, the capital of Egypt, rich with antiquity, to the treasure-filled towns that dot the banks of the great Nile, visit the prodigious sights that have inspired humanity's collective imagination for thousands of years.

During this 10-night experience, focused on the antiquities along the indispensable Nile River, we will present you the wonders of ancient Egypt and show you the optimistic spirit of its citizens today.

This thoughtfully designed program will connect you to the people, places and culture of fascinating Egypt.

An experienced Travel Director takes care of every detail during your journey, and a dedicated travel staff is committed to ensuring your trip creates many fond memories. Plus, an Egyptologist will lead you on fascinating excursions that offer an in-depth look at the local culture and history of this ancient land.

Space on this memorable journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly. Make your reservation today!

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Jennifer Bohac

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Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel



| UNESCO |

Memphis and its Necropolis, Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis, Historic Cairo and the **Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae** are the UNESCO World Heritage sites featured on this program.



Temple of Hatshepsut



Cairo

| ITINERARY |

DAY ONE

In Transit

Depart for Cairo, Egypt.†

†Provided for AHI FlexAir passengers.

DAY TWO

Cairo, Egypt

Upon arrival, transfer† to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

DAY THREE

B

Cairo

Enjoy breakfast each morning of your adventure.

Excursion: Egyptian Museum. Tour this renowned museum, which houses the world's richest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. Marvel at its expansive display of more than 100,000 fascinating items, including treasures from the tomb of the "boy king," Tutankhamen, such as his gold burial mask. See an incredible exhibit of mummies that are several thousand years old.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

Above: The funerary mask of Tutankhamen, Egyptian Museum, Cairo

DAY FOUR

B | L

Cairo | Giza | Sakkara

Excursion: The Pyramids of Giza. Journey to Giza to view the Great Pyramid, the only surviving monument among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The largest of the pyramids was built using about 2.3 million blocks of stone. Crouching nearby is the mysterious Sphinx, which is one of the most recognizable monuments in the world. Then, explore the fascinating Solar Boat Museum and the new Papyrus Institute.

Local Flavor: Relax during lunch at a local restaurant.

Excursion: Sakkara. In Sakkara, one of the oldest burial sites in Egypt and home to the Step Pyramid of Djoser, visit the Tomb of Kagemni and the Pyramid Tomb of King Teti.

DAY FIVE

B | L

Cairo

Excursion: Islamic and Coptic Cairo. Discover the many mosques, churches and

Below: Khan el-Khalili bazaar, Cairo



Feluccas on the Nile



Luxor Temple

temples in Cairo. Begin your day at the impressive Citadel with the Mosque of Mohammed Ali, followed by a visit to the Rifai Mosque. Explore the Hanging Church and the Church of St. Sergius, believed to be built on the spot where Mary, Joseph and Jesus once rested after fleeing to Egypt. Continue to the historic Ben Ezra Synagogue.

Independent Exploration: Explore the colorful and exhilarating Khan el-Khalili bazaar on your own.

DAY SIX

B | L | D

Cairo | Luxor

Early this morning, check out of the hotel and fly to Luxor.

Excursion: *Luxor Museum.* Discover artifacts

recovered from the area of ancient Thebes. Exhibits include statues found in the late 1980s beneath the floor of the Temple of Luxor and mummies.

Continue to the Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor and check in.

Excursion: *The Temple of Luxor.* Drift peacefully under the graceful sails of a felucca boat on the calm waters of the Nile River to Luxor Temple. Approximately 780 feet in length, the temple's construction began in 1414 B.C. by Amenhotep III.

DAY SEVEN

B | L | D

Luxor

After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

CHICAGO HOUSE

During your stay in Luxor, an exclusive visit to the Chicago House has been arranged to see the Chicago House Method of documentation, preservation and conservation. Founded in 1924, the **University of Chicago's Oriental Institute's Chicago House** has completed epigraphic surveys of important archaeological sites in and around Luxor. The Chicago House Method consists of photographing a surface and printing the image on a coated paper that can be drawn on. After all the details have been sketched, the paper is immersed into an iodine bath that erases the photograph, but keeps the drawings, creating a detailed blueprint of the monument and its intricate carvings. This specially arranged visit will showcase the unique process and allow you to see and learn about their work firsthand.



Above: Chicago House gardens; Right: Camel market



Valley of the Kings

Excursion: Luxor's West Bank ~ The Valleys of the Kings and Queens. Visit the fascinating Valleys of the Kings and Queens, where pharaohs and their families awaited immortality. Amazingly, the hieroglyphics that adorn the walls still spring to life with vibrant color. Step inside several tombs, including that of the legendary King Tutankhamen. Visit the terraced Temple of Hatshepsut before continuing to an alabaster workshop. Continue to the tomb of Amun-her-Khepeshef, the son of Ramses II. Then view the impressive Colossi of Memnon.

Continue to the pier and board the Sonesta St. George I, where you will enjoy lunch.

Excursion: The Epigraphic Survey, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (The Chicago House). Enjoy an exclusive visit to the Chicago House in Luxor, whose mission is to preserve Egypt's ancient cultural heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration. See and learn



more about the Institute's work firsthand.

DAY EIGHT

B | L | D

Karnak | Cruising

Excursion: The Temple of Karnak. Explore the impressive expanse of Karnak Temple. Spread across 60 acres, it is the burial place of the Egyptian royal family of the 18th dynasty.

After lunch on the ship, sail through Esna Lock, then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure on the ship.



Below: Cruise ships docked at Kom Ombo





Temple of Karnak

Tonight, a folklore show will be performed after dinner.

DAY NINE

B | L | D

Edfu | Kom Ombo

The morning is at leisure as you cruise to Edfu. Relax on the deck and watch as tranquil Nile scenery passes by.

Excursion: The Temple of Horus at Edfu. Go ashore at Edfu to visit the Temple of Horus, built around 237 B.C. and finally finished 200 years later. Recognized by archeologists for its unique roof, the mysterious Temple of Horus was buried by desert sand until its excavation in the mid-19th century.

This afternoon, the ship sails to Kom Ombo. After lunch, enjoy a discussion with an Egyptologist.

Excursion: Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. In Kom Ombo, discover the double Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. Kom Ombo's temple complex is unique in that it has an unusual ground plan unifying two adjacent temples, one dedicated to the crocodile-headed Sobek, god of fertility, and the other dedicated to the falcon-headed Haroeris, god of the sky.

Tonight, enjoy an Egyptian dinner followed by a traditional Gallabiya party on board the ship.

DAY TEN

B | L | D

Aswan | Abu Simbel

This morning, the ship docks in Aswan, where it remains for the day. After breakfast, fly to Abu Simbel.

Excursion: Abu Simbel. Admire the colossal Great Temple of Ramses II, a monument commemorating triumphs over the Nubians,



Temple of Horus

Hittites and Syrians. Equally fascinating is the neighboring Temple of Hathor, which honors Queen Nefertari, a beautiful Nubian queen who wed Ramses II as a political peacekeeping tactic, but their story later evolved into one of the great romances in history.

Fly back to Aswan.

This evening, delight in a Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship.

DAY ELEVEN

B

Aswan | Cairo

This morning, disembark the ship.

Excursion: The Temple of Philae and the Aswan High Dam. Board a felucca and sail to the island temple complex of Philae, dedicated to the Goddess Isis. Continue to the High Dam. This engineering marvel of the 1960s, which created the world's second largest artificial lake, provides irrigation and electricity for all of Egypt.

Later, fly to Cairo. Upon arrival, check in to the InterContinental CityStars Cairo.

The remainder of the evening is at leisure.

DAY TWELVE

B

In Transit

Transfer⁺ to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as B | L | D = Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner.

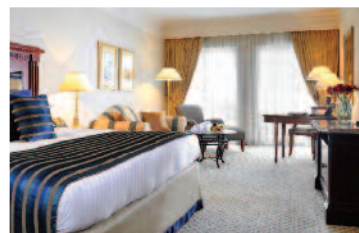
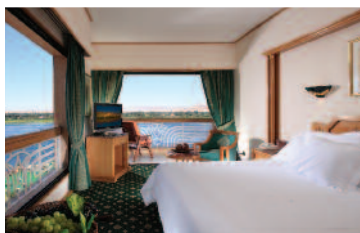


SONESTA ST. GEORGE I

Cruise the Nile River in style aboard the Sonesta St. George I. Comfort and elegance are the prevailing themes in the ship's common areas and accommodations. Sample international cuisine from lavish buffets for breakfast and lunch, and from à la carte menus for dinner. Stop by the Panoramic Lounge for refreshments and stellar Nile River views. The Lounge has a full-service bar and dance floor, while the Piano Bar offers a serene retreat. The ship also offers a swimming pool and sun deck with umbrella-shielded lounge chairs, a jewelry boutique, souvenir shop, fully equipped spa, fitness center and salon. After a long day of exploring the treasures of Egypt, relax in your well-appointed stateroom, finished with wooden floors and soundproofed walls and boasting panoramic French windows and a seating area. The en-suite spa bathrooms are fitted with a steam shower, Jacuzzi and water massage. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



| ACCOMMODATIONS |



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO AT NILE PLAZA

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SONESTA ST. GEORGE HOTEL LUXOR

This sophisticated hotel, which is situated on the east bank of the Nile River, is just minutes from the Valleys of the Kings and Queens. Savor delicious cuisine in the fine-dining restaurants that overlook the Nile from the terrace, relax at the pool or spa, or indulge in treasure hunting at the hotel's luxury shopping arcade. Elegantly decorated guest rooms offer every convenience to ensure an enjoyable stay. Wi-Fi is available.

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Giza



Detail in tomb, Valley of the Kings



Temple of Hathor

| INCLUDED FEATURES |

ACCOMMODATIONS

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- **One night** at the deluxe **Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor** in Luxor.
- **Four nights** aboard the deluxe **Sonesta St. George I.**
- **One night** at the deluxe **InterContinental CityStars Cairo** in Cairo.

MEALS

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- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
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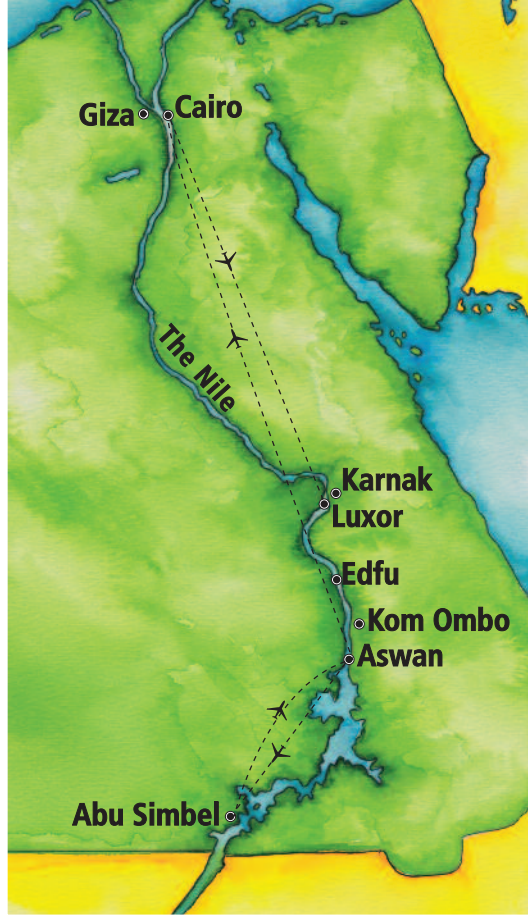
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 - Marvel at Luxor Temple.



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