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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and Egyptologist, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important character in this story is your Egyptologist, who offers you a wealth of knowledge throughout your entire journey to create an incredibly enriching experience.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the Egyptian community, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above and cover photo: Giza

- 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 in a hushed hall of the Egyptian Museum, surrounded by towering monuments and dazzling treasures.
- ► Contemplate the **Great** Pyramid in Giza, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World before your eyes.
- ► Revel in the delightful hubbub of Cairo's old bazaar, where bartering is elevated to sport.
- ▶ Delight in the **natural** beauty along the Nile's banks, a contrast of fertile green valleys and desert beyond.



Howdy, Ags!

The ancient treasures 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 towns along the banks of the great Nile filled with awe-inspiring monuments, visit the wealth of sites that have inspired humanity's collective imagination for thousands of years.

During this 10-night experience, focused on the antiquities along the vibrant 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 captivating 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 to 28 passengers, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly. Make your reservation today!

P.S. Enjoy a relaxed cancellation policy on this program for added security.

Gig 'em!

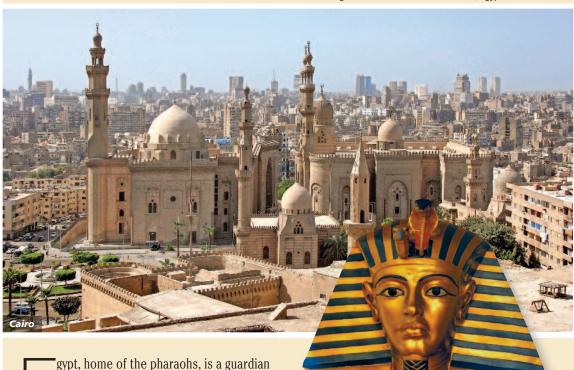
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of eternal secrets. From the hidden hieroglyphic tombs in ancient Thebes to the powerful and serene atmosphere of Abu Simbel, this journey of a lifetime allows you to experience the splendid cultural heritage of Egypt and its wealth of historic treasures. The resplendent threads of three cultures — African, Mediterranean and European — have been intricately woven into an exotic tapestry that is today's Egypt. Discover its enduring allure on the bustling streets of Cairo and along the waters of the mighty Nile River. Create the epic moments of your travel memoir as you immerse yourself in the many layers of Egypt.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Cairo, Egypt.★

DAY TWO

CAIRO, EGYPT

Upon arrival, transfer ★ and check in to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

DAY THREE

CAIRO

Discovery: *Egyptian Museum.* Tour this acclaimed museum, which contains the world's richest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, spanning 5,000 years of antiquity. Marvel at the glittering treasures from the tomb of the "boy king" in the Tutankhamen galleries, including his gold burial mask and sarcophagus. See the mummified remains of pharaohs and queens.

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

DAY FOUR

BIL

CAIRO | GIZA | SAKKARA

Discovery: *The Pyramids of Giza*. Today, view the Great Pyramid of Giza, the only surviving monument among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The largest of the three Old Kingdom pyramids in the complex, it was built for the pharaoh Khufu out of approximately 2.3 million massive blocks of stone. Stand before the mystifying, iconic Sphinx that crouches nearby. In the Solar Boat Museum, see a cedar vessel thought to be over 4,500 years old, intended as transportation for a pharaoh in the afterlife. Visit the Papyrus Institute and learn about the ancient process of making papyrus. Relax during lunch at a local restaurant.

Discovery: *Sakkara.* In this vast and ancient necropolis, visit the Mastaba of Mereruka, the Pyramid Tomb of King Teti and the Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered the first pyramid.





DAY FIVE

BIL

CAIRO

Discovery: *Islamic and Coptic Cairo.* Visit Cairo's most famous Coptic Christian church, the Hanging Church; the Church of St. Sergius; and the historic Ben Ezra Synagogue.

Stop at the El-Nafeza Foundation, a cooperative workshop employing impoverished people, to see beautiful paper being made by hand.

Free Time: Explore the exhilarating and colorful Khan el Khalili bazaar on your own. Enjoy lunch and then continue to the Citadel, a medieval Islamic fortress complex, and visit the Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Conclude your day at the grand Al-Rifai Mosque, where many of Egypt's modern royal family are entombed.

DAY SIX

BILID

CAIRO | LUXOR

Check out of the hotel and fly to Luxor.

Discovery: *Luxor Museum.* Experience the glory of ancient Thebes as you admire artifacts collected from its temples and necropolis. Check in to the Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.

Discovery: *The Temple of Luxor.* Drift along the Nile under the graceful sails of a felucca boat

to Luxor Temple, impressively situated on the riverbank. Two seated statues of Ramses II guard the entrance to this expansive complex, built by several pharaohs over many dynasties.

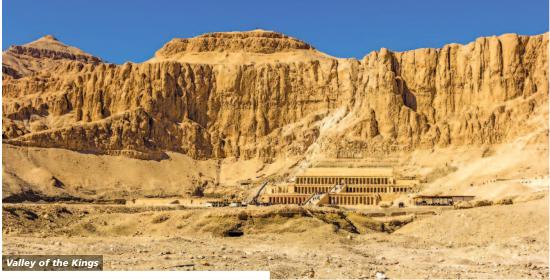
DAY SEVEN

BILID

LUXOR

After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

Discovery: Luxor's West Bank ~ The Valleys of the Kings and Queens. Explore this fascinating region where New Kingdom 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. Walk up the entrance ramp into the striking Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, designed with sweeping, colonnaded terraces. Afterward, stop at an alabaster workshop. See the superbly preserved murals in Amun-her-Khepeshef's tomb, and gaze up at the majestic Colossi of Memnon. Continue to the pier, embark the Sonesta St. George I and enjoy lunch onboard.



Chicago House

In Luxor, enjoy special access to the Chicago House 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. Learn about this unique and fascinating process in an exclusive visit specially arranged for you.

Discovery: *The Epigraphic Survey, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (The Chicago House)*. Enjoy an exclusive visit to the Chicago House, whose mission is the preservation of Egypt's ancient cultural heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration.

Enjoy a belly-dancing performance this evening.

DAY EIGHT

BILID

KARNAK | CRUISING

Discovery: *The Temple of Karnak.* Visit the burial place of the Egyptian royal family of the 18th dynasty, which includes a great hall of 134 gigantic sandstone columns.

After lunch on the ship, sail through Esna Lock, then enjoy free time onboard.



DAY NINE

BILID

EDFU | KOM OMBO

Relax on deck at leisure this morning, and watch the Nile scenery pass by on your way to Edfu.

Discovery: The Temple of Horus at Edfu.

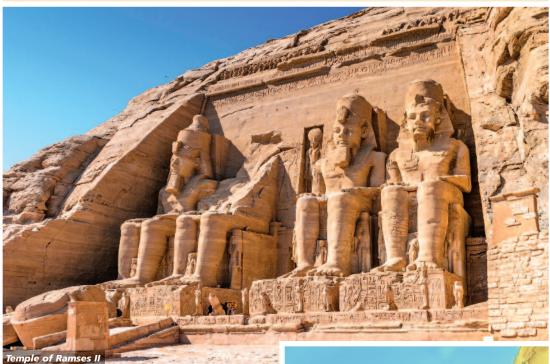
Go ashore to visit this temple, which was built circa 237 B.C. and completed almost 200 years later. Its well-preserved reliefs have provided valuable details about ancient religious rituals and political life.

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

Discovery: Temple of Sobek and Haroeris.

In Kom Ombo, discover this unusual double temple complex. The building's symmetrical ground plan unifies two adjacent temples, one dedicated to the crocodile-headed Sobek, god of fertility, and the other to the falcon-headed Haroeris, god of the sky.

Tonight, enjoy a traditional Nubian show on the ship.



DAY TEN

BILID

ASWAN | ABU SIMBEL

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

Discovery: *Abu Simbel.* Visit the colossal Great Temple of Ramses II, a massive monument commemorating triumphs over the Nubians, Hittites and Syrians. Marvel at the temple's gargantuan size and the mammoth feat of engineering to reconstruct it on higher ground in its present location. The neighboring Temple of Hathor, one of the country's best preserved temples, is equally fascinating. Fly back to Aswan, and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

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

DAY ELEVEN

В

ASWAN | CAIRO

This morning, disembark the ship.

Discovery: *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, an engineering marvel built in the 1960s, which helps to control the Nile's annual flooding and improve the nation's power supply.

Transfer to Aswan's airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, check in to the InterContinental Citystars Cairo.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.



DAY TWELVE

В

CAIRO | IN TRANSIT

Very early this morning, transfer ★ to the airport for your return flights home.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

★ Transfers and flights provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

BILID denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



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 Egypt's treasures, relax in your well-appointed stateroom, finished with wooden floors and sound-proofed 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. Wi-Fi is available.









ACCOMMODATIONS



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Our travel experts have selected these luxury properties, each in a prime location, for your comfort. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel. Their restaurants feature menus of elegantly prepared local and international cuisine. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.



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February 28-March 10, 2018

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C-Lower Deck	\$5,045	\$250	\$4,795*
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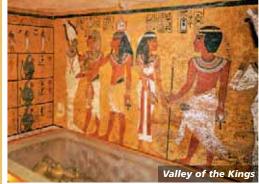
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UNESCO World Heritage

- Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (Temples at Karnak and Luxor; the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens)
- 2. Historic Cairo
- 3. **Memphis and its Necropolis**—the Pyramid
 Fields from Giza to Dahshur
- 4. Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae



INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Four nights at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza in Cairo, Egypt.
- One night at the deluxe Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor in Luxor.
- Four nights aboard the deluxe Sonesta St. George I.
- Day room at the deluxe InterContinental Citystars Cairo in Cairo.

TRANSFERS

- Flight from Cairo to Luxor; a roundtrip flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel; and a flight from Aswan to Cairo.
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the land program, including baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

 Ten breakfasts, seven lunches and five dinners, including a Farewell Dinner onboard the ship; and wine with dinner.



YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Stroll through the renowned Egyptian Museum.
 - Witness the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.
 - Visit Sakkara, home to the tomb of King Teti.Discover Cairo's Islamic and Coptic roots.
 - View the antiquities of the Luxor Museum.
 - Marvel at Luxor Temple.
 - Journey into the Valleys of the Kings and Queens.
 - Enjoy an exclusive look at the Chicago House.
 - Cruise to Karnak and its impressive temple.
 - Wander through the Temple of Horus.
 - Explore the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris.
 - Fly to Abu Simbel to explore the Great Temple of Ramses II.
 - Sail to the temple complex at Philae.
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AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ► **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ Passenger Service Representative | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ➤ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Egyptologist** | We've meticulously selected the most gifted Egyptologists, extremely knowledgeable and licensed professionals who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you and answer your questions. At every stop throughout your journey, your Egyptologist will open your eyes to the depth and breadth of the country's history and make Egypt come to life for you.

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