

Legends of the

Nile



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Inspiring Moments

- ▶ 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 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.

A World Apart

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.

Howdy, Ags!

Discover the ancient treasures of Egypt that await you on this spectacular Legends of the Nile journey! From Cairo, the capital of Egypt rich with antiquity, to towns along the great Nile filled with stunning monuments, marvel at 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, you'll encounter Egypt's wonders and the optimistic spirit of its citizens today. This engaging program has been thoughtfully designed to connect you to the people, places and culture of this captivating country.

Throughout your journey, an experienced Travel Director takes care of every detail, while a licensed Egyptologist accompanies you on all excursions, offering exceptional insights into the history of this ancient land.

Space on this remarkable journey is limited to 28 passengers and fills up quickly, so make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

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Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Cairo, Egypt.✈

Day 2

Cairo, Egypt

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

Day 3

B

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 4

B | L

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.



Top: Mosque of Mohammed Ali, Cairo | Above: Burial mask of Tutankhamen

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.

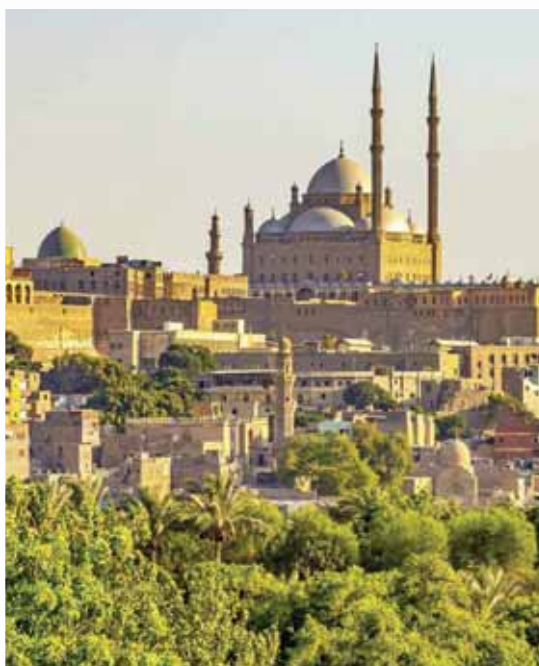
Day 5

B | L

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.

🌍 **AHI Connects: Meet the People.** Stop at the El-Nafeza Foundation, a cooperative



Top: The Sphinx and pyramids of Giza | Left: Cairo | Above: Spices in Khan el Khalili bazaar, Cairo

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 6 B | L | D

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.

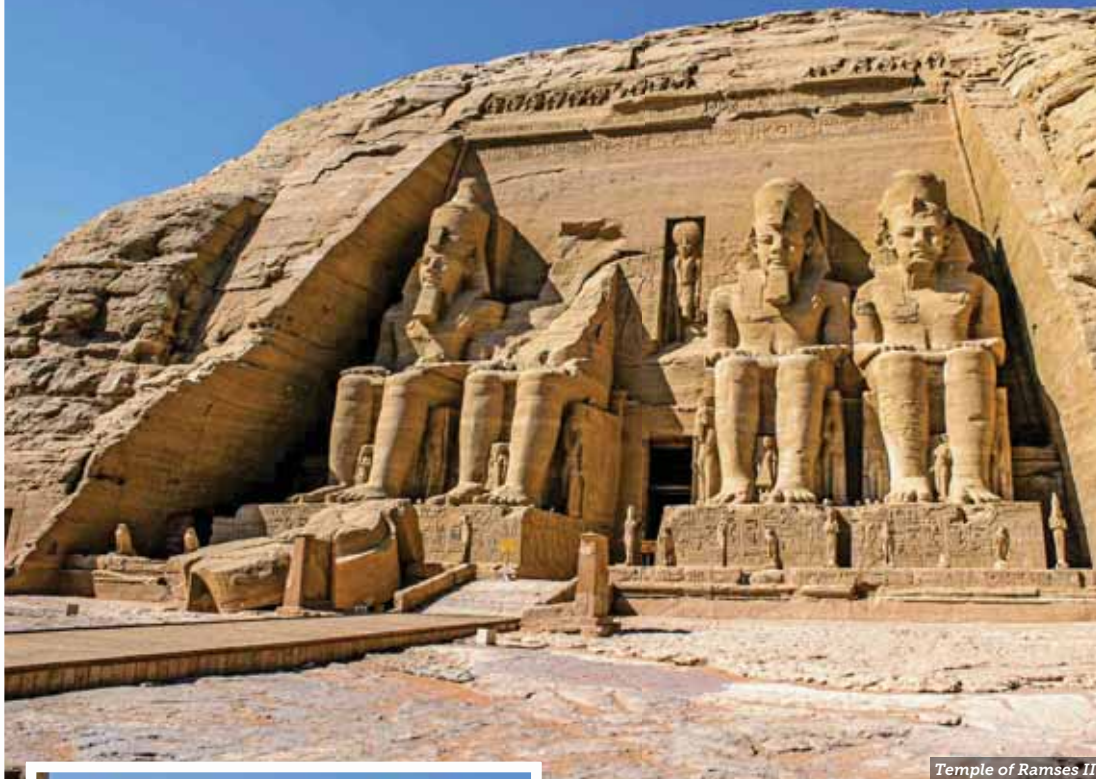
Day 7 B | L | D

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 Amunher-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 on board.



Temple of Ramses II

Chicago House

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.



Temple of Luxor

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 8 B | L | D

Karnak | Cruising the Nile

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 on board.

Day 9 B | L | D

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.



Feluccas on the Nile



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.

This evening, enjoy a traditional Nubian show on the ship.

Day 10 B | L | D

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 on board the ship.

Day 11 B | L

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 12 B

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.

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

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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 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. Wi-Fi is available.



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- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land | Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: March 12-23, 2019

Land | Cruise Program dates: March 13-23, 2019

LAND | CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
C-Main Deck	\$5,145	\$250	\$4,895
B-Middle Deck	\$5,445	\$250	\$5,195
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The Great Pyramid, Giza



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Temple complex at Philae

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INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza in Cairo, Egypt.
- **1 night** at the deluxe Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor in Luxor.
- **4 nights** aboard the deluxe Sonesta St. George I.
- **1 night** 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 | Cruise Program, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 5 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner on board 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.
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 - 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.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of drivers and personnel at itinerary stops.
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Temple of Sobek and Haroeris, Kom Ombo

AHI Travel Expertise

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

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- ▶ **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.
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