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Splendors of the Nile
Egypt
October 22-November 2, 2009
12 days/11 nights
\$3681



A fabulous visit to one of the most fascinating countries in the world! Your journey back in time begins in Cairo, a vibrant metropolis where mosques and minarets are a part of the skyline. Visit the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities that houses thousands of catalogued objects including the golden treasures of King Tutankhamun.

At nearby Giza, high on the Giza Plateau, stand before the great pyramids you have dreamed of seeing. These sand colored triangles seem to rise endlessly into the sky! Nearby is the majestic Sphinx, guardian of the plateau and all that surrounds him.



Your 3 night Nile cruise will be aboard one of the most luxurious of cruise boats. All cabins are tastefully appointed with private bath, air conditioning, and perfect views of the Nile. Cruising the Nile gives you the opportunity to see the perpetual green fields that border the Nile, many still farmed as they were thousands of years ago, and to visit the great temples at Aswan, Kom-Ombo, Edfu and Luxor. Shore excursions and all

meals are included on the Nile cruise.

In Aswan, an afternoon to rest and relax at your hotel overlooking the Nile before an optional excursion the next morning to Abu Simbel to visit the great temple masterpieces created by Ramses II for him and his favorite wife, Nefertari.

In Cairo, enjoy dinner in a lovely private home with an English speaking Egyptian family.

An Egyptologist will accompany us throughout the tour, share his knowledge and provide continuity as we travel throughout the country. Our small groups insure you will hear his every word.

Barbara Osman, President of 4 Seasons Tours and Travel, will accompany the tour to this country she always finds fascinating and which she wants to share with you.



Suggested reading includes:

"THE NILE," AN INSIGHT GUIDE BOOK - text is well written, very descriptive and informative.

"NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER EGYPT" - excellent text, color coded by region, maps of areas. Highly recommended.

Both available at local book stores.



Itinerary

Day 1 - GEORGETOWN/WILMINGTON/JFK AIRPORT

Afternoon departures for JFK Airport and overnight **non-stop flight** to Cairo. Meals D IN FLIGHT

Day 2 - CAIRO

Afternoon arrival in Cairo, and after brief custom formalities, transfer by motorcoach to your deluxe hotel, each room with balconies overlooking the Nile. Meals IN FLIGHT

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Day 3 - CAIRO

Meet your Egyptologist this morning and begin touring with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. The golden treasures of King Tutankhamun will highlight your introduction to the antiquities of Egypt. Afternoon visit to Saladin's 12th century Citadel from which you get a breathtaking view of the city. Nearby is the mosque of Mohammed Ali where you will learn the fundamentals of the Islamic religion. Meals B

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Day 4 - MEMPHIS/SAKKARA/PYRAMIDS/SPHINX

A visit to the ancient capital of Memphis. At Sakkara, in the desert, see the Step Pyramid of Zoser and visit the Tomb of Mereruka. The reliefs within are of ancient local life and show the domestication of gazelles, goats and hyenas. Lunch at the Andrea Restaurant before our visit to the great Pyramids of Egypt. Then visit the nearby huge Sphinx, the earliest truly colossal piece of ancient Egypt sculpture. We have included a camel ride for your pleasure. *Dinner with a lovely Egyptian family this evening!* Meals BLD

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Day 5 - CAIRO/ASWAN

Morning airport transfer for flight to Aswan. An independent lunch at hotel before a leisurely afternoon and felucca (sailboat) sail on the Nile. Later today visit the local market. Your hotel overlooks the Nile. [Meals BD](#)

ASWAN MOVENPICK HOTEL

Day 6 - ASWAN/ABU SIMBEL/ASWAN

Optional flight and tour of Abu Simbel to visit the great temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife Nefertari, which stand tall above Lake Nasser, with return by air to Aswan. Board your cruise boat in time for lunch. Enjoy a free afternoon and evening in this favorite city of the Egyptians. [All Meals](#)

MOVENPICK CRUISE LINE

Day 7 - ASWAN SIGHTSEEING/CRUISE/KOM-OMBO/EDFU

A morning visit to the magnificent island temple of Philae. Sail after lunch to Kom-Ombo to visit the temple shared by two gods overlooking the Nile. Afternoon tea as we sail on to Edfu. [All Meals](#)

MOVENPICK CRUISE LINE

Day 8 - EDFU/LUXOR

A visit by horse and carriage this morning to Edfu's superbly preserved temple of the falcon-god Horus, lord of the sky. Return to the ship and an afternoon of cruising the Nile. Afternoon tea will be served as you cruise the Nile to Luxor. [All Meals](#)

MOVENPICK CRUISE LINE

Day 9 - LUXOR/VALLEY OF THE KINGS AND QUEENS

Disembark your cruise boat for an exciting day as you cross the Nile to the West Bank to visit the Valley of the Kings. Descend into the tombs of the Pharaohs of Egypt, each with magnificent paintings on the walls that look as though they were painted only yesterday. Travel through the desert to Deir el Bahri to visit the impressive Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. You will no doubt be overwhelmed with the beauty of the sites you see today. Two nights at your delightful hotel overlooking the Nile. [Meals BL](#)

JOLIE VILLE RESORT HOTEL

Day 10 - LUXOR

The city of Luxor stretches along the east bank of the Nile and is home to two of the greatest historical sites in the world. The Temple of Luxor, set beside the Nile, is one of the most beguiling of all Egypt's pharaonic monuments. It is approached by the Avenue of Sphinxes, which originally went all the way to Karnak, 2 miles north. Originally raised by Amenhotep III (R. 1390-1352 BC) Ramses II added huge statues of himself. It has a wealth of reliefs and an air of serenity. Nearby is the Temple of Karnak. To the ancient Egyptian it was The Most Perfect of Places. Within the dizzying hypostyle hall stand 134 columns roughly 50 feet high and it takes six men with their arms outstretched to circle one column. Once again you feel the ancient aura of Egypt. This afternoon relax by the pool, enjoy a bird-watching boat cruise excursion or take advantage of the free local shuttle into Luxor. [Meals B](#)

JOLIE VILLE RESORT HOTEL

Day 11 - LUXOR/CAIRO

Depart for the airport and our return flight to Cairo for a visit to Coptic Cairo. Coptic Cairo refers to the years between the old pharaonic religions and before the arrival of Islam, when Egypt was Christian. Our visit will include Abu Serga Church, probably 5th century, built over a crypt where the Holy Family took shelter during their stay in Egypt. Also visit the Ben Ezra Synagogue, the oldest in Egypt. A stop at the Khan el Khalili Bazaar before returning to our

hotel. Afternoon at leisure to pack and relax. [Meals B](#)

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Day 12 - HOME

Board flight for JFK Airport where transportation will be waiting to return you to Wilmington and Georgetown. [Meals B & IN FLIGHT](#)

Tour inclusions:

Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Georgetown and Wilmington to JFK Airport * Roundtrip air on non-stop flights JFK/Cairo/JFK * Air taxes (subject to change until ticketed) * Domestic air in Egypt * Accommodations for 7 nights in deluxe hotels based on double occupancy¹ * Accommodations for 3 nights in junior suites aboard the deluxe Movenpick Cruise Line * Admission to all sightseeing as per itinerary and shore excursions while cruising * Meals include full breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 3 dinners on land portion of tour; all meals aboard the Nile cruise boat * Camel ride at the Pyramids * Hotel taxes and service charges * Transfers between airports, hotels and cruise ship * Gratuities for motorcoach drivers * Luggage handling * Accompanying Egyptologist throughout the tour * Services of Barbara Osman as Tour Director * A pre-departure briefing.

¹Single supplemental \$769

Not Included:

Passport and entry visa fee (visa fee \$20 as of 1/09), gratuities to Egyptologist and ship personnel * Items of a personal nature such as beverages not included with meals, telephone calls and faxes, laundry, etc., optional tour to Abu Simbel * Optional tour to the Sound and Light Show in Cairo.

Conditions:

- **Reservation deposit \$100 due with each reservation.**
- **Balance due September 3, 2009. Tour price is based on a minimum of 20 passengers. Cost of roundtrip transportation to New York is based on a minimum of 20 passengers and be adjusted with fewer than 20.**
- **Cancellations: After final payment date, no refunds.**
- **Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is recommended and available through 4 Seasons Tours and Travel.**

A passport valid for 6 months after your return is required.

A visa for entry into Egypt will be obtained at the airport.