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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Astounding treasures await you on this spectacular journey to Egypt! From lively Cairo rich in antiquity to glorious monuments that dot the banks of the mighty Nile, marvel at breathtaking sites that have captivated humanity's collective imagination for thousands of years.

On this wonderful, 10-night experience, enjoy a four-night, deluxe Nile cruise, five nights in Cairo and one night in Luxor. Stroll through the majestic Temples of Luxor and Karnak, stand before the celebrated Great Pyramid of Giza and marvel at Ramses II's impressive temple carved out of a mountain in Abu Simbel. You'll also take in Cairo's venerable mosques and Coptic landmarks, plus learn how antiquities are preserved with special access at the The Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures of the University of Chicago (Chicago House).

Throughout your journey, a professional Travel Director will be on hand to manage all the details, while a licensed Egyptologist will accompany you on every excursion, offering an exceptional perspective of the history of this ancient land. Space on this enriching experience of a lifetime is limited to 28 passengers and will fill very quickly, so make your reservation today!

With Cougar Spirit,



Mike Pedé ('89)
Associate Vice President
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UNESCO World Heritage

1. **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**
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Al-Muizz Street, Cairo



A World of Discovery



Your next adventure begins in exhilarating Egypt! Thrill to enlightening discoveries in Cairo, Luxor, Abu Simbel and along the Nile in the company of an expert Egyptologist who will guide you through the magnificence of ancient Egypt. Gain intriguing historical and cultural insights as you take in resplendent temples, tombs and treasures together. Join us for an incredibly rewarding experience brimming with extraordinary moments!

Top: The Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza

Above: Temple of Karnak

Cover: Pyramids of Giza | Mail panel: Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Luxor

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 dazzling treasures.
- Ponder the magnificent **Great Pyramid of Giza**, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.
- Admire Cairo's **Islamic and Coptic gems** and revel in its colorful **old bazaar**.
- 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**.



Temple of Luxor

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Cairo, Egypt. 🌐

Day 2 | Cairo, Egypt

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

Day 3 | Cairo

Egyptian Museum. At this famous institution, view spectacular, priceless antiquities spanning 5,000 years of Egyptian history that illuminate ancient traditions, beliefs and everyday life. Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

Day 4 | Sakkara | Giza

Sakkara. This vast site served as the burial grounds for the ancient capital of Memphis. Visit the Mastaba of Mereruka, the Pyramid of Teti and the Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered the first pyramid.

Relish lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant.

Pyramids of Giza. Marvel at the legendary Great Pyramid, an ingenious masterpiece built for the pharaoh Khufu out of roughly 2.3 million massive blocks of stone, and the enigmatic, imposing Sphinx that crouches nearby.

Day 5 | Cairo

Al-Muizz Street & Islamic Cairo. Stroll along lively Al-Muizz, one of the city's oldest streets, lined with grand medieval mosques and Islamic landmarks. Visit the 13th-century Qalawun complex that contains a madrasa, historic hospital and a mausoleum, and then tour the beautiful, 17th-century Bayt Al-Suhaymi house.

Free Time: Explore the Khan el Khalili bazaar. Savor lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Coptic Cairo. Step inside the Hanging Church, one of the oldest Coptic Orthodox churches in Egypt, known for its lovely icons. Head next to the splendid Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus, said to have been built over a cave where the Holy Family sought shelter in exile.

Day 6 | Cairo | Luxor

Check out of the hotel and fly to Luxor.

Luxor Museum. Admire outstanding artifacts collected from the temples and necropolis of ancient Thebes at this informative museum.

Check in to the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa.

Temple of Luxor. Sail along the Nile aboard a felucca to this sprawling complex, originally constructed during the reign of Amenhotep III.

Day 7 | Luxor

After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

Luxor's West Bank — The Valleys of the Kings & Queens. Explore this captivating region where New Kingdom pharaohs and

Khan el Khalili bazaar, Cairo





Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

their families awaited immortality. Go inside once-hidden burial places elaborately adorned with vibrant hieroglyphics, including the tombs of Tutankhamen, Seti and others, and visit the colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. After a stop at an alabaster workshop, see well-preserved murals in the tomb of Amunher-Khepeshef and the Colossi of Memnon. Embark the Sonesta St. George I for your Nile River cruise. Lunch will be served on board.

The Epigraphic Survey, The Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures of the University of Chicago (Chicago House).

Get an exclusive look at the Survey's efforts to preserve ancient cultural heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration. Enjoy a belly-dancing performance tonight.

Day 8 | Karnak | Cruising the Nile

Temple of Karnak. Tour this enormous religious center, which boasts an awe-inspiring hypostyle hall with 134 gigantic columns.

Free Time: Set your own agenda on board after lunch as the ship transits the Esna Lock.

Day 9 | Cruising | Edfu | Kom Ombo

Revel in the Nile scenery on your way to Edfu.

Temple of Horus at Edfu. Tour this finely preserved shrine from 237 B.C. with reliefs inside that offer valuable details about ancient religious rituals and political life.

While cruising after lunch, delve into topics of interest at a discussion with an Egyptologist.

Temple of Sobek & Haroeris. Learn about crocodile-headed Sobek, the god of fertility, and falcon-headed Haroeris, the god of the sky, at this unusual double temple.

Attend a traditional Nubian show on the ship.

Day 10 | Aswan | Abu Simbel | Aswan

After docking in Aswan, fly to Abu Simbel.

Abu Simbel. Visit the stunning Great Temple of Ramses II, which commemorates triumphs over the Nubians, Hittites and Syrians, and the

Temple of Philae






temple dedicated to the goddess Hathor. Fly back to Aswan. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, celebrate your incredible adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

Day 11 | Aswan | Cairo



After breakfast, disembark the ship in Aswan.


Temple of Philae & Aswan High Dam. Sail aboard a felucca to an island complex with a renowned temple to the goddess Isis. After a visit to the Papyrus Institute, check out the 20th-century High Dam, an engineering feat. Fly from Aswan to Cairo and check in to the InterContinental Citystars Cairo. Relax in your evening room before an early morning departure for return flights home.

Day 12 | In Transit

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

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

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 Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa.
- **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.
- **A licensed, professional Egyptologist** shares expert insights during your journey.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
-  **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and personnel at itinerary stops.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

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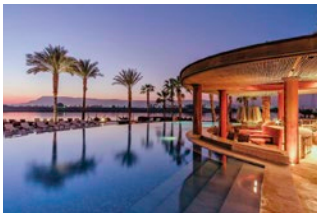
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- climbing in and out of excursion boats
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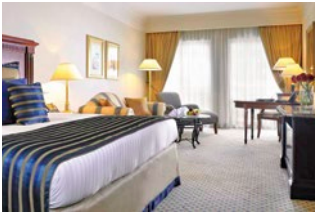
Accommodations



Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza



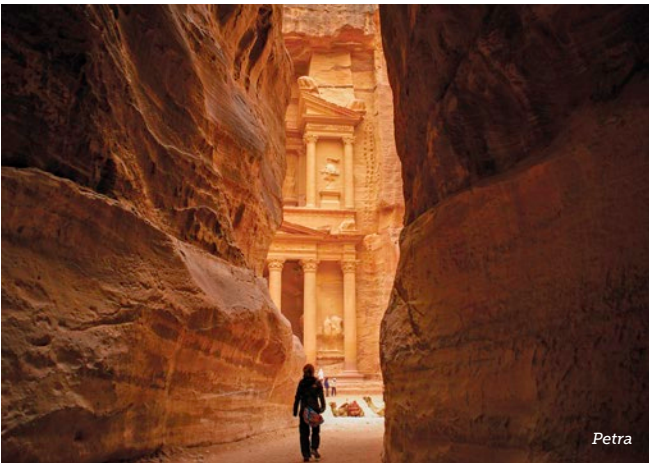
Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa



**InterContinental Citystars
Cairo | Evening room**



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Program Dates

Travel dates ✈

December 9-20, 2025

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

December 10-20, 2025

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land | Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Early Booking Special Price*
C - Lower Deck	\$7,540	\$6,790
B - Middle Deck	\$8,040	\$7,290
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Exploring with Egyptologist

Sonesta St. George I



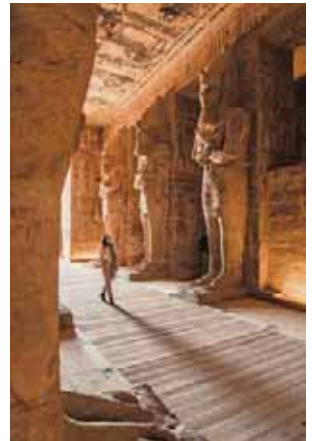
Cruise along the Nile River in comfort and style aboard this beautiful ship, highly regarded for its top-notch service, stellar cuisine and classic elegance. Indulge in international fare and Egyptian specialties at lavish breakfast and lunch buffets and from à la carte dinner menus. Stop by the Panoramic Lounge for scenic river views or linger at the cozy Piano Bar. Relaxation options include a swimming pool, sun deck, spa and wellness center. Each inviting stateroom features French windows, a seating area and an en-suite spa bathroom outfitted with a steam shower, Jacuzzi and water massage. Wi-Fi is available.

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Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
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- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

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 stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators each offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Your Egyptologist, a handpicked, knowledgeable and licensed expert, opens your eyes to the depth and breadth of the country's history and makes Egypt come to life for you at every stop throughout your journey.



Ancient hieroglyphs



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