Discover Egypt and the Nile Valley

An epic journey through antiquity highlighted by stays at luxury hotels and aboard a stately dahabiya

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Accompanied by
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Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

Wander the fabled land of pharaohs and kings—where colossal pyramids, legendary tombs, and towering temples cascade across the terrain. The mighty Nile River welcomes you for an unhurried journey that reveals seemingly limitless vistas of infinite deserts contrasted by metropolitan cities. From biblical times through to modern day, Egypt has been the site of monumental historical events, staggering technological achievements, and compelling human stories.

During this 14-day expedition, traverse the Nile Valley like past explorers and discover ancient treasures including the Great Sphinx, the Temple of Horus, and the tombs of El Kab. Accompanied by expert Egyptologists, you’ll gain in-depth knowledge of Egypt and its antiquities. Then in the evenings, relax among some of the area’s most opulent hotels.

This all-meals-included program also features an exclusive four-night cruise on the Nile River aboard a private dhababiya. This deluxe, 14-guest sailing vessel offers the opportunity to see life on the Nile from a different perspective. As an additional benefit, this unique vessel ports on differing days than larger cruise ships, providing guests a less crowded, more intimate experience while viewing the antiquities.

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Day 1: En Route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
Welcome dinner, evening at leisure
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 3: Cairo / Memphis (B,L,D)
Sakkara Necropolis, Great Pyramid, Great Sphinx
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 4: Cairo (B,L,D)
Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Mosque of Sultan Hassan, Old Cairo, Coptic Churches, Khan El-Khalili bazaar
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 5: Cairo / Flight to Luxor (B,L,D)
Karnak Temple, Luxor Temples
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 6: Luxor / Abydos / Luxor (B,L,D)
Abydos Temple
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 7: Luxor / Esna – Embarkation (B,L,D)
Valley of the Kings and Nobles, Hatshepsut Temple, Colossi of Memnon
Overnight: Amar Dahabiya

Day 8: Nile River / Edfu (B,L,D)
El Kab tombs, special dinner onboard
Overnight: Amar Dahabiya

Day 9: Edfu / Nile / Kom Ombo (B,L,D)
Temple of Horus, Gable El Silsilah, special island BBQ dinner
Overnight: Amar Dahabiya

Day 10: Kom Ombo / Nile / Aswan (B,L,D)
Temple of Kom Ombo, gala dinner
Overnight: Amar Dahabiya

Day 11: Aswan – Disembarkation (B,L,D)
High Dam, Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, evening market tour
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract

Day 12: Aswan (B,L,D)
Elephantine Island, lunch at Nubian house, Sohie Island
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract

Day 13: Aswan / Optional Abu Simbel Excursion / Flight to Cairo (B,L,D)
Abu Simbel excursion (additional fee) or leisure time, flight to Cairo
Overnight: Le Méridien Cairo Airport

Day 14: Cairo / Depart for U.S. (B)

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on uneven surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance.
Program Highlights

• Enjoy two full days exploring Cairo, visiting the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, and Khan El-Khalili bazaar.

• In Luxor, view Karnak Temple—one of the largest religious buildings in the world.

• Travel north beside the Nile to Abydos to marvel at the colorful carvings at Abydos Temple.

• On the west bank of Luxor, visit the Valley of the Kings and Nobles, the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, and Colossi of Memnon.

• Embark in Esna aboard a luxury dahabiya for four nights sailing the Nile River.

• Learn about contemporary Egyptian construction while visiting the Aswan High Dam.

• During an optional excursion (additional fee), view the temples of Abu Simbel, which were relocated after building the High Dam in the early 1960s.

• **What’s included:** 8 nights luxury hotel accommodations plus 4 nights aboard a stately dahabiya; 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 11 dinners; excursion transportation; gratuities to hotels, drivers, dahabiya staff, porters, and guides; and group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Hotel Accommodations (subject to change)

MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE – CAIRO
While touring bustling Cairo, spend leisure time and evenings amidst the luxurious and modern comforts of Marriott Mena House, located just 45 minutes outside of the city. The property offers glorious panoramic views of the Pyramids, 40 acres of lavish gardens, four restaurants and lounges, outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, health club, and full service spa (additional fees for services).

Originally built as a hunting lodge in 1869, Mena House served as a private residence until 1886, when it was opened to the public as a hotel. It has hosted a variety of visitors, including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, and Charlie Chaplin.

SOFITEL WINTER PALACE LUXOR
Perched peacefully on the bank of the Nile River, Winter Palace’s 5-star accommodations provide an alluring atmosphere for a regal respite. During leisure time, roam the manicured gardens, take a dip in the welcoming pool, or simply reflect on your time in Egypt while embracing the spectacular sights from your room.

SOFITEL LEGEND CATARACT – ASWAN
Step back to the time of the pharaohs, surrounded by grandeur and opulence of this 5-star property—with the sights of the Nubian Desert and Elephantine Island at your fingertips. Walk the ravishing grounds, and feel a part of royalty that once frequented the hotel—where King Fouad once entertained Agatha Christie.

LE MÉRIDIEN CAIRO AIRPORT
For your final evening in Egypt, enjoy the stylish accommodations of Le Méridien. This fully soundproofed luxury hotel is conveniently linked to Terminal 3 of Cairo International Airport by a pedestrian bridge.

The property features an impressive sports bar, three restaurants serving Chinese, Lebanese or Mediterranean cuisine, a fitness center, and an indoor pool.
Onboard Accommodations

With a capacity of just 14 guests, the 155-foot Amar Dahabiya was designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure while sailing the Nile River. Her seven staterooms provide spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with en suite facilities.

Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Egyptian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy her three public decks, dining, lounge, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES

Standard: Features one full or two single beds, view window, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 153 sq.ft.

Suite: Features one full or two single beds, view windows, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 187 sq.ft.
Step back in time to the ancient world of the Middle East, where overwhelming historic architecture towers over the present day. Embrace the endless layers of spiritual and religious icons dotting this Holy Land, culminating with a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Dead Sea.

**Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Day 14:** Cairo / Flight to Amman (L,D)  
Guided city tour  
Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

**Day 15:** Amman / Jerash / Ajloun /  
Amman (B,L,D)  
City of 1,000 Pillars, Triple Arched Gate, Hippodrome, Jordan Valley  
Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

**Day 16:** Amman / Madaba / Mount Nebo /  
Petra (B,L,D)  
Guided touring, Orthodox Church of Saint George, Byzantine mosaics  
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

**Day 17:** Petra (B,L,D)  
Guided city tour  
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

**Day 18:** Petra / Wadi Rum / Dead Sea (B,L,D)  
4x4 Jeep desert excursion, Dead Sea leisure time  
Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea

**Day 19:** Dead Sea / Amman / Depart for U.S. (B,L)  
After breakfast, depart on the group transfer to Amman's Queen Alia International Airport for flights home

**What's Included**

- 5 nights luxury accommodations
- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the 6-day itinerary
- Touring by an English speaking guide
- Wadi Rum desert 4x4 Jeep excursion
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Internal airfare from Cairo to Amman
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