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Maximum of
just **12** guests

Luxor

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ABSOLUTE EGYPT

with 3 nights aboard the 33-suite, 5-star Sonesta Star Goddess



Two departures: January 18-February 3, 2020 or February 15-March 2, 2020

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey and just 12 guests
plus an optional post-tour extension to Jordan

Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.

"The tour exceeded our expectations...Steve [Harvey] has endless enthusiasm for ancient Egypt and is a lively host as well. All AIA staff were dedicated, patient, flexible, and quick to smile and laugh...As clients, Dave and I felt safe, appreciated, and pampered...We loved the all-inclusive nature of the tour. AIA took care of all our needs as travelers, so we were free to focus on the fascinating and comprehensive itinerary..." - Lorraine and Dave, Colorado

Dear Traveler,

Absolute Egypt is carefully crafted to provide the discerning traveler with the finest Egypt tour available. It combines all the best attributes of an in-depth, all-inclusive, well-paced luxury trip.

Highlights include:

- Traveling with a distinguished and **engaging American scholar** plus a wonderful **local Egyptologist** and an excellent **trip manager**, who have been working together for years and have received excellent reviews;
- The exclusivity of a maximum of **just twelve participants** plus your triad of leaders;
- A **15-night itinerary**, longer than most Egypt tours, so that your experience is in-depth and not rushed;
- The **best accommodations available**:
 - Pyramid-view rooms at the 5-star [Mena House](#) hotel in Giza for four nights to start your trip;
 - Three nights in Luxor at the 5-star [Old Winter Palace](#) in Luxury Garden rooms that are quieter and larger than the Standard Nile-view rooms;
 - Huge suites (over 400 square feet) with private balconies for three nights cruising the Nile aboard the 33-suite, 5-star [Sonesta Star Goddess](#);
 - Spacious rooms with great views of the Nile cataracts and Elephantine Island in the Nile wing of the 5-star [Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan](#) hotel for three nights;
 - In the middle of the trip you stay one night at the best-available hotel in Abydos so that you can explore two less-visited and fabulous sites, Abydos and Dendara;
 - Special meetings with excavators and conservators, including behind-the-scenes visits, when possible.

Please join our small group of just 12 travelers plus our three expert leaders on either our January or February 2020 departure. It will be an enjoyable, fascinating, and unforgettable adventure.

Sincerely,



R. Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America

Accommodations



In Cairo, start your day with a breakfast buffet at the lovely terrace restaurant of the 5-star *Mena House*.



In Luxor, relax in the elegant main lounge of the 5-star *Old Winter Palace*.



Enjoy your huge suite with balcony aboard the 33-suite, 5-star *Sonesta Star Goddess*.



Admire views of the First Cataract of the Nile and Elephantine Island from your spacious room in the Nile wing of the 5-star *Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan* hotel.



A statue of Ramesses with his wife at Karnak temple. © R.Todd Nielsen

ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)= Reception, (D)= Dinner

Day 1: Saturday, January 18, 2020 or February 15, 2020: Depart Home

Day 2: Sunday, January 19 or February 16: Arrive Cairo, Egypt | Private transfer to hotel in Giza | Welcome dinner

You will be met upon arrival at Cairo's airport and transferred to Giza's historic *Mena House*, a palatial hotel set amid forty acres of gardens, with magnificent views of the adjacent Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops). This evening we gather for a welcome reception and dinner with your three expert trip leaders: AIA lecturer, Egyptology guide, and Trip Manager. *Overnight at the 5-star Marriott Mena House hotel in Pyramid View rooms for four nights.* (R,D)

Day 3: Giza Plateau

Spend the morning exploring the Giza Plateau, including the Great Pyramid of Khufu; Solar Boat Museum; Eastern Cemetery, with its vibrantly decorated mastaba of Meresankh III; mortuary temple of Khufu; timeless Sphinx; and nearby Valley Temple of Khafra. After lunch at a nearby restaurant we return to our hotel, where the balance of the afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy the pool. Gather for dinner at the *Mena House* hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Cairo: Egyptian Museum, Mosque of Ibn Tulun, Gayer-Anderson Museum

Spend the morning at the Egyptian Museum, which houses the celebrated treasures of Tutankhamen and the Royal Mummy Room. After lunch overlooking the Nile we visit two major Islamic sites: the

9th-century mosque of Ibn Tulun (both Cairo's largest mosque in terms of land area and its oldest mosque in its original form) and the adjacent Gayer-Anderson Museum (a superb example of 17th-century domestic architecture with a vast collection of furniture, carpets, curios, and other objects). Return to the *Mena House* hotel this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Saqqara | PM at leisure

This morning we visit the Imhotep Museum on our way into the extraordinary necropolis at Saqqara, where we see the Step Pyramid of Djoser; the pyramid and causeway of Unas; and the mastaba of the "two brothers," Nyankhkhnum and Khnumhotep; and (pending permission) the newly-discovered, closed-to-the-public, 5th-dynasty Tomb of Wah Ti. After an outdoor lunch at Saqqara Palm Club, we return to the *Mena House* hotel for an afternoon at leisure to relax, enjoy the pool, and pack for our early flight tomorrow morning. Gather for dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)



- #** = of hotel nights
- = Overnight stop
- = Itinerary stop
- ✈ = Flights
- = Post-trip extension

* Aboard the 5-star, all-suite
Sonesta Star Goddess

EGYPT

Travel with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey on our meticulously-planned itinerary, featuring premium accommodations and a deluxe, 3-night Nile River cruise. Visit all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel including the stunning tombs of Seti I and Nefertari.

"[Highlights of the trip were the] depth and breadth of exposure to ancient Egypt; amazing, packed itinerary superior to any offered by other tour operators; attention to history, interpretation, and ability to interact, made possible by the small group size."

- N.T., North Carolina



Cairo's 9th-century Mosque of Ibn Tulun, with a staircase that winds itself around the outside of the minaret.



When possible, we see ongoing excavations and conservation work such as cleaning glyphs in the Temple of Khonsu at Karnak.



Passageway at Dendara



Day 6: Fly to Luxor | Karnak | Luxor Temple

Take an early morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. A short drive through town brings us to Karnak, the world's largest temple complex (built over the course of two thousand years), where a generous amount of time is scheduled for exploring this astounding archaeological site. Our visit will include Karnak's Open Air Museum, which has on display many newly reconstructed buildings. Check-in to our elegant, historic hotel on the east bank of the Nile and enjoy lunch and then time at leisure to relax and enjoy the gardens and pool. Before dinner we visit the adjacent Luxor Temple, which is illuminated to striking effect. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sofitel Old Winter Palace](#) hotel in quiet Luxurty Garden view rooms for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Day 7: Luxor | Valley of the Kings | Deir el Bahari | Luxor

In the Valley of the Kings, our morning exploration includes several royal tombs, including the legendary Tomb of Tutankhamen and the spectacular Tomb of Seti I. Continue on to the stunning mortuary temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari, including the Third Terrace Sanctuary of Amun with its beautifully preserved painted decoration. After lunch we return to our hotel on the east bank of the Nile for time at leisure. Gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Luxor | Valley of the Queens | Deir el Medina | Luxor Museum

Spend the morning in the Valley of the Queens, where we gain access to the touching Tomb of Khaemwaset, a young son of Ramesses III; and the Tomb of Nefertari, often called the most beautiful tomb in Egypt. Continue on to Deir el Medina, the ancient village of the workers who built the pharaohs' tombs, where we visit the beautifully preserved Tomb of Sennedjem and the recently restored Ptolemaic Temple of Hathor. Our last visit on the west bank is the tomb of Ramose. We return to the Nile's east bank and visit the small, but excellent, Luxor Museum. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Dendara | Abydos

We set out on a drive through the countryside with boxed lunches to visit two of Egypt's most spectacular and under-visited sites. Our first visit is to the Temple of Hathor at Dendara, which has recently been extensively restored, revealing its startlingly well-preserved painted astronomical ceiling and reliefs. After checking into our simple but conveniently-located hotel, we will visit the archaeological site at Abydos. AIA study leader Stephen Harvey will share his experiences working there over the past 25 years, including information about exciting recent discoveries. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the [House of Life Abydos](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

Day 10: Abydos | Luxor | Embarkation | PM at leisure

Early risers may join Steve Harvey to visit Abydos's spectacularly painted temple of Ramesses II, with scenes of the Battle of Qadesh. After breakfast, we drive back to Luxor, embark our deluxe Nile riverboat, and enjoy lunch and the afternoon at leisure. *Overnight aboard the 5-star [Sonesta Star Goddess](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Day 11: Nile Cruising | Esna

Enjoy a full day for relaxing, lectures, and discussions aboard our luxurious riverboat with 33 suites, all with private balconies. We cruise the Nile admiring timeless scenes, pass through the Esna Lock, and dock for the night at Esna. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Esna | Edfu | Kom Ombo

This morning we cruise to Edfu, where we will visit the Temple of Horus, the best-preserved temple on the Nile. (Recent excavations have also revealed the earlier history of the town.) Continue cruising for most of the day, disembarking once for a short walk to visit the twin Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo, including a visit to the magnificent (though small), new Crocodile Museum. Dock for the night at Kom Ombo. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Aswan | Disembarkation | Philae | Nubia Museum

After breakfast, disembark our Nile riverboat at Aswan and visit an ancient granite quarry with an unfinished obelisk, before taking a short boat ride to the island of Philae for a visit of its Temple of Isis, which has been called Egypt's most beautiful temple. After lunch we check in to our beautiful, recently renovated hotel on the Nile. This afternoon, visit Aswan's elegant Nubia Museum, which exhibits many of the more than 3,000 artifacts recovered during the excavations of Nubian sites that were threatened by the construction of the High Dam. We return to the hotel and gather later for dinner. *Overnight in the Nile wing of the 5-star [Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan](#) hotel for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Day 14: Elephantine Island | Aswan

Embark *feluccas* (small, traditional sailing vessels) to visit the archaeological site on Elephantine Island. Then we take a motor boat ride through the Nile cataract for lunch at a Nubian restaurant. This afternoon, enjoy a walk through Aswan's *sug*, the most charming and traditional of the markets in Egypt, where one can find interesting Nubian ethnographic items such as baskets, pottery, and scarves that are unique to the Aswan area. We return to the hotel and gather later for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Day at leisure in Aswan

Today is at leisure, to relax at our luxurious hotel overlooking the famous cataracts of Aswan. Enjoy a final lecture with generous time for Q&A with both Steve Harvey and our local Egyptologist guide. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Aswan | Fly to Abu Simbel | Fly to Cairo | Farewell dinner

Transfer to the airport early this morning for a short flight to Abu Simbel, where we visit the two world famous and fantastic rock-cut temples of Ramesses II (built to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari). Moved when the Aswan High Dam was built, they are a marvel of ancient and modern engineering. Then fly to Cairo and check-in to our luxurious airport hotel, which features fully soundproofed rooms and, most importantly, direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge. This evening we gather for a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel hosted by our triad of leaders. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport](#).* (B,L,R,D)

Day 17: Monday February 3 or March 2, 2020:

Cairo | Fly home OR begin post-trip extension to Jordan

Check out this morning and enter the airport to catch flights homeward, or begin your post-trip extension to Jordan. (B)



Explore Abydos, where your AIA lecturer has done fieldwork since 1993. The memorial Temple of Seti I (above) contains a famous inscription known as the "Abydos King List."

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host

Since 1993, **Stephen Harvey** (Ph.D., U. of PA) has been Director of the Ahmose and Tetisheri Project, which centers on excavation of the monumental complex of King Ahmose at Abydos, under the aegis of the Pennsylvania-Yale-Institute of Fine Arts, NYU Expedition to Abydos. Steve's fieldwork in and around the pyramid complex of Ahmose (ca. 1550-1525 B.C.) has provided important new insight into temple architecture and decoration at the outset of Egypt's New Kingdom. He has been working on archaeological projects in Egypt (including at Giza and Memphis) since 1987, and has also worked on projects in the U.S., Syria, and Turkey. Steve has been consulted on and interviewed for a number of television documentaries for NOVA on PBS, the History Channel, National Geographic, and the Travel Channel (among others). In 2013-14 and 2008-09, he lectured on the Archaeological Institute of America's national circuit. Steve has also been a lecturer on many study tours to Egypt sponsored by major U.S. and UK institutions, including fifteen AIA tours of Egypt since 2002.



Optional, Post-Tour Extension
(5 days)

JORDAN

February 3-7 or
March 2-6, 2020



Wadi Rum, Nabataean Temple Trail. In the valley is the Wadi Rum Village, dwarfed by the surrounding mountains.



Above, the Oval Forum at ancient Jerash. Center and below, the famous Treasury at Petra.

Jordan is home to great cultural wonders, warm and hospitable people, and stunning desert and mountain landscapes. On this **five-night itinerary** you will explore superb ancient and early Christian sites, as well as the modern Arab city of Amman. Enjoy **fine accommodations and meals**, plus travel and learn with **AIA lecturer/host Stephen Harvey** (with 5 or more participants) and an **excellent local guide**, making this an exceptional opportunity to witness some of Jordan's greatest highlights.

Day 1: February 3 or March 2, 2020: Cairo | Fly to Amman, Jordan | The Jordan Museum | Amman city tour | ACOR

Take a group flight (time TBD) from Cairo to Amman, where we are met at the airport (AMM). First we explore The Jordan Museum, which provides an introduction to the people and cultures of Jordan throughout all periods of the country's history, including archaeological material. Then we set out on a city tour, starting at the Citadel, visiting the 8th-century Omayyad Palace; the Temple of Hercules, which was dedicated to the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius in the 2nd century; a small Byzantine church; and the old Roman city's restored odeon and its theater, which seated 6,000 people. Before dinner this evening, and schedule permitting, visit the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) for a private tour with its Director. *Overnight at the 5-star*

Intercontinental Jordan Hotel for two nights. (L,D)

Day 2: Jerash | Ajloun Castle | Amman

Begin today with a drive to the impressive Roman city of Jerash, nestled in a green, fertile valley. Stroll along the city's colonnaded streets and through ancient marketplaces, and visit imposing theaters sitting beside Roman, Christian, and Muslim houses of worship. Continue on to one of the best-preserved examples of medieval Arab military architecture in the Near East, the spectacular, 12th-century Ajloun Castle. Return to Amman in time for dinner. (B,L,D)



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Day 3: Mt. Nebo | Madaba | Lunch at a local home | Um er-Rasas | Petra

After breakfast, depart for Mt. Nebo, from where we will have a clear view of the surrounding terrain, including the mountains of Moab, Jerusalem, and Judea. Continue on to Madaba, which has been inhabited for about 4,000 years and contains the most impressive work of art to survive from the mid-6th century: a mosaic map of the ancient Holy Land, the oldest one in existence, located in St. George's Greek Orthodox Church. Visit the site's ruins of the 6th-century basilica, the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, and the monastery; as well as the Church of Saints Lot and Procopius, Martyrs, which contains a masterpiece of the Madaba School of mosaics. After a cooking demonstration and lunch at a local home we set out for Petra, stopping along the way to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Um er-Rasas, a walled site with several well-preserved churches and mosaics. Arrive in Petra, check-in to our hotel, and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star Mövenpick Resort Petra for two nights. (B,L,D)*

Day 4: Petra

Early this morning we will walk about a mile through the *siq* (gorge) that takes us into (and, later, out of) the splendid Nabataean capital city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our first view of the rose-red city of Petra, carved almost 2,500 years ago, is the dazzling Al-Khasneh Farun (Treasury). From there we walk along the Streets of Façades and view the magnificent tombs, theater, markets, Petra Church (with its glorious mosaics), and Great Temple. Late this afternoon we visit the small site museum and then return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. (B,L,D)

Day 5: February 7 or March 6: Wadi Rum | Amman | Fly Home

Depart Petra early this morning, driving through Wadi Rum Protected Area, which is a mixed natural and cultural UNESCO World Heritage site. Wadi Rum's desert landscape varies from narrow gorges to natural arches and towering cliffs, and 12,000 years of human occupation are evidenced by petroglyphs and archaeological ruins. After a simple, traditional lunch served in the shade of a Bedouin tent, we drive to Amman and enjoy dinner. Private transfers to the airport (AMM) late this evening and tomorrow are provided to catch independent flights homeward. *Overnight at the 5-star Intercontinental Jordan Hotel. (B,L,D)*



Abu Simbel, whose two temples were commissioned by pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century B.C.

Main Tour Prices Per Person (15 nights)

Double Occupancy (9 to 12 participants)	\$10,995
Double Occupancy (7 to 8 participants)	\$11,695
Single Supplement*	\$2,545

With fewer than 7 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Optional Post-Tour Extension Prices Per Person (5 nights)

Double Occupancy (5 or more participants)	\$3,695
Single Supplement*	\$975

With fewer than 5 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

**Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*

Additional Options in Egypt:

Upgrade: Most accommodations are 5-star, but you may choose to upgrade both in Luxor and Aswan to larger suites for a total of 6 nights:

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total per Person (6 nights)
<u>Old Winter Palace, Luxor</u> (garden view) & <u>Nile wing at the Sofitel Legend</u> <u>Old Cataract Aswan</u>	Suites	Double	\$1,126
		Single	\$1,924

Pre-Tour Hotel per Night: Consider arriving early in Cairo (includes a private airport transfer to the *Mena House* hotel).

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total per Room
<u>Mena House, Giza</u>	Pyramid View (includes breakfast)	Double	\$330
		Single	\$310

"I enjoyed everything. Best tour I have ever taken. Accommodations and food were all excellent. The scheduling was excellent and worked perfect for me. I like to be kept busy and see as much as possible, which we did. I have no criticism."

- Willow, Washington

Main Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Stephen Harvey**, plus a professional **trip manager** and an experienced **local guide**
- **15 nights' accommodations** as indicated in the itinerary, including a three-night cruise aboard a luxurious Nile riverboat
- **All meals** with non-alcoholic beverages, plus **welcome and farewell cocktail receptions**
- **All entrance fees** to all sites listed in the itinerary
- **All airport transfers and portorage** within Egypt, including **private transfers** on the day of your arrival
- **All transportation** in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, **including three in-program, domestic flights**
- **Bottled water** during all excursions and motorcoach transfers
- **All gratuities** to local guide, trip manager, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and waiters for included meals
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including what to pack and a suggested reading guide

Extension Price Includes:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Stephen Harvey** (with 5 or more participants), plus an English-speaking guide
- **All transportation**, including a flight from Cairo to Amman, and private departure transfers
- **Five nights in 5-star accommodations**
- **All entrance fees** to all sites listed in the itinerary
- **All meals** with non-alcoholic beverages
- **All gratuities** to hotel staff, local guide, waiters, and drivers

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request and can be viewed online at www.aiatours.org.



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Main Tour and Extension Prices Do Not Include: Round-trip airfare to/from Cairo (or from Amman for extension passengers); passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; beverages (except as indicated); excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; any activities or expenses not specified in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service.

Cancellation and Refunds: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least 90 days prior to departure will receive a refund less a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received between 61 and 89 days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. No refunds will be made for cancellations received within 60 days prior to departure. You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).

Note: Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-AIA Egypt2020." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

Air arrangements and transfers: Airfare to/from Cairo (or from Amman for those on the extension) is not included. Complimentary private transfers in Egypt on arrival at Cairo airport (CAI) are included. Participants joining the extension will be flying home from the Amman airport (AMM), with private departure transfers included. The flight from Cairo to Amman is included in the extension price. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry, with average daytime temperatures in the mid- to high 80s F and nighttime temperatures dipping to the low 60s F. Expect temperatures in Jordan to be slightly cooler, ranging from the low to high 70s F and nighttime temperatures can go as low as the mid-40s F. *Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.*

AIA & the AIA Tours Program

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.



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RESERVATION FORM

ABSOLUTE EGYPT

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

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Name 1

(as it appears on passport)

Name 2

(as it appears on passport)

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone (home)

Phone (cell)

Email(s)

SELECT YOUR DEPARTURE:

☐ January 18 - February 3, 2020

☐ Add Feb. 3-7 optional Jordan extension

- or -

☐ February 15 - March 2, 2020

☐ Add Mar. 2-6 optional Jordan extension

☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (*one bed*) ☐ Twin (*two beds*) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: _____ ☐ Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker

☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

☐ I/We wish to upgrade my/our room to suites at the *Old Winter Palace* (Luxor) & in the Nile wing of the *Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan*.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

☐ Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account-AIA-Egypt2020

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☐ Master Card

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Exp. Date

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Name on Card

Please complete this reservation form, sign the release statement below, enclose your deposit, and "submit" by email, mail, or fax to:

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In addition, Sponsor is not liable for its own negligence, and participant assumes all risk thereof. **CHANGES IN ITINERARY OR FEATURES:** Sponsor reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Sponsor shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Sponsor may cancel a trip (or an option) for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant. Sponsor is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including, without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization, or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Sponsor is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Sponsor makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure. **LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. **PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:** All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need of a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will assist them throughout and will be responsible for handling equipment. Participants must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from their traveling companion, and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. **REFUNDS:** Prices quoted are based on group participation. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which participants choose not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for any reason, nor to participants whose entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. **TRIP INSURANCE:** Sponsor strongly recommends that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsor and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsor will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsor reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsor upon notice to the participant of such increases. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsor will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Sponsor reserves the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Sponsor, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsor is able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsor, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the U.S. State Department and the Centers for Disease Control publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html> and <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving your final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsor reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.