

ABSOLUTE EGYPT

Featuring two full days at the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)

January 27 - February 14, 2026 (19 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

including 4 nights aboard private, 8-cabin dahabiya sailing vessels



Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host



Since 2002, **Stephen Harvey** (Ph.D., U. of PA) has accompanied 25 AIA Tours of Egypt, plus AIA Tours land programs in Jordan and

Sudan, and an AIA-sponsored cruise from Jordan to Cyprus via Egypt and Lebanon, all to excellent reviews.

Since 1993, Steve 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.

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Dear traveler,

This itinerary is carefully crafted to provide discerning travelers with the finest Egypt tour available. Our 19-day program is the most in-depth exploration of ancient Egypt's greatest sites, combining all the best attributes of a small-group, all-inclusive, well-paced, luxury trip.

- Learn with a distinguished and engaging American scholar plus a wonderful local Egyptologist and an excellent tour manager. This trio has been receiving accolades for many years.
- Travel with a maximum of just 16 guests plus your trio of leaders.
- Enjoy the best accommodations, including 11 nights at luxurious, 5-star
 hotels in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, and Giza; two nights at the historic 4-star Sofitel
 Winter Palace Luxor Hotel; and a four-night Nile cruise aboard a comfortable,
 eight-cabin dahabiya (traditional Nile sail boat).
- Meet with excavators and conservators, including behind-the-scenes visits, when possible.
- Discover the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel:
 - o Spend two full days exploring the Grand Egyptian Museum.
 - See the amazing Giza pyramids and Sphinx as well as Saqqara's Step Pyramid of Djoser and the closed-to-the-public Tomb of Wah Ti.
 - Explore the astounding temple complex of Karnak as well as Luxor Temple, plus spectacular royal mortuary temples and tombs in the Valley of the Kings.
 - Visit two remarkable, less-visited temples: the Temple of Hathor at Dendera and the Temple of Khnum at Esna. Both have exquisite columns and wellpreserved, painted astronomical ceilings.
 - Cruise the Nile from Esna to Aswan aboard an eight-cabin sail boat, away
 from the convoys of large riverboats, so that we may visit remarkable temples
 without the typical crowds. From the spacious top deck, observe timeless
 pastoral scenes of *feluccas*, farmers, herders, and village life.
 - Fly to Abu Simbel to visit the stunning and enormous rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and Nefertari.

This is the most inclusive and fascinating introduction to Egypt available. It is limited to just 16 guests, so I urge you to reserve your space today.

Sincerely,

Lauren Cummings

Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America





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

Tuesday, January 27, 2026: Depart home

Wednesday, January 28: Arrive Cairo, Egypt | Private transfer to hotel in Giza

You will be met upon arrival at Cairo International Airport (CAI) and transferred to Giza's historic *Mena House*, a palatial hotel set amid 40 acres of gardens, with magnificent views of the adjacent Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops). Gather for dinner at the hotel. *Four nights at the 5-star Marriott Mena House hotel in Pyramid View rooms*. (D)

Thursday, January 29: Giza: AM Giza Plateau, PM at leisure | Welcome reception & dinner Spend the morning exploring the Giza Plateau, including the Great Pyramid of Khufu; 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. This evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner with our three expert trip leaders: AIA lecturer/host, Egyptology guide, and tour manager. (B,L,R,D)

Friday, January 30: Giza: Grand Egyptian Museum, Optional PM at leisure

The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), located less than two miles from our hotel, is the world's largest archaeological museum, spanning over 120 acres and showcasing over 100,000 artifacts from ancient Egypt. We will spend the morning with our expert AIA lecturer and Egyptology guide learning about stunning artifacts from various periods of ancient Egyptian history, including the complete Tutankhamen collection and the reconstructed Khufu solar boat. Exhibits are organized thematically across 12 galleries, covering society, kingship, and beliefs from 3100 B.C. to A.D. 400. The museum features a grand atrium with monumental statues such as that of Ramesses II. A staircase lined with pharaonic sculptures leads to a viewing platform offering vistas of the Giza pyramids. After lunch in the Museum, you have the option of returning to our hotel to relax and enjoy its luxurious amenities, or continue your visit of the Museum's galleries independently before returning to the *Mena House* for dinner. (B,L,D)

Saturday, January 31: Saggara | Giza

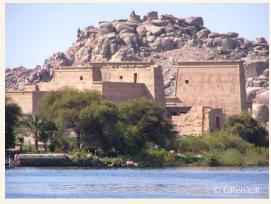
This morning we visit the small Imhotep Museum at the entrance to the extraordinary necropolis at Saqqara, where we see the Step Pyramid of Djoser; the pyramid and causeway of Unas; the mastaba of the "two brothers," Nyankh Khnum and Khnumhotep; and (pending permission) the closed-to-the-public, 5th-dynasty Tomb of Wah Ti. We return to our hotel for some time to relax, attend a lecture, and enjoy dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, February 1: Giza: Grand Egyptian Museum, Optional PM at leisure | Fly to Luxor This morning we return to view more of the GEM's extraordinary collections not seen on Friday. After lunch in the Museum, you have the option of returning to our hotel to relax or continue visiting more galleries independently. Later we all transfer to the airport for our evening flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, we check-in to our historic, colonial-era hotel located on the East Bank of the Nile, in the city center

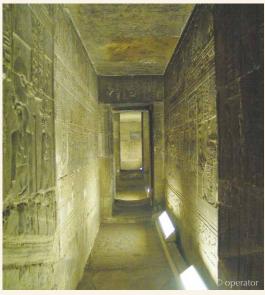


"Extremely well organized. The team of Enass, our guide, Steve, the archeologist and Mahmoud, the organizer worked brilliantly with one another. Each contributed their skills to make the trip work flawlessly. The hotels were all spectacular."

- A., California









Above, from top: Temple of Isis at Philae; When possible, we see ongoing excavations and conservation work such as cleaning glyphs in the Temple of Khonsu at Karnak; Passageway at Dendera; Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari

near Luxor Temple and the bazaar. We stay in the hotel's original wing that has hosted royalty and celebrities for over a century. Dinner is at the hotel. *Two nights at the 4-star Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel (Old Wing)*. (B,L,D)

Monday, February 2: Luxor (East Bank): AM Karnak, PM at leisure, Luxor Temple

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 and immense archaeological site. Our visit will include Karnak's Open-Air Museum, which has many newly reconstructed buildings on display. We return to our hotel to enjoy lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Before dinner we visit the iconic and well-preserved Luxor Temple, which is illuminated to striking effect and conveniently located adjacent to our hotel. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, February 3: Luxor (West Bank): Valley of the Kings, Deir el BahariWe check-out of the *Winter Palace* and drive across the Nile to the famous Valley of the Kings, where we explore several royal tombs, including the legendary Tomb of Tutankhamen and the spectacular Tomb of Seti I. Drive to the nearby, stunning mortuary temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari, including the Third Terrace Sanctuary of Amun with its beautifully preserved painted decoration and two newly opened sanctuaries featuring representations of Senen Mut, Hatshepsut's architect. Continue on to our beautiful hotel, like a desert oasis embellished with reclaimed materials from historic buildings, surrounded by more than 24 acres of palm groves and exotic gardens. Settle in and gather for dinner. *Three nights at the 5-star Al Moudira Hotel*. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, February 4: Luxor (West Bank): AM Dendera, PM at leisure This morning we drive along the Nile's West Bank to the Temple of Hathor at Dendera. This is one of the most stunning temples in Egypt with a startlingly well-preserved painted astronomical ceiling and reliefs. We return to our hotel for lunch and a relaxing afternoon to enjoy the hotel's property and luxurious amenities. Gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, February 5: Luxor (West Bank): Howard Carter House, Deir el Medina, Tomb of Ramose

Today we begin with a visit to the Howard Carter House, former residence of British archaeologist Howard Carter, renowned for discovering the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamen in 1922. A dozen of the home's furnished rooms have been restored, including Carter's study, library, and photo lab, showcasing Carter's excavation tools, cameras, photographs, and personal belongings. We continue on to Deir el Medina, the ancient village of the workers who built the pharaohs' tombs, where we visit the beautifully preserved and decorated tombs of Sennedjem and Inherkhau. We then visit the Valley of the Nobles with the famous Tomb of Ramose—the highest official (vizier) to serve the pharaohs Amenhotep III and Akhenaten. Return to our hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, February 6: Luxor (East Bank): Luxor Museum | Esna | Embarkation This morning we drive back across the Nile and visit Luxor Museum, one of the best museums in Egypt. Continue driving to Esna to visit the recently restored Temple of Khnum, with its wonderful astronomical ceiling with previously unknown names of ancient Egyptian constellations. At Esna we embark our sailing vessels, traditional Nile sailboats called *dahabiyas*, which will be our homes-away-from-home for the next four nights. Our group will sail aboard two of these smaller-sized vessels that will travel together and avoid the crowds cruising in a convoy of much larger Nile riverboats. We enjoy a late lunch as we sail up the Nile. The afternoon is at leisure, viewing timeless scenes of Egyptian life along the Nile until we gather for dinner onboard. *Four nights aboard an eight-cabin* dahabiya. (B,L,D)

Saturday, February 7: El Kab | Edfu | Sailing the Nile

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast onboard before visiting El Kab, one of the oldest settlements of Upper Egypt and now a famous necropolis with remarkable tombs of nobles and army generals. Continue to the city of Edfu for a tour of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus, Egypt's most complete and best-preserved temple. Return to our *dahabiyas* and relax as we sail up the Nile. This evening, enjoy an onboard dinner of Egyptian specialties presented with a performance of local music and dancing. (B,L,D)



Sunday, February 8: Nubian village | Gebel el-Silsila | Sailing the Nile

In the morning, we set out to visit a beautiful Nubian village island and experience the vibrant local culture. We return to our *dahabiyas*, where we will enjoy lunch while sailing. Next, we visit Gebel el-Silsila, located at the narrowest point along the entire length of the Nile. It was the location of a major New Kingdom sandstone quarry and workshop where artifacts and tombs were discovered. Spend the balance of the day sailing the Nile. (B,L,D)

Monday, February 9: Kom Ombo | Sailing the Nile

Sail onward to the twin Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo, including a visit to the magnificent (though small), new Crocodile Museum. Continue sailing toward Aswan and partake in a final gala dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, February 10: Aswan: Disembarkation, Philae, PM at leisure

Disembark our *dahabiyas* this morning at Aswan and visit an ancient granite quarry with an unfinished obelisk. Set out on 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, enjoy a walk through Aswan's *souq*, 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. Check-in to our hotel on the Nile and enjoy the afternoon at leisure until we gather for dinner. *Three nights at the 5-star Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan hotel*. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, February 11: Elephantine Island | PM at leisure in Aswan

Take a morning excursion aboard *feluccas* (small, traditional sailing vessels) to visit the archaeological site on Elephantine Island. Set out on a motorboat ride through the Nile cataract for lunch at a Nubian restaurant. We return to our hotel for time at leisure in Aswan and then gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, February 12: Aswan: AM Nubia Museum, PM at leisure | Farewell reception & dinner This morning we 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. After lunch, the balance of the afternoon is at leisure to relax at our luxurious hotel overlooking the famous cataracts of Aswan. This evening, we gather for a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel hosted by our trio of leaders. (B,L,R,D)

Friday, February 13: Fly to Abu Simbel | Fly to Cairo via Aswan

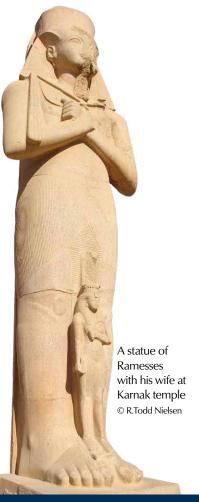
Transfer to the airport early this morning for a short flight to Abu Simbel, where we visit the two world-famous, rock-cut temples of Ramesses II (built to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari). Moved when the Aswan High Dam was built, they are a marvel of ancient and modern engineering. Transfer to the airport for a short flight to Aswan and a connecting flight to Cairo, where we check-in to our luxurious airport hotel featuring fully soundproofed rooms. Dinner is at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star Le Méridien Cairo Airport hotel.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, February 14: Fly home

Check out this morning and enter the airport (our hotel has direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge, as well as a free shuttle to Terminal 2) to catch flights homeward. (B)

"Egypt far exceeded my expectations and was brought to life through our excellent leaders and the engagement of the participants."

- Lore, California





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

Tour Prices Per Person (17 nights)

Double Occupancy (12-16 participants)	\$16,445
Double Occupancy (9-11 participants)	\$17,145
Single Supplement	\$4,225

With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

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

Additional Upgrade Options:

Hotel Package: You may choose to upgrade to suites both in Luxor (East Bank) and Aswan for a total of 5 nights:

Hotel	Description	Оссирапсу	Total per person (5 nights)
<u>Sofitel Winter Palace,</u> Luxor (garden view)	Suites	Double	\$2,975
Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan		Single	\$3,485

Nile River Cruise Upgrade:

Dahahiya (4 nights)	Upgrade to Suite	Total cost per suite (single or double)
Dahabiya (4 nights)	Upgrade to Suite (limited availability)	(single or double) \$1,100

Flights and Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Complimentary private transfers in Egypt on arrival at Cairo International Airport (CAI) are included. In-program flights are included in the prices and will be booked for you. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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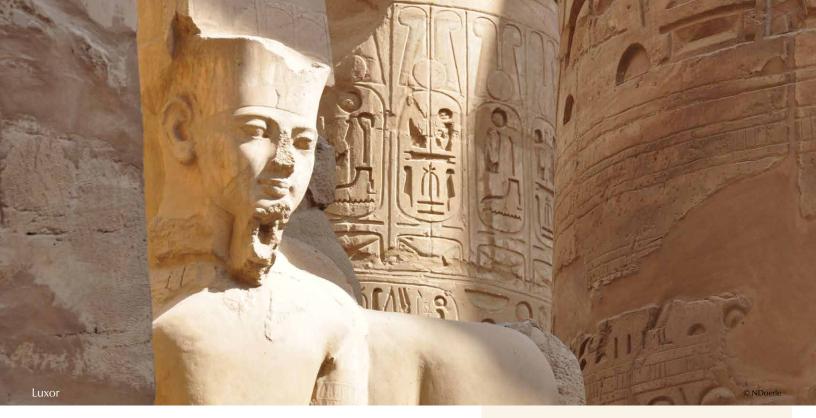
- Leadership of AIA lecturer/host Stephen Harvey, plus a professional tour manager and an Egyptology guide
- 17 **nights' accommodations** at 4- and 5-star hotels and aboard a private Nile sail boat (*dahabiya*)
- All meals with non-alcoholic beverages, plus welcome and farewell cocktail receptions with open bar
- Egypt visa entry and processing fees
- All entrance fees to all sites listed in the itinerary
- All airport transfers and porterage within Egypt, including a private transfer on your arrival day
- All transportation in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, including four in-program flights
- Bottled water during all excursions and motorcoach transfers
- All gratuities to local guide, tour manager, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and servers for included meals
- Comprehensive **pre-departure information**, including what to pack and a suggested reading/media guide

Tour Prices Do Not Include: Passport fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; meals and beverages (except as indicated); excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

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 AIA-EgyptSH1/26." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be made by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer 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.

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Prices, itinerary, accommodations, 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 participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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"Astounding experience...fabulous leaders."
- Ann, California

What to Expect



MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.

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. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. 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. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry. Average daytime temperatures may range from the mid-60s to mid-70s F, and nighttime temperatures may dip into the high 40s F. Complete predeparture details will be sent to participants.



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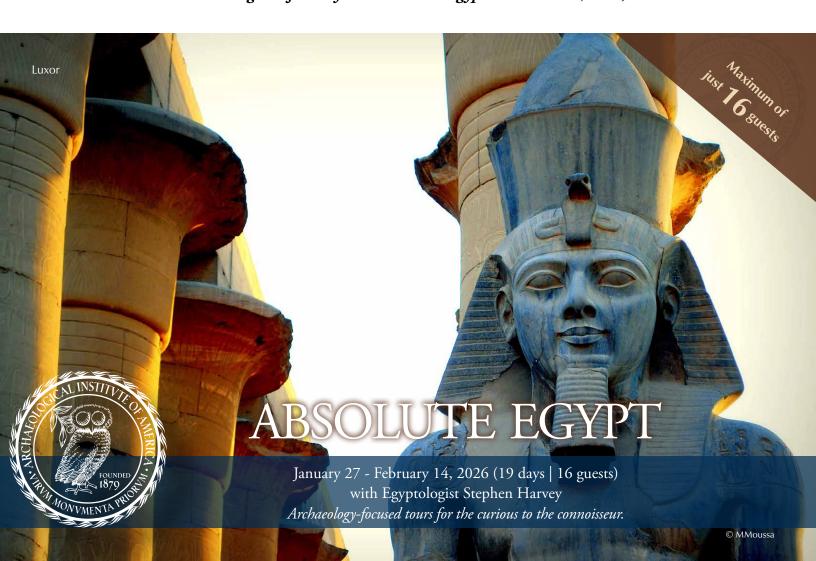
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"It was a fantastic, never-to-be-forgotten trip, and we are so grateful to the people who made it possible. We never could have seen so much or had such an enjoyable trip traveling in Egypt on our own... We are so glad we went with AIA. It's hard to imagine traveling to Egypt any other way."

- John, Massachusetts

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Signature (participant #2)

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Date

To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org. Name 1 (as it appears on passport) Name 2 (as it appears on passport) Address City State Zip Phone (home) Phone (cell) Email(s) □ 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, ____ How did you hear about this tour? □ eNewsletter □ mailing □ website □ friends/family □ other _____ **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) ☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s). □ I/We wish to upgrade my/our room to suites at the Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor & at the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan (additional fee). □ I/We wish to upgrade my/our room to a suite on the dahabiya (limited availability and additional fee). **RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in U.S. dollars. DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE): ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone ☐ Check payable to: Eos AIA-EgyptSH1/26 CC# 3- or 4-Digit Code Exp. Date Name on Card Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below. Submit via email, mail, or fax to: AIA Tours - P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 Fax: 603-756-2922 • Email: aia@studytours.org By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout. Signature (participant #1) Date

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reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. PRICES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve 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 Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. 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, Sponsors/Operator 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. <u>U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS</u> FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/ notices_and_https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/ alertswarnings.html. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/ Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. MISCELLANEOUS: Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their 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. Sponsors/Operator reserve 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 Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.