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Tomb of Ramesses VI,
Valley of the Kings

ABSOLUTE EGYPT

with 3 nights aboard private 8-cabin *dahabiya* sailing vessels



January 20-February 5, 2021 (17 days | 12 guests)

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey
plus an optional pre-tour extension to Jordan

Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur



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In Cairo, start your day with breakfast at the terrace restaurant of the 5-star *Mena House*, at the foot of the Great Pyramid.



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



Enjoy three nights on private, 8-cabin *dahabiya* sailing vessels on the Nile River.



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.

Dear Traveler,

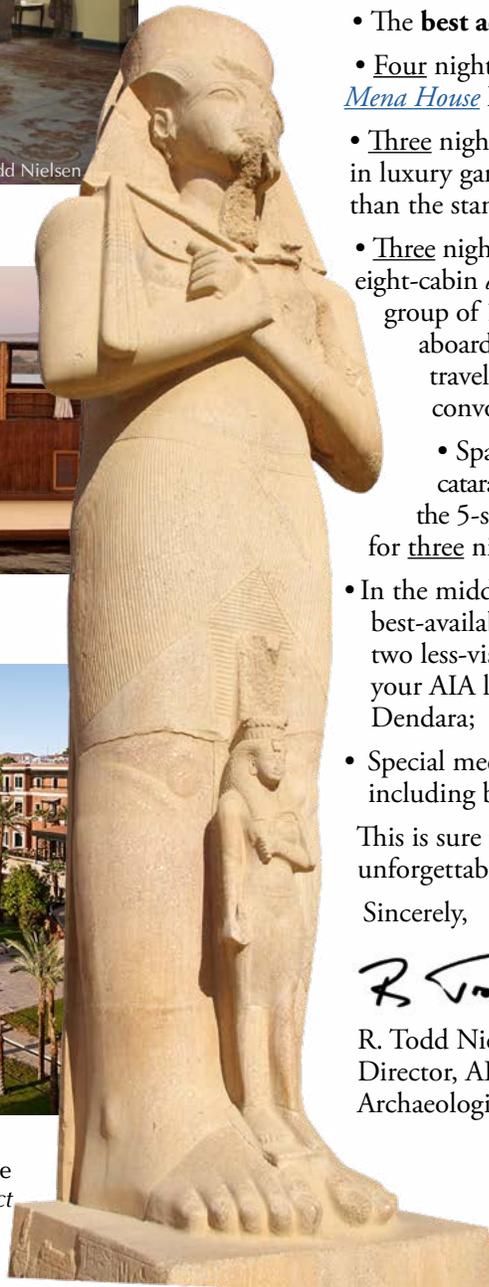
This revised *Absolute Egypt* itinerary is carefully crafted to provide the discerning traveler with the finest Egypt tour available. It combines all the best attributes of an in-depth, all-inclusive, well-paced luxury trip.

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 guests** 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**:
 - Four nights in pyramid-view rooms at the 5-star *Mena House* hotel in Giza to start your trip;
 - Three nights in Luxor at the 5-star *Old Winter Palace* in luxury garden-view rooms that are quieter and larger than the standard Nile-view rooms;
 - Three nights cruising the Nile aboard a comfortable, eight-cabin *dahabiya* (a traditional Nile sail boat). Our group of 12 guests (plus our three leaders) will sail aboard two of these smaller-sized vessels that will travel together and avoid the crowds cruising in a convoy of large Nile riverboats;
 - 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 (where your AIA lecturer has been working since 1993) and Dendara;
 - Special meetings with excavators and conservators, including behind-the-scenes visits, when possible.
- This is sure to be an enjoyable, fascinating, and unforgettable adventure.

Sincerely,

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



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

Itinerary

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



Travel with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey on our meticulously-planned itinerary, featuring premium accommodations and a private, 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.



- # = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- = Flights
- = Pre-Tour Extension

* Aboard private, 8-cabin *dahabiya* sailing vessels

Wednesday, January 20, 2021: Depart home

Thursday, January 21: Arrive Cairo, Egypt | Private transfer to hotel in Giza

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). Gather for dinner at the hotel this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Marriott Mena House](#) hotel in Pyramid View rooms for four nights.* (D)

Friday, January 22: Giza Plateau | Welcome dinner

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 this afternoon. This evening we gather for a welcome reception and dinner with our three expert trip leaders: AIA lecturer Stephen Harvey, our Egyptology guide, and our Trip Manager. (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, January 23: 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)

Sunday, January 24: Saqqara

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; 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)

Monday, January 25: Fly to Sohag | Abydos

Transfer to the airport early this morning for our flight to Sohag. Upon arrival we drive to Abydos, one of the oldest and most important ancient cities in Egypt, where AIA lecturer Stephen Harvey has worked for over 25 years. Begin our visit at Shunet es-Zebib, one of the oldest standing massive brick structures in the world, the architecture of which points to some features of later structures, like the Step Pyramid of Djoser at Saqqara. Next explore Kom el-Sultan, another large, Early Dynastic Period mud-brick structure, which includes an early Temple of Osiris where excavations have revealed hundreds of stelae yielding information about the cult of Osiris. After lunch we will visit the Temple of Ramesses

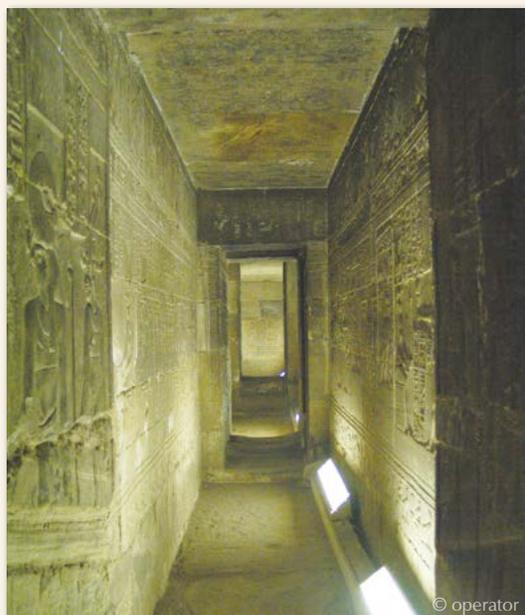
"[Highlights of the trip were the] depth and breadth of exposure to ancient Egypt; amazing, packed itinerary superior to any offered by other tour operators; attention to history, interpretation, and ability to interact, made possible by the small group size." - N.T., North Carolina



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

II, with impressive reliefs of the Battle of Kadesh on its exterior walls and delicately-preserved paint colors. Check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the [House of Life Abydos](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, January 26: Abydos | Dendara | Luxor

This morning we return to Abydos to visit the spectacular Temple of Seti I, where was discovered the "Abydos King List"—the long, invaluable list of pharaohs of the principal dynasties (as recognized by Seti) that was inscribed on a wall. The temple also has seven chapels with exquisite reliefs. After lunch we drive to Luxor, stopping en route at the Temple of Hathor at Dendara, which has recently been extensively restored, revealing its startlingly well-preserved painted astronomical ceiling and reliefs. Upon arrival at Luxor we settle in at our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel \(Old Wing\)](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, January 27: Karnak | 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 on display many newly reconstructed buildings. We return to our historic hotel on the east bank of the Nile and enjoy lunch and some time at leisure. Before dinner we visit the adjacent Luxor Temple, which is illuminated to striking effect. (B,L,D)

Thursday, January 28: Valley of the Kings | Deir el Bahari | Luxor Museum

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 the east bank of the Nile and visit the small, but excellent, Luxor Museum. Return to our hotel and then gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, January 29: Valley of the Queens | Deir el Medina |

Embarkation 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 before we drive to Esna and embark our sailing vessel, a traditional Nile sail boat called a *dahabiya*, which will be our home-away-from-home for the next three 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 large Nile riverboats. We enjoy a late lunch as we sail up the Nile. The afternoon is at leisure until we gather this evening for dinner onboard. *Overnight aboard an eight-cabin dahabiya for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, January 30: 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)



Abydos

Sunday, January 31: Gebel el-Silsila | Kom Ombo | Sailing the Nile

Set out this morning to visit Gebel el-Silsila, a New Kingdom sandstone workshop where twelve 18th-dynasty tombs were recently discovered. 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 cruising to Aswan, and partake in a final gala dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

Monday, February 1: Aswan | Disembarkation | Philae | Nubia Museum

Disembark 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 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)

Tuesday, February 2: 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 *suq*, 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)

Wednesday, February 3: At leisure in Aswan | Farewell dinner

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 Stephen Harvey and our local Egyptology guide. This evening we gather for a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel hosted by our triad of leaders. (B,L,R,D)

Thursday, February 4: Fly to Abu Simbel | Fly to Cairo

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. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport](#).* (B,L,D)

Friday, February 5: Fly home

Check out this morning and enter the airport to catch flights homeward. (B)

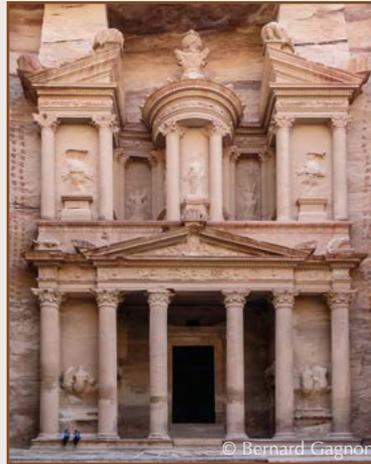
**Archaeological Institute of America
Lecturer and Host**

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. Since 2002 he has accompanied sixteen AIA tours of Egypt, plus AIA Tours land programs in Jordan and an AIA-sponsored cruise from Jordan to Cyprus via Egypt and Lebanon.





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. 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 6 or more participants) and an **excellent local guide**, making this an exceptional opportunity to witness some of Jordan's greatest highlights.

Friday, January 15, 2021: Depart home

Saturday & Sunday, January 16 & 17: Arrive Amman, Jordan | The Jordan Museum | Amman city tour | ACOR

On Saturday you will be met upon arrival at Amman's airport (AMM) and transferred to our hotel. Over these two days we plan on several fascinating excursions. 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. Our city tour includes 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. Schedule permitting, also visit the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) for a private tour with its Director. *Overnight at the 5-star [Intercontinental Jordan Hotel](#) for three nights.* (1B,2L,2D)

Monday, January 18: 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)

Tuesday, January 19: 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

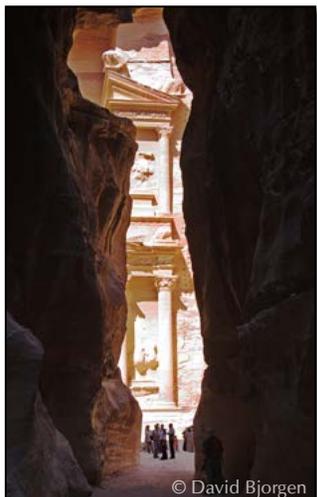
4,000 years and contains the most impressive work of art to survive from the mid-6th century: a mosaic map of the ancient Holy Land, the oldest one in existence, located in St. George's Greek Orthodox Church. Visit the site's ruins of the 6th-century basilica, the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, and the monastery; 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)

Wednesday, January 20: 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)

Thursday, January 21: Wadi Rum | Amman | Fly to Cairo

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 are transferred to the airport (AMM) in time for our flight to Cairo (CAI), where we meet our fellow travelers for the main tour. (B,L)



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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 (11 to 12 participants) _____ \$12,145
- Double Occupancy (9 to 10 participants) _____ \$12,445
- Single Supplement* _____ \$2,795

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

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

- Double Occupancy (11-12 participants) _____ \$3,595
- Double Occupancy (8-10 participants) _____ \$4,095
- Double Occupancy (6-7 participants) _____ \$4,395
- Single Supplement* _____ \$1,095

*With fewer than 6 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 to larger suites both in Luxor and Aswan for a total of 6 nights:

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total per Person (6 nights)
Old Winter Palace, Luxor (garden view) + Nile wing at the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan	Suites	Double	\$1,260
		Single	\$2,155

Pre-Tour Hotel per Night: For those not taking the pre-tour extension option, arrive early in Cairo for the main program (includes a private airport transfer to the *Mena House* hotel).

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total per Room
Mena House, Giza	includes breakfast	Double	\$415
		Single	\$395

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** at mostly 5-star hotels, including a three-night cruise aboard a private Nile sail boat (*dahabiya*)
- **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 portage** within Egypt, including **private transfers** on your arrival day
- **All transportation** in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, **including three in-program 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 Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Stephen Harvey** (with 6 or more participants), **plus an English-speaking guide**
- **All transportation** including private arrival transfers and a **flight from Amman to Cairo**
- **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.ariatours.org.

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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 EgyptSH1/21." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be made 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.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. Cancellations received at least 90 days prior to departure are refunded less a cancellation fee of \$250 per person. Cancellations received between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the tour cost. Cancellations received 60 days or less prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost. *For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided 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, 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.

Air Arrangements and Transfers

Airfare to/from Cairo, or to Amman for pre-tour extension participants, is not included. Complimentary private transfers in Egypt on arrival at Cairo airport (CAI) for the main program, or at Amman airport (AMM) for the pre-tour extension, are included. In-program flights on the main program are included in the main tour price and the flight from Amman to Cairo is included in the pre-tour 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 60s F and nighttime temperatures dipping to the high 40s F. Expect daytime temperatures in Jordan to be slightly cooler, ranging from the mid-50s to 60s F, and nighttime temperatures dipping to the mid-40s F. *Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.*

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RESERVATION FORM

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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.

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Name 2 _____
(as it appears on passport)

Address _____

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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 _____

Please sign me/us up for the optional Jordan extension (additional cost).

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).

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 US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account-AIA EgyptSH1/21 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

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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.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS 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. 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