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- Barbara, Maryland

Foreground, Red Pyramid at Dahshur; background, Temple of Seti I at Abydos

October 19-November 3, 2019 (16 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey
optional extensions: pre-tour Siwa Oasis & Alexandria (8 days) and/or post-tour Jordan (5 days)

Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.



Dear Traveler,

You are invited to return to Egypt on a brand-new, custom-designed tour in the company of AIA lecturer/host Stephen Harvey, Egyptology guide Enass Salah, and a professional tour manager.

Highlights are many and varied:

- Gain inside access to the **Red Pyramid at Dahshur**, enter the burial chamber of the collapsed pyramid at **Meidum**, and visit two mud-brick pyramids (Illahun and Hawara) at the **Fayoum Oasis**.
- Go **behind-the-scenes at the ancient necropolis of Saqqara** to see some of the new and remarkable excavations that are not open to the public, including (pending final confirmation) special access to the newly-discovered, 5th-dynasty Tomb of Wah Ti.
- Make a special, private visit (permission pending) to the **new Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- Explore the necropoli of **Beni Hasan**, known for its 39 rock-cut tombs with well-preserved paintings of dancing, acrobatics, juggling, fishing, hunting, and weaving; and **Tuna el-Gebel**, with huge catacombs for thousands of mummified ibises and baboons, and much more.
- Visit **Tell el-Amarna**, which replaced Thebes (modern Luxor) as capital of Egypt under the heretic, 18th-dynasty pharaoh Akhenaton and was significant for its monotheism and distinctive artistic style.
- Enjoy **two in-depth visits to Abydos**, where Stephen Harvey has worked for over 25 years, including visits to the spectacular Temple of Seti I, with its invaluable "Abydos King List" and chapels with exquisite reliefs; and special access to descend into the tomb of Senwosret III, one of the largest ever built and the first known example of a hidden royal tomb.
- Discover two interesting and lesser-visited sites near Luxor: the Temple of Montu (the falcon-headed god of war) at **El-Tod**, and the tomb of Ankhthifi, a provincial governor and warlord, at **El-Mo'alla**.
- See what is perhaps a different side of Cairo: have lunch at **Al-Azhar Park**, a glorious public space with splendid views of Islamic Cairo; and visit the 9th-century **Mosque of Ibn Tulun**, the city's oldest mosque in its original form and its largest mosque in terms of area.
- Enjoy **luxurious and best available accommodations** throughout, with **two to four nights at each property** except our final night at an ideally-located, 5-star airport hotel.
- Extend your adventure with a **pre-tour program in Egypt's Siwa Oasis and Alexandria** (accompanied by Steve Harvey), and/or a **post-tour program to Jordan**, including Petra, Jerash, Madaba, and Wadi Rum.

I urge you to reserve your space today by calling **800-748-6262** or emailing aia@studytours.org. There are only 16 spaces available!

Sincerely,

R. Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
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Sefru's Bent Pyramid at Dahshur



Red Pyramid at Dahshur



Black Pyramid of Amenemhet III



Sefru's collapsed pyramid at Meidum



Step pyramid of Djoser at Saqqara

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & 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 fourteen AIA tours of Egypt since 2002.

"Steve is excited to share his passion for Egypt's ancient treasures and hidden secrets and his stories and explanations are fun, learned without being pompous and helped me to connect many of the different places, kings and traditions."

- Barbara, Hawaii



- = Main tour number of hotel nights
- = Overnight stop
- = Itinerary stop
- ✈ = Flights
- = Pre-trip extension
- = Post-trip extension

Ramesses III's Temple at Medinet Habu



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Columns at the Ramesseum

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

Saturday, October 19, 2019: Fly to Cairo, Egypt

Sunday, October 20: Arrive in Cairo | Welcome dinner

You will be met upon arrival at Cairo International Airport (CAI) and transferred to the historic *Mena House*, a palatial hotel set amid 40 acres of gardens, with magnificent views of the adjacent Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops). This evening we gather (including travelers from the optional, pre-trip extension) for a welcome reception and dinner with your three expert trip leaders: AIA lecturer/host, Egyptology guide, and Trip Manager. *Overnight at the 5-star [Marriott Mena House](#) (Pyramid View rooms) for three nights.* (R,D)

Monday, October 21: Cairo: Grand Egyptian Museum, Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

Today we enjoy a special private visit (permission pending) to the new Grand Egyptian Museum (scheduled to officially open in 2020) that claims to be the world's largest archaeological museum. Spend the balance of the day either relaxing at the splendid *Mena House*, or visiting the historic Egyptian Museum (Museum of Egyptian Antiquities) to see treasures that most visitors missed during their previous visits. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 22: Dahshur: Bent & Red Pyramids | Saqqara excavations

Drive to Dahshur, part of the UNESCO World Heritage site “Memphis and its Necropolis – the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur,” where we will learn firsthand about the transition from step-sided to smooth-sided pyramids. See 4th-dynasty Pharaoh Snefru’s Bent Pyramid, whose appearance is due to miscalculations on the structural weight and slope of the blocks. Learning from these mistakes, Snefru went on to build the shorter North (Red) Pyramid, which was the first completed true pyramid. We will have inside access to the Red Pyramid. At Dahshur, we can



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The 61-meter-long passage inside the Red Pyramid, where our group has been granted access.

“Steve Harvey's enthusiasm and incredible appreciation and knowledge of Egyptian history, archeology, and ability to read hieroglyphs at a glance made everything come alive.”

-Cynthia, Virginia

see from a distance both the remains of Amenemhet III's pyramid, known as the 'Black Pyramid' due to the exposed dark color of its mudbrick core, as well as the remains of the pyramid of Senwosret III of the 12th dynasty, where the Metropolitan Museum of Art currently conducts excavation and restoration.

After lunch we enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to the vast, ancient burial ground of Saqqara to see some of the new excavations (not open to the public) dating to the Old and New Kingdoms. Pending final confirmation, we will also gain special access to the newly-discovered, 5th-dynasty Tomb of Wah Ti. The condition of this tomb is exceptional, especially for its age, and the two-story structure contains dozens of sculptures as well as scenes of daily life. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 23: Meidum | Fayoum (Faiyum) Oasis: Illahun & Hawara

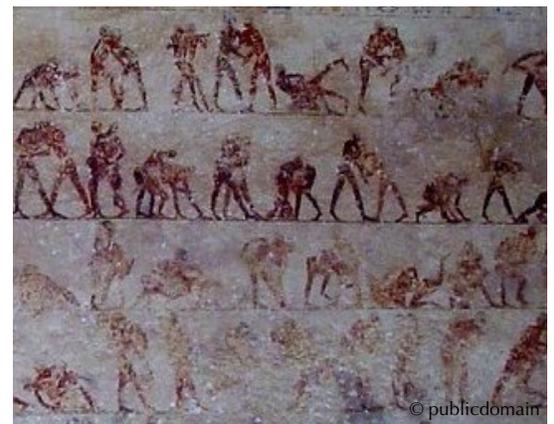
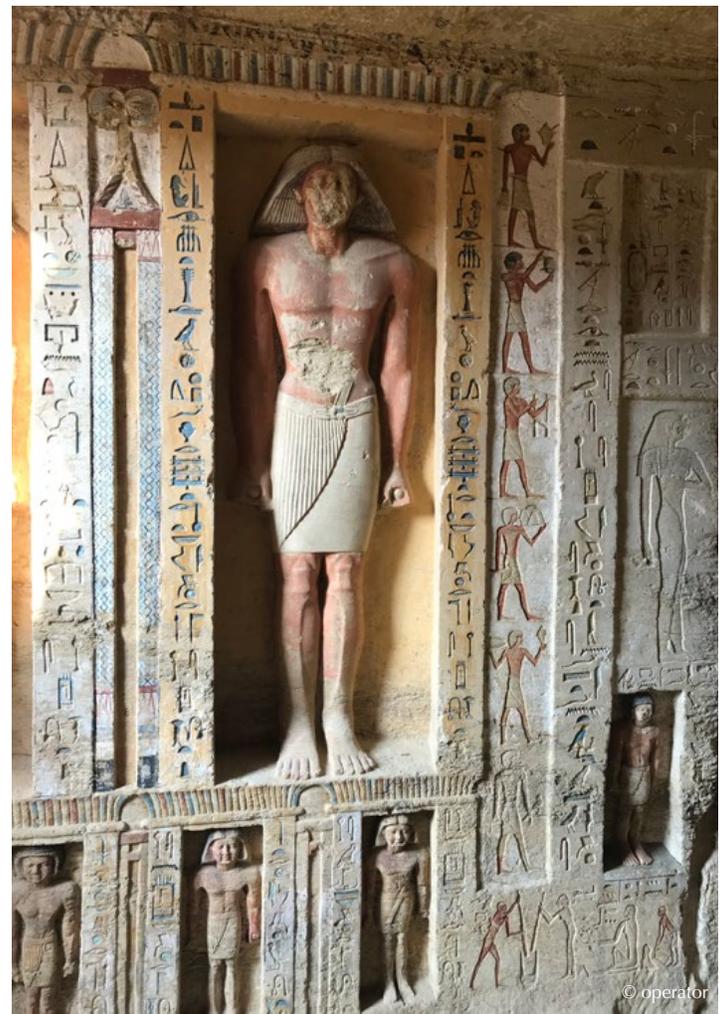
This morning we drive south to visit 4th-dynasty Pharaoh Snefru's collapsed pyramid at Meidum, which represents the transition between step pyramids and true pyramids. Its construction began as a stepped pyramid, but nearer completion the steps were filled in and it was cased with limestone. At some point in (probably) the New Kingdom, it began to collapse and today stands only its three-stepped core amid a pile of rubble from its exterior. We will enter its burial chamber through a corridor that descends 177 feet. Continue driving to the southern edge of the Fayoum Oasis, a region that was popular with Middle Kingdom pharaohs and high officials for hunting and fishing. Here we will visit the mud-brick Illahun pyramid built for 12th-dynasty Pharaoh Senwosret II, and the mud-brick Hawara pyramid built for 12th-dynasty Pharaoh Amenemhet III. Check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star Helnan Auberge Fayoum for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 24: Wadi el-Hitan (Valley of the Whales)

Explore Wadi el-Hitan, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Egypt's Western Desert, where erosion by wind and water has produced spectacular cliffs and buttes. This paleontological site has yielded invaluable fossil remains of the earliest suborder of whales, *Archaeoceti*, now extinct. These fossils tell the story of the whale's evolutionary transition from land-based to ocean-going mammal. Other fossil material from the site makes it possible to reconstruct the surrounding environmental and ecological conditions of the time. The site features a series of innovative walking paths with information about the important fossil discoveries made here. Return to our hotel in the Fayoum and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Friday, October 25: Al Minya | Beni Hasan

This morning we drive to Al Minya, about 150 miles south of Cairo, which offers a glimpse into the unhurried, traditional life along the Nile that has persisted for millennia. Arrive at our hotel, have lunch, and then drive to the east bank to visit the necropolis of Beni Hasan, known for its 39 rock-cut tombs of 11th- and 12th-dynasty officials. We will undertake an invigorating climb up broad, deep steps to explore some of the tombs in the limestone cliff face. Some of the tombs feature well-preserved paintings of dancing, acrobatics, juggling, fishing, hunting, and weaving. Return to our hotel in Al Minya, and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star Grand Aton Hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)



Above (top to bottom): The newly-discovered Tomb of Wah Ti at Saqqara; Wadi el-Hitan (Valley of the Whales); detail of a wrestling fresco at Beni Hasan.



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Saturday, October 26: Tuna el-Gebel

Drive south this morning to Tuna el-Gebel, a necropolis with tombs that date from the Late Period to the Ptolemaic era, as well as huge catacombs for thousands of mummified ibises and baboons, both of which were considered incarnations of Thoth, the god of writing and wisdom. One of its more fascinating tombs is that of Petosiris, which features lively scenes of daily life and ritual that combine Egyptian, Greek, and Persian artistic styles. The site also includes the ruins of a Christian basilica, and Roman waterworks with a 100-foot-deep well and a waterwheel. Recent excavations by a joint Egyptian-German team have uncovered a series of tombs and a mud-brick structure from the Ptolemaic era with more than 50 rooms. Return to our hotel in Al Minya, and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)



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Sunday, October 27: Tell el-Amarna | Abydos

Set out today for Abydos, stopping along the way to visit Tell el-Amarna, once called Akhetaton (“horizon of the sun”). The controversial pharaoh Akhenaton (Amenhotep IV) built the city on the Nile’s east bank in the late 18th dynasty, to replace Thebes (modern Luxor) as capital. He established Amarna as the first monotheistic community in ancient Egypt, worshipping the god Aton (the sun). The site today comprises temples, palaces, houses, and more than 25 tombs at the base of a cliff. We will visit some of the richly-decorated rock-cut tombs of the nobles which feature scenes of life in the ancient city, represented in the lively style of the Amarna period. Continue driving south to Abydos and check-in to our simple but conveniently-located hotel. *Overnight at the [House of Life Abydos](#) hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)

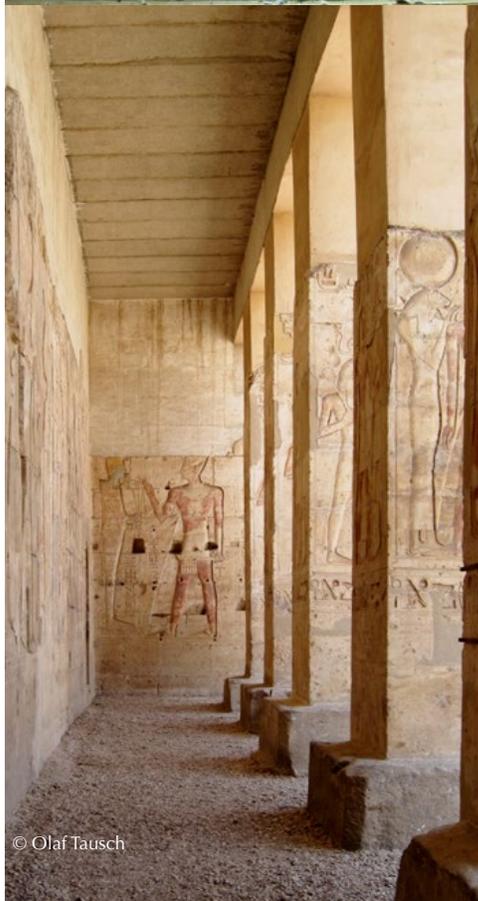
Monday, October 28: Abydos: Shunet es-Zebib, Great Osiris Temple, Seti I Temple

Abydos is one of the oldest and most important ancient cities in Egypt, and AIA lecturer Stephen Harvey has worked here for over 25 years. We will take an in-depth look at this vast site today and tomorrow. Begin today with a visit to 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. The only known statue of Khufu was found here, and recently a portal temple to Ramesses II was excavated.

After lunch we will 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. Time-permitting we will also visit the Temple of Ramesses II, with the impressive reliefs of the Battle of Kadesh on its exterior walls and delicately preserved paint colors. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 29: Abydos: Tomb of Senwosret III | Luxor

Return to Abydos this morning and gain special entry to the tomb of 12th-dynasty pharaoh Senwosret III which, although excavated in 1902, was only recently re-excavated and restored. The extraordinary tomb, one of the largest ever built in Egypt, is considered the first known example of a hidden royal tomb, akin to the later, subterranean royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Descend into the underground chambers to admire the well-dressed masonry of Tura limestone and red Aswan quartzite, as well as stone blocks weighing more than 50 tons that were intended to keep out tomb robbers. After lunch we drive to Luxor and settle in at our hotel. Gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel \(Old Wing\)](#) for four nights.* (B,L,D)



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At left (top to bottom): Boundary stela A, located on the approach to Tuna el-Gebel, marking the boundary of the ancient city of Amarna (Akhetaten); fresco at the Temple of Seti I at Abydos; Temple of Seti I at Abydos.

Wednesday, October 30: Ramesseum | Medinet Habu

This morning we drive across the Nile to the west bank to visit the Ramesseum, the funerary temple of Ramesses II ("The Great"). It is known for its 57-foot-tall seated statue of Ramesses II (of which huge fragments remain), the subject of Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem "Ozymandias." It is also renowned for its reliefs, including those depicting the Battle of Kadesh, the Syrian wars, and the Festival of Min. Continue to the best-preserved temple of ancient Thebes: Medinet Habu, the mortuary temple of Ramesses III. It dates from the early 18th dynasty and, besides its impressive size and architectural features, it includes famous reliefs depicting the defeat of the Sea Peoples during Ramesses III's reign. A Coptic church was later established in the second courtyard of the mortuary temple. Return to Luxor and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)



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Thursday, October 31: El-Tod | El-Mo'alla

A short drive along the east bank of the Nile brings us to a lesser-visited site, the Temple of Montu (the falcon-headed god of war) at El-Tod. Its surviving monuments date back to the New Kingdom and Ptolemaic and Roman periods. The main temple was begun by Ptolemy VIII and consists of a columned court and hall with various chambers, several with excellent reliefs, as well as a hidden treasury room above the chapel. The Tod Treasure, discovered in 1936 and today in the Louvre Museum in Paris, features a series of silver vessels, many in Aegean style, which demonstrate connections to the Bronze Age Minoan culture, as well as exotic items made of lapis lazuli. Another short drive south takes us to a desolate, windswept desert cliff along the Nile's east bank with many ancient tombs. Here, at El-Mo'alla, the small, decorated tomb of Ankhthifi, a 9th-dynasty provincial governor and warlord, features an important autobiographical inscription as well as interesting scenes painted in a charming provincial style that reflect the collapse of central government. Return to Luxor and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)



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Friday, November 1: Luxor: At leisure

After a morning lecture, the day is at leisure for independent pursuits. You might enjoy the property and amenities of our historic hotel (there are lovely gardens and a swimming pool); visit Luxor Temple, adjacent to our hotel; and/or explore the nearby Luxor bazaar. (B,L,D)



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Saturday, November 2: Fly to Cairo | Al-Azhar Park | Mosque of Ibn Tulun | Khan el-Khalili bazaar | Farewell dinner

Transfer to Luxor's airport this morning in time for our flight to Cairo. Upon arrival we will check-in to our luxurious and convenient airport hotel. Enjoy lunch at Al-Azhar Park, created by the Aga Khan Foundation, a glorious public space with green areas, lakes, fountains, and views of Islamic Cairo. Next visit the 9th-century Mosque of Ibn Tulun, which is both Cairo's largest mosque in terms of area and oldest mosque in its original form. You may choose to return directly to our hotel, or join your guide at the Khan el-Khalili bazaar for some last-minute shopping. This evening we gather with our AIA lecturer, Egyptology guide, and Trip Manager for a cocktail and farewell dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)



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Sunday, November 3: Fly Home or Fly to Amman, Jordan

Check out this morning and enter the airport (our hotel has direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge) to catch flights homeward OR to Amman, Jordan (for those on the post-trip extension). (B)



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At right (top to bottom): Ramesseum, Tell el-Amarna, Al-Azhar Park in Cairo, Temple at El-Tod, Cairo's 9th-century Mosque of Ibn Tulun

Optional, Pre-Tour Extension

Siwa Oasis & Alexandria

October 13-20, 2019 (8 days) with Stephen Harvey



Siwa



Oracle Temple, Siwa



Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Sunday, October 13, 2019: Fly to Cairo, Egypt

Monday, October 14: Arrive in Cairo | Welcome dinner

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Tuesday, October 15: Cairo | El-Alamein War Museum and cemeteries | Marsa Matruh

Depart Cairo, driving north and then along the Mediterranean to the seaside resort town of Marsa Matruh, stopping along the way at El-Alamein. Two major battles were fought here in 1942 between British and Axis forces, and the Allies won a decisive victory in November of that year, preventing Germany from penetrating any farther into Egypt. We will visit the War Museum, which is an excellent overall introduction to WWII's North Africa campaigns as well as the Battle of El-Alamein itself, plus the Italian and German military cemeteries.

Continue on to Marsa Matruh, which boasts a beautiful, 4.5-mile white sand beach and turquoise waters. Alexander the Great is said to have stopped here on his way to Siwa Oasis (our next destination), and Cleopatra reputedly came here to bathe. Marsa Matruh was also an important stopping point for trade in the ancient Mediterranean. Just offshore is Bates's Island, which has provided much evidence for 2nd millennium B.C. trade between the Levant, Cyprus, Greece, and Egypt. Check-in to our opulent resort hotel and gather this evening for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Carols Beau Rivage](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 16: Siwa Oasis

Drive south through miles and miles of sand until suddenly a huge lake appears, surrounded by date palms. Here at Siwa Oasis we find our unique and beautiful eco-lodge, built of *kershef* (a mixture of mud and rock salt) in the indigenous style, which has been featured in many international publications. At night it is lit by hundreds of beeswax candles and oil lamps, and a flat-edged pool bubbles up from Roman springs. Float in the lake, which is as salty as the Dead Sea and said to be good for the skin. Dinner is served under the stars this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Adrère Amellal Desert Eco Lodge](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)



El Alamein War Museum

Siwa Oasis





Alexandria Fort

Thursday, October 17: Siwa: Oracle of Amun, Gebel Al Mawta, Shali

The town of Siwa is Egypt's most remote oasis town, located on the northwest edge of the Great Sand Sea. The very traditional Siwans have held fast to their own distinct Berber culture and language, and are known for their exquisite jewelry and crafts. In the 4th century B.C., Alexander the Great visited this area to consult the Oracle of Amun, which is said to have confirmed that he was a god and a king of Egypt. We visit the ruins of the oracle temple; Gebel Al Mawta (Mountain of the Dead), a small hill with rock-cut tombs that have wall paintings and date from the 26th dynasty and the Ptolemaic and Romans periods; and Shali, the old village of Siwa, with houses dating back to the 13th century. Return to our eco-lodge for dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, October 18: Drive to Alexandria

We depart Siwa Oasis this morning, driving north through the desert and east along the Mediterranean Sea for about 6.5 hours, to reach the port city of Alexandria. Founded in 332 B.C. under the reign of Alexander the Great, Alexandria was the capital of Egypt until A.D. 642. An important center of learning in the ancient world, today the cosmopolitan city has a more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern feel. Check-in to our historic hotel, which overlooks the Mediterranean, and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Steigenberger Cecil Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 19: Alexandria: National Museum, Kom al-Dikka, Bibliotheca Alexandrina

This morning is dedicated to exploring some of the jewels of Alexandria beginning with the Alexandria National Museum, which exhibits collections that span the city's history from antiquity to the modern period. In recent years many significant finds have been recovered from Alexandria's harbor through underwater archaeology, and we will see some of these portions of monumental sculpture and architecture at Kom al-Dikka, where we will also see the ruins of the Roman amphitheater (the only one in Egypt).

This afternoon we visit the architecturally stunning Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a recently completed modern interpretation of the famous ancient library. Here, in addition to the innovative building, are extraordinary documents and artifacts, and an excellent museum that displays finds made during the construction of the Library, including an extraordinary mosaic. Gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 20: Alexandria | Cairo

This morning we tour the impressive tombs in Alexandria, such as Kom el-Shuqafa, that reflect both Pharaonic and Roman architectural elements and painting styles; plus we see Pompey's Pillar, a 3rd-century pink granite column set amid the remains of the acropolis of the Serapeum. At mid-day we drive to Cairo, check-in to the *Mena House*, and meet guests who are joining us for the main tour. (B,L,D)

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.*

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Pyramidion of the pyramid of Amenemhet III, Dahshur

Optional, Post-Tour Extension
JORDAN

November 3-7, 2019 (5 days) with an expert local guide



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



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The famous Treasury at Petra



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The Oval Forum at ancient Jerash

Jordan is home to great cultural wonders, warm and hospitable people, and stunning desert and mountain landscapes. On this five-day 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 an excellent local guide, making this an exceptional opportunity to witness some of Jordan's greatest highlights. Stephen Harvey will not accompany this post-tour extension.

Sunday, November 3, 2019: Cairo | Fly to Amman, Jordan | Jordan Archaeological Museum | Amman city tour | ACOR

Take a group flight (time TBD) from Cairo to Amman, where we are met at the airport (AMM) by an English-speaking local guide. First we explore the Jordan Archaeological Museum, which houses a collection of artifacts from all periods and sites throughout the country. 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)

Monday, November 4: 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, November 5: 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

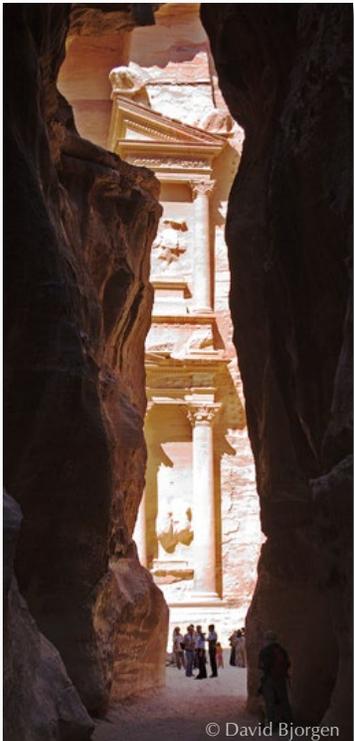
terrain, including the mountains of Moab, Jerusalem, and Judea. Continue on to Madaba, which has been inhabited for about 4,000 years and contains the most impressive work of art to survive from the mid-6th century: a mosaic map of the ancient Holy Land, the oldest one in existence, located in St. George's 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, November 6: 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, November 7: 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 early tomorrow are provided to catch independent flights homeward. *Overnight at the 5-star [Intercontinental Jordan Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)



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Petra's siq

Main Tour Prices Per Person (14 nights)

Double Occupancy (13 to 16 participants)	\$8,895
Double Occupancy (11 to 12 participants)	\$9,195
*Single Supplement	\$2,465

With fewer than 11 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Extension Prices Per Person

Pre-Tour: Siwa Oasis & Alexandria (6 nights)

Double Occupancy (11-16 participants)	\$3,195
Double Occupancy (7-10 participants)	\$3,495
*Single Supplement	\$1,145

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

Post-Tour: Jordan (5 nights)

Double Occupancy (11-16 participants)	\$2,745
Double Occupancy (5-10 participants)	\$2,945
*Single Supplement	\$895

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

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

Main Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer & host Stephen Harvey**, plus a professional **trip manager** and an **English-speaking local guide**
- **12 nights in luxurious 4- and 5-star accommodations, and two nights in the best available, conveniently-located hotel at Abydos**, as indicated in the itinerary
- **All meals** with non-alcoholic beverages, plus **welcome and farewell dinners with cocktails**
- **All entrance fees** to sites listed in the itinerary, including (pending permissions) special entry into Senwosret III's tomb; the new excavations at Saqqara, including the Tomb of Wah Ti; and the Grand Egyptian Museum
- **All airport transfers and portorage** within Egypt, including a **private transfer** on your day of arrival
- **All transportation** in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, **including an in-program flight** from Luxor to Cairo
- **Bottled water** during all excursions and air-conditioned motorcoach transfers
- **All gratuities** to local guide, tour manager, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and waiters at included meals
- Comprehensive **pre-departure information**, including what to pack and a suggested reading guide

Pre-Tour Extension Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer & host Stephen Harvey** (with 7 or more participants), plus an English-speaking local guide
- **All surface transportation** via private, air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Private transfer** on the day of your arrival
- **Six nights in 4- and 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, porters, waiters, and drivers

Post-Tour Extension Prices Include:

- **English-speaking local guides**
- **In-program flight** from Cairo International Airport (CAI) to Amman Airport (AMM)
- **All surface transportation** via private, air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Private departure transfer** to Amman Airport (AMM)
- **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 guides, porters, waiters, and drivers

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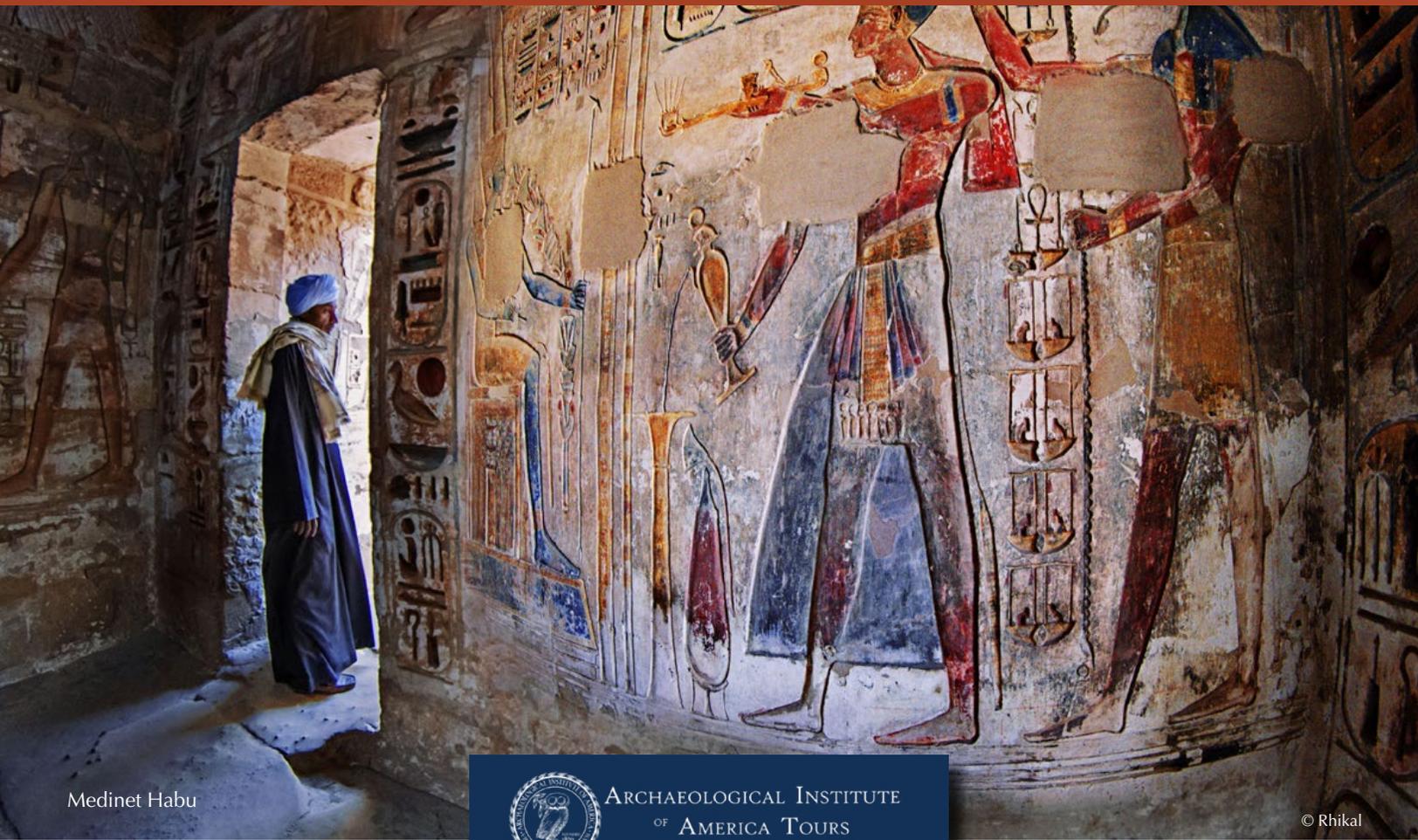
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Cancellation and Refunds: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least 90 days prior to departure will receive a full refund less a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received between 89 and 60 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.

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, itineraries, 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 EgyptRev10/19." 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 from/to home is not included. Complimentary private transfers in Egypt on arrival at Cairo airport (CAI) are included as well as private departure transfers to the Amman airport (AMM) for those on the Jordan extension. In-program flights for the main program and post-extension will be booked for you and are included in the tour price. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. 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. For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. An application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.*

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with AIA lecturer and host Stephen Harvey

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.

Enroll me/us on the optional Siwa Oasis & Alexandria pre-tour extension (additional cost).

Enroll me/us on the optional Jordan post-tour extension (additional cost).

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

How did you hear about this tour? newsletter 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)

I am a Non-smoker Smoker

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. 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 EgyptRev10/19

Visa Master Card American Express

CC#

Exp. Date 3- or 4-Digit Code

Name on Card

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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.