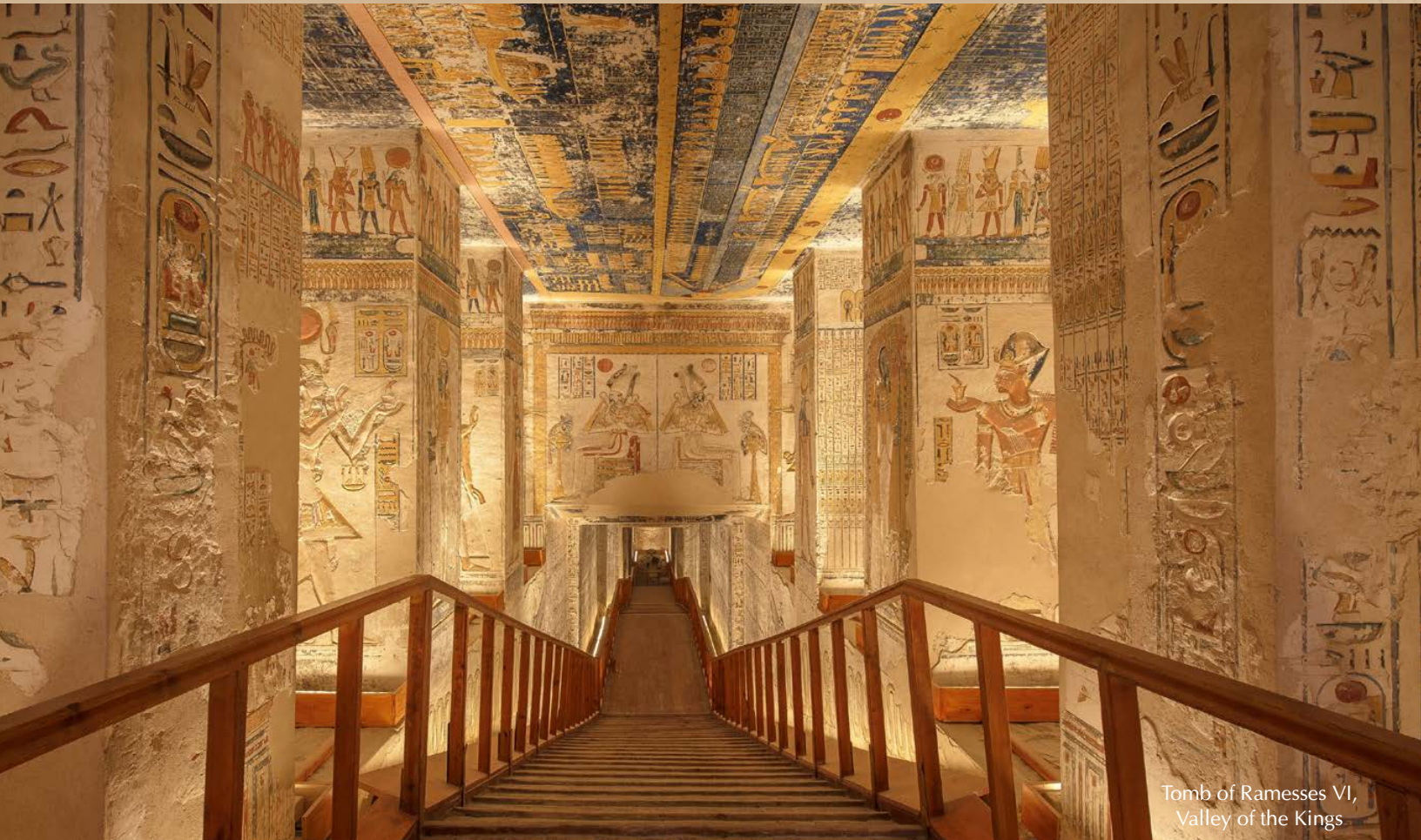




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Tomb of Ramesses VI,
Valley of the Kings

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



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with Egyptologist Peter Brand

plus an optional pre-tour extension to the Siwa Oasis & Alexandria (January 6-13, 2022)

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In Cairo, enjoy breakfast at the terrace restaurant of the 5-star Mena House.



The Temple of Kom Ombo, Aswan



A statue of Ramesses with his wife at Karnak temple.
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Dear Traveler,

This itinerary is carefully crafted to provide the discerning traveler with **the finest Egypt tour available**. It combines all the best attributes of a small-group, all-inclusive, well-paced, luxury trip.

Longer than most, our **17-day tour** is an in-depth exploration of ancient Egypt's greatest sites. Highlights include:

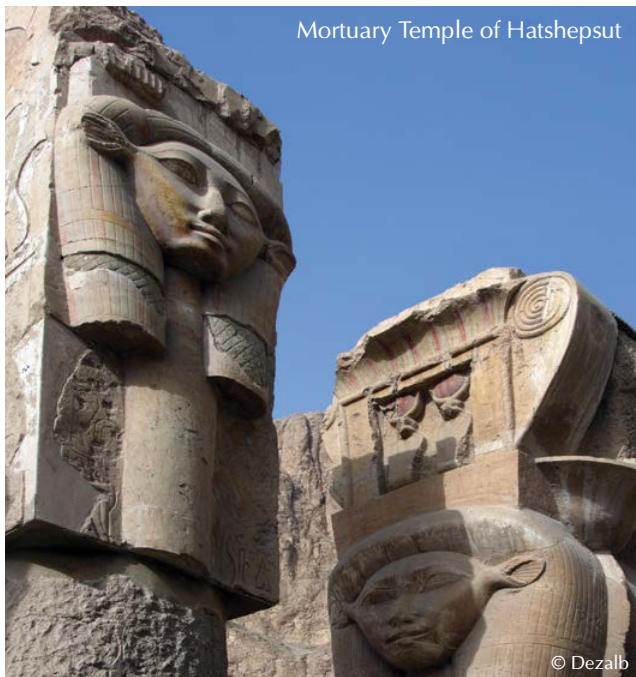
- Traveling with **Egyptologist Peter Brand**, a distinguished and **engaging study leader, who has been directing the Karnak Great Hypostyle Hall Project since 2001**; plus a wonderful **local Egyptologist** and an excellent **tour manager**
- The exclusivity of a **maximum of just 16 guests** plus your trio of leaders
- The **best accommodations**, including 11 nights in luxurious 5-star hotels in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan; one night in the best available hotel in Abydos; and a three-night Nile cruise aboard a comfortable, eight-cabin *dahabiya* (traditional Nile sail boat)
- The preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel:
 - Tour Cairo's new National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (or the new Grand Egyptian Museum, if open), plus the amazing **Giza pyramids and Sphinx**; and **Saqqara's Step Pyramid** of Djoser and newly-discovered, closed to the public, **Tomb of Wah Ti**
 - Explore the astounding temple complex of **Karnak** (where your AIA lecturer/host has been working for more than 20 years), **Luxor Temple**, and spectacular royal mortuary temples and tombs in the **Valleys of the Kings and Queens**, such as those of Seti I and Nefertari
 - Visit the remarkable Temple of Hathor at **Dendara** as well as **Abydos**, one of the oldest and most important cities in ancient Egypt.
 - **Cruise the Nile from Esna to Aswan aboard a traditional, eight-cabin, Nile sail boat**, away from the convoys of large riverboats, so that we 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. Your AIA lecturer/host's forthcoming book is *Ramesses II: Egypt's Ultimate Pharaoh*
- Several **fascinating museums**, Aswan's *souq* (market), and **local culture and cuisine**
- **Special meetings** with excavators and conservators, including behind-the-scenes visits, when possible
- An optional, eight-day, **pre-tour extension to the Siwa Oasis and Alexandria**

In short, this is the most exclusive, enjoyable, and fascinating introduction to Egypt available. It is limited to just 16 guests, so I urge you to reserve your space today.

Sincerely,

R. Todd Nielsen

Director, AIA Tours, Archaeological Institute of America



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut



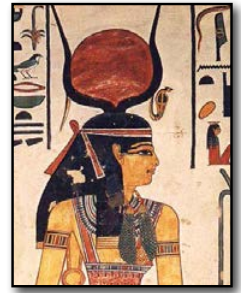
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- = Pre-Tour Extension

* Aboard private, 8-cabin dahabiya sailing vessels

Itinerary

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Wednesday, January 12, 2022: Depart home

Thursday, January 13: 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 40 acres of gardens, with magnificent views of the adjacent Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops). Gather for dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Marriott Mena House](#) hotel in Pyramid View rooms for four nights.* (D)

Friday, January 14: Giza Plateau | Welcome 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 we 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)

Saturday, January 15: Cairo* National Museum, Church of Sts. Sergius and Bacchus, Mosque of Ibn Tulun, Gayer-Anderson Museum

This morning visit the new National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) comprised of materials from many museums, including the Gallery of Royal Mummies. See the nearby, 4th-century A.D. Coptic Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus. After lunch overlooking the Nile, we visit 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 splendid furniture, carpets, curios, and other objects). *Please note that if the new Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) is open, we will instead spend the full day there. Return to the *Mena House* hotel and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, January 16: 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 17: 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. 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 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. *Overnight at the [House of Life Abydos](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)



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



Temple of Horus, Edfu

"[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

Tuesday, January 18: 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. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel](#) (Old Wing) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, January 19: 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. Our visit will include the astounding hypostyle hall, and your AIA lecturer is the Director of the Great Hypostyle Hall Project. Karnak's Open Air Museum 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 20: 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 for dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, January 21: Valley of the Queens | Deir el Medina | Esna | 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. Drive to Esna and visit the recently-restored temple of Khnum, with its wonderful astronomical ceiling with previously unknown names of ancient Egyptian constellations. Afterward, we 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 for dinner onboard. *Overnight aboard an eight-cabin dahabiya for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, January 22: 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)



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Abydos

Sunday, January 23: 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, January 24: 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 for dinner. *Overnight in the Nile wing of the 5-star [Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan](#) hotel for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, January 25: Elephantine Island | Aswan

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

Wednesday, January 26: 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 Peter Brand and our local Egyptology guide. This evening we gather for a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel hosted by our trio of leaders. (B,L,R,D)

Thursday, January 27: 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. Dinner is at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

Friday, January 28: Fly home

Check out this morning and enter the airport (our hotel has direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge) to catch flights homeward. (B)

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host

Peter J. Brand (Ph.D., University of Toronto) is an Egyptologist specializing in history, art, language, and epigraphy. His research examines the history and culture of New Kingdom Egypt (ca. 1550-1100 BCE), especially the Ramesside Period. He has authored three books and dozens of articles on Egyptian kingship, monumental construction, popular religion, warfare, and diplomacy. Professor Brand teaches in the History Department at The University of Memphis (TN), and is the Director of the Karnak Great Hypostyle Hall Project, a joint endeavor of The University of Memphis and the Université de Québec à Montréal. The Project is recording, conserving, and interpreting hundreds of scenes and hieroglyphic texts carved on the Hall's walls and forest of 134 giant columns. Professor Brand appears in documentaries for the History Channel, Discovery, and National Geographic. His forthcoming book is a biography of the celebrated Pharaoh Ramesses II, a.k.a. "the Great" (ruled ca. 1279-1212 BCE). Future projects will examine the royal women of the Ramesside period and the political use of gold by the pharaohs. Professor Brand led a 2006 AIA tour of Egypt to excellent reviews, and he is excited again to share the wonders of Egypt with our group in 2022.



Optional, Pre-Tour Extension

The Siwa Oasis & Alexandria

January 6-13, 2022 (8 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Peter Brand



Above (left to right): Alexandria Fort; Oracle Temple, Siwa; Adrère Amallal Desert Eco Lodge in Siwa, built of kershef (a mixture of mud and rock) in the indigenous style

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Thursday, January 6, 2022: Fly to Cairo, Egypt

Friday, January 7: Arrive in Cairo | Welcome dinner

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Saturday, January 8: 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. Time-permitting, we will visit Marsa Matruh's recently-opened Archaeological Museum, which exhibits artifacts excavated locally and highlights the role of the city as an ancient trading hub. Check-in to our opulent resort hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Carols Beau Rivage hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Sunday, January 9: 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. *Overnight at the 4-star [Adrère Amellal Desert Eco Lodge](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Siwa Oasis



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Monday, January 10: 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)

Tuesday, January 11: 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. *Overnight at the 4-star [Steigenberger Cecil Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, January 12: 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, whose exhibits 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 a superb mosaic. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, January 13: 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 the guests who are joining us for the main tour. (B,L)



El-Alamein War Museum



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 (13-16 participants)	\$11,895
Double Occupancy (11-12 participants)	\$12,145
Double Occupancy (9-10 participants)	\$12,395
Single Supplement*	\$2,795

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

Optional Pre-Tour Extension Prices Per Person (6 nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants)	\$4,195
Double Occupancy (10-12 participants)	\$4,315
Double Occupancy (7-9 participants)	\$4,495
Single Supplement*	\$1,425

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

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

Additional Upgrade Options in Egypt:

Hotel Package: Most accommodations are 5-star, but you may choose to upgrade to 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)	Suites	Double	\$1,260
Nile wing at the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan		Single	\$2,155

Nile River Cruise Upgrade:

Dahabiya (3 nights)	Upgrade to Suite (limited availability)	\$ Per Suite (single or double)	Total Cost \$690
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Pre-Tour Hotel Per Night: Arrive early in Cairo
(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 Peter Brand**, plus a professional **tour manager** and a **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 with open bar**
- **All entrance fees** to all sites listed in the itinerary
- **All airport transfers and portage** within Egypt, including a **private transfer** on your arrival day
- **All transportation** in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, **including three in-program flights**
- **Bottled water and hand sanitizer** during all excursions and motorcoach transfers
- **All gratuities** to local guide, tour manager, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and waiters for included meals
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including what to pack and a suggested reading/media guide

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- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Peter Brand**, a **professional tour manager** and a **local guide**
- **All transportation** including a private arrival transfer
- **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 tour manager, hotel staff, local guide, waiters, and drivers

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

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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 EgyptPB1/22." 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.*

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. Cancellations received at least 180 days prior to departure are fully refunded. Cancellations received between 179 and 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: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication 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.

Flights and Transfers

Airfare to/from Cairo is not included. Complimentary private transfers in Egypt on arrival at Cairo airport (CAI) are included. In-program flights are included in the main tour price 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 your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *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. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. 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. *Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.*

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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 Siwa Oasis & Alexandria extension (January 6-13, 2022).

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

☐ I/We wish to upgrade my/our room to a suite(s) on the dahabiya (limited availability).

☐ I/We wish to add a pre-tour hotel night(s) at the Mena House, Giza. Number of nights _____

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 EgyptPB1/22 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone

CC#

Exp. Date

3- or 4-Digit Code

Name on Card

Please complete this reservation form and sign the release statement below. 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

Signature (participant #2)

Date

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS,
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

RESPONSIBILITY: The Archaeological Institute of America and its agent, Eos Study Tours, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (hereinafter "Sponsors"), and the tour operator and/or its agents (collectively "Sponsors/Operator") do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities; airline, vessel, or other transportation companies; guides or guide services; local ground operators; providers or organizers of optional excursions; food service or entertainment providers; etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Sponsors/Operator are not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or of any other third party. In addition and without limitation, Sponsors/Operator are not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of force majeure; acts of God; acts of government; acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection, or revolt; bites from or attacks by animals, insects, or pests; strikes or other labor activities; criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof; sickness, illness, epidemics, pandemics, or the threat thereof; the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof; overbooking or downgrading of accommodations; mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation; or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. In addition, Sponsors/Operator are not liable for their own negligence, and participant assumes all risk thereof. **CHANGES IN ITINERARY OR FEATURES:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Sponsors/Operator shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Sponsors/Operator are not required to cancel any trip for any reason including, without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization, or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Sponsors/Operator are not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Sponsors/Operator make the flight arrangements or cancel the trip. Sponsors/Operator reserve 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 must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark transportation vehicles, stand for extended periods, climb stairs, and step over raised thresholds all without assistance. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws, and any participant who refuses to follow protocols may be asked to leave the program with no refunds provided. **REFUNDS:** Prices quoted are based on group participation. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which a participant chooses 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 or aboard any transportation vehicle, including airplanes and cruise ships, is delayed or denied. **TOUR CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part unless trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, in which case 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 Sponsors/Operator, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsors/Operator are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsors/Operator, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. **TRIP INSURANCE:** Sponsors/Operator strongly recommend 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 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.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. They can presently be found at: <https://www.wnc.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 Binding Arbitration Agreement.