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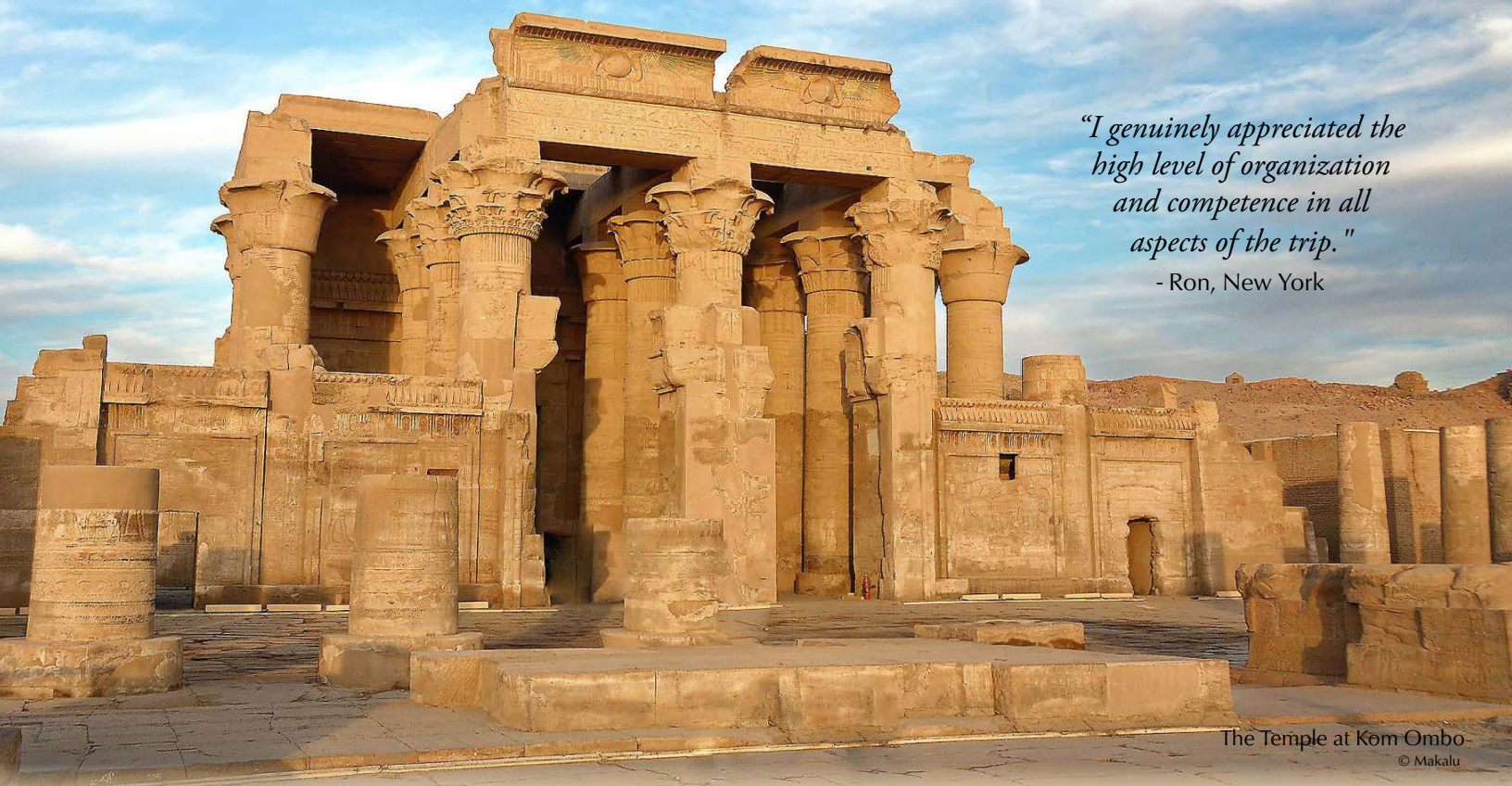
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# EGYPT THROUGH THE AGES

A unique overview of the major Pharaonic and Islamic sites

*"I genuinely appreciated the  
high level of organization  
and competence in all  
aspects of the trip."*

- Ron, New York

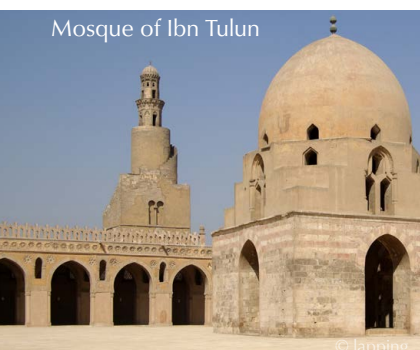


The Temple at Kom Ombo  
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**January 17-February 2, 2023 (17 days | 16 guests)**

**with Egyptologist Okasha El Daly**

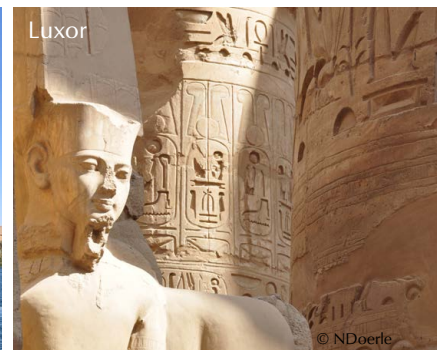
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Mosque of Ibn Tulun  
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Dahabiya sailing vessel



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**plus an optional post-tour extension to the Siwa Oasis & Alexandria: February 2-8, 2023**

*Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur*



## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host



**Okasha El Daly**  
(Ph.D., University  
College London)  
is an Egyptian  
historian specializing  
in the history,  
art, religion, and  
languages of Egypt.  
His research interests  
cover the history and  
culture heritage of

Egypt from the birth of its civilization to its contemporary history and current affairs. Dr. El Daly's main interest is exploring links and relationships between cultures, past and present, which was motivated by his extensive travel between ancient lands in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. He has taught in Egypt, the UK, and Qatar such subjects as History of Egyptian Art, History of Egyptian Archaeology, Egyptian Religion, and Historical Geography of the Nile Valley. Over the course of twelve years (1980-92) he served as Inspector of Antiquities in the Giza Pyramids Area, worked as a guide and lecturer in Egypt, and lectured on the AIA's national lecture circuit. He has also been Director of several international projects, including the Foundation for Science, Technology, and Civilisation in the UK; and the recent Qatar-Sudan Archaeological Project.

Dr. El Daly has authored and edited several books and many articles on ancient Egypt and the history of science. He is also an accomplished translator of several books on ancient Egypt. Dr. El Daly appeared in several documentaries for international TV channels, and he is a public speaker on the cultural heritage of the Middle East and an invited keynote speaker at many international Egyptological circuits. University College London Press published his popular book, *Egyptology: The Missing Millennium* (2005), which is still generating great interest among both academics and the public. This book covers a thousand years of interest in ancient Egypt, from classical writers to modern Egyptology, showing that medieval scholars in Egypt and beyond were as keen as we are on exploring ancient Egyptian sciences and arts.

*"We appreciated the flexibility and adjustments to take advantage of opportunities, such as at Saqqara and village visitation on the Nile island. The top-end accommodations were much appreciated after long days."*

- Stephen, Washington

Dear Traveler,

This unique trip combines the very best of the ancient pharaonic sites with later Coptic (early Christian) and medieval Islamic sites. This is a luxurious, in-depth, small-group, all-inclusive, well-paced, 17-day trip.

- Learn with a distinguished and engaging **Egyptian scholar** plus one of Egypt's most experienced tour manager/guides.
- Travel with a **maximum of just 16 guests** plus your two leaders.
- Enjoy the **best accommodations**, including 10 nights at luxurious, 5-star hotels in Giza, Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan; a three-night Nile cruise aboard a comfortable, eight-cabin *dahabiya* (traditional Nile sail boat); and two nights in the center of Medieval Cairo at a boutique, 17-suite hotel.

Highlights include:

- Touring the amazing **Giza pyramids and Sphinx** as well as **Saqqara's Step Pyramid** of Djoser and newly-discovered, closed-to-the-public, **Tomb of Wah Ti**.
- Exploring spectacular museum collections in Cairo: the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, the Museum of Islamic Art, and either the historic Egyptian Museum OR, if it is open, the new Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza.
- Discovering with your experts one of the world's greatest cities—Cairo, the "City of 1,000 Minarets." See magnificent Islamic architecture spanning the Fatimid, Mameluke, Circassian, Ayyubid, and Ottoman periods.
- Exploring the astounding temple complex of **Karnak** as well as **Luxor Temple**, plus spectacular royal mortuary temples and tombs in the **Valleys of the Kings and Queens**, such as those of Seti I and Nefertari.
- **Cruising the Nile from Esna to Aswan aboard an eight-cabin 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 during a visit to a farming community.
- Flying to **Abu Simbel** to visit the stunning and enormous rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and Nefertari.
- The option to extend your trip with the seven-day, **post-tour extension to the Siwa Oasis and Alexandria**.

I hope that you will join our distinguished leaders to learn about "Egypt through the Ages."

Sincerely,

Lauren Cummings  
Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours  
Archaeological Institute of America



## EGYPT

- # = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- = Flights
- ✈ = In-program flight
- = Post-Tour Extension

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



Abu Simbel

## Itinerary

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

### Tuesday, January 17, 2023: Depart home

### Wednesday, January 18: 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 our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Marriott Mena House](#) hotel (Pyramid View rooms) for four nights.* (D)

### Thursday, January 19: 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 AIA lecturer/host and local tour manager/guide. (B,L,R,D)

### Friday, January 20: Egyptian Museum or Grand Egyptian Museum

We will spend a full day visiting the historic and renowned Egyptian Museum (formally known as the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities) to see treasures of the pharaohs, including magnificent artifacts from the royal tombs of Tanis. Alternatively, if the new Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) is open, we will spend a full day there instead to see Tutankhamun's funerary collection, the reconstructed 4,000-year-old Khufu ship, colossal statues of Ramesses the Great, and more. (B,L,D)

### Saturday, January 21: 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, 5<sup>th</sup>-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 perhaps have a drink while gazing at the Great Pyramid. Gather for dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

### Sunday, January 22: Medieval Cairo: Museum of Islamic Art, walking tour

This morning your luggage is transferred to our hotel in Medieval (Old) Cairo while we visit the Museum of Islamic Art, considered the world's largest museum dedicated to Islamic art. Its collection of more than 100,000 artifacts ranges from textiles and carpets to ivory, ceramic, wood, metal, glass, and much more. Then we take a walk through the bustling streets of Medieval Cairo, admiring magnificent Islamic architecture that is embellished with exquisite *mashrabiya* (woodwork) façades, painted mosaics, and decorative domes. Your AIA Egyptologist, Dr. El Daly, is an expert on the reuse of Pharaonic stonework in





Christian and Islamic buildings, examples of which we will see. Over many centuries Fatimid, Mameluke, Circassian, Ayyubid, and Ottoman rulers all enhanced the character of this historic center by building splendid mosques, *sabils* (water fountains), *kuttab*s (Qur'anic schools), madrasahs (schools), houses, and *wekalas* (trade complexes). Enjoy lunch and browsing in Khan el-Khalili, the famous souq (bazaar), before arriving at our nearby hotel for some time to relax before gathering for dinner. *Overnight at the boutique, 17-suite [Le Riad](#) hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)

**Monday, January 23: Medieval Cairo: National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, Hanging Church, Mosque of Ibn Tulun, Gayer-Anderson Museum**

Start the day with a visit to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC), which opened in 2017, housing materials from all periods of Egyptian archaeology, including the Gallery of the Royal Mummies. With our expert guide we learn about key historical phases, starting with the Predynastic and ancient Egyptian eras, and continuing through Greco-Roman, Coptic, Islamic, and modern times. NMEC is located in the heart of Al-Fustat, the oldest Islamic capital of Egypt. Next we see the nearby Coptic Hanging Church, also called the Suspended Church or Al-Moallaqa. This unique church got its name from the fact that it was built over the southern gate of the Roman Fortress of Babylon, which became the church's foundation. After lunch overlooking the Nile, we visit the 9<sup>th</sup>-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 17<sup>th</sup>-century domestic architecture, with splendid furniture, carpets, curios, and other objects. Return to our hotel and pack for tomorrow's early flight before gathering for dinner. (B,L,D)



Above, from top: Muizz Street, Medieval Cairo; Khan el-Khalili souk, Cairo; St. Simeon Monastery, Aswan

**Tuesday, January 24: Fly to Luxor | Karnak Temple | Luxor Temple**

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

**Wednesday, January 25: 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)





Exquisite detail of arches at the Mosque of Ibn Tulun



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

#### **Thursday, January 26: 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 and previously unknown names of ancient Egyptian constellations. Afterward, we embark our sailing vessels, traditional Nile sail boats called *dahabiyas*, which will be our homes-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. 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)

#### **Friday, January 27: El Kab | Edfu | Sailing the Nile**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast onboard before visiting El Kab, one of the oldest settlements of Upper Egypt and 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, stopping at a village community to learn about daily life and farming. This evening enjoy an onboard dinner of Egyptian specialties presented with a performance of local music and dancing. (B,L,D)

#### **Saturday, January 28: Gebel el-Silsila | Kom Ombo | Sailing the Nile**

Set out this morning to visit Gebel el-Silsila, located at the narrowest point along the entire length of the Nile. It was the location of a major New Kingdom sandstone quarry and workshop, where artifacts and tombs have been discovered. Sail onward to the twin Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo, including a visit to the magnificent (though small) Crocodile Museum. Continue cruising to Aswan, and partake in a final gala dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

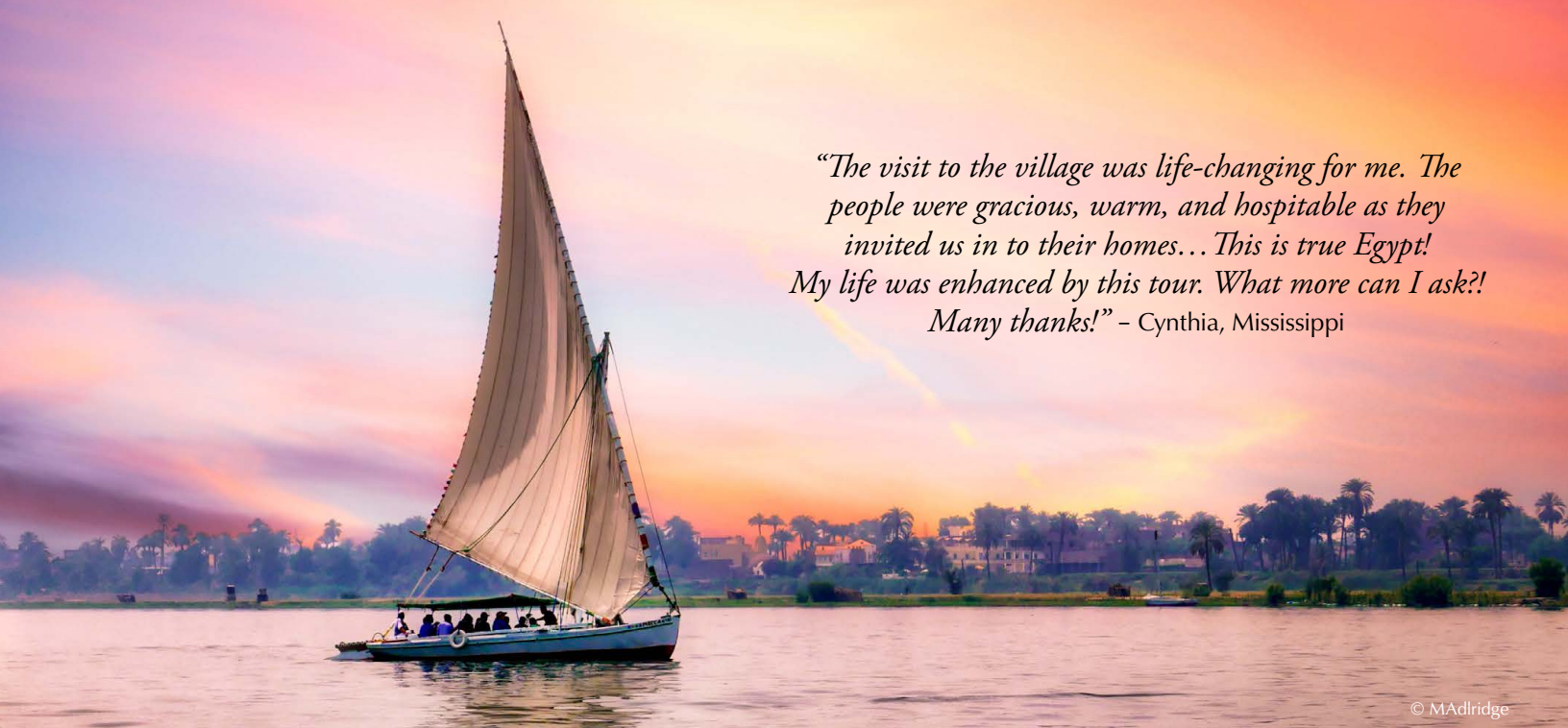
#### **Sunday, January 29: Aswan | Disembarkation | Philae | Nubia Museum**

Disembark this morning at Aswan and visit the ancient granite quarry with its unfinished obelisk. Set out on a short boat ride to the island of Philae for a visit of the 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 our 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)



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





*"The visit to the village was life-changing for me. The people were gracious, warm, and hospitable as they invited us in to their homes... This is true Egypt! My life was enhanced by this tour. What more can I ask?! Many thanks!"* – Cynthia, Mississippi

Felucca sailing on the Nile near Aswan

### **Monday, January 30: Elephantine Island | Aswan**

Embark *feluccas* (small, traditional sailing vessels) and visit the Tombs of the Nobles, dating from the Old and Middle Kingdoms; as well as St. Simeon Monastery, which was constructed in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Then take a motor boat ride through the Nile cataract for lunch at a Nubian restaurant. This afternoon we visit Elephantine Island, where a 1<sup>st</sup>-dynasty fortress was built to defend Egypt's southern frontier and which was the main cult center of the god Khnum, his wife, and his daughter. Return to Aswan for a walk through its souq (bazaar), the most charming and traditional in Egypt, featuring interesting Nubian ethnographic items such as baskets, pottery, and scarves that are unique to the Aswan area. We return to our hotel and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

### **Tuesday, January 31: 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 your AIA lecturer/host and tour manager/local guide. This evening we gather for a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel. (B,L,R,D)

### **Wednesday, February 1: 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, 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 sound-proofed rooms. Dinner is at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

### **Thursday, February 2: Fly home OR continue on the optional extension**

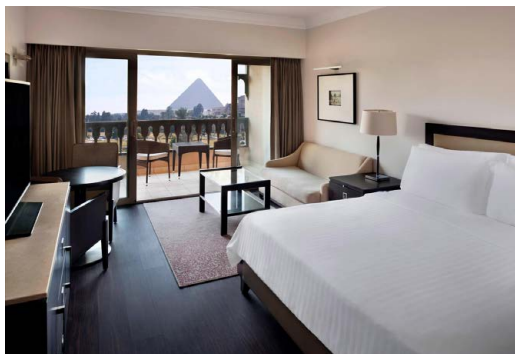
Check out this morning and enter the airport (our hotel has direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge, as well as a free shuttle to Terminal 2) to catch flights homeward. Or, continue on the Siwa Oasis and Alexandria extension. (B)

## **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. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry. Average daytime temperatures may range from the mid-60s to the mid-70s F, and nighttime temperatures may dip into the high 40s F. *Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.*

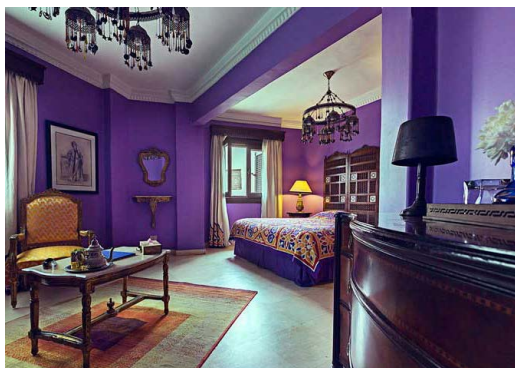
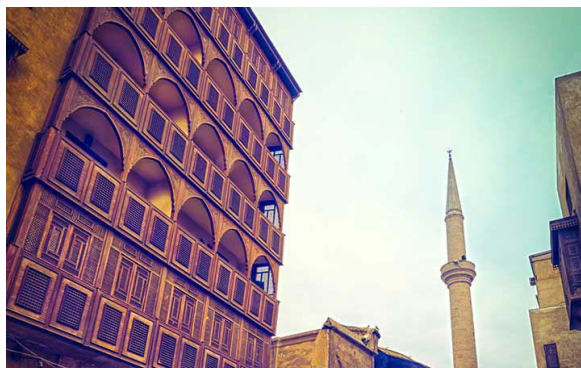


# Accommodations



**Giza:** Four nights at the 5-star [\*Marriott Mena House\*](#) hotel (Pyramid View rooms)

Consider arriving early. Additional pre-tour hotel nights are available. See pricing page for details.



**Medieval Cairo:** Two nights at the boutique, 17-suite [\*Le Riad\*](#) hotel



**Luxor:** Two nights at the 5-star [\*Sofitel Old Winter Palace\*](#) hotel (quiet Luxury Garden View rooms)

Upgrade your room with the "Suite Package." See pricing page for details.



**Aswan:** Three nights at the 5-star [\*Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan\*](#) hotel (Nile Wing)

Upgrade your room with the "Suite Package." See pricing page for details.



Far left: **Nile River:** Three-night cruise aboard an 8-cabin *dahabiya* from Esna to Aswan

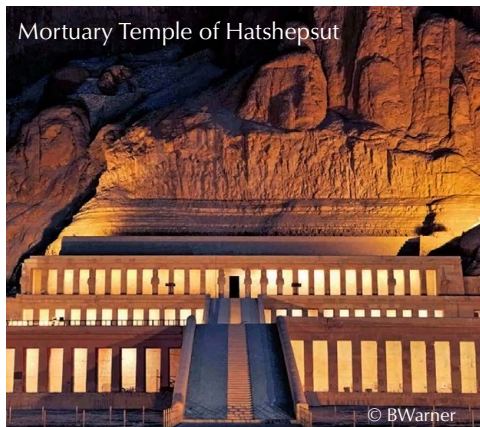
Upgrade your cabin to a suite. See pricing page for details.

Left: **Cairo:** One night at the 5-star [\*Le Méridien Cairo Airport\*](#) hotel





Cairo Bazaar



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut



Luxor

## Main Tour Prices Per Person (15 nights)

Double Occupancy (9-16 participants) .....	\$12,545
Double Occupancy (6-8 participants) .....	\$13,245
Single Supplement .....	\$3,445

*With fewer than 6 participants, a small group surcharge may be added. Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*

**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
<a href="#">Mena House, Giza</a>	includes breakfast	Double	\$455
		Single	\$425

## Additional Upgrade Options in Egypt:

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

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total per Person (5 nights)
<a href="#">Old Winter Palace, Luxor</a> (garden view) ↳ <a href="#">Nile wing at the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan</a>	Suites	Double	\$1,765
		Single	\$2,145

## Nile River Cruise Upgrade:

Dahabiya (3 nights)	Upgrade to Suite (limited availability)	\$ Per Suite (single or double)	Total Cost \$665
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## 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 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.*

## Main Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Okasha El Daly** and a professional **tour manager/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** during all excursions and motorcoach transfers
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager/guide, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and waiters for included meals
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including what to pack and a suggested reading/media guide

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

**Payments:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-AIA EgyptOED1/23." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be made by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. *By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.*

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Optional, Post-Tour Extension

# The Siwa Oasis & Alexandria

February 2-8, 2023 (7 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Okasha El Daly



## ITINERARY

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

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

### Thursday, February 2, 2023: 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 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 destination tomorrow), 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 hotel on the bay of Marsa Matruh, and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Carols Beau Rivage hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

### Friday, February 3: 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 Amallal Desert Eco Lodge](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### Saturday, February 4: 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> dynasty and the Ptolemaic and Romans periods; and Shali, the old village of Siwa, with houses dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Return to our eco-lodge for dinner. (B,L,D)



El-Alamein War Museum





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### Sunday, February 5: 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)

### Monday, February 6: 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)

### Tuesday, February 7: 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-century pink granite column set amid the remains of the acropolis of the Serapeum. At mid-day we drive to Cairo and check-in to our luxurious airport hotel, which features fully sound-proofed rooms, direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge, as well as a free shuttle to Terminal 2. Dinner is at the hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

### Wednesday, February 8: Fly home

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

### Optional Post-Tour Extension (6 nights)

#### Prices Per Person, double occupancy

13-16 participants .....	\$4,245
10-12 participants .....	\$4,545
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- **All transportation**
- **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/guide, hotel staff, waiters, and drivers

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Temple of Horus, Edfu

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*"I thought it was a wonderful tour...  
The key staff member was Mahmoud  
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had a firm understanding of ancient  
and modern Egypt...able to supply info  
about local conditions. [AIA lecturer] Dr.  
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depicted on the walls of the temples."*

- Dennis, Washington, D.C.

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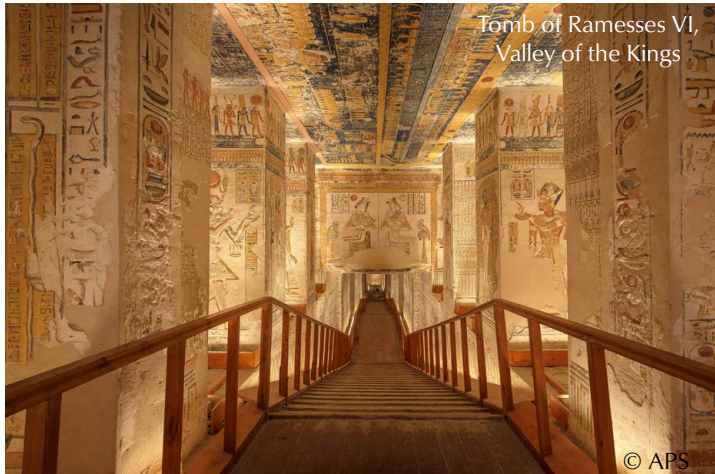
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☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

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☐ 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).

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