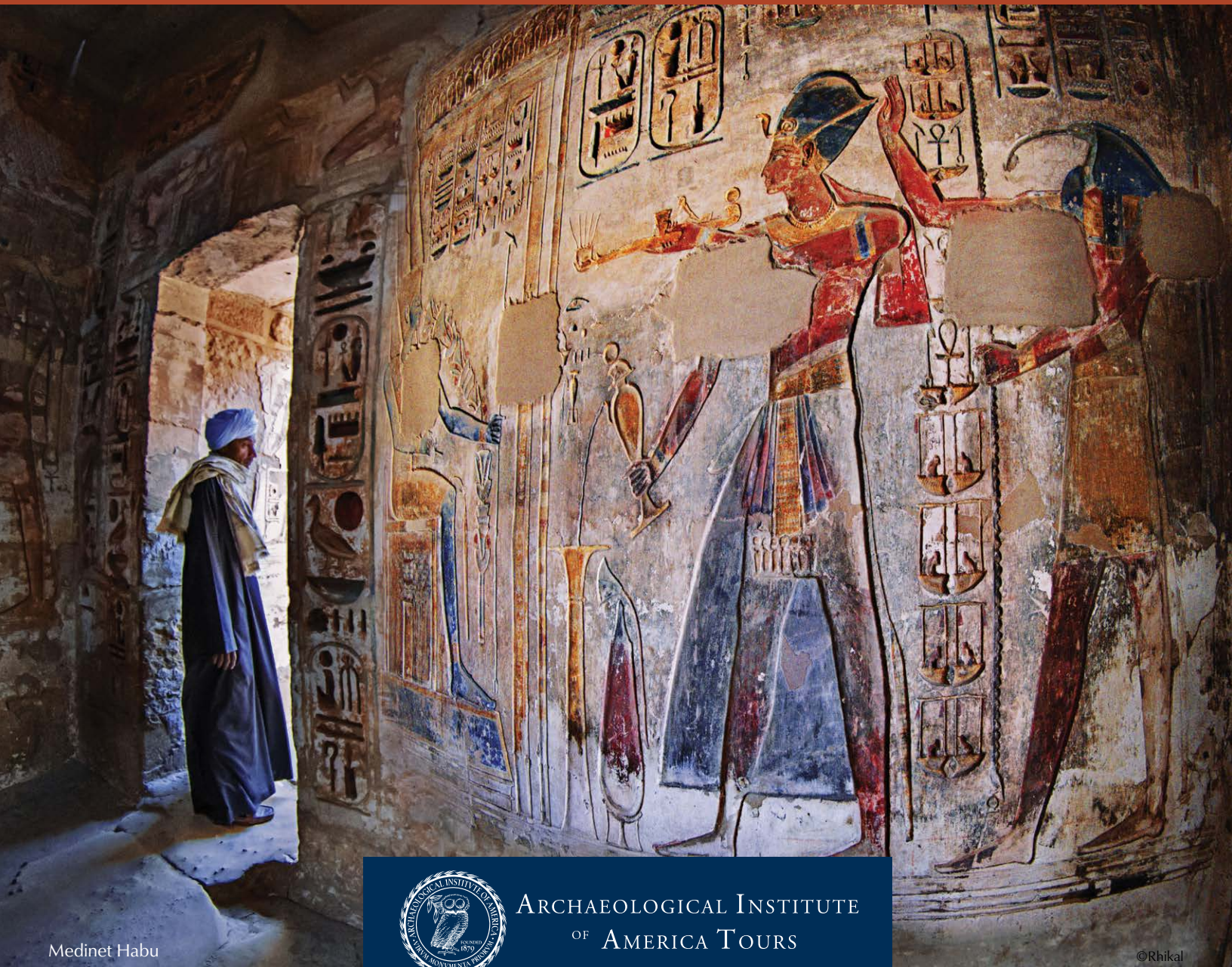


# EGYPT'S HIDDEN GEMS

January 9-25, 2026 (17 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

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



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*"I really appreciated going in more depth, getting a 'behind the scenes' look at Egypt and the archaeological sites, having access not readily available to others, being accompanied by an enthusiastic Egyptologist who enjoyed sharing his knowledge and experience, and being able to benefit from the relationships and contacts that all three [leaders] have established."*

- Carol, Massachusetts

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Dear Traveler,

You are invited to experience this 17-day, custom-designed itinerary in the engaging company of Egyptologist Stephen Harvey plus an expert local Egyptology guide and a professional tour manager. This trio has been receiving accolades for many years.

Highlights are many and varied:

- Spend two full days exploring Giza's Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM).
- 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 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.
- Explore the necropolis 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, 18<sup>th</sup>-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 since 1993, including visits to the spectacular Temple of Seti I, with its invaluable "Abydos King List" and chapels with exquisite reliefs; and special access to the subterranean Osireion (symbolic tomb of Osiris), centered around a burial chamber that was once surrounded by water.
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Sincerely,

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Snefru's Bent Pyramid at Dahshur



Red Pyramid at Dahshur



Black Pyramid of Amenemhet III



Snefru's collapsed pyramid at Meidum



Step pyramid of Djoser at Saqqara

*"I loved every aspect of the tour. The ease of every day, not having to make any arrangements ourselves. Every detail was well planned."*

- Nancy, California



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## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Since 2002, **Stephen Harvey** (Ph.D., U. of PA) has accompanied 25 AIA Tours of Egypt, plus AIA Tours land programs in Jordan and Sudan, and an AIA-sponsored cruise from Jordan to Cyprus via Egypt and Lebanon, all to excellent reviews.

Since 1993, Steve has been Director of the Ahmose and Tetisheri Project, which centers on excavation of the monumental complex of King Ahmose at Abydos, under the aegis of the Pennsylvania-Yale-Institute of Fine Arts, NYU Expedition

to Abydos. Steve's fieldwork in and around the pyramid complex of Ahmose (ca. 1550-1525 B.C.) has provided important new insight into temple architecture and decoration at the outset of Egypt's New Kingdom. He has been working on archaeological projects in Egypt (including at Giza and Memphis) since 1987, and has also worked on projects in the U.S., Syria, and Turkey. Steve has been consulted on and interviewed for a number of television documentaries for NOVA on PBS, the History Channel, National Geographic, and the Travel Channel (among others). In 2013-14 and 2008-09, he lectured on the Archaeological Institute of America's national circuit. Steve has also been a lecturer on many study tours to Egypt sponsored by major U.S. and UK institutions.

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

- Cynthia, Virginia

## The AIA & the AIA Tours Program

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# ITINERARY

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

## Friday, January 9, 2026: Fly to Cairo, Egypt

### Saturday, January 10: Arrive in Cairo | Private transfer to hotel in Giza

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). *Four nights at the 5-star [Marriott Mena House](#) (Pyramid View rooms).* (D)

### Sunday, January 11: Giza: Grand Egyptian Museum, Optional PM at leisure | Welcome reception & dinner

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

### Monday, January 12: Dahshur: Bent & Red Pyramids | Saqqara excavations | Giza

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 4<sup>th</sup>-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 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. 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. (B,L,D)

### Tuesday, January 13: Giza: The Grand Egyptian Museum, Optional PM at leisure

This morning we return to view more of the GEM's extraordinary collections not seen on Sunday. After lunch in the Museum, you have the option of returning to our hotel to relax or continue visiting more galleries independently. This evening we gather for dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

### Wednesday, January 14: Meidum | Fayoum (Faiyum) Oasis: Illahun & Hawara

This morning we drive south to visit 4<sup>th</sup>-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



The 200-foot-long passage inside the Red Pyramid, to which our group has been granted access.



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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 12<sup>th</sup>-dynasty Pharaoh Senwosret II, and the mud-brick Hawara pyramid built for 12<sup>th</sup>-dynasty Pharaoh Amenemhet III. Check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Two nights at the 3-star [Helnan Auberge Fayoum](#).* (B,L,D)

**Thursday, January 15: Fayoum Oasis: Kom Aushim, Tunis pottery village**

This morning we drive to Kom Aushim (ancient Karanis), the site of a Greco-Roman town with two well-preserved temples, one of which (from the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C.) was dedicated to two crocodile gods. Explore its recently opened site museum and an open-air display of columns and statuary from Kiman Faris (Middle Kingdom Crocodilopolis). After lunch in the charming town of Tunis, on the edge of Lake Qaroun, we visit Tunis's pottery-making village which comprises a number of workshops that create and display their handmade ceramics. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**Friday, January 16: Al Minya | Beni Hasan | Tuna el-Gebel**

This morning we drive to Al Minya, located about 150 miles south of Cairo, which offers a glimpse into the unhurried, traditional life along the Nile that has persisted for millennia. After lunch, we drive to the east bank to visit the necropolis of Beni Hasan, known for its 39 rock-cut tombs of 11<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-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. Drive for 40 minutes to our accommodations in Tuna el-Gebel, and gather for dinner this evening. *Two nights at the 3-star [New Hermopolis Retreat](#).* (B,L,D)

**Saturday, January 17: Tell el-Amarna | Tuna el-Gebel**

Most of today is dedicated to exploring the famous site of 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. We return to our accommodations and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

**Sunday, January 18: Tuna el-Gebel | Abydos**

This morning we walk to the site of 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 water wheel. 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. Then we drive to Abydos, about 200 miles south of Tuna el-Gebel, and check-in to our simple but conveniently located hotel. *Two nights at the 3-star [House of Life Abydos](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)



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Photos (from top): Timeless scene on the Nile at Al Minya; Temple of Seti I, Abydos; Tuna el-Gebel





**Monday, January 19: Abydos: Shunet es-Zebib, Kom el-Sultan, Temple of Seti I, Osireion**

Abydos is one of the oldest and most important ancient cities in Egypt, and AIA lecturer Stephen Harvey has worked here since 1993. We will take an in-depth look at this vast site today and tomorrow morning. 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. We will also be granted private access to the intriguing, subterranean Osireion (symbolic tomb of Osiris), accessible via a 420-foot-long passageway and centered around a burial chamber that was once surrounded by water. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, January 20: Abydos | Dendera | Luxor**

Return to Abydos this morning to visit the Temple of Ramesses II. After lunch we drive to Luxor, stopping en route at the Temple of Hathor at Dendera, which has recently been extensively restored, revealing its startlingly well-preserved painted astronomical ceiling and reliefs. Continue driving to Luxor, where we settle in at our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Three nights at the 4-star [Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel](#) (Old Wing).* (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, January 21: 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

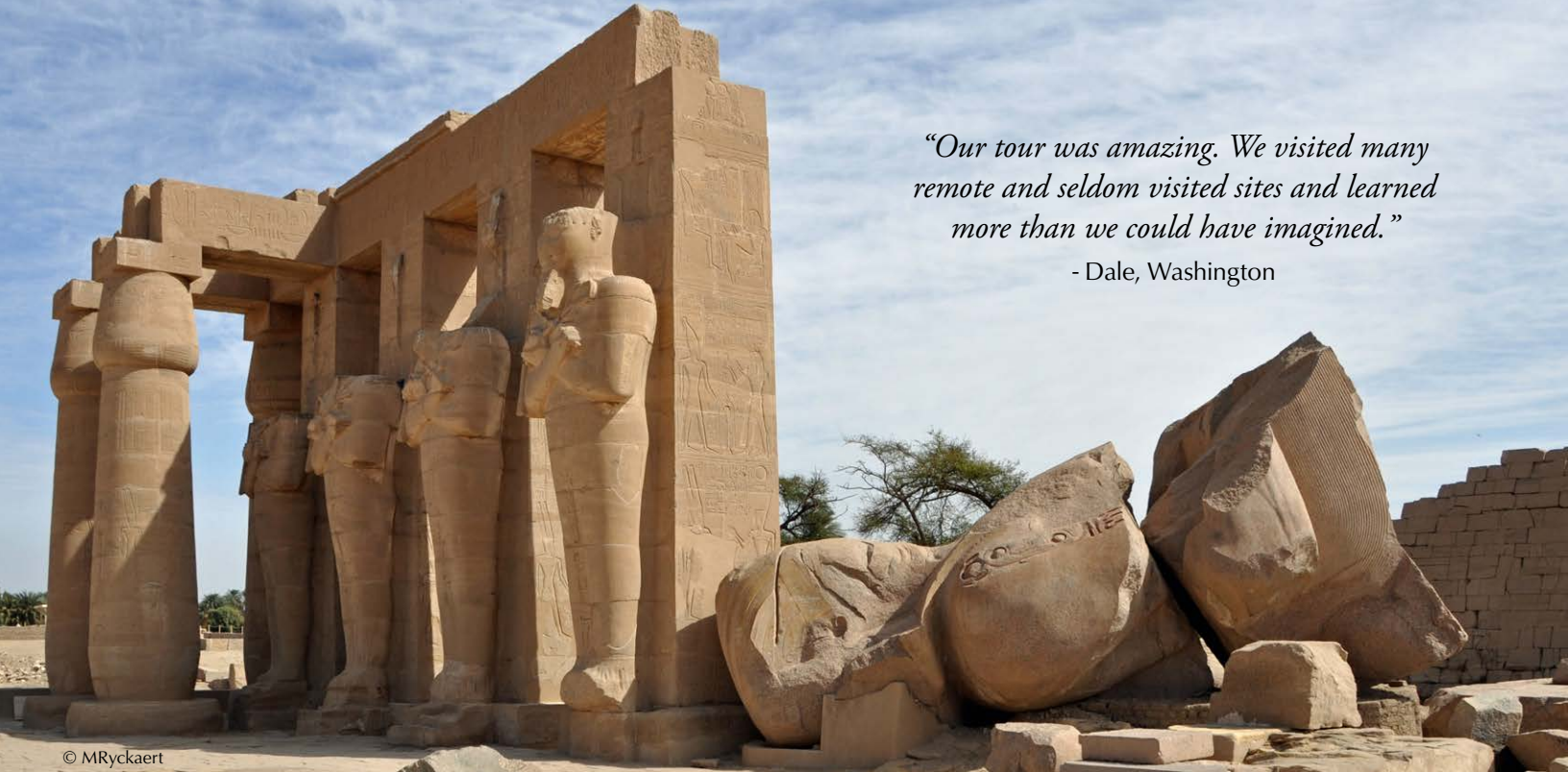
**Thursday, January 22: Tombs of the Nobles | El-Khokha & El-Asassif**

Today we see several of the best little-visited sites on Luxor’s West Bank. Located between the Ramesseum and Hatshepsut’s Temple are tombs carved into a rocky hillside dedicated to administrators, governors, and other figures of minor nobility with detailed scenes of their daily lives. Tombs we might visit include those of Rekhmire, Menna, and Nakht. We also will see the lesser-visited necropoli of El-Khokha and El-Asassif with dozens of tombs from many dynasties. (B,L,D)



Photos (from top): Boundary stela A, located on the approach to Tuna el-Gebel, marking the boundary of the ancient city of Amarna (Akhetaton); Temple relief at Abydos; Mosque of Ibn Tulun (Cairo)





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*“Our tour was amazing. We visited many remote and seldom visited sites and learned more than we could have imagined.”*

- Dale, Washington

Ramesseum, Luxor

### **Friday, January 23: Luxor: At leisure | Fly to Cairo**

Aside from a morning lecture and lunch, the morning and afternoon are 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; or explore the nearby Luxor bazaar. Late this afternoon we transfer to Luxor's airport in time for our short flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, we check-in to our luxurious and convenient airport hotel with fully sound-proofed rooms. *Two nights at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

### **Saturday, January 24: Cairo: Mosque of Ibn Tulun, Khan el-Khalili bazaar | Farewell reception & dinner**

This morning we visit the 9<sup>th</sup>-century Mosque of Ibn Tulun, which is 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. Enjoy lunch and browsing in Khan el-Khalili, the famous souq (bazaar). This evening we gather with our AIA lecturer, Egyptology guide, and tour manager for a cocktail reception and farewell dinner. (B,L,R,D)

### **Sunday, January 25: Fly home**

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

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## What to Expect



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

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing, for several hours at a time. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Our hotel accommodations have been selected for their excellent locations, and some also for their generous comfort. We will spend nine nights at 4- and 5-star hotels in Giza, Cairo, and Luxor, but when we are off of the main tourist track for six nights our property options are limited. In those cases, we will stay two nights each at the best-available accommodations in proximity to the sites on our itinerary, but amenities will be minimal. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry, with average daytime temperatures ranging from the mid-60s to mid-70s F and nighttime temperatures that may dip to as low as the mid-40s F. Early morning and overnight can be chilly, and participants are encouraged to pack warm layers and a light hat and gloves for these times. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



# Accommodations



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

Consider arriving early. Pre-tour hotel nights are available. Pricing will be sent upon request.



**Fayoum:** Two nights at the 3-star [Helnan Auberge Fayoum](#)



**Tuna el-Gebel:** Two nights at the 3-star [New Hermopolis Retreat](#)



**Abydos:** Two nights at the 3-star [House of Life Abydos](#)



**Luxor:** Three nights at the 4-star [Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel](#) (Old Wing)



**Cairo:** Two nights at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport Hotel](#)



## Tour Prices Per Person (15 nights)

|                                                         |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Double Occupancy (13-16 participants) .....             | \$12,945 |
| Double Occupancy (10-12 participants) .....             | \$13,795 |
| Single Supplement ( <i>limited availability</i> ) ..... | \$4,285  |

*With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.  
Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.*

### Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Stephen Harvey** plus a professional **tour manager** and an **expert Egyptology guide**
- **15 nights' accommodations: six nights in 5-star hotels; three nights at the historic, 4-star Sofitel Winter Palace; and six nights in best-available, 3-star properties**, as indicated in the itinerary
- **All meals** as indicated in the itinerary, with non-alcoholic beverages; including **welcome and farewell receptions and dinners with cocktails**
- **Egypt visa entry and processing fee**
- **All entrance fees** to sites listed in the itinerary, including (pending permissions) special entry into the new excavations at Saqqara and to the Osireion
- **All airport transfers and portage** within Egypt, including a **private transfer** on arrival
- **All transportation** in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, **including an in-program flight** from Luxor to Cairo
- Ground transportation in an **air-conditioned motorcoach with bottled water** available at all times
- **All gratuities** to local guide, tour manager, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and servers at included meals
- Comprehensive **pre-departure information**, including what to pack and a suggested reading/media guide

### Flights & Transfers:

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

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Temple of Ramesses II, Luxor

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Detail from one of the Tombs of the Nobles, Luxor

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*The logistics on this [tour] were flawless, truly...I have nothing but excellent impressions of everything about the tour."*

- Mitchell, California



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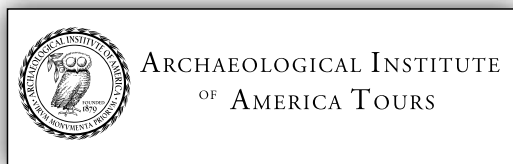
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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or [aia@studytours.org](mailto:aia@studytours.org).

Name 1  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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).

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A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.  
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Signature (participant #2) Date



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reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.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://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.