

# Egypt: Land of Mystery and Home of Faith

**Led by Kevin Saunders**

**Travel Dates: January 4 – 13, 2020**

**\$5,495.00 from Phoenix, AZ**

*(Includes: U.S. and Intl. departure taxes and standard gratuities)*

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Greetings Fellow Pilgrims,

I am excited to invite you to travel with me to Egypt in 2020! My trips to Egypt in the past have always been a particular highlight in the Arizona Bible Class travel schedule. Egypt is a country rich in our spiritual history. You will enjoy every minute of this journey back in time and I am very much looking forward to sharing this experience with you. The Old Testament stories in Egypt will come alive.

Our pilgrimage will allow us to travel back in time; to the origins of the Biblical narrative. Each ancient site will reveal a connection to our spiritual ancestors who also visited the land of the Nile. In addition to the Pharaohs we will also meet the Biblical giants of Genesis and Exodus as we trace the Bible stories related to Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Miriam and more. We also visit sites associated with the Holy Family who fled to Egypt and found safety there from the wrath of King Herod. We will discover the rich historical tradition about the time that Joseph, Mary and Jesus spent in Egypt.

We will travel by plane, motor coach, and cruise the River Nile for 4-nights to access all of the ancient wonders. The Pyramids, the Solar Boat exhibit, Christian Cairo, the Nile Temples, Luxor, the tombs in the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens and of course, the Egyptian Museum. This is a trip of a life time.



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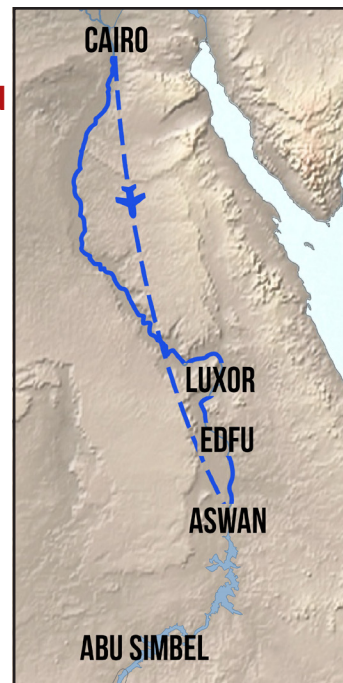
**Kevin Saunders**

**Bible Scholar**

### **Day 3 – Monday, January 6: Cairo: Sakkara, Giza Pyramids, Great Pyramid and Sphinx**

After breakfast, we begin our day by exploring **desert antiquities** dating from the beginning of a civilization that arose more than 5000 years ago. In the company of our Egyptologist guide, we venture through the desert, starting with the **necropolis** at **Sakkara**. Here is where **King Zoser's Step Pyramid** was built to last till the ends of time. This vast site in the heart of a desert plateau is the largest necropolis in

Egypt. Extending for almost 5 miles, the complex forms a **collection of pyramids, temples and tombs** that is fundamental to understanding the history of Ancient Egypt. Our next visit is to the **Pyramids of Giza**. Nothing evokes the long and intriguing history of Egypt as powerfully as the pyramids. Rising from the desert, **Khufu** (Cheops), **Khafra** and **Menkaura** seem to symbolize the enigmatic tug of Egypt in our imaginations. The **Great Pyramid of Cheops** immortalizes the son of Sneferu and Hetepheres. Though little is known of this pharaoh, his monument (the largest of the three) is comprised of 2.3 million stone blocks, each weighing an average of 2.5 tons. You will enter this pyramid and visit the inside of the **King's Chamber**. We conclude our day with a visit to the **colossal statue** of the **Great Sphinx**. The Sphinx has stood guard over the pyramids for more than 4500 years. Carved from an outcrop of rock, the Sphinx remains the **ultimate symbol of Ancient Egypt**, with its lion's body and human head. Before we leave, we also visit the **Solar Boat Museum**. The history and the lifestyle of ancient Egyptian pharaohs come alive before our eyes through the skilled narrations of our specialist guide. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



### **Day 1 – Saturday, January 4: Depart U.S.A.**

We begin our pilgrimage at Phoenix International Airport, as we board our flight to Cairo, Egypt.

### **Day 2 – Sunday, January 5: Arrive in Cairo**

Upon arrival this evening at Cairo International Airport, we will be met and assisted through passport control and customs formalities. We meet our tour escort and transfer to our hotel in Cairo for dinner and overnight. (D)

### **Day 4 – Tuesday, January 7: Cairo/ Aswan/ Nile Cruise (embarkation)**

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our short flight south to Aswan. Today, we will see the **highlights** of this **beautiful city of Aswan**. We will visit the **High Dam**, which has provided the country with water and electricity, and saved Aswan from



the annual inundation of the River Nile. Next, is the **Temple of Philae** (dedicated to the goddess Isis) and located on a beautiful island. We will also visit the **unfinished Obelisk** at the **Granite Quarries**, which – had it been completed, would have been the tallest obelisk ever built in Egypt. We travel to the port for our cruise check-in to begin our **four-night Nile River cruise** aboard the Sonesta Sun Goddess. After lunch, we will enjoy a **felucca ride** around **Kitchener’s Island**. Dinner and overnight onboard our ship. (B, L, D).



### Day 5 – Wednesday, January 8: Nile Cruise: Aswan (Optional Abu Simbel Excursion)/ Edfu

This morning is at leisure on our ship until the rest of the group arrives from their Abu Simbel excursion.

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#### Optional Abu Simbel Visit \$499.00 Per Person (inclusive of flights and gratuities)

Early this morning, we take an internal flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel, the most famous in all of Egypt after the Giza Pyramids. Built by the greatest pharaoh, Ramesses II, these huge rock-cut temples marked the southern boundary of the Egyptian empire with Nubia at the peak of its power during the New Kingdom. We return to Abu Simbel airport and take the domestic flight back to Aswan to join the rest of the group.

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This afternoon, we sail north to **Kom Ombo** while we have lunch on board. Here, we will visit the massive **Temple of Kom Ombo**, the only **double temple** in Egypt, dedicated to two gods: **Sobek**– the crocodile god and **Haroeris**– the ancient god of light. Tonight, we sail to **Edfu**. Dinner and overnight onboard our ship. (B, L, D)

### Day 6 – Thursday, January 9: Nile Cruise: Edfu/ Luxor

This morning, we visit the **Temple of Horus**, located on the West Bank of the Nile, in **Edfu**. It is the most impressive of all the Nile-side temples along the journey from Aswan to Luxor. We return to our ship for a relaxing lunch. We continue to sail down river to Luxor. Dinner and overnight onboard our ship. (B, L, D)

### Day 7 – Friday, January 10: Nile Cruise: Luxor

After breakfast, we begin our sightseeing of the **western bank** of the Nile River to see the **Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Deir El Bahari** and

the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, and the **Colossi of Memnon**. We return to our ship. Afternoon is at leisure. After dinner this evening we delight in the **Sound and Light Show** spectacle. (B, L, D)

### Day 8 – Saturday, January 11: Nile Cruise: Luxor (disembarkation)/ Cairo

After breakfast, we disembark our ship. Today, we continue our exploration on the **eastern bank** of the Nile, which is comprised of the **Temples of Karnak and Luxor**. This afternoon, we transfer to Luxor Airport for our flight back to Cairo. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

### Day 9 – Sunday, January 12: Cairo

After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our **sightseeing tour of Cairo** visiting **Coptic Cairo**. Starting with the famous **Suspended Church** (Hanging Church), dating to the late fourth and early fifth century. This basilica was named “Al-Muallaqah” because it was built atop the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon. Then, we see the **Church of St. Sergius**, a fifth century Coptic church. This basilica is built on the cave in which the Holy Family stayed and is regarded by visitors as a source of blessing. As we stroll along, we come to the recently restored **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**, which marks the place where Moses was rescued by the Pharaoh’s water girl. This is the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt, built in AD 882. Our next stop today is to the famous **Egyptian Museum**, with a visit to the area that contains the golden treasures of **King Tutankhamun**. Tonight, we will gather to celebrate a special **Farewell Dinner**. We conclude our trip exploring and shopping in **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**. We transfer to the Cairo International Airport for check-in. (B, D)

### Day 10 – Monday, January 13: Cairo/ Arrive in U.S.A.

During our flight home, we spend time reflecting on our unforgettable journey in the land of mystery and home of faith.

#### Note:

- *This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible.*
- *While we do our very best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your group leader and tour guide.*

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## THE FINE PRINT

ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT OF YOUR DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY.

### INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Round-trip group coach air from Phoenix, AZ; US and Intl. departure taxes; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; breakfasts and dinners listed as "B" or "D" in the daily itinerary; entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices based on a **minimum group size of 25**.

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

1) Optional Travel Insurance Program; 2) Miscellaneous fees and personal expenses such as Individual Transfers; Passports, Laundry, Beverages at All Meals; 3) LUNCHES; 4) Meals not listed as Included Above, Excess Baggage and Items of a Personal Nature; 5) Fuel Surcharges which may be imposed by airlines and other suppliers. If applicable, fuel surcharge will be paid by the passengers; 6) Any increase in taxes and fees imposed after printing of brochure; 7) Airline baggage/carryon charges; and 8) Any other items not listed above as included.

### PAYMENT:

**\$500.00 per person is required at registration.** Only the deposit may be charged to your credit card. **Final payment for trip, including optional insurance premium if applicable, is due by September 24, 2019, and must be paid by check (to help keep trip prices reasonable).** Registrations received on or after September 24, 2019, **must be accompanied by full payment.** Thereafter, a late payment fee of \$195 will be assessed.

*Imagine* reserves the right to add a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2% against the Egyptian Pound on foreign exchange rates in effect on April 5, 2019.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following **single supplement charges apply: \$989.00** for basic 10-Day Program.

### ITINERARY and CHANGES:

Because airlines often change flight schedules after brochures are printed, *Imagine* reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and, whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$185 per night/per person; single rooms \$220 per night. Meals for extra night not included. *Imagine* and the trip leader reserve the right to adjust or change arrangements or to eliminate, shorten, or limit certain aspects of the itinerary as circumstances warrant in their judgment. *Imagine* also reserves the right to cancel this trip in its sole discretion if minimum no. of 25 paid passengers is not met.

### LAND ONLY:

**Land Only price is \$4,295.00 per person based on double occupancy. Price does not include international flights.** Land Only passengers may be responsible for transfers and/or additional overnights incurred by booking their own flights. We recommend you purchase a ticket which can be changed without large penalties, as the group's flights may change. Passengers changing from the regular tour to Land Only after 120 days prior to departure will be charged a fee of \$150 per person.

### AIRLINE TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, **we do not guarantee you will be on the most direct flights to your final destination. Also, we do not guarantee the group will be on the same flights.** Flight routings are chosen by the airlines. Airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded once issued. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together for entire itinerary. We are unable to use individual frequent flyer points to upgrade or accept them as partial payment for air transportation. Deviations by the passenger, from the group's scheduled flights, could result in different routings/air carriers.

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### CANCELLATION FEES:

From day of registration, until August 22, 2019, fee is \$350.00 per person for trip; August 23, 2019 - September 23, 2019 fee is 100% of the deposit; September 24, 2019 - October 31, 2019, cancellation fee is 50% of Trip price per person; November 1, 2019 - November 19, 2019, cancellation fee is 75% of Trip price per person; and on/after November 20, 2019, 100% total Trip price (no refund). **Cancellations must be received in writing to be effective.** On or after day of departure, no refund for any services not used. **If final payment is not received by September 24, 2019, a late payment fee will be assessed or we may cancel your registration and refund your payment, less applicable cancellation fee.** Devotion Travel recommends you purchase a travel protection plan. Coverage includes Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and much more. **Based on a tour price of \$5,495.00, the cost of the Travel Protection Plan is \$472.00.**

### RIGHT TO CHANGE TRIP LEADER:

Should Kevin Saunders be unable to lead all/part of the trip for any reason, another trip leader may be substituted in his place without notice. There will be no refunds or credit.

### PASSPORT:

Each passenger is responsible for making sure that they have a **valid passport that has an expiration date at least six months after the date of return from their trip.** A copy of your valid passport must be submitted to our office by September 24, 2019.

### STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

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