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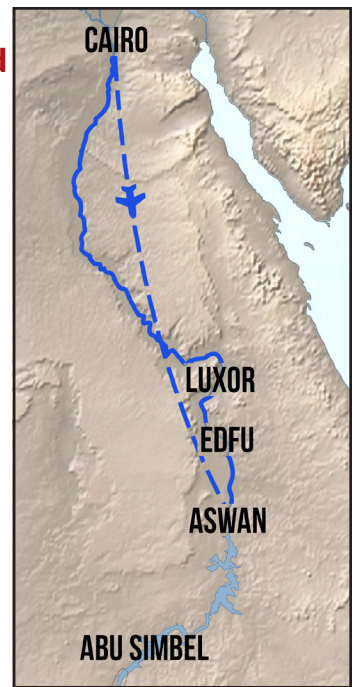
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## Day 3 – Cairo: Sakkarā, Giza Pyramids, Great Pyramid and Sphinx

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 – Depart U.S.A.

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

## Day 2 – 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 – 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 – 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 \$xxx.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 – 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 – 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 – 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 – 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 – 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.*