

Pyramids & Mummies

A LOGOS BIBLE STUDY ADVENTURE IN EGYPT
INCLUDING 5-DAY NILE RIVER CRUISE

Co-Led by

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Travel Dates: January 10 – 20, 2024

(Includes: Roundtrip flights from Los Angeles, Intl. departure taxes, Egypt domestic flights, taxes, standard gratuities, and visas for U.S. citizens)

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**DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 10: LOS ANGELES/
CAIRO**

Our intrepid travelers leave Los Angeles International Airport for our flights to Cairo, Egypt.

**DAY 2- THURSDAY, JANUARY
11: CAIRO**

We arrive in Cairo and transfer to our hotel in Giza for dinner and a good night's sleep, preparing for a BIG day tomorrow! (D)

**DAY 3 - FRIDAY, JANUARY
12: SAKKARA and DAHSHUR**

This morning, we drive south to **Dahshur** where we explore the **Bent Pyramid**, built by **King Sneferu** (2613-2589 B.C.). The third oldest pyramid (Sneferu's father, Huni, attempted the second, which is in ruins), the Bent Pyramid began at a fifty-four-degree angle, too steep to be structurally sound, and was adjusted to forty-three degrees, giving it a "bent" appearance. Never to be deterred, Sneferu moved a quarter mile north and tried again, this time constructing the **Red Pyramid**, a beautiful structure of pink limestone. This is the first successful pyramid. Its sides rest at a forty-three-degree angle, and its three interior chambers have corbelled ceilings, solving the problem of downward pressure from the massive weight above it. We will go inside the Red Pyramid, descending a long shaft to the interior chambers for a first-hand look! (B, D)

**DAY 4 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: CAIRO: GIZA PLATEAU, SOLAR
BOAT MUSEUM and SPHINX**

This morning we explore the **pyramids on the Giza Plateau** and the **Sphinx**. We'll have the rare opportunity to go inside the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, the oldest and largest of the three Giza pyramids, towering 481 feet, the largest man-made structure on earth for more than 3,800 years and the only surviving object among the seven wonders of the ancient world. When Moses was in Egypt, the Pyramid of Khufu was already over 1,000 years old! We journey south to **Memphis** and **Sakkara** where we visit the **Step Pyramid**. Built by **Imhotep**, royal architect to King Zoser, this vast funerary complex foreshadows the great pyramids built by Zoser's successors. Not a genuine pyramid, but six mastabas stacked atop one another, the Step Pyramid dates to 2665 B.C. (B, D)



**DAY 5- SUNDAY, JANUARY 14: CAIRO: GRAND EGYPTIAN
MUSEUM, SOLAR BOAT, and OLD CAIRO**

Today, if it has opened, we hope to visit the **new Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)**, which will be the world's largest archaeological museum. The Grand Museum will display over 50,000 artifacts of ancient Egypt, including the complete **Tutankhamun collection** as well as the **Solar Boat**. If the Grand Egyptian Museum is not yet opened, we plan to visit instead the original famous Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Later in the day, we explore **Old Coptic Cairo**. Our first visit is the **4th century Hanging Church** built on the bastions of the ancient Roman wall and "suspended" above the level of the Nile. Next, is the **Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus**, considered to be one of the oldest Coptic Church's in the country. It is believed to have been built over a cave where the Holy Family lived. We conclude our day with a visit to the **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**, dating from the 9th century. Ben Ezra is the oldest Jewish place of worship in Egypt. (B, D)

**DAY 6- MONDAY, JANUARY 15: CAIRO/ LUXOR, NILE RIVER
CRUISE (EMBARKATION)**

This morning we depart Cairo and fly south to the modern city of Luxor, which grew out of the ruins of Thebes, the **religious capital of ancient Egypt**. The sprawling Karnak Temple Complex, dedicated to the Theban triad of the gods Amun, Mut and Khonsu. It dates from the reign of Senusret I in the Middle Kingdom (c. 2000-1700 B.C.) through the Ptolemaic Period (305-30 B.C.), although most of the buildings date from the New Kingdom (1550-1069 B.C.), the time of Moses, the Exodus and the Judges.



Luxor Temple at night

We will also visit the **Temple of Luxor** built by the **New Kingdom Pharaohs Amenhotep III** (c. 1386-1349 B.C.) and **Ramesses II** (c. 1303-1213) for the Theban Triad.

This afternoon, we board our Nile River cruise ship, which will be our home as we sail south, "up" the Nile to Aswan. (B, L, D)

DAY 7- TUESDAY, JANUARY 16: NILE RIVER CRUISE: LUXOR/ ESNA

Crossing to the west bank of the Nile River, we visit the **Valley of the Kings**. Pyramids were built for only a short time in Egyptian history. Massive projects, they required a robust economy to support the work (they were built by skilled labor, not by slaves as the movies would have you think!). In addition, everyone knew that pyramids contained the vast wealth of the kings buried inside them, and by the end of the Old Kingdom period they had all been looted. The kings decided, therefore, to move their burial places south to the desolate area across the river from Thebes and construct their tombs in hidden places. Today, we will go inside several such tombs, including **King Tut's tomb**. We will also visit the Temple of Hatshepsut, the rock-hewn mortuary temple built by the only female pharaoh of ancient Egypt.

This afternoon, we are back onboard our ship as we sail up the Nile to Edfu. (B, L, D)

DAY 8- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17: NILE RIVER CRUISE: ESNA/ KOM OMBO

Today, as we **sail up the Nile**, we visit the **Temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo**. The Temple of Edfu is on the west bank of the Nile River in Upper Egypt, and it was built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom (237-57 B.C.). The temple enshrines the Egyptian god, Horus, and his consort, Hathor (the Egyptian mother-goddess, often represented as a cow, the origin of the "golden calf" the Israelites worshiped at the foot of Mount Sinai during the Exodus).

With the edict of Thessalonica in A.D. 380, the Emperor Theodosius I declared Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, after which the persecution of pagan religions began: Theodosius banned the Olympic games in A.D. 393 and pagan temples were desecrated or destroyed, including the Temple of Edfu, whose blackened ceiling of the hypostyle hall suggests that the temple may have been torched. Thankfully, sand from the desert and silt from the Nile River buried the temple, until it was excavated during the late 19th century, revealing well-**preserved carved reliefs**.

The **Temple of Kom Ombo** (meaning the 'Mound of Ombo') was also built during the Ptolemaic dynasty (180-47 B.C.), and it is dedicated to two gods: the crocodile god Sobek and the goddess Hathor, as well as the falcon god, Horus the Elder. Over 300 crocodile mummies have been found in the vicinity! (B, L, D)

DAY 9- THURSDAY, JANUARY 18: NILE RIVER CRUISE: KOM OMBO/ ASWAN

Today, we arrive in **Aswan** (ancient Swenett), the most beautiful city in south Egypt, which is located on the east bank of the Nile River at the first cataract. The **quarries at Aswan** were the source for granite used throughout ancient Egypt to build **obelisks, monolithic shrines**, and pyramids. In Aswan, we **visit the only island temple in Egypt**, the **Temple of Philae**, dedicated to the goddess Isis, the god Osiris and their son Horus. **The temple reflects the first fratricide**, not Cain slaying Able as in Scripture, but Set slaying his brother Osiris. In Egyptian mythology, Osiris is not only the god of the underworld, but the god of resurrection and eternal life. Isaiah 29: 10 mentions Aswan as the southernmost boarder of Egypt.

Today, Aswan is home of the **Aswan High Dam**, built between 1960 - 1970, creating Lake Nasser, one of the largest man-made lakes in the world, 298 miles long and nearly 10 miles wide. On the positive side, the Aswan High Dam controls the Nile River's water flow, avoiding floods and droughts downstream, and produces electricity; on the negative side, over 100,000 Nubians were relocated, the dam has created coastline erosion, saline water and health issues, including cancers, along with massive ecological damage. (B, L, D)

DAY 10- FRIDAY, JANUARY 19: NILE RIVER CRUISE: ASWAN (DISEMBARKATION)/ CAIRO

Today, we disembark from our Nile River cruise ship and we fly back to Cairo. In Cairo, we board our motor coach and travel to the **Khan el-Khalili Bazaar** to visit this famous and vibrant souk in the historic center of Cairo where we can shop and bargain for rugs, copper and leather crafts, perfumes and other goods both exotic and familiar.

We transfer to our hotel and this evening we come together to celebrate a special **farewell dinner** at our hotel. This will be a time to share our many joys and memories. After dinner, we have time to freshen up before our transfer to the Cairo International Airport for check-in and our flights back to the United States. (B, D)

DAY 11- SATURDAY, JANUARY 20: CAIRO/ LOS ANGELES

Today, we wing our way back to Los Angeles, remembering one of our most extraordinary pilgrimages: walking in "the Footsteps of Moses—Egypt."



Hosts: Dr. Creasy & Professor Faltas at Tomb of Tutankhamun

Photography by: Ana Maria Vargas

NOTE:

- This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on ancient archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and easily climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible and cannot be accessed by persons with limited mobility.
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