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Tour: Discover Ancient and Modern Egypt with LC Professor Paul Powers

Dates: April 11 - 23, 2023

Included:

12 nights' accommodation in 4-star hotels (double occupancy):

- Steigenberger Hotel, Cairo
- Pavilion Hotel, Luxor
- Private Nile Cruise
- Villa Belle Epoque, Cairo

1 Egyptian expert guide for 12 days

13 days of private bus transportation including group arrival and departure transfers

One way flight from Cairo to Luxor

One way flight from Aswan to Cairo

Round trip flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel

Meals listed in the itinerary

Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers

Gratuities for guides, drivers, and hotel staff

Water on the bus throughout the tour

US-based customer service representatives

Not included:

International airfare

Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Single Supplement 1300

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary

Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Hot Balloon option (Approx. 150 USD per person)

SETI I tomb Approx. 75 USD per person

PRICE :

\$5595 (per person, double occupancy)

\$6895 (per person, single room)



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Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival - Cairo, Egypt

Meet and assist at Cairo International Airport. A representative with a MEJDI sign will meet you before passport control. Transfer from airport to hotel by a modern, comfortable, and private air-conditioned vehicle. Check into your hotel and enjoy a group **welcome dinner** at the hotel this evening.

Overnight: Steigenberger Pyramid Hotel, Cairo (Dinner included)

Day 2: Cairo - Great Pyramids of Giza

Start the day with a visit to one of the main highlights of Egypt - the **Great Pyramids of Giza** including a short **camel ride**. **Meet with a local archeologist for a discussion about new discoveries in Egypt. Afterwards, Visit the ancient site of Memphis and Sakkara.**

Overnight: Steigenberger Pyramid Hotel, Cairo (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 3: Cairo – Historic and Islamic Cairo

Visit the **Citadel Salah Eldin and Mohamed Ali Mosque**. Afterwards, visit the **Mosque and Madrasa of Sultan Hasan and Refai**. In the afternoon visit the **Egyptian museum** at Tahrir Sq.

Overnight: Steigenberger Pyramid Hotel, Cairo (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 4: Luxor - Karnak and Luxor Temples

This morning, transfer to the airport and fly to Luxor. Start your exploration of Luxor with a visit to the **Karnak Temple Complex**. Then, transfer to your hotel and check in. Enjoy some free time on your own this afternoon before meeting up with the group again for a visit to **Luxor Temple**.

Overnight: Pavilion Hotel, Luxor (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 5: Luxor - Museum and Community Engagement

This morning, We start at the Luxor **Museum**. Then cross to the **West Bank**. Visit **Habu Temple** and the ancient work village of **Deir el-Medina** and stop for a photo by the giant **Colossi of Memnon Luxor Gallery and learn about Egyptian art**. Have a meal with a local Egyptian family and learn how to bake bread.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)



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Day 6: Luxor - West Bank, Valley of Kings, and Hatshepsut Temple

Arise early this morning for an **optional balloon ride over the West Bank (not Included)**. After breakfast, visit the **Valley of the Kings and Queen Hatshepsut Temple**. Return to the boat for lunch, then sail to **Esan**. An optional visit to the SETI I tomb is available.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 7: Nile Cruise – Edfu

In the morning we continued sailing towards Edfu. Visit the city of Edfu and the **Temple of Edfu**. In the evening make a stop at **an island on the Nile for a BBQ dinner**.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 8: Nile Cruise - Komombo

In the morning, visit the ancient **Egyptian sandstone quarry** which had been used to build the temples of ancient Egypt. After lunch, sail to **Kom Ombo** and explore the unusual **Temple of Kom Ombo**.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 9: Nile Cruise Aswan

Visit the amazing **Philae temple** in the morning. Then visit **the High Dam** and Naser lake. In the afternoon take a **felucca boat** on the Nile and enjoy dinner at a **Nubian village** where you can learn about the community.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 10: Nile Cruise – Aswan

Today, visit one of Egypt's most famous temples, **Abu Simbel** for a full day excursion. Afterwards take a flight back to Cairo. Free evening

Overnight: Villa Belle Epoque, Cairo (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 11: Christian Cairo

This morning, explore **Coptic Cairo**, including the **Hanging Church**. Visit the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, the **Coptic Museum**, **St. Samaan Church**. Then, **tour Manshiyat Naser**, aka **"Garbage collectors City," an underserved settlement outside of Cairo where the inhabitants are trying to create a sustainable economy out of a garbage dump.**

Overnight: Villa Belle Epoque, Cairo (Breakfast and Lunch included)



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Day 12: Historic Cairo

Take a private tour with the **Aga Khan Foundation of historic Cairo**. Make a stop at a **music school** serving underprivileged kids in historic Cairo. **Visit Moez St and Khan El Khalili market** for a free afternoon. In the evening, regroup for a farewell dinner to reflect on your experiences.

Overnight: Villa Belle Epoque, Cairo (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 13: Departure

This morning, transfer to the airport for your departure flight home. *(B)*