



ITINERARY

MEMBER TOUR OF EGYPT

NOV. 5 – NOV. 22 2020

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IN COLLABORATION WITH EGITALLOYD TRAVEL

**ARCE Member Tour of Egypt
November 05 – 22, 2020**

Thursday, November 05| Arrive in Cairo.

Meals Included: Dinner.

Meet and Greet at Cairo Airport

To ensure your journey is seamless from the start, our representative will meet you before passport control to assist with acquiring your visa stamps, move through passport control, and collect your luggage.

Later you will be transferred to the **Nile Ritz Carlton Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Cairo.

Friday, November 06| Sakkara / Coptic Cairo / Coptic Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Sakkara**, site of the Step Pyramid of King Djoser was constructed by Imhotep in the Third Dynasty. The pyramid is part of the tomb complex of Djoser, the first Pharaoh of the Old Kingdom. The pyramid began as a simple Mastaba, or long, flat tomb building and was the first construction to be built from stone. Visit to the **Serapeum** included.

Noon Lunch at Sakkara Palm Club.

After lunch, head to Coptic Cairo, where you will visit the **Hanging Church**, which dates back to the late 4th and early 5th century. This basilica was named "Al-Mu'allaqah," meaning "The Suspended Poems," because it was built on top of the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon. Then to the **Church of St. Sergius**, which dates to the beginning of the 5th century. This basilica is built on the cave in which the Holy Family stayed and is regarded by some as a source of blessing.

Then to the **Coptic Museum**. Founded in 1908, this museum houses exquisite Coptic art from the earliest days of Christianity in Egypt right through to the early Islamic period.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

07:30 PM Dinner in Felfela Restaurant.

Overnight in Cairo.

Saturday, November 07| Pyramids of Giza

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

07:00 Meet your guide and head to the Giza Plateau.

08:00 Private visit to **the Paws of the Sphinx**. The Sphinx is the largest monolithic statue in the world and the oldest known monumental sculpture.

Proceed to the famous **Giza Pyramid Complex**. Dominating the plateau and running in a southwest diagonal through the site are the three pyramids of the pharaohs **Khufu, Khafre**, and **Menkaure**. The northernmost and the largest belongs to Khufu. Khafre's pyramid is built precisely on a southwest diagonal to his father's pyramid on higher ground to create the illusion of being bigger. The pyramid of Menkaure is much smaller and is not aligned on the same diagonal axis as the other two pyramids. Entry to the Great Pyramid of Khufu and Solar Boat Museum are included.

Lecture by Dr. Zahi Hawass at the Paws of the Sphinx.

Noon Lunch at Andrea Restaurant.

Grand Egyptian Museum (In case it is not opened entry ticket USD 35.00 per person will be refunded in cash).

18:30 Lecture with Dr. **Nairy Hampikian** and **Reception at ARCE's Cairo Center.**
Dinner in Tabula Restaurant.
Return to hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure. Overnight in Cairo.

Sunday, November 08| Historic Cairo / Citadel / Egyptian Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch.

06:30 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 After breakfast, meet Dr. **Nairy Hampikian**

Visit past ARCE project **Zawiyat Farag Ibn Barquq**, then our walk starts from **Bab Zuwayla**, the southern gate remaining from the medieval walled city of Cairo.

Continue to **Sabil Mohammed Ali**, an elegant 1820 Sabil (public fountain), which was the first in Cairo to have gilded window grilles and calligraphic panels in Ottoman Turkish.

End with **Al Azhar** mosque, **El Moez Street**, and **Khan El Khalili Market** – a shopping delight.

Lunch at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant.

Drive to Mokattam Hill and visit the Islamic era fortress built by Salah El Din Al Ayoubi, **The Citadel**, and the Ottoman period **Mohamed Ali Mosque**.

05:00 PM Visit the famous **Egyptian Museum** to see its world-renowned collection of Pharaonic art, starting with the Old Kingdom Collection, onto the Middle and New Kingdom galleries, and Greco-Roman periods. The museum contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities; no visit to Egypt is complete without a trip through its galleries, including the **Mummy room**.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Monday, November 09| Drive to Minya.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby, drive to Minya; visit **Meidum Pyramid**.

About 30 kilometers (km) northeast of Medinet Al Fayoum is the ruin of the first true pyramid attempted by the ancient Egyptians.

Then visit **Hawara Pyramid**, approximately 8 km southeast of Medinet Al Fayoum. At this remarkable location, there stands the second pyramid of Amenemhat III, the last powerful ruler of the 12th Dynasty.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Then to **El-Lahun Pyramid**, first discovered by British archaeologist William Petrie, is the southernmost pyramid structure in Egypt.

Later you will be transferred to **Grand Aton Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Minya.

Tuesday, November 10| Beni Hassan Tombs / Tell el-Amarna.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Beni Hassan**, an archaeological site from the Middle Kingdom. Most of these rock-cut tombs date from the 11th and 12th dynasties, and the 39 upper tombs are painted with scenes of daily life and important biographical texts.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included."

Head to **Tell el-Amarna**. Monumental buildings, waterfront structures, residential areas, and cemeteries, the Tell el-Amarna site represents a complete ancient city of New Kingdom era, built by the Pharaoh Akhenaten.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Minya.

Wednesday, November 11| Tuna El Gebel/Hermopolis

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby, Drive to Sohag; visit **Tuna El Gebel**.

Visit **Tuna El Gebel**. See Akehnaten's boundary stela, the tomb of priest Petosiris, catacombs and Isadora tomb.

Proceed to the city of **Hermopolis**

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included."

Later you will be transferred to **Sohag Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Sohag.

Thursday, November 12| Athribis / Red Monastery / White Monastery.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at the hotel and head to **Athribis**. This active archaeological site is the site of a temple built for the goddess Reptyt by Ptolemy IX and subsequent Roman Emperors.

Four kilometers north of the White Monastery lies the **Red Monastery** (Deir al-Ahmar), a 5th century monastery with beautiful wall paintings. ARCE is finishing the last phase of conservation work on this remarkable Coptic monastery.

Lunch will be served at the Red Monastery.

Short drive west of Sohag, the **White Monastery** (Deir al-Abyad) dates from the early 5th century. Named for the color of its masonry, the monastery was built by the Coptic saint Shenouda using white limestone taken from surrounding Pharaonic temples.

If time permits visit **Sohag Museum**

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Sohag.

Friday, November 13| Abydos/ Dendera

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and drive to **Abydos**, south of Sohag.

Considered one of the most important archaeological sites of Ancient Egypt, Abydos is notable for the memorial temple of Seti I.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included."

Then to **Dendera**, the city of Dendera is located on the west bank of the Nile, about 60 kilometers to the north of Luxor, in the 6th Nome of Upper Egypt. The Dendera Temple Complex is situated around 2.5 kilometers to the southeast of the city.

Later you will be transferred to **Steigenberger Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Luxor.

Saturday, November 14| Medinet Habu Temple / Valley of the Queens / Valley of the Kings.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

You will have a lecture with Dr. Ray Johnson.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby for your private tour to the West Bank: Medinet Habu Temple and Valley of the Kings & Queens.

Begin with Medinet **Habu Temple**, the site that is dominated by the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III (1194 – 1163 B.C.), the largest on the west bank and one of the best preserved.

Continue to the **Valley of Queens**. Entry to the tomb of **Queen Nefertari**.

Lunch at Al Marsam Restaurant.

Then to **Valley of the Kings**. Here you will visit the tombs of Egypt's splendid Pharaohs.

Entry the tombs of Kings **Tutankhamun** and **Ramses VI**.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Luxor.

Sunday, November 15| Qurna, Draa El Naga and Menna (Ramose).

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Qurna, Dra Abu el-Naga and Menna (Ramose)**.

ARCE's Qurna Site Improvement project (QSI) ran between 2011 and 2014. Funded by USAID, this project was developed in response to both the demolition of the hamlets in Sheikh Abd el Qurna and el Khokha, and the economic crisis that followed the 2011 Egyptian Revolution.

Dra Abu el-Naga is an important non-royal site near Deir el Bahri in western Thebes. Excavations included work in the tombs of New Kingdom officials and the mortuary complex of the 18th Dynasty King Amenhotep I and his wife Nefertari (1525-1504 B.C.)

Visit the beautiful wall paintings of **Menna (Ramose) Tomb** at the Valley of Nobles.

Lunch at hotel.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Luxor.

Monday, November 16| Karnak Temple / Luxor Temple / Luxor Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.
Checkout after breakfast.

Khonsu Temple ARCE lab at Karnak Temple Complex.

Meet your guide at the lobby. Walk along the Avenue of Sphinx and enter the Karnak Temple Complex. You will see each legacy left by the various pharaohs as the complex grew even larger. The deeper you go into the complex, the further back in time you will travel, with the oldest ruins dating back over 3,000 years.

12:00 noon Embarkation.
Noon Lunch on board.

Meet your guide at the lobby, go ahead to the East bank, visit **Luxor Temple**

Then to **Luxor Museum**. This wonderful museum has a brilliantly displayed collection of antiquities dating from the end of the Old Kingdom right through to the Mamluk period.

Tea at club lounge.
Cocktail reception.

Dinner.

Overnight in Luxor.

Tuesday, November 17| Deir El Medina / Hatshepsut Temple / Ramesseum Temple.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast on board.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby for your tour to the West Bank of Luxor.

Drive to **Deir El Medina**. Here are the wonderful tombs of the workers and sculptors who built the tombs in the Valley of the Kings.

Continue to visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, the most magnificent of Egypt's female rulers.

Then to **Ramesseum Temple**, the Mortuary Temple of Ramses II.

Noon Sail to Edfu via Esna.
PM Lunch on board.
PM Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party.

PM Dinner on board. Overnight in Edfu.

Wednesday, November 18| Temple of Edfu / Temples of Kom Ombo.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast on board.
08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and transfer to **Temple of Horus at Edfu**, considered one of the finest examples of Ptolemaic art in Egypt.

11:00 Sail to Kom Ombo.
Noon Lunch on board.

PM Visit the **Twin Temple of Kom Ombo**, dedicated to the hawk-headed god, Haroeris, and the crocodile god, Sobek. It is called a "Twin Temple" because everything is doubled and perfectly symmetrical, with twin entrances, twin halls, twin colonnades, etc. The Greco-Roman temple is directly on the banks of the Nile.

PM Sail to Aswan.
 Dinner on board

 Galabeya Party. Overnight in Aswan.

Thursday, November 19| Philae Temple / High Dam / Unfinished Obelisk.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast on board.
08:00 Visit of **Temple of Isis at Philae** and **Aswan High Dam**.

 Proceed to the docks on Lake Nasser for a short boat ride to the island of **Philae** where you will visit the beautiful **Temple of Isis**, dedicated for the world's most famous Goddess Isis.

 Continue to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, which is the largest known ancient obelisk and located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan.

Noon Lunch on board.
PM Sail on the Nile by Felucca around Kitchener's Island and Agha Khan.

 Then to **Qubbet Al Hawa**.

PM Dinner on board.

PM Nubian Folkloric show. Overnight in Aswan.

Friday, November 20| Disembarkation / Kalabsha Temple / Nubian Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast on board.
 Disembarkation after breakfast.

08:00 Meet your guide and head to **Kalabsha Temple**, which is an impressive Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the god Mandulis.

 Lunch at hotel.

 Head to **Nubian Museum**.

Dinner at 1902 Restaurant – Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel.

Return to hotel.

Overnight in Aswan.

Saturday, November 21| Abu Simbel Excursion / Fly to Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

00:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

00:00 Meet our representative for your private transfer to Aswan airport for your short flight to Abu Simbel.

Upon arrival at Abu Simbel airport, you will be met by your guide and transfer to visit the Abu Simbel Temples of Ramses II and Nefertari.

Light lunch at Abu Simbel airport.

Upon arrive Cairo airport, you will meet our representative for your private transfer to your hotel for check-in.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Cairo.

Sunday, November 22| Final Departure.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel or breakfast box. (Depends on your flight time)

Check out after breakfast.

Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Cairo Airport

Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures and formalities.

End of our services, wish you a nice trip

Payment Information

City	Hotel/Cruise	Dates	Nights	Category
Cairo	Nile Ritz Carlton	November 05 – November 09	4	Deluxe City view rooms
Minya	Grand Aton	November 09 – November 11	2	Nile view rooms
Sohag	Coral Cruise	November 11 – November 13	2	Standard rooms
Luxor	Steigenberger	November 13 – November 16	3	Nile view rooms
Cruise	Farah	November 16 – November 20	4	Deluxe Cabins
Aswan	Movenpick	November 20 – November 21	1	Nile view rooms
Cairo	Intercontinental City Stars	November 21 – November 22	1	Deluxe rooms

Rates:

	20 paying passengers + 2 ARCE Staff in Single
Per person in twin	\$7,935.00
Single Supplement	\$950.00

Supplement for Upgrade at Nile Ritz Carlton for 4 nights

<u>Nile view room</u>	\$ 200.00	Per person in twin
	\$ 400.00	Per person in single

In case you booked an early flight on November 5, arriving Cairo before the check in time, you are requested to book an extra night at the Ritz Carlton so you can check in upon arrival (check in time at hotel 2:00PM):

Extra night at the Nile Ritz from November 4 – 5

<u>City view room</u>	\$ 120.00	Per person per night in twin
	\$ 240.00	Per person per night in single
<u>Nile view room</u>	\$ 170.00	Per person per night in twin
	\$ 340.00	Per person per night in single

Rate includes:

- All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily
- All meals as shown in itinerary (B, L, D)
- Vehicle for group arrival and departure transfers on the first and last days of the program
- Land transportation per program by private coach
- All sightseeing and excursions, including entrance fees per program
- Private English-speaking guide throughout program
- Services of a professional Egitalloyd Tour Manager throughout the land tour program
- Flights within Egypt (Aswan/Abu Simbel/Aswan-Aswan/Cairo) on Economy class
- Water provided in bus during all visit transfers and all included meals
- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available
- Tipping for Guide, Egitalloyd Tour Manager, hotels, Nile cruise, restaurants, drivers

Rate excludes:

- International airfare between the U.S and the start and the end point of the trip
- Pre- or post-tour services
- Egypt entry visa fees
- Medical and trip interruption insurance; evacuation costs.
- Food or beverages not included in group meals.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, excess package fees, photo/video expenses inside sightseeing or museums (where allowed)
- Other items not expressly listed as included
- Visit permissions for ARCE expeditions or any expenses related the visit
- Travel insurance for medical AND political reasons

Important Notes:

- Prices are based on a minimum group size of **twenty passengers** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is fewer than twenty.

Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

Payment Schedule

- \$750 Deposit Per person Due on Confirmation

ARCE Member
Extension Tour of Alexandria, Egypt
November 22 – 25, 2020

Sunday, November 22| Drive to Alexandria.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

07:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to Alexandria.

Begin with **Catacombs of Kom al-Shuqqafa**, which are the largest known Roman burial site in Egypt. They consist of three tiers of burial tombs, chambers, and hallways.

Then to the **National Museum**, which contains statues, reliefs, pottery, jewelry, marble pieces, and other artifacts. All of these artifacts give you a picture of the grandeur of Alexandria during its Greek and Roman days, and also includes some Pharaonic statues.

Continue to **Pompey's Pillar**, a Roman triumphal column on the remains of the Serapeum temple.

Noon Lunch at the Greek Club.

Visit **The Library of Alexandria**, constructed on the site of what was the largest and most significant library in the ancient world. Now, it is not just an extraordinarily beautiful building, it is also a vast complex where the arts, history, philosophy, and science come together.

Then to **The Roman Amphitheatre**, a historic landmark in Alexandria located in the Kom El Dikka neighborhood.

Finishing with ARCE conservation project, **The Villa of Birds**, located immediately north of the Roman Amphitheatre, and known for its stunning mosaic floors that depict nine different species of birds.

Later you will be transferred to the **Steigenberger Cecil Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Alexandria.

Monday, November 23| Rosetta / Montazah Garden.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

07:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Rosetta**. Known for the Rosetta stone found by French soldiers at the Qaitbay Citadel. There are also many Ottoman monuments and Rasheed Museum.

Noon Free time for lunch.

Lunch box included.

Drive back to Alexandria to the 19th-century **Montazah palace** to visit the surrounding lush gardens.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Alexandria.

Tuesday, November 24| Abu Mina Monastery / Drive to Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

07:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and drive to Borg Al Arab city to visit **St. Mina Monastery**,

Noon Free time for lunch. **Lunch box included.**

Drive back to Cairo, upon arrive; transfer to **Intercontinental City Stars** for check in.
Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own. Overnight in Cairo.

Wednesday, November 25| Final Departure.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel or breakfast box. (Depends on your flight time)

Check out after breakfast.

Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Cairo Airport

Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures and formalities.

End of our services, wish you a nice trip

Payment Information

City	Hotel/Cruise	Dates	Nights	Category
Cairo	Steigenberger Cecil	November 22 – November 24	2	Sea view rooms
Cairo	Intercontinental City Stars	November 24 – November 25	1	Deluxe rooms

Rates:

	10 passengers + 2 ARCE Staff in Single
Per person in twin	\$1,300.00
Single Supplement	\$175.00

Rate includes:

- All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily
- All meals as shown in itinerary (B, L, D)
- Vehicle for departure transfer
- Land transportation per program by private coach
- All sightseeing and excursions, including entrance fees per program
- Private English-speaking guide throughout program

- Services of a professional Egitalloyd Tour Manager throughout the land tour program
- Water provided in bus during all visits transfers and all included meals
- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available
- **Tipping for Guide, Egitalloyd Tour Manager, hotels, Nile cruise, restaurants, drivers**

Rate excludes:

- International airfare between the U.S and the start and the end point of the trip
- Post-tour services
- Medical and trip interruption insurance; evacuation costs.
- Food or beverages not included in group meals.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, excess package fees, photo/video expenses inside sightseeing or museums (where allowed)
- Other items not expressly listed as included
- **Travel insurance for medical AND political reasons**

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Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

Payment Schedule

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| • \$350 Deposit | Per person | Due on Confirmation |
| • Final Payment | Per person | Due 16 weeks before departure |

Cancellation Policy

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| • 0% Cancellation fees | From 16 weeks to 12 weeks before departure |
| ▪ (Less \$200.00 | Per person handling fee) |
| • 35% Cancellation fees | From 12 weeks to 8 weeks before departure |
| • 55% Cancellation fees | From 8 weeks to 6 weeks before departure |
| • 75% Cancellation fees | From 6 weeks to 3 weeks before departure |
| • 100% Cancellation fees | Any cancelation from 21 days before departure |

A full refund will apply in case of “Force Major”

Force Major is identified as acts of God, war and revolution, acts of terrorism preventing travel to Egypt, natural disasters happening within Egypt and not outside the country.

Payment through bank wire transfer for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

Please find below Egitalloyd bank details and contact information:

Account name: Egitalloyd Travel
 Bank name: Export Development Bank of Egypt
 Address: 10 Tallat Harb Street-Evergreen Building – Cairo - Egypt
 POB 2096- Ataba- Post Code 11511
 Account Number: 16258
 Phone: 202-22-777-003 Fax: 202-22-774-553
 Swift: EXDEEGCX

Payment by Credit card for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

- 3% to be added to the per person rate (Credit card fees)
- Needed:
 - Credit Card holder name

- Cell phone number
- Email address

For inquiries and to reserve your place on this tour, please call **(703) 721-3470** or email Rebekah Atol at ratol@arce.org, **Hisham El-sebai** at hisham@egitalloyd.com
To participate, individuals must be members of ARCE in good standing.