

ARCE Member
Extension Tour of Egypt
March 19 – March 22, 2023

Sunday, March 19| 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 “North-West of Cairo”.

Alexandria where it is 220 k/m away from Cairo, Begin with **Catacombs of Kom Shuqqafa**, which are the largest known Roman burial site in Egypt; they consist of three tiers of burial tombs, chambers and hallways.

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

Continue to **Pompey's Pillar**, which is a massive 25-metre high pink granite pillar that measures 9 meters around its girth. When the Christian Crusaders came to Egypt they credited this to Pompeii, however the pillar is in fact all that remains of the very grand Serapeum. The pillar was erected in 297 AD in the center of the Serapeum for Diocletian, and when the Crusaders came around 100 years later, they destroyed the Serapeum and Cleopatra's library leaving only the pillar standing.

Noon Lunch at the Greek Club.

Continue to **The Library of Alexandria**, which was reborn in October 2002 to reclaim the mantle of its ancient namesake. It is not just an extraordinarily beautiful building; it is also a vast complex where the arts, history, philosophy, and science come together. Moreover, the myriad activities it offers have made it a place for open discussion, dialogue, and understanding.

Then head to **Kom el Dikka**, the remains of an affluent Roman residential area. The site includes a **Roman Amphitheatre**, with 13 white-marble terraces that are arranged around the arena, and are in excellent condition. The site visit will conclude with **The Villa of the Birds**, which is among the most recent discoveries in Alexandria. Its name is derived from the stunning mosaic floors that depict nine different species of birds and was conserved by ARCE in partnership with the Polish Center of Archaeology between 1998 and 2000.

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

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Alexandria.

Monday, March 20| Rosetta

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

07:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Rosetta**, where the River Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea. Rosetta is known for the Rosetta stone, which was found by French soldiers, it also contains many Ottoman monuments.

On the day trip you will visit Qaitbay Fort, where the Rosetta stone was found by French soldiers in 1799. You will also visit the town of Rosetta, where you will see a number of Ottoman houses, the likes of which are only typically found in Cairo. The visit will include the Rosetta Museum, which is located in a conserved Ottoman house, as well as the

Amasili House complex that is currently being conserved through ARCE's Antiquities Endowment Fund.

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

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Alexandria.

Tuesday, March 21| 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**, which Located approximately 50 km southwest of Alexandria, the small village-town of Abu-Mina is home to St. Mena (Mina) monastery. St Mena is believed to have fallen as a martyr in the early 4th century when the Roman Empire was persecuting Christians. A modern monastery has been built on the location of an ancient church, where the Saint's remains are believed to be buried. A German archeological team has been working at Abu Mina since 1969. Buses depart regularly from Alexandria's new station (Baheej Station), to Abu-Mina. After reaching Abu-Mina, you can catch a microbus to get to the monastery.

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

Drive back to Cairo, upon arrive; transfer to **Intercontinental Citystars** for check in.
Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner on your own. Overnight in Cairo.

Wednesday, March 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	Steignberger Cecil	March 19 - March 21	2	Sea view rooms
Cairo	Intercontinental City Stars	March 21 - March 22	1	Deluxe rooms

Rates:

	10 paying passengers
Per person in double	USD 1,320.00
Single Supplement	USD 220.00

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, 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**

Important Notes:

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

Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

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

Cancellation Policy

- 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 Majeure"

Force Majeure 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.