



ITINERARY

MEMBER TOUR OF EGYPT

OCT. 20 – NOV. 4 2019

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IN COLLABORATION WITH EGITALLOYD TRAVEL

ARCE Member Tour of Egypt
October 20- November 3, 2019

Sunday October 20 | 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, moving through passport control, and collecting your luggage.

Later you will be transferred to the **Cairo Marriott Hotel** in Zamalek for check-in
Dinner at hotel Overnight in Cairo

Monday, October 21 | Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx, Solar Boat, Sakkara

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06:30 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

07:30 AM Meet your guide and head to the **Giza Plateau**

08:30 AM 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, Khafra, and Menkaura. The northernmost and the largest belongs to Khufu. **Khafra'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 **Menkaura** 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 & Mark Lehner at the Paws of the Sphinx

Visit to the **Conservation Center** at the **Grand Egyptian Museum**

Lunch at Sakkara Palm Club

Then to **Sakkara**, the ancient burial site considered by many archaeologists to be home to some of the world's most important excavations. The site is home to the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which was constructed by Imhotep in the 27th century BC. The pyramid is part of the tomb complex of Zoser, the first Pharaoh of the Old Kingdom. The pyramid began as a simple Mastaba, or long, flat tomb building. Visit to the **Serapeum** included.

Back to the hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Cairo

Tuesday, October 22 | Egyptian Museum, Coptic Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

08:00 AM Meet your guide and head to **ARCE's Project at Cairo's Babylon Fort**. Continue to **Coptic Cairo**, where you will visit the **Hanging Church**, which dates to the late 4th and early 5th centuries. This basilica was named "Al-Mu'allaqah," meaning "The Suspended Poems," because it was beautifully built on top of the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon.

Next we will visit the recently restored **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**, the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt. Despite the 45 Jewish families that remain in Cairo, the synagogue is no longer operational.

Lunch at Felfela Restaurant

We continue to 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**.

Back to the hotel

Reception, Lecture at ARCE's Cairo Office

Dinner at ARCE's Cairo Office

Overnight in Cairo

Wednesday, October 23 | Islamic Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Check out after breakfast

After breakfast, meet your guide and head to the **Bab Zuweila Mosque**. Continue to **Sabil Mohammed Ali Mosque**, and then to **the Cairo Citadel**.

Then to **Zawiyat Farag Ibn Barkouk** and **Al Azhar** mosques, **El Moez Street**, and end the day at **Khan El Khalili Market**.

-Nairy Hampikian will give lectures at ARCE Projects in Islamic Cairo

Lunch at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant between tours

Back to the hotel & enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure

Dinner at Andrea Grill restaurant

Overnight in Cairo

Thursday, October 24 | Fly to Sohag

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

06:00 AM Transfer to Cairo Airport for your flight to Sohag

07:45 AM Departure by Egyptair to Sohag

Upon arrival, visit the **Red** and **White Monasteries**

Lunch at the Red Monastery

-Lecture at the Red Monastery by Nicholas Warner

Drive to Abydos. Check in at the **House of Life** hotel

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Abydos

Friday, October 25 | Drive to Luxor

Meals Included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Check out after breakfast

Meet your guide at the lobby and head to the **Seti I Temple**, then to **Ramses II's Temple**

Boxed Lunch included

Drive to Dendera; upon arrival, visit the **Temple of Hathor at Dendera**

Drive to Luxor. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the **Hilton Resort & Spa Hotel** for check in.

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Luxor

Saturday, October 26 | West Bank, Luxor Temple

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Meet your guide and head to **Qurna, Draa Abu el Naga, and the tomb of Menna (Ramose & Rekhmire)**

Lunch at Al Moudira Restaurant

04:00 PM Visit to **Luxor Temple**, which was once joined to the Temple of Amun Re at Karnak by a two-kilometer long avenue of sphinxes, a portion of which still marks the entrance to the temples. Dominated by statues of the great warrior-pharaoh Ramses II, Luxor Temple has survived Nile floods, foreign invasion and thousands of years exposed to the elements.

Back to hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure

Dinner at El Kababgy restaurant

Overnight in Luxor

Sunday, October 27 | West Bank, Karnak Temple

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel
Meet your guide and head to **Deir el Madinah, the Ramesseum, and Hatshepsut's temple at Deir el Bahri**

Lunch at Al Marsam at West bank

Continue to **the Temple of Amun Re at Karnak**. Walk along the avenue of sphinxes to enter the complex as your guide explains how the massive facade was constructed. On entering the temple complex, you will see the legacy left by each of the pharaohs as they built their own monuments in the complex. The deeper you go into the temple, the further back in time you will travel, with the oldest ruins dating back over 3,000 years.

-Lecture at Khonsu's Temple at Karnak and ARCE's Conservation Lab

Dinner at Luxor temple

Overnight in Luxor

Monday, October 28 | West Bank

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel
Check out after breakfast, luggage to be transferred to Nile cruise
Meet your guide and head to **Valley of the Kings**. You will have the opportunity to visit the tombs of **Tut Ankh Amun & Ramses VI**.

Continue to the **Valley of the Queens**. You will have the opportunity to visit **Queen Nefertari's Tomb**.

Transfer to **Mayfair Nile cruise** for embarkation
Lunch on board

Visit the **Luxor Museum**

Dinner on board

Overnight in Luxor on cruise

Tuesday, October 29 | Sail to Edfu

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

08:00 AM Buffet breakfast on board
Meet your guide for your visit to **Medinet Habu Temple**

-Medinet Habu temple lecture by Ray Johnson

Sail to Edfu via Esna
Lunch on board, Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party
Dinner on board

Overnight in Edfu

Wednesday, October 30 | Temple of Edfu, Temples of Kom Ombo

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Buffet breakfast on board

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. You will be transferred to the temple by caleche.

Sail to Kom Ombo

Lunch on board

Visit the **Twin Temple at 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.

Sail to Aswan

Dinner on board, Galabeya Party

Overnight in Aswan

Thursday, October 31 | Aswan

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast on board

Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **The Temple of Isis at Philae**.

Continue to the **Aswan High Dam** and **Hatshepsut's Unfinished Obelisk**.

Free time for lunch on board the ship

Felucca sailing on the Nile to **Qubbet El Hawa** and the **Aswan Botanical Garden**

Back to the cruise ship to enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure

Dinner on board

Overnight in Aswan

Friday, November 01 | Aswan

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast on board

Disembarkation after breakfast

Visit the **Nubian Museum**. Transfer to the **Old Cataract Hotel** for check in

Lunch at hotel

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Aswan

Saturday, November 02 | Fly to Abu Simbel

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel
Check out after breakfast

Meet our representative at your hotel on the way to the Aswan airport for your short flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to visit the **Abu Simbel Temples of Ramses II and Nefertari**.

Lunch at hotel

Transfer to the **Seti I Hotel** for check in
Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure
Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Abu Simbel

Sunday, November 03 | Aswan, Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast

Buffet breakfast at the hotel or breakfast box. (Depends on your flight time)
Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Abu Simbel Airport for your flight to Cairo

Arrive at Cairo Airport, transfer to the **Cairo Marriott Hotel** in Zamalek for check-in

Dinner at hotel

Monday, November 04 | Final Departure

This marks the end of our services. We wish you a safe return trip.

Payment Information

City	Hotel/Cruise	Dates	Nights	Category
Cairo	Intercontinental Semiramis	October 20 - October 24	4	Nile view rooms
Abydos	House of Life	October 24 - October 25	1	Standard rooms
Luxor	Hilton	October 25 - October 28	3	Nile view rooms
Cruise	Mayfair	October 28 - November 01	4	Deluxe Cabins
Aswan	Old Cataract	November 01 - November 02	1	Nile view rooms
Abs	Seti I - Abu Simbel	November 02 - November 03	1	Standard rooms
Cairo	Intercontinental Semiramis	November 03 - November 04	1	Standard rooms

Rates:

	20 paying passengers + ARCE Staff in Single
Per person in twin	USD 7,170.00
Single Supplement	USD 1,170.00

Supplement for Upgrade on Mayfair Nile Cruise for 4 nights

Executive Cabin	\$ 140.00 \$ 210.00	Per person in twin Per person in single
Executive Cabin with Veranda	\$ 200.00 \$ 280.00	Per person in twin Per person in single

Executive cabins benefits:

- Free Wi-Fi in cabin
- Free mini bar, lounge bar
- High floor

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 (Cairo/Sohag-Aswan/Abu Simbel/Aswan-Aswan/Cairo) on Economy class
- 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
- 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 paying passengers** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is fewer than twenty

Private transfer airport/hotel each way when arriving/departing with a separate flight from the group:

	1	2	3
Per person	USD 60.00	USD 45.00	USD 40.00

Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

Payment Schedule

- \$750 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 \$300.00 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

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