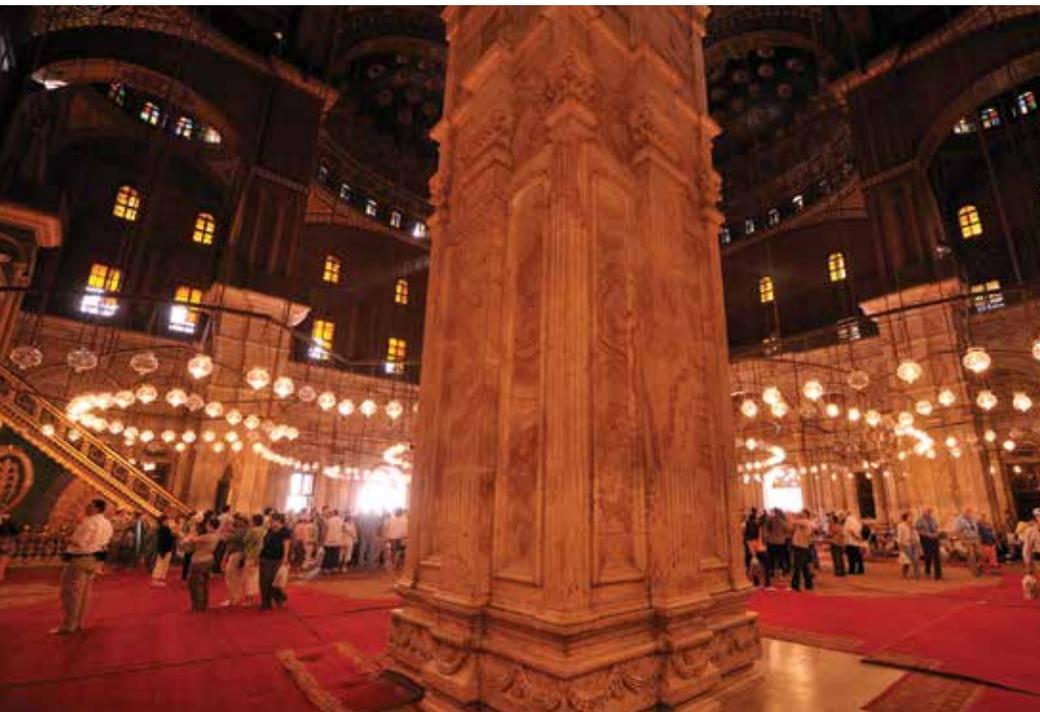


MARCH 2022

Grand Tour of Egypt

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OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA
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MARCH 20TH-23RD



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ARCE Member Tour of Egypt
March 03 – March 20, 2022

Thursday, March 03 | 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 **Hotel** for check-in

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Cairo

Friday, March 04 | Sakkara / Coptic Cairo / Coptic Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Sakkara**. Sakkara is the ancient burial site of numerous kings of the Old Kingdom, including the first stone construction ever built: the Step Pyramid of King Djoser, which was constructed by Imhotep in the 27th century BC. Visit to the Serapeum is included.

Noon Lunch at Sakkara Palm Club

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

Then to the **Coptic Museum**. The Coptic Museum was founded in 1908 and houses Coptic art from the earliest days of Christianity in Egypt through to early Islamic times. Artifacts include sculptures that show continuity from the Ptolemaic period, rich textiles, monastery frescoes, and the famous Nag Hammadi Codices. Allow at least a couple of hours to explore the 1,200 or so pieces on display.

Heading to the recently restored **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**-- the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt.

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

07:30 PM Dinner in Felfela Restaurant

Overnight in Cairo

Saturday, March 05 | 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, which is the site of the three pyramids of the pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure.

Entry to the Great Pyramid of Khufu included

Lecture at the Paws of the Sphinx

Noon Lunch at Andrea Restaurant

Grand Egyptian Museum (if it is open). If not, we will visit the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC)**.

18:30 Lecture with Nairy Hampikian / Reception at ARCE
Dinner at Tabula Restaurant
Return to hotel Overnight in Cairo

Sunday, March 06 | Historic Cairo / Citadel / Egyptian Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel

08:00 After breakfast, meet your guide and head to **the Bab Zuwayla**

Start the day with visiting the **Zawiya-Sabil Farag Ibn Barquq**, then begin our walk from Bab Zuwayla, the southern entrance to the original Fatimid settlement of Cairo that was founded in 969 A.D. It was later reconstructed in stone in the late 11th century A.D. by Badr al-Gamali, then-ruler of Egypt. Bab Zuwayla remained famous into the 19th century as a setting for the public execution of criminals. At times the severed heads of the criminals would be displayed along the tops of the walls, the most famous of which were the Mamluks killed in the Citadel massacre of 1811.

Continue to **Sabil Mohammed Ali**. This elegant Sabil (public fountain) built in 1820 was the first in Cairo to have gilded window grilles and calligraphic panels in Ottoman Turkish. It has been meticulously restored by ARCE, with interesting displays about Muhammed Ali, who built the Sabil to honor his son Tusun after his passing. It is also possible to visit the cistern below the Sabil and school rooms in the kuttab (Quranic School) upstairs, which welcomed students until 1992.

Ending with **Al Azhar mosques, El Moez Street**, and spending the remainder of the day at **Khan El Khalili Market**.

Lunch at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant

Drive to Mokattam Hill where the medieval fortress built by Salah El Din Al Ayoubi is located. **The Citadel** encompasses the Ottoman period Mosque of Mohamed Ali.

Visit to the famous **Egyptian Museum** to see its world-renowned collection of Pharaonic art, spanning the Predynastic period through the Greco-Roman. The museum contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities and no visit to Egypt is complete without a trip through its galleries.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner on your own Overnight in Cairo

Monday, March 07 | Drive to Minya

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

06:00

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Checkout after breakfast

Meet your guide in the lobby and drive to Minya. Visit **Meidum Pyramid**. About 30 km northeast of Medinat Al Fayoum is the ruin of the first true pyramid attempted by the ancient Egyptians. It began as an eight-stepped structure, with the steps later filled in and an outer casing added to form the first pyramid shell. There were design flaws and some time after completion the pyramid's own weight caused the sides to collapse. Today, only the core stands, although it is still an impressive sight.

Drive to **Hawara Pyramid** (Pyramid of Amenemhat III). Hawara is about 8 km southeast of Medinat Al Fayoum, on the north side of the Bahr Yusuf canal (the canal that connects Al Fayoum to the Nile). This second pyramid of Amenemhat III was built at a gentler angle than his first one (the tower-like Black Pyramid at Dahshur). Herodotus described the adjacent mortuary temple (300m by 250m) as a 3,000-room labyrinth that surpassed even the Pyramids of Giza. Strabo claimed it had as many rooms as there were provinces.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Drive to **Lahun pyramid** (pyramid of Senusret II of the Middle Kingdom). The builders of this 48-meter-high pyramid reduced the amount of work necessary to construct it by ingeniously using an already existing 12-meter-high limestone hill as its foundation and core.

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

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Minya

Tuesday, March 08 | Beni Hassan Tombs / Tel Amarna

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

08:00

Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Beni Hassan**. The necropolis of Beni Hasan occupies a range of east-bank limestone cliffs, some 20 km south of Minya. Most tombs date to the 11th and 12th dynasties (2125–1795 BC), with the 39 upper tombs belonging to nomarchs (local governors). Many remain unfinished and only four are currently open to visitors, but they are well worth the trouble of visiting for the fascinating glimpse they provide into the daily life and political tensions of the period.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Head to **Tell el-Amarna**, where you can see the northern nobles tombs including those of Ahmose and Huya. Tell el-Amarna is the site of the remains of the capital city established in 1346 BC and built by the Pharaoh Akhenaten of the late Eighteenth Dynasty. It was abandoned shortly after his death (1332 BC). The name for the city employed by the ancient Egyptians was Akhetaten, meaning "Horizon of the Aten."

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

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Minya

Wednesday, March 09 | Tuna El Gebel/Hermopolis

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Checkout after breakfast

Meet your guide at the lobby. En-route to Sohag, visit **Tuna El Gebel**.

At Tuna El Gebel you will see the tombs of Petosiris (4th century BC) and Isadora (2nd century AD), along with the Ibis Catacombs that contain millions of ibis mummies given as votive offerings to the god Thoth.

Before arriving at Tuna el-Gebel, you will visit the western-most of Akhenaten's boundary stelae. A steep flight of stone steps leads to a tiny shrine cut into the escarpment and the large boundary stela which is cut into the face of the cliff, and dates to year 6 of Akhenaten's reign. At the top of the stela, the king and queen offer to the Aten in a typical Amarna pose, while the text below records Akhenaten's oath not to extend the limits of his city. The royal statues on the left are now headless and support tall offering tables depicting the couple's three eldest daughters.

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, March 10 | Athribis / White Monastery/ Red Monastery

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Checkout after breakfast

08:00

Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Athribis**. Athribis (ancient Hut-Repty) is the site of a temple dedicated to the goddess Reptyt (Triphis) constructed under the reign of Ptolemy XV Caesarian and subsequent Roman Emperors. South of this temple was an earlier temple of Ptolemy IX Soter II. Lecture with Dr. Marcus Müller. The next visit will be to **the Red Monastery** (Deir al-Ahmar). Built in the 5th century AD by Shenouda's disciple Bishoy. Since 2003, ARCE has undertaken a massive conservation project of the sanctuary and the nave of the church. Lecture with Dr. Nicholas Warner.

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 AD. Named for the color of its masonry, the monastery was built by the Coptic saint Shenouda using chunks of white limestone taken from local Pharaonic temples.

Drive to Abydos "South of Sohag", check in at **House of Life Hotel**

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Abydos

Friday, March 11 | Abydos/ Dendera

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Checkout after breakfast

08:00

Meet your guide in the lobby and drive to **Abydos**

Tour will be by Dr. Matt Adams/Dr. Deborah Vischak (If available). Considered one of the most important archaeological sites of ancient Egypt, the site of Abydos dates back to the Early Dynastic period (and earlier) where the Kings of the first and second dynasties are buried. The site later became associated with the burial site of the god Osiris, leading to the growth of the town's importance as a cult center.

Today, Abydos is notable for the cult temple of Seti I dedicated to the god Osiris. The temple contains an inscription from the Nineteenth Dynasty known as the Abydos King List. It is a chronological list showing cartouches of most kings of Egypt from Menes until Ramses I, Seti's father.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Head to **Dendera**. The town of Dendera is located on the west bank of the Nile, about 60 km to the north of Luxor, in the 6th Nome of Upper Egypt. The Dendera Temple Complex is situated around 2.5 km to the southeast of this city. The earliest evidence of the site dates to the Old Kingdom and it has also the remains of a temple built during the New Kingdom. Most of what can be seen at the site today is the Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the goddess Hathor.

Later you will be transferred to **Steigenberger Hotel** for check-in.
Dinner at hotel Overnight in Luxor

Saturday, March 12 | Medinat Habu Temple / Valley of the Queens / Valley of the Kings

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby for your private tour to the West Bank including the **Medinet Habu Temple**, Valleys of the Kings and Queens. This is the vast Necropolis of Thebes, the city of the dead.

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. Lecture with Dr. Raymond Johnson.

Continue to the **Valley of the Queens**, a gorge in the hills along the western bank of the Nile River in Upper Egypt. It served as the burial site of the queens and some royal children of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Dynasties (1292–1075 BC). The queens' necropolis is located about 2.5 km west of the mortuary temple of Ramses III.

Entry to the **tomb of Queen Nefertari**

Lunch at Al Marsam Restaurant

Head to **Valley of the Kings**. Here you will visit the tombs of Egypt's New Kingdom Pharaohs. Cut deep into the rocky mountainside are the magnificent tombs of spellbinding construction and decoration. **Entry to 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, March 13 | Qurna, Draa El Naga and Menna (Ramose)

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Qurna, Draa El Naga and Menna (Ramose)**.

ARCE's Qurna Site Improvement project (QSI) ran between 2011 and 2014 and was funded by USAID. The 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.

The destruction of the hamlets left large portions of the UNESCO World Heritage site in visual disarray, with debris piles and the remains of partially demolished buildings in and around tombs open to visitors. At the same time, employment estimates suggested that 70% of Luxor locals were either directly or indirectly economically tied to aspects of the tourism industry. With the collapse of this industry after the revolution, local populations, particularly those on the West Bank, faced hardship. Funding provided through USAID enabled the creation of a large program of work that, in part, addressed both of these concerns.

From 1921-1923, Clarence Fisher excavated at the site of Dra Abu El Naga, an important non-royal cemetery near Deir el Bahri in western Thebes. Fisher's excavations included work in the tombs of New Kingdom officials and the mortuary complex of the Eighteenth Dynasty king Amenhotep I and his wife Nefertari (1525-1504 B.C.) Beginning in 1967, Lanny Bell continued work at this site concentrating on the epigraphic recording and conservation of the decorated rock-cut tombs of Dynasty 19 (1292-1190 B.C.). The work at the site provided significant artifacts for the Museum including statuary, pottery funerary furnishings and painted reliefs.

Finishing the tour with **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, March 14 | Karnak Temple / Luxor Temple / Luxor Museum

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Checkout after breakfast

Khonsu Temple and **ARCE lab at Karnak Temple**. Meet your guide in the lobby and head to Karnak Temple. Walk along the 2 km long Avenue of Sphinxes to enter the complex as your guide explains how the massive facade was constructed. On entering Karnak, 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 in the lobby to then head to **Luxor Museum**. This wonderful museum has a well-chosen, brilliantly displayed and explained collection of antiquities dating from the end of the Old Kingdom right through to the Mamluk period, mostly gathered from the Theban temples and necropolis.

Visit **Luxor Temple**, which was once joined to the Temples of Karnak by the Avenue of Sphinxes, a portion of which marks the entrance to the temple. Dominated by statues of pharaoh Ramses II, Luxor Temple has survived Nile floods, foreign invasion, and thousands of years of exposure to the elements.

Early Evening Tea at club lounge
Late Evening cocktail reception
Dinner on board Overnight in Luxor

Tuesday, March 15 | Dier El Madinah / Hatshepsut Temple / Ramesseum Temple

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board

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

Drive to **Deir El Medina**, where the workers and craftsmen who built the tombs in the Valleys of the Kings and Queens lived. Most of the information we have on daily life in ancient Egypt comes from this incredible site. You will also be able to visit some of their beautifully decorated tombs.

Continue to visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, the most significant of Egypt's female rulers. She came to power early in Dynasty 18, at the beginning of the New Kingdom. The Temple is not only a memorial temple that honors Queen Hatshepsut, it is also one of the greatest Egyptian architectural achievements. Designed by Senenmut, Hatshepsut's steward and architect, this mortuary temple closely resembles the classical Greek architecture that became popular 1,000 years later.

Head to the **Ramesseum**, the Mortuary Temple of Ramses II. Although half in ruin, it still has a romantic appeal due to the remains of a colossal statue of the king lying shattered in the first court. Reputed as the inspiration for Shelley's well-known poem "Ozymandias," it is as much a tribute to the superb work of the sculptors as to the king himself.

Noon Sail to Edfu via Esna
Lunch on board
Early Evening Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party
Dinner on board Overnight in Edfu

Wednesday, March 16 | Temple of Edfu / Temples of Kom Ombo

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and transfer to the **Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to the falcon-headed god, Horus. It is one of the finest examples of Ptolemaic art in Egypt. You will then be transferred to the temple by caleche. The city of Edfu lies half way between Luxor and Aswan on the site of the ancient city of Djeba. It is located 100 km south of Luxor, and 53 km south of Esna.

11:00 Sail to Kom Ombo

Noon Lunch on board

Afternoon Visit the Twin **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It is dedicated to the hawk-headed god, Harwar, and the crocodile god, Sobek. The Ptolemaic temple lies 40 km north of Aswan and 70 km south of Edfu.

PM Sail to Aswan

PM Dinner on board

Late Evening Galabeya Party Overnight in Aswan

Thursday, March 17 | Philae Temple / High Dam / Unfinished Obelisk

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board

08:00 Visit **Philae Temple** and **High Dam**. Leave the cruise with your guide and drive over the Old Aswan Barrage, constructed in the 1920s over the Nile's first cataract. You will arrive at the site of the Aswan High Dam, one of the largest rock-filled dams in the world and considered as a great achievement of modern construction. From the top of the dam you will look out at Lake Nasser, the largest artificial lake in the world.

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.

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

Noon Lunch on board

Afternoon Sail on the Nile by **Felucca around Kitchener's Island & Agha Khan**

Then to **Qubbet Al Hawa**; On the hilltop above the Tombs of the Nobles lies this small domed tomb, constructed for a local sheikh or holy man. The steep climb up is rewarded with stunning views of the Nile and the surrounding area.

Dinner on board

Late Evening Nubian Folkloric show Overnight in Aswan

Friday, March 18 | Disembarkation / Kalabsha Temple / Nubian Museum

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board
Disembarkation after breakfast

08:00 Meet your guide and head to **Kalabsha Temple**, an impressive Roman temple built around 30 BC under the reign of Emperor Augustus. The temple was dedicated to the Nubian sungod Mandulis. You will also visit a number of smaller monuments moved to the site of New Kalabsha after the Nubian salvage campaign, including the small rock-cut temple of Beit el-Wali dating to the reign of Ramses II (dedicated to the gods Amun and Anukis), the Kiosk of Qertassi, and Gerf Hussein.

Lunch at the hotel - Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel

PM Head to the **Nubian Museum**, which is the first museum to showcase the rich Nubian culture. The museum features Nubian artifacts, weapons, pottery, utensils, paintings, and sculptures.

Dinner at 1902 Restaurant

Overnight in Aswan

Saturday, March 19 | Abu Simbel Excursion / Fly to Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Buffet breakfast at hotel

Meet our representative for your private transfer to Aswan airport for your short flight to Abu Simbel. Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Aswan and arrival procedures in Abu Simbel.

Upon arrival at Abu Simbel airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to visit the great rock-cut temple with the four colossal seated statues of Ramses II on the facade. It was dedicated to Amun-Ra, Ra-Horakhty, Ptah, and Ramses II. Then you will visit the smaller temple of the king's wife, Nefertari. These temples were threatened by flooding upon the completion of the Aswan High Dam and were preserved by international action organized by UNESCO. All parts of these temples were rebuilt on a plateau above the former site.

Return to Abu Simbel Airport for your domestic flight to Cairo via Aswan. Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Abu Simbel and arrival procedures in Cairo.

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

Light lunch at Abu Simbel airport

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure

Dinner at hotel

Overnight in Cairo

Sunday, March 20 | 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 | Marriott Omar Khayyam | March 03 – March 07 | 4 | Nile view rooms |
| Minya | Grand Aton | March 07 – March 09 | 2 | Nile view rooms |
| Sohag | Coral Cruise | March 09 – March 10 | 1 | Standard rooms |
| Abydos | House of Life | March 10 – March 11 | 1 | Standard rooms |
| Luxor | Steignberger | March 11 – March 14 | 3 | Nile view rooms |
| Cruise | Mayfair/Esplanade | March 14 – March 18 | 4 | Deluxe Cabins |
| Aswan | Old Cataract | March 18 – March 19 | 1 | Luxury Nile view rooms |
| Cairo | Intercontinental City Stars | March 19 – March 20 | 1 | Deluxe rooms |

Rates:

| | 20 passengers |
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| Per person in double | USD 7,935.00 |
| Single Supplement | USD 950.00 |

In case you booked an early flight on March 03, arriving Cairo before the check in time, you are requested to book an extra night at the Marriott Omar Khayyam so you can check in upon arrival (check in time at hotel is 02:00PM):

Extra night at Marriott Omar Khayyam from March 02 - 03

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| <u>Nile view room</u> | \$ 95.00 \$ 160.00 | Per person per night in twin Per person per night in single |
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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 |

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 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
- Individual arrival and departure airport transfers
- 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 (if 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 **twenty passengers** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is less than twenty.

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 cancellation 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:

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Bank name: Export Development Bank of Egypt
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Payment by Credit card for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS (Visa & Mastercard ONLY)

- 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.

ARCE Member
Extension Tour of Egypt
March 20 – March 23, 2022

Sunday, March 20 | 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 metres 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 centre 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 21 | Rosetta / Montazah Garden.

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.**

Upon returning to Alexandria, you will then visit the 19th-century **Montazah Palace** and its surrounding lush gardens.

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

Tuesday, March 22 | 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 23 | 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 |
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| Cairo | Steignberger Cecil | March 20 – March 22 | 2 | Sea view rooms |
| Cairo | Intercontinental City Stars | March 22 – March 23 | 1 | Deluxe rooms |

Rates:

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| | 10 paying passengers |
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| Per person in double | USD 1,300.00 |
| Single Supplement | USD 205.00 |

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 less than twenty

Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

Payment Schedule

- \$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 cancellation 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.