

**Day 1 Depart USA:** Depart New York JFK for Cairo. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Cairo :** Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. At Cairo International Airport you will be welcomed and assisted through immigration and customs by your tour director, then escorted to your hotel. This

evening you can learn about the history of this ancient land and the story of the Sphinx through an optional Sound & Light Show. With laser beams and light projections on the ancient walls of the Mummification Temple, desert sands, pyramid walls and the Sphinx itself, a fascinating story is revealed. The accompanying soundtrack enhances the surroundings, and the voice of the Sphinx is aptly dramatic and mysterious!



**Day 3 Cairo:** Today start your day with a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Your visit to the museum will include a collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. **After lunch, you drive to the New Museum of Egyptology for a private behind the scenes tour (subject to the Ministry of Antiquities' approval).** This evening you enjoy a discussion with a renowned Egyptologist (Cultural Discovery Series). Overnight in Cairo. (B,L)

**Day 4 Cairo/Abu Simbel/Cruise:** **This morning transfer to Cairo airport to board a flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival in Abu Simbel you will be transferred to the temple site. Visit the Temple of Ramses and Temple of Queen Nefertari, not only are these among the most iconic monuments in the world, their removal and reconstruction were an historic event. When the temples (280 km from Aswan) were threatened by submersion in Lake Nasser the two temples that of Rameses II primarily dedicated to Re-Harakhte, and that of his wife, Nefertari dedicated to Hathor were moved to their new location. After touring you will be transferred back to the airport for a short flight back to Aswan.** Check in to your Nile riverboat and relax. Overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

**Day 5 Cruise:** After breakfast on board, you sail on board a “Felucca”, a typical Nile sailboat, and view Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. **A stop will be made for a guided exploration of the Nubian Tombs at the foot of the Temple of the Winds.** After lunch you sail to Kom Ombo where you will visit the magnificent temple overlooking the river Nile. This Ptolemaic Temple is the only double temple in Egypt shared by two gods, the crocodile-headed God Sobek, and the falcon-headed God Horus. The temple has two entrances, two courts, two colonnades, two Hypostyle halls and two sanctuaries, one side for each god. This evening you enjoy a Galabeya Party after dinner. You are encouraged to shop and wear “The Galabeya”, traditional Egyptian garments native to the Nile Valley. Overnight in Edfu. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 Cruise:** After breakfast you will visit the Temple of Horus, dedicated to the falcon God Horus, a central figure in ancient Egyptian mythology who served many functions such as God of Sun, War

and Protection. Considered the best-preserved ancient temple and the second largest after the complex at Luxor/Karnak. You will then sail to Esna and pass through the Esna Lock system, with lunch on board. As you cruise the Nile, tea, coffee and desserts are served as you watch the world drift by. Late afternoon you will arrive at Luxor and visit the temple. Luxor temple is known as the air museum, but that comes nowhere close describing this amazing place. Nothing in the world compares to the size and magnificence of the monuments that have survived from ancient Thebes. This evening you will enjoy a manager's cocktail party. Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 Cruise:** After breakfast you will visit the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings. The ancient Egyptians built massive public monuments to their pharaohs. They also spent time creating concealed underground tombs full of treasures. The most famed collection of such intricate tombs, the Valley of the Kings, became a royal burial ground for pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I, and Ramses II, as well as queens, high priests, and other elites of the 18th, 19th, and 20<sup>th</sup> dynasties. **Here we will visit the tomb of Seti 1, plus two others and the Tombs of the Valley of the Kings workers. Lunch served at a local restaurant off the vessel.** Then see the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. **At the Valley of the Queens you will tour the Tomb of Nefertari.** In the evening enjoy a Nubian Folkloric Show on board. Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 Luxor/Cairo:** Today you disembark and tour temple of Karnak, built from the beginning of the Middle Kingdom to the Greco Roman Kingdom. The second most visited historical site in Egypt, and it's probably due to the 30 pharaohs who contributed to its buildings. In certain places, there are columns that are over three stories tall and about 3000 years old. See the centuries old city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues, shrines, and obelisks. Lunch served at a local restaurant off the vessel. Afterwards transfer to Luxor airport for a midafternoon flight to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo, transfer to the hotel and check-in. (B,L)

**Day 9 Cairo :**After breakfast, visit the Great Pyramid of Giza, the defining symbol of Egypt and the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World, and the mysterious Sphinx a mythological creature with a lion's body and a human head, an important image in Egyptian and Greek art and legend. Enjoy lunch and continue your visit to **Solar Boat Museum, followed by a short trip to** Sakkara where you will see the famous Step Pyramid. Evening is free for last minute shopping or to relax by the pool. (B,L)

**Day 10 Cairo to USA or extend your stay with an optional Alexandria extension:** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

#### **OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION**

**Day 10 Cairo/Alexandria:** Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Cairo and then depart for a scenic drive to Alexandria. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and sample the flavors and cuisine of the region. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish – this seaport city was founded around a small ancient Egyptian town and holds some of the most famous and historic wonders of Egypt. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 Alexandria - City Tour:** Your full day tour takes you on amazing adventures including one of the best-known ancient monuments still standing in Alexandria today, Pompey's Pillar, which is located on the city's ancient acropolis and was originally part of a temple colonnade. Explore the Catacombs which are made up of 3 levels cut into the rock, a large spiral staircase, a rotunda, the triclinium or banquet hall, a vestibule, an antechamber and the burial chamber with three recesses in it. You will also see the Royal Library of Alexandria which the largest library in the world and the Qaitbay Citadel in Alexandria was once considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. (B,L,D)

**Day 12 Alexandria/Cairo:** After breakfast, transfer to Cairo and check in at your hotel. The afternoon is yours to explore Cairo at your own pace. (B)

**Day 13 Cairo to USA:** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. We thank you for joining us for this extension to Alexandria! (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner  
Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

#### **Departure date**

January 31, 2020

#### **Pricing:**

The pricing is based on outside cabins, per person double occupancy;

**Cat M1 \$3999 Cat C2 \$4199 Cat C1 \$4249**

**Cat D2 \$4299 Cat D1 \$4349**

**The price includes air from New York** a \$100 pp reduction incentive and Free Pyramids/Sphinx light and sound show - \$79 value. The single supplement is Cat M1 \$699/ Cat C2 \$899. Single occupancy is only available in these categories. Deposits due by September 23, 2019. After this date the program increases by \$100 per person and the light and sound tour is additional. Brochures will reflect this. The fuel surcharges at \$330 and taxes of \$150 per person are included. All taxes and fuel surcharges are correct at the time of print but subject to change. This pricing does not include optional tours, gratuities for driver and guides, baggage charges by the airline, passports, visa and items of a personal nature. Nile cruise may operate in reverse on some departure dates. The Alexandria extension is \$699 per person double occupancy, \$249 single supplement.

#### **Passenger deposit amount:**

When a passenger wishes to reserve his/her place on this program the deposit amount is \$500 per person.