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# CAIRO | LUXOR | NILE RIVER CRUISE



ACTIVE TRAVEL for CULTURAL EXPLORERS

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### **Inspiring Moments**

- Discuss what you are most curious about with your **Egyptologist** while exploring together at ancient sites.
- Gaze in wonder at the colossal statues of Ramses II at the Great Temple in Abu Simbel.
- Stand in awe in a hushed hall of the Egyptian
   Museum, surrounded by towering monuments and dazzling treasures.
- Contemplate the Great Pyramid in Giza, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World before your eyes.
- Revel in the delightful hubbub of Cairo's old bazaar, where bargaining is elevated to sport.
- Delight in the natural beauty along the Nile's banks, a contrast of fertile green valleys and desert beyond.

# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and Egyptologist, who call this area home. By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important character in this story is your Egyptologist, who offers you a wealth of knowledge throughout your entire journey to create an incredibly enriching experience.

With these specialists at your side, thrill to wonderful discoveries along the Nile and in Cairo and Abu Simbel. Come away with indelible memories on this intoxicating, once-in-a-lifetime adventure!



### Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Discover the dazzling treasures of Egypt that await you on this spectacular Legends of the Nile journey! From Cairo, the capital of Egypt rich with antiquity, to towns along the great Nile filled with stunning monuments, marvel at the wealth of sites that have inspired humanity's collective imagination for thousands of years.

During this 10-night experience focused on the antiquities along the vibrant Nile River, you'll encounter Egypt's wonders and the optimistic spirit of its citizens today. This engaging program has been thoughtfully designed to connect you to the people, places and culture of this captivating country.

Throughout your journey, an experienced travel director takes care of every detail, while a licensed Egyptologist accompanies you on all excursions, offering exceptional insights into the history of this ancient land.

Space on this remarkable journey is limited to 28 passengers and fills up very quickly, so make your reservation today!

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon Director, Alumni Travel

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### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Cairo, Egypt.

### Day 2 | Cairo, Egypt

Upon arrival, transfer **3** and check in to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

### Day 3 | Cairo

**Discovery:** *Egyptian Museum.* Tour this acclaimed museum, which contains the world's richest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, spanning 5,000 years of antiquity. Marvel at the glittering treasures from the tomb of the "boy king" in the Tutankhamen galleries, including his gold burial mask and sarcophagus. See the mummified remains of pharaohs and queens.

This evening in the hotel, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

### Day 4 | Sakkara | Giza | Cairo

**Discovery:** *Sakkara.* In this vast and ancient necropolis, visit the Mastaba of Mereruka, the Pyramid Tomb of King Teti and the Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered the first pyramid.

Relax during lunch at a nearby hotel.

Discovery: The Pyramids of Giza. View the

## XX ACTIVE TRAVEL for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

### Excursions on this program require:

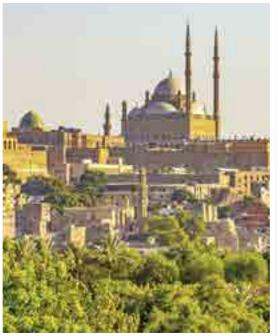
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- climbing in/out of excursion boats
- ▶ tolerating varying climactic conditions

Top: Mosque of Mohammed Ali, Cairo | Above: Burial mask of Tutankhamen

Great Pyramid of Giza, the only surviving monument among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The largest of the three Old Kingdom pyramids in the complex, it was built for the pharaoh Khufu out of approximately 2.3 million massive blocks of stone. Stand before the mystifying, iconic Sphinx that crouches nearby.







In the Solar Boat Museum, see a cedar vessel thought to be over 4,500 years old, intended as transportation for a pharaoh in the afterlife.

### Day 5 | Cairo

**Discovery:** *Islamic and Coptic Cairo.* Pass through the walls of the Citadel, a medieval Islamic fortress complex, to visit the Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Continue to the grand Al-Rifai Mosque, where many of Egypt's modern royal family are entombed. Then visit Cairo's most famous Coptic Christian church, the Hanging Church; the Church of St. Sergius; and the historic Ben Ezra Synagogue.

**Connects:** *Meet the People.* Stop at the El-Nafeza Foundation, a cooperative workshop employing impoverished people, to see beautiful paper being made by hand.

Savor a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.



Top: The Sphinx and pyramids of Giza | Left: Cairo | Above: Spices in Khan el Khalili bazaar, Cairo

Free Time: Explore the exhilarating and colorful Khan el Khalili bazaar on your own.

### Day 6 | Cairo | Luxor

Check out of the hotel and fly to Luxor.

**Discovery:** *Luxor Museum.* Experience the glory of ancient Thebes as you admire artifacts collected from its temples and necropolis.

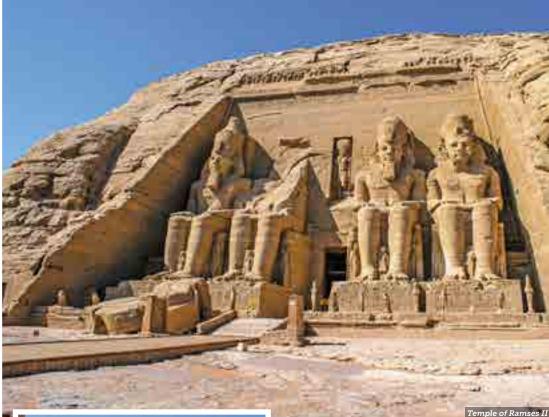
Check in to the Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.

**Discovery:** *The Temple of Luxor.* Drift along the Nile under the graceful sails of a felucca boat to Luxor Temple, impressively situated on the riverbank. Two seated statues of Ramses II guard the entrance to this expansive complex.

### Day 7 | Luxor

After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

**Discovery:** *Luxor's West Bank – The Valleys of the Kings and Queens.* Explore this fascinating region where New Kingdom pharaohs and their families awaited immortality. Amazingly, the hieroglyphics that adorn the walls still spring to life with vibrant color. Step inside several tombs, including that of the legendary King Tutankhamen. Walk up the entrance ramp into the striking Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, designed with sweeping, colonnaded terraces.





Afterward, stop at an alabaster workshop. See the superbly preserved murals in Amunher-Khepeshef's tomb, and gaze up at the majestic Colossi of Memnon.

Embark the Sonesta St. George I and begin your Nile River cruise. Savor lunch on board.

### **Discovery:** The Epigraphic Survey, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago

(*The Chicago House*). During a special tour, learn about the work of the Chicago House, which preserves Egypt's ancient cultural heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration.

### **Chicago House**

Founded in 1924, the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute's Chicago House has completed epigraphic surveys of important archaeological sites in and around Luxor. The Chicago House Method consists of photographing a surface and printing the image on a coated paper that can be drawn on. After all the details have been sketched, the paper is immersed into an iodine bath that erases the photograph but keeps the drawings, creating a detailed blueprint of the monument and its intricate carvings. Learn about this unique and fascinating process in an exclusive visit specially arranged for you.

Enjoy a belly-dancing performance this evening.

### Day 8 | Karnak | Cruising the Nile

**Discovery:** *The Temple of Karnak.* Visit the burial place of the Egyptian royal family of the 18th dynasty, which features a great hall of 134 gigantic sandstone columns.

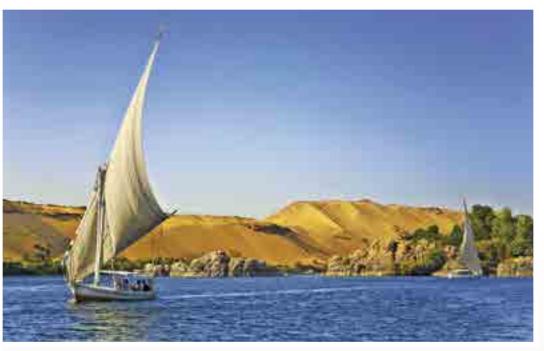
**Free Time:** After your lunch on board, enjoy the ship's amenities this afternoon. Later, the ship passes through the Esna Lock.

### Day 9 | Cruising | Edfu | Kom Ombo

Relax on deck at leisure this morning, and watch the Nile scenery pass by on your way to Edfu.

### **Discovery:** The Temple of Horus at Edfu.

Go ashore to visit this temple built circa 237 B.C. and completed almost 200 years later. Its well-preserved reliefs offer valuable details about



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ancient religious rituals and political life.

This afternoon, the ship sails to Kom Ombo. After lunch, delight in an engaging discussion with an Egyptologist.

### Discovery: Temple of Sobek and Haroeris.

Explore this unusual double temple complex. Its symmetrical plan unifies two adjacent temples, one dedicated to the crocodile-headed Sobek, god of fertility, and the other to the falconheaded Haroeris, god of the sky.

Enjoy a traditional Nubian show on the ship.

### Day 10 | Aswan | Abu Simbel | Aswan

This morning, the ship docks in Aswan for the day. After breakfast, fly to Abu Simbel.

**Discovery:** *Abu Simbel.* Visit the colossal Great Temple of Ramses II, a massive monument commemorating triumphs over the Nubians, Hittites and Syrians. Marvel at the temple's gargantuan size and the mammoth feat of engineering to reconstruct it on higher ground in its present location. The neighboring Temple of Hathor, one of the country's best preserved temples, is equally fascinating.

Fly back to Aswan. Your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, celebrate your remarkable journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

### Day 11 | Aswan | Cairo

This morning, disembark the ship.

**Discovery:** *The Temple of Philae and the Aswan High Dam.* Board a felucca and sail to the island temple complex of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis. Following your tour, learn about the ancient process of handcrafting papyrus at the Papyrus Institute. Continue to the High Dam, an engineering marvel built in the 1960s, which helps to control the Nile's annual flooding and improve the nation's power supply.

Transfer to Aswan's airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, refresh and relax in your evening room at the InterContinental Citystars Cairo, prior to an early morning departure for return flights home.

### Day 12 | Cairo | In Transit

Very early this morning, transfer to the airport for your return flights home.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and Otransfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

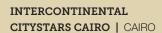


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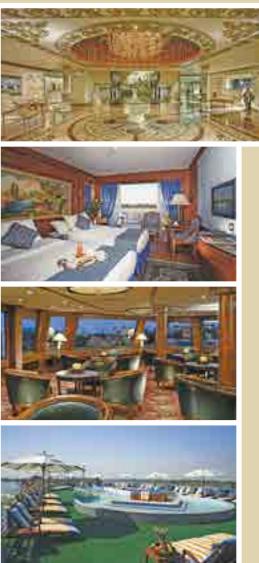






### Sonesta St. George I

Cruise the Nile River in style aboard the Sonesta St. George I. Comfort and elegance are the prevailing themes in the ship's common areas and accommodations. Sample international cuisine from lavish buffets for breakfast and lunch and from à la carte menus for dinner. Stop by the Panoramic Lounge for refreshments and stellar Nile River views. The Lounge has a full-service bar and dance floor, while the Piano Bar offers a serene retreat. The ship also features a swimming pool and sun deck with umbrella-shielded lounge chairs, a jewelry boutique, souvenir shop, fully equipped spa, fitness center and salon. After a long day of exploring Egypt's treasures, relax in your well-appointed stateroom, finished with wooden floors and soundproofed walls and accented by panoramic French windows and a seating area. The en-suite spa bathrooms are fitted with a steam shower, Jacuzzi and water massage. Wi-Fi is available.



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Air Program dates:	Jan. 21 – Feb. 1, 202	0
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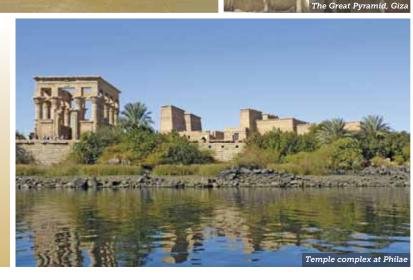
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### UNESCO World Heritage

- 1.Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (Temples at Karnak and Luxor; the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens)
- 2. Historic Cairo
- 3. Memphis and its Necropolis—the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur
- 4.Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae



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### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Cairo, Egypt, at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.
- 1 night in Luxor at the first-class Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.
- 4 nights aboard the deluxe Sonesta St. George I.
- **1 night** in Cairo at the first-class InterContinental Citystars Cairo.

### Transfers

• All transfers in the Land | Cruise program: flights and deluxe motor coaches, plus baggage handling.

### **Extensive Meal Program**

• 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 5 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner on board the ship; and wine with dinner.



### Temple of Sobek and Haroeris, Kom Ombo

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  - -Marvel at Luxor Temple.
  - -Journey into the Valleys of the Kings and Queens.
  - -Enjoy an exclusive look at the Chicago House.
  - -Cruise to Karnak and its impressive temple.
  - -Wander through the Temple of Horus.
  - -Explore the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris.
  - -Fly to Abu Simbel to tour the Great Temple of Ramses II.-Sail to the temple complex at Philae.
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