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# Egypt

November 26–December 10, 2018 (SOLD OUT)

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December 10–18, 2018

*Escorted by Emily Teeter*



**Make this the year  
for a trip of a lifetime.**

## EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

**Our Egypt trip is currently  
sold out**



*November 26–  
December 9,  
2018 (14 days)*

*From the  
banks of  
the Nile, to  
the expanse  
of desert,  
Egypt has  
long been  
a country  
steeped in  
mystery and  
filled with*

*wonder. Join us as we drive, fly, and  
cruise across this ancient landscape on  
a comprehensive journey that includes  
exclusive access to current excavations,  
research sites, and world-renowned  
scholars. When you travel with the  
Oriental Institute, you immerse yourself  
in history and embark on an exploration  
of discovery.*

### ITINERARY: EGYPT

#### **Sunday, November 25: IN TRANSIT**

Depart your hometown for Cairo.

#### **Monday, November 26: CAIRO**

Your journey begins in Cairo with a stay at the historic Mena House, a palatial hotel surrounded by 40 acres of lush gardens, located in the shadow of the Great Pyramid. On this first evening, we dine with tour leader Emily Teeter for an overview of our travels.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel*

*Meal: Dinner*

#### **Tuesday, November 27: CAIRO/MEMPHIS/SAQQARA**

We begin our tour exploring Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt, and the vast necropolis of Saqqara, where we encounter the Step Pyramid of Djoser, the first large-scale stone building and the first pyramid. You will have time to explore the Imhotep Museum, examine the Pyramid of Teti, whose burial chamber is covered with Pyramid Texts, and visit several tombs of nobles, each decorated with scenes of daily life and rituals.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

#### **Wednesday, November 28: GIZA**

Today we encounter the last of the surviving Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid of Khufu.

While exploring the Giza plateau, you enter one of the pyramids, visit the Sphinx, and examine the remarkably preserved solar boat of Khufu.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

#### **Thursday, November 29: LUXOR**

After a morning flight to Luxor, we reach the temple of Amun-Re at Karnak, with its maze of monumental gateways, obelisks, pillared halls, and colossal shrines. In Karnak's open-air museum you walk among a variety of famous monuments. The remainder of the day is yours to explore at leisure, before attending a private reception at Chicago House, the headquarters of the Oriental Institute's Epigraphic Survey.

*Hotel: Luxor Hilton Resort and Spa*

*Meals: Breakfast and lunch*

#### **Friday, November 30: LUXOR**

Today we cross the Nile bound for the Valley of the Kings and Queens. On arrival, we tour Tutankhamun's tomb, and the tomb of Queen Nefertari with its beautiful wall paintings. After lunch, we visit the Colossi of Memnon and the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahri, two of the most elegant and unusual monuments in all of Egypt.

*Hotel: Luxor Hilton Resort and Spa*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*



Exclusive Access:

- ⇒ Private after-hours tour of the Egyptian Museum
- ⇒ Private reception at Chicago House in Luxor
- ⇒ Private tour and briefing on-site at the excavation at Edfu
- ⇒ Access to world renowned scholars and researchers

### **Saturday, December 1: LUXOR**

We return to the Nile's west bank and tour the Tombs of the Nobles, some of the most impressive rock-cut tombs ever constructed. After viewing walls carved and painted with scenes of daily life and religious rituals, we continue on to Deir el Medina, a village founded for the artisans who built and decorated the royal tombs.

*Hotel: Luxor Hilton Resort and Spa*

*Meals: Breakfast & lunch*

### **Sunday, December 2: DENDERA/ABYDOS**

Today we drive north to Dendera, through villages of baked-mud houses and lush cultivated lands, where we visit the Temple of Hathor, goddess of love and music. On the walls of this Ptolemaic temple, we examine the vivid scenes of rituals enacted within and come face-to-face with one of the few representations of Cleopatra VII. We continue north to Abydos and the Temple of Seti I to marvel at what many consider to be the most beautiful reliefs in all of Egypt.

*Hotel: Luxor Hilton Resort and Spa*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

### **Monday, December 3: LUXOR/CRUISE**

This morning, while our luggage is transferred to the new, deluxe *Sonesta St. George*, our floating hotel, we continue touring the west bank in the temples and chapels of Medinet Habu. We meet with members of the Oriental Institute's Epigraphic Survey to discuss their newest research. We then continue to the Ramesseum and visit the memorial temple of Ramesses II, whose ruined statue inspired Shelley's famous poem, "Ozymandias." After lunch on our ship we finish the day under the columns and statues of Luxor Temple, where the Oriental Institute has worked for decades.

*Hotel: On board the Sonesta St. George*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

### **Tuesday, December 4: LUXOR/EDFU**

This morning is at leisure in Luxor. You are free to relax on board, shop in the bazaar, or visit the Luxor Museum or the Museum of Mummification. During lunch we set sail for Edfu, where we dock for the night.

*Hotel: On board the Sonesta St. George*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*



### **Wednesday, December 5: EDFU/KOMOBO**

This morning we visit Edfu, a well-preserved Ptolemaic temple of the falcon god Horus. Adjacent to the temple is the Oriental Institute's excavation site, where Professor Nadine Moeller, the director of the excavation, briefs you on their work and current discoveries as you explore the region's early history. After lunch, we continue to the temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus the Elder and the crocodile god Sobek. We study the unique architectural features surrounded by beautiful Nile scenery before we set sail for Aswan.

*Hotel: On board the Sonesta St. George*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

### **Thursday, December 6: ASWAN**

We start the day exploring the granite quarries, where an unfinished obelisk which would have been ancient Egypt's tallest monument, still lies. We continue to the High Dam, a project that forever changed the Nile's annual cycle, impacting the economy, politics, and ecology of modern Egypt. We take a small boat to visit Philae, a beautiful gem of a Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the goddess Isis. After lunch you explore the Nubian Museum before enjoying dinner on board the *Sonesta St. George*.

*Hotel: On board the Sonesta St. George*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*



### **Friday, December 7: ASWAN**

We disembark this morning and fly to Abu Simbel, where the rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and his Queen Nefertari were saved from the rising waters of the Nile. We explore these temples built to inspire awe in the ancient Nubians, where a sense of wonder can still be felt 3,200 years later. In the afternoon, we fly back to Aswan for an evening at leisure.

*Hotel: Sofitel Old Cataract Hotel*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

### **Saturday, December 8: CAIRO**

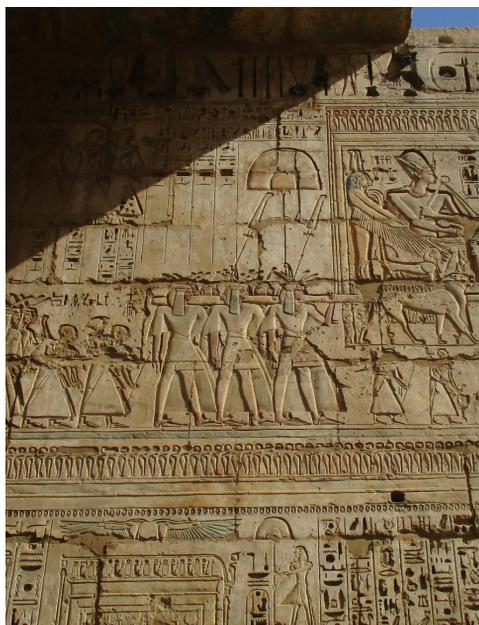
This morning we visit the Temple of Kalabsha, a Roman era tribute to a lower Nubian sun god. In the afternoon we fly back to Cairo for an evening at leisure.

*Hotel: Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel*  
*Meal: Breakfast*

### **Sunday, December 9: OLD CAIRO**

We start out on a morning tour of Old Cairo, where we visit the Coptic Museum, the Church of St. Sergius, and the Ben Ezra synagogue. After lunch in the dazzling Al-Azhar Park, we explore the daily life of Cairo, whose warren of streets are lined with some of the best examples of medieval Islamic architecture in existence. The afternoon ends with shopping in the renowned suq, the Khan al-Khalili, and time to refresh before we bid farewell to ancient Egypt with an exclusive after-hours private tour of the Egyptian Museum and a farewell dinner.

*Hotel: Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*



*Travel with us as we journey up the Nile, into the Sahara Desert to explore the ancient lands of the Nubians.*

## **SUDAN AND ANCIENT NUBIA**

### **December 10-18, 2018 (9 days)**

*Prepare to embark on an exploration that is truly, off the beaten path...*



### **Monday, December 10: CAIRO/KHARTOUM**

We arrive in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, and meet with our tour leader Emily Teeter, and our local guide.

*Hotel: Corinthia Hotel*  
*Meal: Breakfast*

### **Tuesday, December 11: KHARTOUM**

Today we visit the Archaeological Museum with its spectacular collection of Nubian artifacts, some excavated by the Oriental Institute. We explore the temples of Semna East and West and a portion of the monastery at Faras which were recovered during the UNESCO campaign to save monuments from being flooded by the Aswan Dam. After lunch we travel to Omdurman where we view the tomb of the Mahdi who led an uprising against the British. After visiting the museum of the House of the Khalifa, we roam the local suq. The day ends with a sunset cruise to the confluence of the Blue and White Nile.

*Hotel: Corinthia Hotel*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

### **Wednesday, December 12: KARIMA**

This morning we drive across the wide expanse of desert to Karima. We dine and stay overnight at the Nubian Rest House at the foot of Gebel Barkal at the Fourth Cataract.

*Hotel: Nubian Rest House*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

**Thursday, December 13:****GEBEL BARKAL/NAPATA/EL KURRU**

Today we explore the World Heritage Site of Gebel Barkal, the “Holy Mountain” and foremost site for worship of the Nubian god Amun. We travel to the royal capital at Napata and the necropolises at el Kurri and Nuri where we visit the pyramid tombs of the Nubian pharaohs. In the afternoon, we stop at the petrified forest before returning to Karima for dinner.

*Hotel: Nubian Rest House*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

**Friday, December 14: DONGOLA/KERMA**

After a visit to a local market, we cross the Nubian Desert to the market at Selim near Dongola. We continue on to Kerma, where we explore the center of Nubian civilization from about 2500 to 1450 B.C. At Kerma, rulers were buried under enormous mounds accompanied by hundreds of sacrificed retainers. We continue to Tombos, the southernmost point of ancient Egyptian control and a site visited by the Breasted expedition in 1907. We finish this day at the granite quarries, examining the unfinished statue of King Taharqa.

*Hotel: Nubian Rest House*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

**Saturday, December 15: BAYUDA DESERT/MEROE**

We head south to Meroe, the great capital of the Nubians from the third century B.C. into the Roman era. We cross the Bayuda Plain, the great loop of the Nile between the 4th and 6th cataracts. We visit the remains of the Gazhail Monastery and pass by a breathtaking landscape of basalt mountains and valleys. It is likely that we will meet groups of Bisharin nomads who live in small huts near water sources. We cross the Nile on a pontoon ferry to arrive at Meroe Camp, 2 km from the vast pyramid field of Meroe, where we stay overnight in twin bed tents, each with a private bath.

*Hotel: Meroe Camp*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

**Sunday, December 16: MEROE**

Today we explore the necropolis at Meroe, made famous by photographs taken by James Henry Breasted. These steep-sided pyramids each contain a chapel, many decorated with scenes of the king or queen and the gods. After lunch, we drive to the remains of Meroe City, which once boasted an immense center complete with baths, temples, and administrative structures.

*Hotel: Meroe Camp*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

**Monday, December 17:****NAGA/MUSAWWARAT/KHARTOUM**

We leave Meroe to visit one of the finest Meroitic-era temples at Naga. This second century AD structure is decorated with scenes of the royal family along with their patron god, the lion Apademek. The architecture is a combination of Nubian, Egyptian, and Roman traditions. We continue to Musawwarat, a major religious center and pilgrimage site that was used from the third century B.C. to the fourth century AD. The site has several temples and an ingenious system of reservoirs that made the arid surroundings habitable. We drive south to Khartoum to visit Omdurman and to see a dervish ceremony at Ahmed al Nil Cemetery.

*Hotel: Corinthian Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

**Tuesday, December 18: DEPART FOR HOME**

We say our farewells to the ancient world as we transfer to the airport in Khartoum for flights homeward, or for further travels.

**LED BY**

**Emily Teeter**, PhD, is an Egyptologist specializing in the religion, social history, and material culture of ancient Egypt. She recently retired from the Oriental Institute Museum where she curated its Egyptian gallery. She currently consults for museums in the Chicago area and nationwide. Emily is the author of many books and articles, and she has conducted fieldwork in Alexandria, Giza, and Luxor. She is a past president of the American Research Center in Egypt.



*The Oriental Institute is proud to partner with **EGITALLYOYD TRAVEL EGYPT** to bring you this Wonders of Egypt tour with Sudan extension.*

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*\$1,500 deposit per person is required to book*

**The Wonders of Ancient Egypt**

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SUDAN TOUR SPECIAL NOTE: For U.S. citizens, visa obtained upon arrival at Khartoum Airport. In order to issue the visa we will require a scanned copy of your passport which must have 6 months validity from the date you will enter Sudan. There must be NO Israeli stamp on your passport.

TARIFFS: Based on foreign exchange rates in effect December 2017 and a minimum of 10 participants. All rates subject to change.

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS: A \$1,500 deposit (\$300 per person non-refundable) is required to book. Final payment is due 16 weeks before departure.

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## **Sudan and Ancient Nubia**

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*Whether this will be your first visit with us or a return, we have the experience and access to show you what really counts. Our programs go far beyond the usual tours, calling upon our own in-country staff and colleagues to give you up-to-date information about current research.*

*Our specially designed itineraries include the most important sites from all periods of Egyptian and Nubian history and even some of the "off the beaten track" gems. One of the highlights of our Egypt tour is the visit to Chicago House, the headquarters of the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor, where you will meet our staff of Egyptologists and artists, and hear about the vital work documenting the reliefs and inscriptions of ancient Thebes.*

*Your tour leader, Emily Teeter brings familiarity with the sites, vast knowledge, and enthusiasm that will bring the history and sites of the ancient world to life.*



### **Date & Cost of Tour**

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**9 days | \$6,700***

*(price excludes international airfare to Egypt **and** internation airfare to Sudan)*

### **How to Book**

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