

The Wonders of Ancient Egypt

November 28–December 13, 2022
with optional Alexandria extension

Escorted by Emily Teeter



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

EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

Main Tour:

November 28–December 13, 2022 (16 days)



Return to travel with the OI's signature tour! From the banks of the Nile to the expanse of desert, Egypt has inspired travelers for centuries. Join us as we drive, fly,

and sail across this ancient landscape on a comprehensive journey that includes exclusive access to current excavations, conservation field projects, and world-renowned scholars. When you travel with the OI, you immerse yourself in history and embark on an exploration of discovery that is off the beaten path.

ITINERARY:

Sunday, November 27: IN TRANSIT

Depart your hometown for Cairo.

Monday, November 28: CAIRO

Your journey begins in Cairo with a stay at the historic Mena House, a palatial hotel surrounded by forty 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 29: SAQQARA

We begin our tour exploring the vast necropolis of Saqqara, where we encounter the Step Pyramid of Djoser, the first large-scale stone building and the first pyramid. Our visit includes the pyramid's South Tomb and Saite entrance, the Serapeum, the Unis Pyramid, the Imhotep Museum, and several tombs of nobles, each decorated with scenes of daily life and rituals.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Wednesday, November 30: 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, we enter one of the pyramids, and meet with Egyptologists for an exclusive visit of the Sphinx enclosure. After lunch we explore the recently opened Grand Egyptian Museum.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Thursday, December 1: LUXOR

After a morning flight to Luxor, we visit 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 we walk among a variety of famous monuments. After lunch we finish the day under the columns and statues of Luxor Temple, where the Oriental Institute has worked for decades, before attending a private cocktail reception at Chicago House, the headquarters of the Oriental Institute's Epigraphic Survey.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Friday, December 2: LUXOR

Today we cross the Nile bound for the Valleys of the Kings and Queens. We tour a variety of tombs, including Tutankhamun's and the tomb of Queen Nefertari with its beautiful wall paintings. After lunch, the rest of the day is yours to explore Luxor at your leisure.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace Hotel
Meals: Breakfast & lunch*



Exclusive Access:

- ⇒ Private visit to the Sphinx enclosure
- ⇒ Private reception at Chicago House in Luxor
- ⇒ Private tour and briefing on-site at Medinet Habu, Luxor Temple, and other sites
- ⇒ Access to world-renowned scholars, Egyptologist, and researchers working in the field

Saturday, December 3: DENDERA/ABYDOS

Today we drive north to Dendera, through villages of mudbrick houses and lush cultivated fields, 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: Old Winter Palace Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Sunday, December 4: LUXOR/WEST BANK

We continue touring the west bank, with a visit to the workers village at Deir el-Medina and explore the Tombs of the Nobles, some of the most impressive rock-cut tombs ever constructed with scenes depicting daily life and religious rituals. Before lunch we visit the Ramesseum, the memorial temple of Ramesses II, whose ruined statue inspired Shelley's famous poem, "Ozymandias." In the afternoon, we stop at the imposing temple complex of Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahri.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace Hotel
Meals: Breakfast & lunch*

Monday, December 5: LUXOR/CRUISE

This morning, while our luggage is transferred to our floating hotel, we meet OI staff for a private tour of the work currently being undertaken at Medinet Habu.

*Hotel: On board the Farah Nile Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Tuesday, December 6: LUXOR/EDFU

This morning we visit the stunning collection at the Luxor Museum before setting sail for Edfu, where we dock for the night.

*Hotel: On board the Farah Nile Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Wednesday, December 7: EDFU/ KOM OMBO

This morning we visit Edfu, a well-preserved Ptolemaic temple of the falcon god Horus. After lunch, we continue on to the temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus the Elder and the crocodile god Sobek. We study the unique architectural features

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.



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surrounded by beautiful Nile scenery before we set sail for Aswan.

*Hotel: On board the Farah Nile Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Thursday, December 8: ASWAN

We start the day exploring the granite quarries, where an unfinished obelisk, which would have been ancient Egypt's tallest, still lies. We continue to the High Dam, a project that forever changed the Nile's annual flood, 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 we explore the Nubian Museum before enjoying dinner on board the *Mayfair*.

*Hotel: On board the Farah Nile Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*



Friday, December 9: ABU SIMBEL

We fly to Abu Simbel, where the rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and Queen Nefertari were saved from the rising waters of the Aswan High Dam. 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 10: ASWAN

After breakfast overlooking the Nile, we cross to the west bank and take camels to the tenth-century walled monastery of St. Simeon to explore its church, residence, and refectory. In the afternoon we enjoy a felucca ride on the Nile and a visit to Elephantine Island to see the Temples of Khnum and Satet and the shrine of Heqaib, an Old Kingdom saint.

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

Sunday, December 11: CAIRO

In the 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 dinner.

*Hotel: Nile Ritz Carlton
Meals: Breakfast & dinner*

Monday, December 12: CAIRO

We start our day with a visit to the Egyptian Museum and continue on to the Sultan Hassan Mosque. 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. After a visit to the Textile Museum, we end the day with shopping in the renowned *souq*, the Khan al-Khalili, before heading back to the hotel and a farewell dinner.

*Hotel: Nile Ritz Carlton
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

Tuesday, December 13: DEPART CAIRO

Depart for your home city, join the optional Alexandria extension, or continue on to further adventures.

Meal: Breakfast

Alexandria Extension:

December 13-16, 2022 (4 days)

Tuesday, December 13: ALEXANDRIA

We begin our extension with a drive to Alexandria, where we visit the catacombs at Kom el Shoqafa and the ruins of the temple of Serapis dominated by Pompey's Pillar. After lunch near Qaitbey Fort, built on the site of the Lighthouse of Alexandria, we explore the modern Library of Alexandria.

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

Wednesday, December 14: ROSETTA

Today we visit Rosetta, a port city of the Nile delta made famous by the discovery of the Rosetta Stone. We explore this city that was once a popular tourist destination renowned for its Ottoman mansions.

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

Thursday, December 15: KARIMA

This morning we visit the early Christian monastic center, Wadi Natrun Monasteries, for a look at Egypt's Coptic history and culture. After a box lunch on the road, we travel back to Cairo and check in for a final night in our hotel.

*Hotel: Intercontinental City Stars
Meals: Breakfast & lunch*

Friday, December 16: DEPART

This morning we make our final departure back home, or continue on to further adventures.

DATE AND COST OF TOUR:

*The Wonders of Ancient Egypt:
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16 days | \$9,600 per person in twin rooms | single supplement: \$1,840

*Alexandria Extension:
December 13-16, 2022*

4 days | \$1,450 per person in twin rooms | single supplement: \$240

(pricing excludes international airfare)

HOW TO BOOK:

To book a spot, call or e-mail:

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Or send the registration form to:

The Oriental Institute
Membership Department
1155 East 58th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to book a spot.

The OI and Egitalloyd Travel will follow and enforce all current masking, testing, and vaccination guidelines for international travel and for travel in Egypt specifically.

Tour Rate Includes:

- All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily, Nile cruise with full board starting with lunch and ending with breakfast
- 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
- Special private entrance to the Sphinx enclosure
- Entry to the newly opened Nefertari tomb in the Valley of the Queens
- Entry to the newly opened Seti I tomb in the Valley of the Kings
- Private English-speaking guide throughout program
- Services of a professional Egitalloyd tour manager throughout the land tour program
- Flights within Egypt (Cairo/Luxor - Aswan/AbuSimbel/Aswan - Aswan/ Cairo)
- Water, snacks, fruit provided in bus during all visits and transfers, and all included meals
- Gratuities for tour manager, local guide, Nile cruise, hotels, drivers, and restaurant staff during included meals
- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available
- Farewell dinner to include local beer and local wine
- US lecturer fees for the Main and Extension tours
- A \$1,075 tax-deductible contribution to the Oriental Institute

Tour Rate Excludes:

- International airfare between the US and the start and end points
- Pre- and post-tour services
- Egypt entry visa fees
- Food and beverages not included in group meals
- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, excess baggage fees, and photo/video fees at sites and museums (where allowed)
- Other items not expressly listed as included
- Travel insurance for medical and political reasons (an absolute must)

Cancellation Policy:

\$300 of the tour deposit is nonrefundable. In addition:

- 35% cancellation fee from 12 weeks to 8 weeks before departure
- 55% cancellation fee from 8 weeks to 6 weeks before departure
- 75% cancellation fee from 6 weeks to 3 weeks before departure
- 100% cancellation fee from 21 days before departure

A full refund will apply in case of force majeure—any acts of God, war and revolution, acts of terrorism preventing travel to Egypt, and natural disasters happening within Egypt and not outside the country.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Oriental Institute in accepting booking for the tour clearly stipulates that it is not liable for the faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in carrying out of the tour services; also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, strikes, political unrest, riots and acts of God and war. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, including medical emergencies and evacuations, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is also reserved to withdraw this tour; also to decline to accept or retain any persons as members of the tour. No refund can be made for absence from the tour unless arrangements are made at the time of booking. IATA carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for acts, omissions or events during the time passengers are not on board. The passage contract in use by the companies concerned shall constitute the sole contract between the company and purchaser of these tours and/or passengers.

NOTE: Neither the Oriental Institute nor Egitalloyd Travel accepts liability for any airline penalties incurred by the purchase of nonrefundable airline tickets. Itinerary subject to change.

We will be more than happy to secure you additional nights in our selected hotels at current rates.

RESERVATION FORM

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

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Alexandria Extension

I would like to include the Alexandria extension

We are able to accept checks, money orders, Mastercard or Visa payments (credit card payments will incur a 2.75% service fee)

Please make reservations for the following people:

Name #1 (Legal name, exactly as it appears on passport)

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Name #2 (Legal name, exactly as it appears on passport)

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Street address

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City/State/Zip code

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Home telephone

Other telephone

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E-mail address

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Enclosed is a deposit of \$ (\$1,500 per person, payable to the Oriental Institute)

Please charge my deposit of \$ to my Mastercard or Visa

Name as listed on credit card

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Card name and number

Expiration date

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Signature

I request a single room. I understand there is a supplement charge.

I will be sharing with

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I request a roommate and understand a roommate is not guaranteed.

I/we will book my/our own flights.

I/we are currently able to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination,

I/we have read the Cancellation Policy and Responsibility sections and agree to all therein.

Signature

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Return this form to:

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