

Joy Travel International

Present:

Egypt: The Royal Tour



Private access to
The Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx
Plus, archaeological sites, new excavations and much more.

MARCH 21 - APRIL 4, 2023

Led by: Fadel Gad

This tour will take you beyond the beaten tourist path to visit hidden archeological sites not accessible to the general public. This will include a private and exclusive visit to the Great Pyramid interior and the Great Sphinx plus a private visit to new excavations at East and West Bank of Luxor City. Private access to these sites is essential as it will give you valuable knowledge of Egyptian Antiquities.

We hope you join us in this unique opportunity to visit Egypt, one of the most fascinating destinations in the world.



Fadel Gad, noted Egyptologist and President and Founder of Joy Travel International, has been leading educational tours to Egypt and other countries for more than 20 years. Originally from Memphis, the first capitol of Egypt, he received his Master's degree in Archaeology, Ancient Egyptology, and Islamic Art at the Cairo University. He served as an Archaeologist in Egypt for many years. His field experience includes excavations in Fostat, Saqqara, Cellia, and the Monastery of Abo Henes. His comprehensive knowledge of ancient Egypt has enabled him to fill lecture halls as well as participate in broadcast programs where he speaks about a myriad of topics including Egyptian mythology and the ancient Egyptian concept of gods and goddesses. Fadel most recently served as Executive Producer for specials on Egyptian archaeology for public television.

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Tour Itinerary:

TUE MAR 21 DAY 0 – USA

Departure from USA.

WED MAR 22 DAY 1 – USA / Cairo

Arrive Cairo and check into your hotel.

THU MAR 23 DAY 2 – Philae / Aswan / Elephantine Island

Morning light to Aswan, boat ride will take us to the Island of Philae where we will visit the temple of Isis, dedicated to the mother goddess Isis who gave birth here to her son Horus. We will visit the unfinished obelisk and the granite quarries where the Egyptians cut stones for their statues and obelisks. In the afternoon, we will sail by feluccas to Elephantine Island, the home of God Khnum. While there, we will also visit the archaeological excavations and the German Institute Open Air Museum. In the evening we take a boat ride to a Nubian village where we will be welcomed by a drum celebration. Dinner will be hosted on a veranda of a Nubian home overlooking the Nile.

Overnight in Aswan, (B, L, D)

FRI MAR 24 DAY 3 – Abu Simbel

Our group will take a morning drive to Abu Simbel to visit the colossal rock-cut temple of Ramses II and the exquisite temple he built for his wife, Nefertari.

Overnight in Aswan, (B, L, D)

SAT MAR 25 DAY 4 – Esmeralda Nile Cruise

we will visit the Tombs of the Governors, Nubian Museum. In the afternoon we will board our river cruise ship which will be our floating home for the next three nights.

Overnight in Aswan, Nile Cruise (B, L, D)

SUN MAR 26 DAY 5 – Nile Cruise – Kom Ombo / Edfu / Esna

Early this morning we set sail to Kom Ombo. After breakfast, we disembark to visit the temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the gods, Sobek and Horus. We continue sailing to the city of Edfu. After lunch, horse buggies will roll you through the ancient city of Edfu to the temple of Horus and his consort Hathor. This temple was dedicated to the reunion of the gods and goddesses.

Overnight on The Nile, Nile Cruise (B, L, D)

MON MAR 27 DAY 6 – Luxor / Karnak

After a morning sailing to Luxor we will visit the Temple of Karnak and Open-Air Museum at Karnak, followed by the Temple of Luxor. Here we have a private tour of an active excavation at Karnak Temple by Dr. Salah El Masekh, the director of the excavation.

Overnight Luxor, (B, L)

TUE MAR 28 DAY 7 – Luxor / Valley of the Kings, Queens, Nobles / Hatshepsut / Deir el Medina

Visit to the West Bank of Luxor, we visit the Valley of the Kings, including the exquisite tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, the Valley of the Queens, and the Valley of the Nobles. By special permission from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, we visit several tombs that are not open to the public—Tomb of Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens and Tomb of Seti I in the Valley of the Kings. We will lunch at the historic courtyard of the venerable Sheikh Ali Restaurant, the watering hole for all renowned Egyptologists, including Howard Carter who discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Visit the great mortuary temples of Hatshepsut, Ramses II, and Ramses III, as well as the ancient village of Deir el Medina with its extraordinary tombs of the ordinary workers who built the tombs

of the Valley of the Kings.

Overnight Luxor, (B, L)

WED MAR 29 DAY 8 – Luxor

This morning we return to the west bank of Luxor to complete our visit of tombs and temples. With special permission, our group will visit the active excavation of the American Research Center in Egypt at the Valley of the Nobles. This afternoon is free to enjoy the romantic city of Luxor and shopping. An optional hot air balloon ride over Luxor is available in the morning for a bird's-eye view of the spectacular temples and landscapes.

Overnight Luxor, (B, L, D)

THU MAR 30 DAY 9 – Luxor / Abydos

After breakfast, we will drive north of Luxor through the exquisite, lush green countryside, to the sacred city of Abydos to visit the Temples of Seti I and Rameses II. We will stop at Dendarah to visit the grand Temple of Hathor, goddess of love, motherhood, and music. This temple has early astrological signs carved on its ceiling. After lunch, we visit the Temple of Osiris, ruler of the underworld, with colorful reliefs adorning the walls. Behind the temple there is a mysterious small temple, believed to be the tomb of Osiris.

Overnight Abydos, (B, L, D)

FRI MAR 31 DAY 10 – Cairo

Flight to Cairo. We visit Islamic Cairo, including Al Azhar Mosque. After lunch, we explore Khan El Khalili Bazar, known as "the old market."

(B, L, D)

SAT APR 1 DAY 11 – Cairo / Giza

The Giza Plateau is our destination today. Here we will visit the majestic Pyramids. Our group has special access to enter the interior of the Great Pyramid. As we stand between the paws of the Great Sphinx for the ultimate photo op, our group will be the envy of other tourists on the public viewing platform. You will have free time for shopping this afternoon before dinner.

*Private access to the paws of the great Sphinx

*Private lecture by Dr Hawass at the Sphinx.

Overnight Cairo, (B, L, D)

SUN APR 2 DAY 12 – Cairo

Drive south along the Nile to visit the Pyramids of Dahshur—the Red Pyramid and the Bent Pyramid of Pharaoh Snefru, Khufu's father. After lunch, at the Saqqara Palm Club, visit the Step Pyramid of King Djoser in Saqqara, the oldest major stone-built complex in the world. Also in Saqqara, we visit the Imhotep Museum and the sacred bull complex of the Serapeum, dedicated to the Greco-Egyptian god Serapis.

Overnight Cairo, (B, L, D)

SAT APR 3 DAY 13 – Cairo / Old Cairo

This morning we visit the Cairo Museum (Possibly visiting the Grand Egyptian Museum instead) to view the collection of the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom artifacts. Here we will see the famous collection of King Tutankhamen. After lunch in downtown Cairo, we continue to go inside the walls of Coptic Cairo where churches mark the spot where the Holy Family stayed to escape King Herod's order to kill the firstborn.

Overnight Cairo, (B, L, D)

SUN APR 4 DAY 14 – Cairo / USA

Morning flight to USA or extension to PETRA (B)

Tour Cost:

\$5,690 Land arrangements & domestic flights within Egypt

\$1,100 International flights from most major US cities

\$1,050 Single room occupancy supplement

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Nile Cruise, all meals included
- Guest Lecturers and English-speaking tour guide
- Deluxe accommodations in first class hotels
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Domestic flights in Egypt
- All transfers to and from Egypt airports
- All site fees
- Bottled water

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TOUR NAME: _____ **TOUR DATES:** _____

TRAVELER 1

TITLE: _____ NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PASSPORT NO#: _____

ISSUE DATE: _____ EXP.: _____

DOB: _____

AIRLINE SELF BOOK: YES _____ NO _____

PREFERENCE: WINDOW _____ ISLE _____

DEPARTURE CITY: _____

ACCOM: SINGLE _____ DOUBLE _____ 1 BED _____ 2 BEDS _____

SMOKER: YES _____ NO _____

SPECIAL HEALTH CONDITION (S):

TRIP EXTENSIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

TRAVELER 2

TITLE: _____ NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

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