



## **The Women's Travel Group**

### **Egypt**

### **December 2022 – Main Tour**

**10 Days: CAIRO- NILE RIVER CRUISE- LUXOR - ASWAN & ABU SIMBEL**

#### ***Tour Overview***

Egypt is a nation of epic history. Enjoy this land as the pictures you've seen in books come to life before your eyes. Walk down the paths of pharaohs in Cairo, stand in the shadow of gargantuan pyramids in Giza. From Luxor you cruise down the mystical Nile River. In Aswan we visit a Nubian Village. We also fly to Abu Simbel to visit the iconic temple and statues of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari.

#### **Day 1: Sunday Dec. 4 - Arrive Cairo – Welcome Dinner**

Arrive to Cairo, Egypt, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your tour director for a tour briefing followed by our welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

#### ***4 night stay at The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel, Garden Section***

*Set amidst 40 acres of verdant gardens, this stunning hotel offers 331 plush rooms and suites offering spectacular views of the mighty Giza Pyramids and the surrounding lush greenery. Leisure facilities include an outdoor heated pool, Health Club and Spa.*

#### **Day 2: Monday Dec. 5 - Cairo - Giza Pyramids & Sphinx**

This morning we meet our dedicated English-speaking Egyptologist Guide who will accompany us throughout the tour. Today we visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, including the Pyramid of Khufu and the Sphinx. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon at leisure. (BL)

#### **Day 3: Tuesday Dec 6 - Cairo - City Sightseeing & Egyptian Museum**

Explore the ancient city of Cairo, including the Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali and the colorful Khan el Khalili Bazaar. We'll also visit the spice market and the antiques market and have lunch at a local restaurant. Spend the afternoon viewing antiquities at the Egyptian Museum. (BL)

#### **Day 4: Wednesday Dec. 7 - Cairo – Memphis & Saqqara**

This morning we visit Memphis, once a vast metropolis and capital of the Old Kingdom. Continue to Saqqara, the oldest stone complex in the world, to see the towering Step Pyramid of Djoser, the earliest

of all pyramids. Lunch at the new restaurant overlooking the pyramids with the balance of the day at leisure. (BL)

**Day 5: Thursday Dec. 8 - Cairo / Luxor – Nile Cruise**

Transfer to Cairo Airport for the morning scheduled domestic flight to Luxor (flight included). Arrive and board your Nile cruise ship, our home for the next four nights as we cruise the majestic and mystical Nile River. This afternoon we tour Luxor's East Bank and the impressive Karnak Temple. In the evening we visit the illuminated Luxor Temple. (BLD)

**4 Night Nile Cruise onboard the M/S Steigenberger Minerva**

*Luxury in its purest form awaits you on the Steigenberger Minerva, our 5-star cruise ship, on your Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan. In the comfortable cabins you can relax and enjoy the unique views of the river panorama to your heart's delight for up to seven days. Discover the former glory of the Pharaohs on excursions to Karnak and Luxor, for example. On board, the expansive sun deck with pool is perfect for sun-bathing, while you can complete your usual workout in the ship's own gym. Take a culinary trip to the Middle East in the ship's restaurant and savour the chef's numerous Arabic and international specialties. The crew of the Steigenberger Minerva will make your luxury cruise on the Nile an unforgettable vacation experience.*

**Day 6: Friday - Dec. 9 - Nile River Cruise – West Bank & Home Hosted Lunch / Edfu**

This morning visit Luxor's West Bank - Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Hatshepsut and Colossus of Memnon. A traditional Egyptian lunch is arranged with a local family in their home. Afternoon set sail to Edfu. (BLD)

**Day 7: Saturday - Dec.10 - Nile River Cruise – Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan**

This morning visit the temple of Horus in Edfu, one of the well-preserved temples of Ancient Egypt and built to honor the falcon headed God. This visit is by horse carriage. We continue our cruise to Kom Ombo. Cooking class onboard followed by lunch. Afternoon visit the Ptolemaic Temple of Kom Ombo, then continue to cruise to Aswan. (BLD)

**Day 8: Sunday - Dec 11 - Nile Cruise – Aswan & Nubian Village**

Morning visit the elegant Temple of Philae followed by the unfinished Obelisk. Afternoon enjoy a scenic felucca ride on the Nile and visit a Nubian Village where we are invited for tea inside one of the homes. Meet with women and learn more about the culture and see their handicrafts. (BLD)

**Day 9: Monday - Dec. 12 - Nile Cruise – Aswan High Dam / Abu Simble / Cairo**

Morning check out and proceed with a visit to the Aswan High Dam en route to the airport. Depart on Scheduled flight to Abu Simbel (flight included). Upon arrival, visit the magnificent Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari. We then depart on the scheduled domestic flight to Cairo (flight included). Arrive and transfer to our hotel located near the airport and connected to a mall which affords last minute shopping opportunities including Egyptian made souvenirs and product. This evening we will have a farewell dinner at the hotel. (BD)

**1 night stay at InterContinental Citystars Cairo**

*InterContinental Citystars Cairo offers luxury in the buzzing hub of Heliopolis, next to Stars Centre Mall. The hotel puts everything at your fingertips, from steak to sushi, from spa treatments to squash and from advanced conference facilities to cocktails at the poolside bar.*

**Day 10: Tuesday - Dec. 13 - Depart Cairo**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

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**Egypt**  
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**3 Days – Post Tour Extension to Alexandria**

**Day 10: Tuesday – Dec. 13 - Cairo / Alexandria -**

Mid-morning pick up by your private car with driver/guide for the journey to Alexandria (approx 3 hours). This afternoon visit Bibliotheca Alexandria (Alexandria Library). (B)

**1 night stay at Steigenberger Cecil Hotel, partial sea view room**

*Since its opening in 1929, Steigenberger Cecil Hotel in Alexandria has been known for its superb location right on the harbour. It is just a short walk to many of the city’s famous sights such as the Biblioteca Alexandrina, the Alexandria National Museum, and the Amphitheater. All rooms have separately programmable air conditioning, TV with international channels, a desk, safe, and minibar, as well as complimentary coffee and tea making facilities.*

**Day 11: Wednesday – Dec 14. - Alexandria - City Sightseeing / Cairo**

Full day tour on private basis with English-Speaking Egyptologist guide. First visit the Catacombs. This family tomb shows the merging of Egyptian and Roman art and architecture. You’ll see Pompey’s Pillar built to honor Emperor Diocletian who had freed Alexandria. After visiting the Roman Theatre we will have a lunch stop (own account). On to the Citadel of Qaitbay in the Mediterranean Sea. Built in the 15th century by Sultan al-Ashraf Qu’it Bay. Photos stops of Abu el Abbas Mosque and the unknown soldier monument. Late afternoon return to Cairo. (B)

**1 night stay at InterContinental Citystars Cairo**

**Day 12: Thursday – Dec 15. - Depart Cairo**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

**Quotation & Conditions of Contract:**

***SPECIAL NOTE: All arrangements subject to government approval and subject to passenger's acceptance of travel restrictions in place at the time of travel.***

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS – Main Tour**

**6 – 16 travelers**

**\$4,120 PER PERSON**

## **SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT**

**\$1,060 PER PERSON**

## **AIRFARE UPON REQUEST**

## **LAND ARRANGEMENTS – POST TOUR EXTENSION**

**2 travelers Minimum**

**\$700 PER PERSON**

## **SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT**

**\$240 PER PERSON**

### **Inclusions: - Main Tour**

- ✓ 4 Nights at The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel Garden Section with buffet breakfast
- ✓ 4 Nights on the M/S Steigenberger Minerva Cruise on Full board basis from Luxor to Aswan
- ✓ 1 Night at InterContinental City Stars Heliopolis Hotel with buffet breakfast.
- ✓ Welcome dinner at Hotel (1st night in Cairo)
- ✓ 3 Full days excursions in Cairo as per the Itinerary by private coach
- ✓ 3 Lunches in Cairo at Local restaurants (one will be the new restaurant at the Pyramids).
- ✓ All excursions during the cruise include transportation and admissions.
- ✓ All transfers at Cairo, Luxor and Aswan by private coach with meet and assist.
- ✓ Private Egyptologist English speaking guide throughout.
- ✓ Lunch in Luxor with Egyptian Family.
- ✓ Water on touring coach and Nile Cruise – maybe bottled water, or re-fill water jug
- ✓ 1 small bottle of water at included restaurant meals – subject to government rules on single use plastic
- ✓ Farewell dinner at hotel (last night in Cairo)
- ✓ Abu Simble excursion
- ✓ Domestic flight tickets (CAI/LXR & ASW/ABS/ASW/CAI)
- ✓ Portage at airports, Hotels, and cruise.
- ✓ All service charges, taxes and VAT.

### **Not included:**

- Entry Visa to Egypt
- Gratuities to drivers Guide, Hotel and cruise staff
- Any beverages with the meals
- Any additional personal expenses.

### **Inclusions – Post Tour Extension**

- 1 Night at Steigenberger Cecil Hotel with buffet breakfast
- 1 Night at Le Meridian Airport Hotel with buffet breakfast
- Round-trip transfer by private car and guide CAI/ALX/CAI
- 1 and ½ day sightseeing to visit: The Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, Roman Theatre, The Citadel of Qaitbay and the Bibliotheca Alexandria.

- Egyptologist English speaking guide during the 1 and ½ days sightseeing.

**Not included:**

- Gratuities to Driver and guide.
- Meals other than breakfasts

**Terms and Conditions:**

***COVID-19 and your personal responsibility:***

*Countries welcoming you and allowing open travel will have a Covid-19 rule-set in place. Visitors must be familiar with these requirements and are expected to adhere to all rules. Requirements will differ from country to country and may also change over time. It is therefore important that all travelers are secure in their understanding of what will be expected of them before departing their home and upon entering a foreign destination. Please ask your SITA Travel Expert in regard to the specific entry requirements. Furthermore, understand that COVID-19 may be present anywhere. The World Health Organization and medical experts have stated that older citizens as well as guests with existing health challenges are exposed to heightened risks. It is important that travelers take personal responsibility for their well-being and strictly follow instructions, whether given verbally or through public announcements and signage. When traveling with SITA World Tours you agree to accept all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19. At SITA World Tours we encourage adherence to hygiene and distancing rules and sincerely wish that all of our guests travel safe and remain healthy.*

**Please visit:** [https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/global-airline-testing-order\\_2021-01-2\\_R3-signed-encrypted-p.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/global-airline-testing-order_2021-01-2_R3-signed-encrypted-p.pdf)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

**Airfares:** Based on current fares and subject to change without notice UNTIL TICKETED. Airfares are based on the current lowest fare, and subject to availability of the applicable class of service. It may be necessary to re-quote a fare at the time of booking, depending on availability. At time of final payment, please check for any applicable increase in taxes and fuel surcharges. Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once ticketed. Details will be provided on request. Please note that effective Jun 01 2019 it is mandatory to provide the passenger contact details - Tel # & Email - to the airline, in order that they may provide updates directly to the passenger regarding schedule changes, flight delays or cancellations. The passenger has the right, not to provide the contact details, but the travel agency issuing the ticket requires to receive such refusal in writing, which will be added to the ticketing record.

**\*\*Insurance:** We strongly recommend Travel Insurance. Pre-existing conditions are covered PROVIDED Insurance premium is paid with deposit or within 14 days thereof. Alternatively, premium may be paid with final payment. Insurance cannot be purchased after final payment has been received by SITA. Insurance is non-refundable. A SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, PROVIDED BY SITA, IS REQUIRED BY THE PASSENGER WHETHER ACCEPTING OR DECLINING SITA'S INSURANCE.

**Visas:** US Passport holders require visas for Egypt **U.S. citizens can obtain a renewable single-entry 30-day tourist visa on arrival at Egyptian airports for a 25 USD fee. A multiple entry visa is also obtainable for 60 USD. The Government of Egypt has created a website for the issuance of “e-visas” at [visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home](http://visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home).** There are other websites purporting to offer electronic visas, but this is the only official Government of Egypt portal for this service Please ensure that your passport is valid for 6 months from return date.

Inoculations: We recommend that you contact Passport Health at 1-888-499 7277 or [www.passporthealthusa.com](http://www.passporthealthusa.com) for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

**Tour Reservations:** SITA requires a deposit of \$600 per person to commence reservations. This amount will be adjusted with the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

**Tour Payments:** Please use the following link to authorize payments: <https://sitatours.net/ccpayment/> SITA accepts tour payments by check and /or by clients Visa, Master & American Express credit cards. SITA does not accept 3<sup>rd</sup> party credit cards.

**Cancellation policy:** Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure: \$350 per person; 89-61 days prior to departure, the fee incurred will be 75% of the entire tour price No refunds whatsoever will be made for cancellations received within the last 60 days prior to departure.

**Tour documents:** Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 30-15 days prior to departure.

**Thank you for considering SITA - your gateway to exotic destinations worldwide.  
Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions.**

Thank You & Kind Regards,  
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