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# ON A CLASSIC JOURNEY TO EGYPT

# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SANDS OF TIME

DECEMBER 26, 2024 TO JANUARY 4, 2025







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# YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1~THURSDAY~DECEMBER 26

**USA/EN ROUTE** 

The excitement of your odyssey begins as you board your overnight flight to Cairo. (Meals Aloft)

#### DAY 2~FRIDAY~ DECEMBER 27 CAIRO, EGYPT

Upon your arrival in Cairo this morning, you will be met by your Classic Escapes representative, who will assist you through Customs and escort you to your hotel. As the heart of both ancient and modern Egypt, Cairo demonstrates the dichotomy of all things Egyptian as the medieval and the contemporary Western Worlds come together in a confusion of earthen houses and towering modern office buildings of flashy cars and donkey-drawn carts.



For the next two nights, you will

enjoy first-class accommodation on the western bank of the Nile with breathtaking views to enchant you and ancient zoological and botanical gardens just outside your door. The balance of your day is at leisure, which allows time for you to acclimate to your new surroundings.

Tonight's welcome dinner will offer you an introduction to Egyptian cuisine, and a chance to get acquainted with your fellow travelers.

The Marriott Mena House Hotel is set in beautiful jasmine-scented gardens with the great pyramids towering behind. It was originally built as a royal lodge used by Khedive Ismail, the King of Egypt, as a house for himself and his guests while on hunting trips in the desert or during visits to the Pyramids of Giza. With the opening of the Suez Canal, he enlarged the guesthouse to receive international and royal guests visiting the Pyramids. It was a hotel as early as 1880. In recent years the hotel has been meticulously renovated and expanded. Public areas are decorated in an ornate Arabesque style. Comfortable guest rooms offer modern amenities including airconditioning, flat screen TV, in-room safe, coffee/tea making facilities, minibar, hair dryer, internet access, and 24-hour in-room dining. There is a selection of indoor and outdoor dining venues offering a variety of international cuisines. The hotel has a spa, fitness center, and outdoor swimming pool. Guests can even play golf on the 18-hole course in the shadow of the pyramids. Overnight at the MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE HOTEL in a premium Pyramids view room. (D) https://www.marriott.com/enus/hotels/caimn-marriott-mena-house-cairo/overview/





## DAY 3~SATURDAY~ DECEMBER 28 CAIRO~ PYRAMIDS, SPHINX, SAKKARA & DAHSHUR

After breakfast, journey to the Sphinx and the Pyramids at Giza, built over 4,500 years ago. The Sphinx of Giza is a symbol that has represented the essence of Egypt for thousands of years. The body of a lion with the head of a king or god, the Sphinx has come to symbolize strength and wisdom. From the north side, the profile of the Sphinx appears as though the head is small in proportion to the body. Because of the changing desert terrain, the body of the Sphinx has been buried many times over the past several thousand years. Most recently in 1905, the sand has been cleared away to expose the magnitude and beauty of the entirety of the Sphinx. The paws themselves are 50 feet long while the entire length is 150 feet. Although the head of the Sphinx is battered in places, traces of the original paint can still be seen near one ear, leading archeologists to believe that originally the Sphinx was colorfully painted.



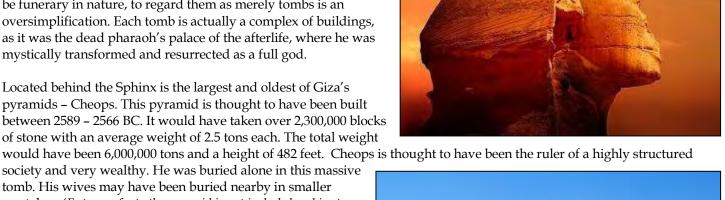
It is impossible to give proper attention here to the complexity of Egypt's many gifts - especially the infamous pyramids. Despite the great archeological discoveries in Egypt, recent indicators are that only 30% of its antiquities have been unearthed, leaving 70% still buried beneath the sands. While the pyramids of Giza seem to be funerary in nature, to regard them as merely tombs is an oversimplification. Each tomb is actually a complex of buildings, as it was the dead pharaoh's palace of the afterlife, where he was mystically transformed and resurrected as a full god.

Located behind the Sphinx is the largest and oldest of Giza's pyramids - Cheops. This pyramid is thought to have been built between 2589 - 2566 BC. It would have taken over 2,300,000 blocks of stone with an average weight of 2.5 tons each. The total weight

society and very wealthy. He was buried alone in this massive tomb. His wives may have been buried nearby in smaller

mastabas. (Entrance fee to the pyramid is not included and is at an additional cost of \$20 per person.)

Lunch will be taken at the 09 Pyramids Lounge Restaurant with spectacular views of the pyramids. Afterward, continue to the necropolis of Sakkara where fourteen pyramids were built, including one of the world's oldest stone structures, the step pyramid of Zoser. Spread over seven kilometers of desert, Sakkara is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world.





Continue to the rarely visited pyramids at Dahshur, including the strange "bent" pyramid of Snefru, the angle of whose walls alter halfway up, and the "red" pyramid, over twice as wide as it is high. Be aware there will be extensive crouching and climbing when entering tombs. People who feel uncomfortable with tight spaces should not enter the tombs. Overnight at the MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE HOTEL. (B,L)



### DAY 4~SUNDAY~ DECEMBER 29

#### CAIRO~ GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM/CITADEL/COPTIC CAIRO & KHAN EL KHALILI BAZAAR

You will have a full day of exploration with your guide today. Spend the morning exploring the Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum complex in the world and host to more than 100,000 artifacts. For the first time ever, King Tut's entire treasure collection of 5,000 items will be on display. The exhibition galleries, storage center, and conference center with 3D cinema, along with retail outlets, restaurants, and ancillary buildings: the new home of the royal mummies and other treasures of ancient Egypt is vast. So as not to disfigure the Giza Plateau, it has been built a small distance away, downhill from the Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure. If its size and the complexity of its design match those of the pyramids, so too did the challenges associate with its construction.



Next continue to Old Cairo and the Citadel, situated on a highly visible spur of the Mokattam Hills of Old Cairo, which was the nerve center of Egypt for almost 700 years. Construction of the grand structure began in 1176 and was completed by Muhammad Ali Pasha, ruler of Egypt in the late 19th century. Mamluk sultans and Turkish governors resided in the Citadel,

which is among the world's most splendid monuments of medieval warfare.

Facing the Citadel is the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, built between 1356 and 1363 and perhaps the most majestic monument of Arab architecture in Egypt, and the Mosque of Al-Rifai which was constructed in two phases between 1869 and 1912 when it was finally completed. Although you will not go inside the mosques, you will see them on the outside and marvel at their grandeur.

Lunch will be at Naguib Mahfouz restaurant, in the middle of Khan El Khalili Bazaar in the Islamic district of the city, known for its narrow alleys and hundreds of shops selling all types of Egyptian handicrafts, silver and gold jewelry, cotton textiles, copperware, and perfumes. It is said to be the oldest open-air market in the Middle East.



Then, visit Coptic Cairo, and the 4th Century Suspended Church of the Virgin Mary; see Ben Ezra, Egypt's oldest synagogue purported site of Moses' rescue from the bulls. Overnight at the MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE HOTEL. (B,L)





#### Day 5~ Monday~ December 30

#### CAIRO/LUXOR~ CRUISE EMBARKATION/ KARNAK & LUXOR TEMPLE

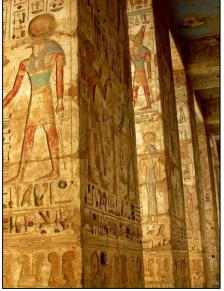
Fly this morning to Luxor to begin your remarkable journey down the Nile River aboard your luxury cruise ship Sonesta Moon Goddess. In Luxor, check into your spacious vessel, after 11:00 am, and enjoy lunch on board.

Please note, luggage restrictions apply to this regional flight.

*a.* Maximum of one checked bag, weighing up to 50 lbs – Economy, 70 lbs – Business. Checked baggage cannot be larger than 62 linear inches.

**b.** Guests can also bring a piece of carry-on luggage with a maximum weight of 17 lbs. Passengers flying in Business Class may bring two pieces of carry-on luggage.

This afternoon's exploration begins with a tour of the extraordinary Karnak Temple, a complex of obelisks, pylons, courts, colonnades, halls, reliefs, and sanctuaries once connected to Luxor Temple by a two-mile path lined with sphinxes. It is the second largest religious structure in the world, a 60-acre archeological treasure built by generation after generation of pharaohs. The most important temple area is dedicated to Amon-Ra and was in use for over 2,000 years, longer than any other religious building in history. The sheer magnitude of this colossal structure is nearly beyond comprehension.



Continue to Luxor Temple,

standing in the center of the city. Many festivals were celebrated in ancient times and the Temple of Luxor was the center of the most important one, the festival of Opet. Built largely by Amenhotep III and Ramesses II, it appears that the temple's purpose was a suitable setting for the rituals of the festival.

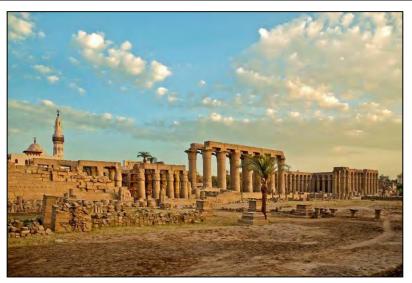
Return to your Nile cruise boat for the night. Enjoy a delicious dinner on board the cruise ship, followed by live music and a unique belly dance show.

The best way to explore the mystery of the Nile is by sailing along the magnificent river, enjoying the glamorous sun by daytime, hugging the full moon with your

eyes at night, and spending the time of your life on board the Sonesta Moon Goddess. The Ship offers 49 luxurious cabins with sliding glass doors opening to private balconies and 4 presidential suites with a private lounge. All accommodations feature their own private balcony. Your spacious cabin features panoramic views, either one queen or two twin beds, a private direct dial telephone, a hairdryer, a safe, minibar, a music system, individual climate control, television, and movie programs. The bathroom is equipped with a full-size bathtub. After guided tours of ancient sites, relax in the ship's swimming pool, and enjoy fine dining in the restaurant.



Overnight aboard the M/S SONESTA MOON GODDESS *in a deluxe cabin*. (B,L,D) *https://www.sonesta.com/sonesta-moon-goddess-nile-cruise-ship* 





## DAY 6~TUESDAY~DECEMBER 31 West Bank/Valley Of Kings & Queens

Your excursion this morning will be to Luxor's West Bank to explore the ancient city of Thebes. Stand in awe at the necropolis of pharaohs and nobility as you are greeted by the Colossi of Memnon: two giant seated statues of Amenophis III. Tour the Valley of the Kings, where you are surrounded by the eternal tombs of the pharaohs from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> dynasties of the New Kingdom. From 1903-1906 an Italian expedition discovered approximately 80 tombs, some of which belonged to children of royalty. Many were severely damaged by fire or converted to stables for donkeys and camels.





Continue to the Valley of the Queens and the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut sheltered by the surrounding cliffs. The ancient Egyptians gave it the name Set Neferu, meaning "seat of beauty."

You will visit three very different tombs of the many in the area. Within them, you'll see ancient paintings and carvings in colors that retain much of their original freshness illustrating the life of the owner and his passage to the afterlife. Here you will also see and learn about the work of Dr. Kent Weeks and his study of KV 5. (KV is an abbreviation for the Valley of the Kings, followed by a number to designate individual tombs in the Valley.) His work has unearthed great progress in the exploration of this particular tomb. There seems to be yet another level of chambers in KV 5 which brings the chamber count to over 120 and the newly discovered corridor will add significantly to that number.

Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun, also known by its tomb number, KV62, the burial place of Tutankhamun, widely known as the "Boy King," as his reign began and ended in childhood. He was the Pharaoh of Egypt from age 9 until his death at age 18.



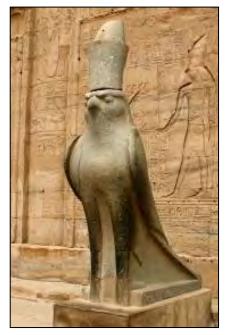


Back aboard your cruise ship where you enjoy lunch while sailing towards Edfu. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight aboard the M/S SONESTA MOON GODDESS. (B,L,D)

### Day 7~Wednesday~ January 1, 2025 Edfu/ Kom Ombo

This morning visit Edfu, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, the Horus Temple, which honors the falcon-headed god. Ptolemy II began construction of the temple in 237 BC., but it was not completed until 57 B.C. Without question, this 118-foot-high 262-foot-wide temple is one of the most splendid examples of late temple architecture. The incredible number of inscriptions on its walls has greatly enriched our knowledge of Egyptian civilization, especially in the area of theology and cult practices.

Return to the ship for lunch and sail towards Kom Ombo to visit a unique thirdcentury temple with beautiful stone reliefs, murals, and a dramatic view of the Nile. Kom Ombo is home to an unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. The temple is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Haroeris (*Horus the Elder*).





Reboard your cruise ship to enjoy dinner and entertainment while sailing overnight toward Aswan. Tonight, enjoy an Egyptian Galabeya (traditional Egyptian gown) Party. Overnight aboard the M/S SONESTA MOON GODDESS. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8~THURSDAY~JANUARY 2 Aswan

Your tour takes you to one of Egypt's modern wonders – the Aswan High Dam – completed in 1971 and located just south of Aswan. It was constructed not only to regulate the yearly flood of the Nile but also to create a water reservoir capable of storing water to prevent famine during severe droughts. The reservoir is

known as Lake Nasser, named after Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who undertook the construction of this national project in 1960. During the course of construction, provisions were made to repatriate the Nubian inhabitants, and, in a multi-national effort, to relocate the Great Temple of Abu Simbel. Also, visit Aswan's Granite Quarries and Unfinished Obelisk.

Next, you will be taken by a small boat to the island of Agilkia. Visit the complex at Philae where its main temple, dating from the third century B.C., is dedicated to the goddess Isis when the area was the last bastion of ancient Egyptian religion and hieroglyphic usage. It is also a superb example of threatened cultural heritage being saved in the face of modern civilization's march to change the environment. Like Abu Simbel, the Temple was moved in its entirety when the High Dam was built and Agilkia became its new home.





Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.



Continue sailing on the Nile by motorboat to the Nubian Village on Soheil Island which is located on the West Bank of the River Nile in Aswan and near the Aswan Dam passing by the First Cataract of Aswan. Nubians are an Ethnic group who live in the south of Egypt (*Aswan*) and the north of Sudan. The Nubian villages are located on the East and on the West banks of the river Nile or as islands. Old villages used to be where Lake Nasser is now, and they were relocated in 1964 as a result of building the High Dam of Aswan.

As you sail, watch the Sahara and sand dunes of the Western desert, the flowing water over the granite stone (the first cataract), flora, and fauna of the area, as well as birds, especially migrants such as herons, egrets, and kingfishers. You will also have a chance



to see very important sites such as the Agha Khan Mausoleum and the ruins of the Elephantine Island.

Upon arrival, fully immerse yourself in their simple lifestyle, culture, and traditions. Walk through the village and see its traditional colorful houses built from mud brick, visit a family, and have a Nubian drink (*mint tea or hibiscus tea*), partake in a henna session, plate your hair into braids, and have lunch inside one of the Nubian houses with Egyptian/Nubian specialties like tajin and mahshi that have been prepared just for you.

Return to your lovely vessel for one last overnight. Overnight aboard the M/S SONESTA MOON GODDESS. (B,L,D)

## Day 9~Friday~January 3 Aswan~ Disembarkation/Cairo

Disembark Sonesta Moon Goddess cruise in Aswan this morning where you transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Cairo.

### <u>Optional Tour to Abu Sibel at an additional cost (\$475 per person, currently & subject to change)</u> Fly to Abu Simbel via Aswan and visit the Abu Simbel Temple.

As you approach the site on foot, you'll discover the massive temples dedicated to Ramses II and his legendary wife Nefertari. These architectural wonders are two of the most tremendous monuments constructed in the ancient world, over 100 feet high and guarded by colossal stone figures of Ramses II. The entire monument was cut into 2,000 pieces and moved to its present site when the Aswan High Dam was constructed, a feat almost as amazing as its original construction. The temple was so perfectly reconstructed that on only two days a year, the sun shines from the entrance all the way into the sanctuary, 112 feet away.

In the afternoon fly back to Aswan and board your flight to Cairo.



This evening, you will be treated to dinner with your fellow travelers as a farewell to Egypt.





Le Méridien Cairo Airport, an upscale hotel in Egypt, is located in the Heliopolis neighborhood, and the first and only hotel directly connected to Cairo International Airport's Terminal 3 (which handles international and domestic flights) through a link bridge allowing guests to walk straight from the hotel into the airplane. All 349 rooms feature comforts such as 24-hour room service and pillow menus, as well as perks like laptop-compatible safes and air conditioning. Free in-room Wi-Fi is available to all guests, along with dry cleaning/laundry services.

Overnight at the LE MERIDIEN AIRPORT HOTEL CAIRO. (B,D) https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/caiam-le-meridien-cairo-airport/overview/

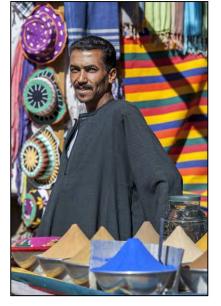
#### Day 10~ Saturday~ January 4 Cairo/USA

This morning, depart Cairo and bid farewell to Egypt arriving back home eager to share memories and photos with your family and friends. (B, Meals Aloft)



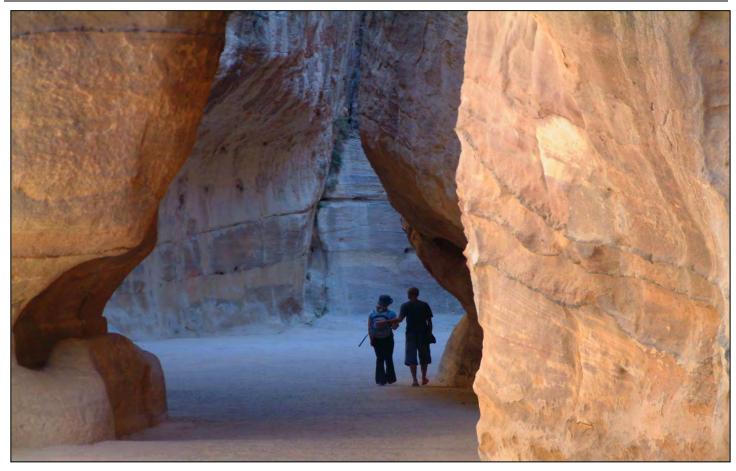








# **OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO JORDAN**



## DAY 1~SUNDAY~ DECEMBER 22 USA/AMMAN

Begin your journey with an overnight flight to Amman. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~MONDAY~ DECEMBER 23 Amman/Dead Sea

Arrive Amman, where you will be met by your specialist guide and drive to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, lying some 1,300 feet below sea level. Float in the salty waters of this historical site and enjoy the wonderful facilities of your hotel and world-class spa.

Time permitting, you may want to take a trip to the tip of the Dead Sea to Lot's Cave, an ancient cave believed to be used as a sanctuary by Lot and his daughters after the destruction of Sodom. The site, marked on the Madaba



map of Palestine, was just recently discovered. Artifacts from 3000 BC have been found here. This is a hot and arid place filled with extraordinary geological formations.

The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax, enjoy the facilities of your hotel, and get ready for your upcoming adventure.



The five-star Mövenpick Dead Sea Resort & Spa is nestled amongst lush gardens on the shore of the Dead Sea. With your well-being and balance in mind, this resort is an oasis of tranquility. Relax in the award-winning Arabian Zara Spa with breathtaking views of the Dead Sea. 346 luxury rooms are all decorated in contemporary furniture with a rustic vibe and all amenities.

Overnight at the MÖVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT in standard rooms. (D) https://www.movenpick.com/en/middle-east/jordan/dead-sea/resort-dead-sea.html

#### DAY 3~TUESDAY~DECEMBER 24 Amman/Jerash

Drive to Jerash, one of the most complete surviving examples of a provincial Roman city built on a site that has been



occupied since the Neolithic Age. Jerash, part of the Decapolis, has been called the "Pompeii of the East" due to its superb state of preservation. Drift back 6500 years as you walk along colonnaded streets to see baths, plazas, and arches in pristine condition. See the temples of Zeus and Artemis in addition to a Nymphaeum.

Proceed to the still formidable fortress of Ajlun built by Saladin's nephew Izz al-Din Usama to contain the advances of the Latin Kingdom of Transjordan, a crusader state. Enjoy lunch in the area and return to your hotel in the afternoon where your evening is at leisure.

Overnight at the MÖVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,L,D)



## DAY 4~WEDNESDAY~ DECEMBER 25

#### DEAD SEA/MT. NEBO/PETRA

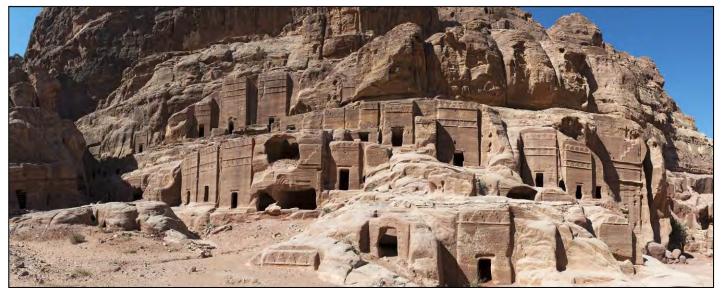
Depart today for the beautiful old city of Petra, one of the seven wonders of the modern world and a member of the UNESCO heritage. En route, you'll visit Mt. Nebo, the traditional burial site of Moses with views of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Here Franciscans have built a structure that protects a 4<sup>th</sup> - and 6<sup>th</sup> - century Byzantine church. Through the scenic canyons of Wadi Mujib reach the castle at Kerak, built by King Fulk of Jerusalem in 1142 to secure the largely amorphous region of the Transjordan against Saracen attacks. Arrive in Petra in the late afternoon and your home for the next two nights.

Your luxurious home for the next two nights is located at the entrance to the Petra archaeological site and has 183 rooms. Boasting authentic antiques, artwork, and fine gold inlay, it is one of the most notable hotels in the Middle East and a recipient of the Aga Khan Award for outstanding Islamic architecture.

Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL in a superior room. (B,L,D) https://www.movenpick.com/en/middle-east/jordan/petra/resort-petra/overview/



#### Day 5~Thursday~ December 26 Petra



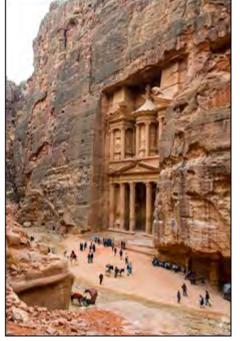
Depart for a full day tour of Petra, the soul stirring, rose-red city and Jordanian national treasure, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra was an ancient Nabataean capital settled by industrious Arab traders more than 2,000 years ago. Petra's unique location enabled the Nabataeans to dominate the ancient Arabian trade routes, and the city became wealthy from the tolls it levied on the caravans that sheltered there with their precious cargoes of spices, silks, ivory, and animal hides. In the ancient world, Petra was renowned for its refined culture, massive architecture, and ingenuous system of dams and water channels. In the years following Emperor Trajan's annexation of Petra, the city declined and slipped into obscurity until it was "discovered" in 1812 by a Swiss traveler. Excavations that revealed the

astounding workmanship and the incredible ruins at Petra did not begin until 1924. Ongoing excavations continue to reveal more information about the Nabataean Kingdom.

Petra still forms part of the domain of the Bedouin. You will see them with their horses and camels as you begin your unforgettable trip to this cultural



landmark. After passing tombs outside the city, you come to the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone almost one-half mile long. This winding fissure separates overhanging cliffs that appear to meet 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the Siq makes one last turn and out of the gloom Petra's most impressive monument Al Khazneh (The Treasury) appears in the sunlight. One of the most elegant remains of antiquity, Al Khazneh is nearly 140 feet high and was carved from the



mountain's solid rock in the First Century B.C. Originally used as a Nabataean king's tomb, Al Khazneh was later used as a Nabataean temple. Film buffs will recognize it from its starring role in the final scenes of the movie *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*.



Beyond Al Khazneh you are surrounded by hundreds of Petra's sculpted structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a Roman amphitheater (seating 3,000) large and small houses, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, monumental staircases, cultic installations, markets, arched gates, public buildings, and paved streets – it's quite overwhelming. This afternoon, return to your hotel in Petra.

Dinner at Petra Kitchen is a delightful way to round up your Jordan travel experiences. Like any home kitchen, the Petra Kitchen is a relaxed, informal atmosphere where you'll gather to prepare an evening meal, working alongside local women under the supervision of an experienced chef. Each evening meal includes soup, cold and hot Mezza, salads, and a main course – all typical Jordanian dishes. You will get an inside glimpse of the secrets behind the famous regional cuisine of the Levant. Petra Kitchen offers an evening of learning, fun, and a very special dining experience, with each dish gaining the special flavor of a reward well-earned. Great care has been taken to make Petra Kitchen a truly Jordanian experience – right down to the furnishings, all crafted in Jordan, the tableware, all produced by the Iraq al-Amir



Women's Co-operative, and the aprons and table linen, all hand-embroidered by the Jordan River Foundation. Overnight at the PETRA MOVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D)

# DAY 7~FRIDAY~DECEMBER 27

#### PETRA/AMMAN/CAIRO

Today head back to Amman and board your flight to Cairo where you meet up with the group that arrives from the U.S. to begin your Egypt adventure. (B)





# YOUR NILE VESSEL ~ M/S SONESTA MOON GODDESS

The Sonesta Moon Goddess is a five-star Nile cruise that offers the ultimate luxury. Elegantly designed, this beautiful Nile cruise ship offers all the excellent services you would expect. The entire ship is air-conditioned for your comfort and has plenty of areas to lounge in the sun or shade. The spacious sun deck is the ideal place to relax and watch the setting sun with a cold drink after a long day's sightseeing.

Type: River Cruiser Length: 236.2 feet Height: 37.4 feet Width: 46.58 feet Grosstonnage: 310- 320 ton Type: River Cruiser Year Built: 2000 Cruising Speed: 13 Kn/hour Cabins: 53 cabins (49 standard cabins & 4 presidential suites) Decks: 5 Decks with cabins: 3 Passengers: 106 Crew: 50



**Electricity** 220 volts AC / 50 Hz. In Egypt, the power plugs and sockets are of type C and F. You will need plug adapters and a power converter in Egypt.





# **INCLUSIONS**

- Flights between Cairo/ Luxor and Aswan/Cairo. These tickets will be supplied to you in Egypt.
- Flight between Amman and Cairo on the pre-extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- 5-Day/4-Night Nile cruise aboard the M/S Sonesta Moon Goddess.
- American breakfast in Cairo, all meals while on Nile Cruise; welcome and farewell dinners in Cairo; other meals as specified on the itinerary.
- Sightseeing in Egypt by deluxe air-conditioned vehicles.
- All entrance fees.
- Gratuities to guides, Egyptologists, and other conveyance attendants, as well as for cruise personnel.
- Short horse ride fee in Petra is approximately 1,313 feet (400 meters); this ride is already included in the admission fee of Petra and guests have the choice to take it or not. This ride is not insured and will be the guest's own responsibility.
- Porterage at hotels.
- Egyptologist throughout Egypt, and professional guide in Jordan.
- Hotel taxes and service charges for included services.
- Two bottles of water per day.
- Egyptian visa.
- Complimentary luggage tags and a water bottle.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

# **EXCLUSIONS**

- Round trip air transportation between USA and Cairo. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. U.S. citizens require visas for Jordan, which MUST be obtained prior to arrival. You cannot wait and get the Jordanian visa upon arrival you must have the visa prior to departing the US.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than those specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

#### Please note the itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change.







# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EGYPT & JORDAN

#### **Participants:**

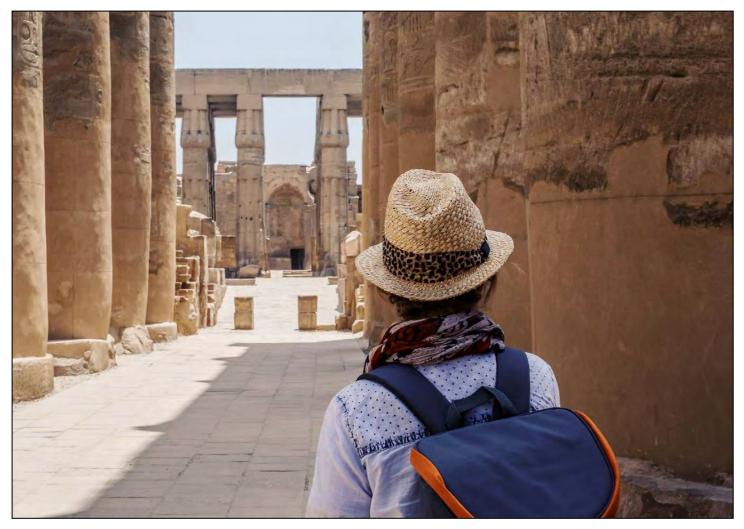
- Should be able to walk at an easy pace over sand and uneven terrain at sites of ancient ruins for three or four hours at a time in the heat. In order to visit the tombs, you will have to walk down narrow passageways in a bent position. You will be expected to be able to climb in and out of boats and buses.
- You should be in good physical health to enjoy this destination to its fullest.

#### General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries, and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility.
- Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home.
- Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.
- Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel to locations without medical facilities.

#### **Air Schedules**

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program, is Cairo, Egypt. The start city for the pre-extension is Amman Jordan.** 





# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Including: Cairo, Luxor, 5 Days/4 Nights Nile Cruise Aboard The M/S Sonesta Moon Goddess & Aswan. Pre-Extension To Jordan Includes The Dead Sea, Jerash & Petra.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

ESCORTED BY: A REPRESENTATIVE FROM WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ON EGYPT ONLY

**DATES:** DECEMBER 26, 2024 TO JANUARY 4, 2025

COSTS: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	Pre -Extension To Jordan Based on 6 Travelers
LAND PACKAGE ONLY, INCLUSIVE OF INTERNAL FLIGHTS EGYPT	\$7,995 Per Person	\$2,695 Per Person Including Flight Amman/Cairo
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$2,895 Per Person, Additional	\$695 Per Person, Additional
CHILDREN'S RATES – AGES 6 THROUGH 11	\$3,695 Per Child	\$1,895 PER CHILD

\*Single Supplement: Rate Is Valid For The First Two Single Rooms Booked. If More Than Two Single Rooms, An Additional Supplement Will Apply. Singles Are Assigned On A First Come/First Serve Basis.

**INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program, is Cairo, Egypt. The start city for the pre-extension is Amman Jordan.** 





# **CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:**

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

## **REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS**

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$1,400 for main trip
- \$600 for the post extension

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (September 22, 2024) unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check, wire transfer or credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Final payment is payable by check, wire transfer, or money order ONLY. Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS**: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS**: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**ADDITIONAL FEES**: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see your "Journey at a Glance section" for cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.



**GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are not included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

## **CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION**: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and cancelled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (June 29, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (June 30 to September 21, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (September 22 to October 11, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (October 12 to October 27, 2024), 50% refund is possible.

• 59 days or less prior to departure (October 28, 2024), no refund is possible. These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**REFUNDS:** While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

**CHANGES:** Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

#### **DOCUMENTS**

**PASSPORTS**: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

**REAL ID:** Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <a href="http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids">http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids</a>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.



Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**FLIGHT CONFIRMATION**: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from bringing hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <a href="http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items">http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items</a>.

**INSECTICIDE NOTICE**: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <a href="https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements">https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aviation-policy/aviation-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements</a>.

**BAGGAGE & FEES:** Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.



#### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER**: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**GUIDES:** If one of Classic Escapes' guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

**TOUR ITINERARY:** To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <a href="http://travel.state.gov">http://travel.state.gov</a>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <a href="http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/">http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/</a> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

#### **COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers are required to follow guidelines established by local regulations which may include wearing masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible. Explicit instructions will be provided by our guide on arrival. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: <a href="http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/">http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/</a>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.



**EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE:** For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD\_PLAN\_GM

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**TOUR OPERATOR**: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html</a>.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY**: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.

**LIABILITY**: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

**REFUSAL OF SERVICE**: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.



**ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE**: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

**GOVERNING LAW**: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.





RESE	RVATION FORM:	WORLD AFFAIRS	S COUNCIL~ EGYPT	24ASG1226/WAC
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Final pay	vment due date is September 22, 2024			
<b>OR</b> Charge o	ake check payable to CLASSIC ESC leposit to: □ MasterCard □ Visa Card Authorization form needs to be	□ American Express □ D	liscover	
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	I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost.			
	I/We wish to participate in the op	otional pre-extension to Jordan	at a cost of \$2,695 per person.	
	CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN		ONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEME R FURTHER INFORMATION	NTS FROM ANY US CITY.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 4, 2023 and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE
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\_\_\_\_DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC. 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 (We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

#### WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ~ EGYPT DECEMBER 26, 2024 TO JANUARY 4, 2025



#### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card	
Card number	Expiration date
Card Verification Number*	Card Type
Billing address of credit card	
Amount of transaction	
Services rendered/Items purchased	
Phone number	
Signature	Date

#### \*How to Locate Your Card Verification Number:

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3digit number which follows the credit card number. American Express: Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 4, 2023 and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (June 29, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee.
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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests

it, we will contact you for these copies.