



## SPIRIT OF EGYPT

February 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2012

With Egyptologist Rafaat Khattab and  
David Patten from Nine Gates Mystery School

**\$5189.00**

Includes all Meals and Airfare from New York

**Private time(2hrs) inside the Great Pyramid & the Sphinx**

**Cairo Museum (the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities)**

**Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Hatsephut**

**Explore the temples of Karnak, Luxor and Abu Simbel,**

**5-star 5 Day Cruise on the Nile the Isis Temple at Philae**

## Day 1: Welcome to Egypt!

Finally, we're here! We arrive in the evening in Luxor, Egypt, home of the Valley of the Kings and Queens. Luxor has often been called the world's greatest open air museum. The number and preservation of the monuments in the Luxor area are unparalleled anywhere else in the world.



Even in ancient times, during the late Dynasties of the Greek and Roman periods, the area drew tourists, and has been doing so ever since. Today Luxor is well equipped to accommodate tourists with many hotels and in general a tourist industry ready and willing to serve the people from many countries that descend on this area of the Nile Valley every year. Upon arrival we will unpack and have dinner together at the hotel.

Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor

## Day 2 valley of the Kings & Queens and the Temple of Hatsepshut

Our first morning we're off to the West Bank of the Nile to visit the **Valley of the Kings and Queens**. This is the largest mortuary complex for Pharaonic royalty. We'll see incredible tombs and you'll be amazed at the beautiful colors still visible after all these thousands of years. We'll have admission to the Tomb of Ramses VI and many of the other tombs. We'll see the mortuary **Temple of Hatsepshut** (the only female Pharaoh).



Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor

**Day 3 Luxor** is a real treasure, built on and around the ancient site of Thebes. We will visit the temple of Karnak this morning. **Karnak**, one



of the most amazing places in all of Egypt.

Although many sections have not survived the ravages of time, no temple site in Egypt is more impressive than Karnak. It is the largest temple complex ever built by man, and represents the combined achievement of many generations of ancient builders over a span of 1400 years. We then will spend the exploring Luxor on your own or just relaxing by the pool at our hotel. Luxor is really more of a large village. The city streets south of the Luxor Temple are the most active, with normal shops, some cafes, some cheap (but good) restaurants and crowds of locals in the evenings. Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor

## **Day 4 Nile Cruise & Luxor Temple by Night**

This morning we rest up and relax at our hotel. After lunch, we board our beautifully luxurious Nile Cruise Ship, which will be our home for the next four night and 5 days. We feel the beautiful air of the Nile and truly feel



that we have come home. Tonight, after dinner, we visit the **Luxor Temple**, built during the reign of Amenhotep III. For many centuries it was covered with the desert sands, so it is now one of the most perfectly preserved and beautiful

temples in Egypt. That amazing beauty is highlighted and emphasized even more as we wander under the stars among the massive, dramatically lit columns, statues and obelisk This evening our Nile cruise begins, as our ship slips our Luxor moorings and heads upstream towards Aswan.

Nile Cruise Ship

## Day 5 Cruising Up the Nile

After the amazing time we've had and all we've seen and done, it's time to slow down and unwind a bit as we take an entire day to refresh and relax as we **Cruise the Nile**. There are so many possibilities on board. Maybe you'll delight in observing the ever changing scenes drifting past along the Nile; the boats, the farms, the villages and the wildlife. Or possibly it's time to just sit quietly with your journal and sit on the ship's upper deck. Whatever your choice, today is the day to recharge your batteries so that you're ready for the next exciting experiences ahead. Nile Cruise Ship



## Day 6 Temple of Edfu & Kom Ombo

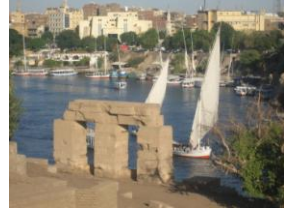
After cruising through the night, we awaken to the sounds of our ship docking at Edfu, home of a Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the falcon god



Horus. Of all the surviving temples of ancient Egypt, the **Temple of Horus** is the most complete and best preserved. It is easy to sense a deep eternal presence in the Holy of Holies. Back on the ship, steaming southward toward Aswan we pass another timeless scene. Watching farmers with their oxen plow the fields, we slip into the timeless rhythms of this vast river of life. As we round the bend we see the **Temple complex at Kom Ombo**. Dedicated to both Re-Herakhty and the crocodile god Sobek, this unusual double temple expresses the Egyptian's understanding of the dual nature of reality. Next we will dock in Aswan and the late afternoon is free to visit the Aswan Market. Nile Cruise Ship

## Day 7 Aswan, Isis Temple, Elephantine Island

Our first day in Aswan opens before us with the promise of new and exotic delights. Aswan has the welcoming, friendly feel of an oasis and indeed, the desert here is close at hand. Bright and early this morning we take a motor dinghy to the small **Island of Philae**, home of a beautiful, magical temple



dedicated to **Isis, the Great Mother**. After lunch, we take a felucca, a traditional Nile sailboat, upriver toward **Elephantine Island**. This island is the home of Khnum, one of the most ancient of the Egyptian gods, who created the first human beings on his potter's wheel. As we sail past this island we will notice the light from the western sun dancing on the sparkling blue waters of the Nile; the bright, clear blue sky; the warm gentle breeze filling the sails; lush, green palms against the desert sand. Along the banks of the Nile our guide will point out the beautiful birds that grace the shores and skies of the Nile river valley. That eve we can visit the famous Aswan Market.

Nile Cruise Ship

## Day 8 Abu Simbel

Today we disembark from the cruise ship and make our way to **Abu**



**Simbel**, by plane into the southern desert, almost to the Sudanese border. As we make our way to the temple site before us loom four colossal, 67-foot high statues (each the size of a 7-story building) of **Ramses II** seated on his

throne, facing Lake Nasser. One hundred yards away, built into another hillside, is the **Temple of Nefertari**, Ramses II's favorite wife. Six colossal

standing figures 33 feet high, four of Ramses II and two of Nefertari, are cut from the rock face, along with smaller figures of the royal family. We spend the rest of our time exploring these astonishing temples and then fly to Cairo and the beautiful Le Meridiens Pyramides hotel. The **Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel** is a resort hotel beautifully set in its own landscaped gardens close to the Giza plateau. Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel

## Day 9 Mosaue and Egyptian Museum of Antiquities

Today we will visit the incredible Mosque of Mohammed Ali, one of the most beautiful mosques in the Middle East. After lunch, we explore the world-renowned **Egyptian Museum of Antiquities**. Established in 1835, the Museum is the official repository of most of the archeological treasures of the Egyptian government from the prehistoric era to the Greco-Roman period. Up close and personal, we get to examine incredible statues, mummies, jewelry and other artifacts, including the famous collection from the tomb of **Tutankhamen**.



After dinner at our hosts home, we will view from their roof top the world famous Sound and Light show that illuminates the entire Giza plateau

Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## Day 10 Valley Temple, Sphinx, Great Pyramid

Today is one of the most rewarding days of our trip. Right after breakfast, we take a camel ride to the **Giza Plateau**. This is one of the most popular



experiences on our tour. Words cannot describe the wonder, grandeur and mystery of the **Great Pyramid of Khufu** as well as the magnificent adjoining pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. Next, we take in the Queen's

Pyramid, the **Solar Boat Museum**, the **Valley Temple** and the Guardian of the Horizons, the **Great Sphinx**. We will have private time between the arms of the Sphinx. Here we will set our personal and group intentions for our journey home. After lunch we will revisit the Great Pyramid for **private time in the Great Pyramid**. For two hours, this Ancient Wonder of the World is ours and ours alone. We will have the opportunity to meditate in the Kings or Queens chamber Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel

*Day 11 Good bye to Egypt as we return home !*

**David Patten** has many years experience leading tours to sacred sites around the world. He is a teacher in the **Nine Gate Mystery School**.



## *This Trip Includes:*

- Air JFK to Luxor via Cairo and Cairo to JFK.
- 5 Star Accommodations throughout the tour.
- 5 days on a Luxurious 5 stars deluxe Nile Cruise
- 3 Daily meals Every day
- Air-conditioned private bus for our group.
- All airport transfers.
- All entrance fees and transportation to the sites listed on the itinerary
- Camel/horse back ride.
- English speaking Egyptologist/tour guide.
- Entrance visa to Egypt.
- Guided tours to the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum & King Tut's Treasures, old Cairo, Valley of the Kings, Hatshpsut's temple, Karnack, Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Isis Temple at Philae, Abu Simbel
- Private time in the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx enclosure.
- Sound & Light show at the Pyramids & the Sphinx in Giza.
- Farewell Dinner at our host Home hosted in Cairo

What is not included:

- 1) Beverage and personal items while touring.
- All tips except to the tour guide & the tour assistant.

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