



Sphinx & Great Pyramid

NILE RIVER CRUISE + BEST OF EGYPT

Experience “all” that makes Egypt such a fascinating destination. Add a Nile River Cruise aboard a relaxing river cruiser to complete your fascinating journey .

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A Personal Invitation

Please “go away” with us and together let’s share a most unusual part of the world — the wonders of Egypt combined with the comfort of a Nile River Cruise. We have combined with Smithsonian Journeys to provide you an incomparable travel experience. Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of the ancient Egyptians as you visit the incomparable sites of the pharaohs - Memphis and Sakkara, the Pyramids of Giza, Luxor and Karnak temples, and the tombs on the West Bank of ancient Thebes. Cruise along the legendary Nile River, pass colonnaded temples, and stop at the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo, situated at the crossroads of ancient caravan routes. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. You cannot visit Egypt on this special departure without returning in awe of what you will have seen and done. This travel experience, much more than most, will set you apart as a truly accomplished and intrepid world traveler.

Your friends at

PLEASE GO AWAY™ VACATIONS

A Few of Your Special Experiences

- ◆ Cairo
- ◆ King Tut’s Tomb in the Egyptian Museum
- ◆ Great Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza
- ◆ Luxor
- ◆ Sakkara
- ◆ Temple of Horus at Edfu
- ◆ Aswan
- ◆ Sail on a felucca
- ◆ Valley of Kings and Queens
- ◆ Karnak
- ◆ Abu Simbel
- ◆ All day-time shore excursions included

Your Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Home / Overnight Flight: Depart home and fly to waiting world of unusual and breathtaking experiences.

Day 2: Arrival in Cairo Egypt: Transfer to your waiting hotel to relax and later enjoy a welcome reception and a special “Welcome to Egypt” dinner. (D)

Day 3: Cairo / Giza / Memphis / Sakkara / Cairo:

This morning travel to nearby Giza to visit one of the seven ancient wonders of the world—the Pyramids of Giza. This afternoon travel south to visit the site of ancient Memphis, with its 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and Sakkara, where you will see the oldest of all the pyramids, the Step Pyramid. (B,D)

Day 4: Cairo / Luxor: Spend the morning discovering the incomparable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, including statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and the treasures of the tomb of King Tut (Tutankhamen). Later, transfer to the airport for your included flight to Luxor. (B)

Day 5: Luxor: Begin your tour of ancient Thebes as you cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to visit the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of the massive complex of the Temple of Karnak. (B)

Day 6: Luxor / Board Cruise Ship: Return to the West Bank to visit the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. Embark your Nile cruiser this afternoon. After dinner on board ship, return to the Temple of Karnak for the impressive, breathtaking and memory creating Sound and Light Show. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Luxor: This morning is yours to explore or relax. You may choose to explore the Luxor Museum or revisit some of the other sites in Luxor. Or, you may just want to relax and contemplate that which you have seen, and that which you are about to experience. Your ship sails this afternoon. Spend the evening cruising the mighty Nile towards Edfu. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Edfu / Kom Ombo: This morning visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Following lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo where you will tour the famous double sanctuary. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Kom Ombo / Aswan: Arrive in the Nubian city of Aswan this morning. After lunch on board ship, you will enjoy an unusual Nile River experience as you “felucca the Nile”. A felucca is a small sailing boat used for many purposes on the Nile. By felucca you will sail to Kitchener Island for a stroll through the beautiful botanical gardens. Return to your ship and remain on board as it overnights in Aswan. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Aswan / Disembark Cruise Ship: Disembark your ship this morning. Visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries, and the ancient Philae Temple of Isis. (B,D)

Day 11: Aswan / Abu Simbel / Cairo: Today brings another Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonus - an included excursion to ABU SIMBEL (in our opinion, a “must see” experience - see picture below). This gigantic structure recalls the majesty and sophistication of Ramses II and his reign. Even more impressive is the fact that this gigantic temple was literally moved “piece by piece” and placed above the encroaching waters resulting from the construction of the Aswan High Dam, and which would have forever covered it from the eyes of mankind. You will be impressed. Later today you will return to Cairo for last minute shopping and preparation for tomorrow’s departure. Tonight enjoy a delightful farewell dinner and share your great experiences with your fellow travelers. (B,D)

Day 12: Cairo / Return Home Flights: Your included air flight will bring you back to the U.S. and back to your waiting homes. It will be good to return, but you will always cherish your travel accomplishments achieved on this outstanding experience. (B)

There will never be a “better time” to reward yourself and your loved ones.



Educational Bonuses in Egypt

You will learn about ancient Egyptian history during lectures in Cairo and on board the cruise by your Egyptologist/National Guides, who will accompany you throughout your journey. With their guidance, you will:

- ⇒ Discover the roles of the pharaoh, religion, and art and architecture in ancient Egypt, from the pre-dynastic “Old Kingdom” through the achievements of the “New Kingdom” to the end of the dynastic period and the rule of the Greek Ptolemaic period, ending with the rule of Cleopatra.
- ⇒ Explore the mystique behind the empire of the great builder and pharaoh, Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.
- ⇒ Learn about the exciting recent archaeological finds in Egypt.
- ⇒ Gain insight into the many differing tombs of the Valley of the Kings and hear about their site selection, tomb construction, rituals, and symbolism.



THE GREAT TEMPLE OF ABU SIMBEL

One of the special included Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonuses

Special PGA Bonuses & Important Info

This is a natural wonders travel experience. Every person reserving with Please Go Away™ Vacations will receive the following special bonuses to make your experience even more memorable:

- ⇒ “Memory Photo CD” of your NILE RIVER CRUISE + BEST OF EGYPT adventure filled with candid photos of members and sights.
- ⇒ Included AIG/Travel Guard group travel insurance protection.
- ⇒ Free passport/visa photos.
- ⇒ With reservations received by January 21, 2008 a reduced reservation deposit of only \$650 (normal reservation deposit is \$750 per person).
- ⇒ Camaraderie, safety, and security of traveling throughout the entire journey with a group of travelers from the Midwest who share your same travel interests.
- ⇒ Pre-departure party to distribute tour documentation, meet fellow travelers, answer all questions, provide information and actual examples of what to wear and buy.
- ⇒ Special EGYPTIAN PARTY while on tour just for Please Go Away™ Vacations tour members.
- ⇒ You will have a personal hostess throughout entire travel experience with minimum of 15 tour members.

\$5469 ppdo - Main Deck

Upper Deck - Add \$200 / Boat Deck - Add \$400

Important - Price reflects “included” roundtrip air transportation from Wichita, KS. If another departure city is better for you we’ll calculate and arrange flights if you prefer. Price also includes all sightseeing, flights, meals, etc. as described in this brochure.

**TRAVEL WALL OF FAME SAVINGS - Deduct \$40.
FRIENDSHIP BONUS PLAN BENEFITS AVAILABLE**

Fuel surcharges are not anticipated, but may apply. Departure/arrival taxes, if any, will be advised at time of reserving. Tour members will be invoiced to pay final balance due on or before full payment due date of September 1, 2008. “Full payment due date” will also be shown on reservation confirming invoice or any subsequent invoices. Passports and visas will be required. Although we will assist in obtaining, the responsibility and costs of doing so are those of the traveler. Cancellation assessments: From date of reservation to full payment due date - zero; full payment due date - 90 days / \$1,000; 89 - 60 days / \$2000; 59 - 30 days / \$3000; 29 days to departure / 100% tour cost.