

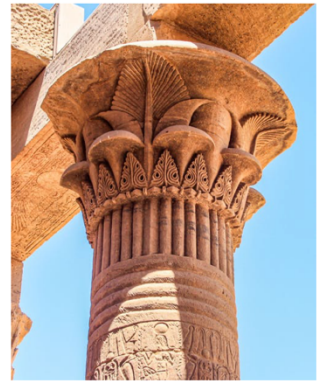
DYNASTY AND DIVINITY

NOVEMBER 11-21, 2022
OPTIONAL MASTERCLASS - NOV. 21-23

JOURNEY OF WONDER
EGYPT ENCHANTMENT
NILE CRUISE

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EGYPT

DYNASTY and DIVINITY JOURNEY

EGYPT and NILE CRUISE

10 NOVEMBER – 21 NOVEMBER 2022

OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY MASTERCLASS, NOV 21-23

DAY 1: THU. 10 NOVEMBER: North America to Cairo

DAY 2: FRI. 11 NOVEMBER: Arrival Cairo – WELCOME!

Our local representative will handle visas and luggage formalities. We enter our elegant palace - hotel, and are ushered into the world where sun and story, history and hope, mingle and flow as effortlessly as the Nile River.

Tonight, we enjoy a 'Welcome Dinner' at our hotel.

DAY 3: SAT. 12 NOVEMBER: Cairo and the desert

This morning, the group gathers for a special 'Welcome Breakfast' at our hotel. Meet fellow travelers, and share the anticipation of a memorable journey.

Pyramids of Saqqara & Giza – Truly magnificent, the pyramids of lore, luxury and looting! Tombs of the great pharaohs, passageways to eternity. The largest necropolis. The pyramids are a wonder of the world, and wonder increases the closer you get! See how the pyramids evolved, and puzzle over their construction.

Options: walk through the passageway of the Great Pyramid to its inner core, the Great Burial Chamber. Ride a camel at the base of the pyramids.

Great Sphinx – Surrounded with riddles, poetry and timeless secrets, the Sphinx kept watch over Pharaoh,

as his majestic funeral procession sailed in state along the Nile, to his final resting place in the sun.

DAY 4: SUN. 13 NOVEMBER: Cairo and the city

Grand Egypt Museum Crammed with glory, spectacular and unique, the museum hosts hundreds of thousands of precious artifacts, including the famous Rosetta stone and priceless Tutankhamun collection.

Option: see the preserved Pharaoh Mummies now out of encasement, along with their pet dogs.

Cave Church of St. Simon – Unlike any other church! Hollowed into a mountain, refuge for the poor. See how grace transformed "Garbage City" into something amazing, and witness a remarkable recycling business.

Dinner – Special dinner on the shores of the River Nile.

DAY 5: MON. 14 NOVEMBER: Depart for Luxor and Nile cruise

Domestic flight. Embark our deluxe River Boat Cruise.

Built on the east bank of the Nile, Thebes, ancient capital of the Middle Kingdom, reflects the splendor of its former glory, deep with sacred and royal history.

Temples of Karnak – The largest location for worship in all of Egypt, spanning the reign of thirty Pharaohs, results in the magnificent site with statues and avenues, we see today.

Temples of Luxor - Coronation site for Pharaohs of the golden ages, and possibly also for Alexander the Great.





DAY 6: TUE. 15 NOVEMBER: Luxor & Valley of the Kings

Visit the west bank of the Nile. After the era of pyramids, they transitioned to fascinating Pharaonic tombs, which were kept secret and hidden from looters, in remote desert areas.

Colossi of Memnon – Guarding the entrance to Pharaoh Amenhotep's temple complex, these silent giants were constructed from stone quarried more than 400 miles away.

Temple of Hatshepsut- Considered the most important female figure in ancient Egyptian history, Queen Hatshepsut was herself a Pharaoh. Buried in the Valley of the Kings, she had her own magnificent temple built above ground, for all to see. A peacemaker, her reign was long and prosperous.

Valley of the Kings and Queens – The vast burial site to over 60 Pharaohs including Ramses II (made famous from the story of Moses.) Each tomb is enormous but the smallest is best known: the tomb of **Tutankhamen**. Option: to enter the depths of the tombs with their fascinating art and hieroglyphs.

DAY 7: WED. 16 NOVEMBER: Nile and temples of Edfu and Komombo

This morning, we wake up in the town of Adfo. Enjoy an open horse drawn carriage ride from our boat to the temple.

Temple of Edfu- Considered the best-preserved temple in Egypt, the beautiful temple of Edfu is dedicated to Horus, the soaring falcon god, for whom the horoscope is named.

Back on board our river boat, photo opportunities abound as we navigate the Nile River.

Temple of Kom Ombo- In days gone by, crocodiles were the main inhabitants of this portion of the Nile. Powerful beasts, to be placated through honour. Explore the twin temple complex, dedicated to Sobek (Crocodile god) and Horus.

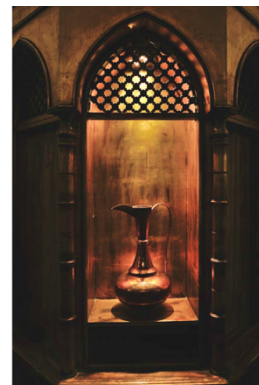
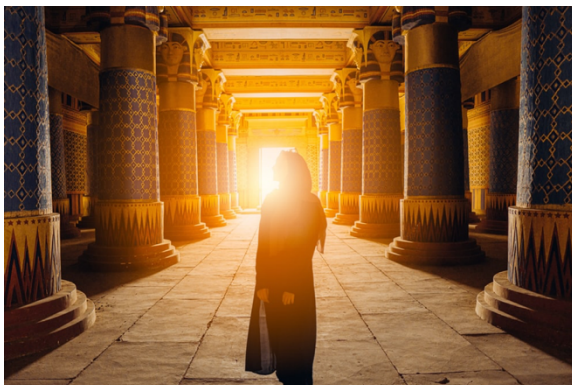
DAY 8: THU. 17 NOVEMBER: Nile, Aswan and Philae

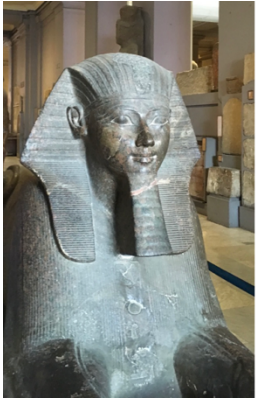
Our last full day on the Nile is another memorable and spectacular day, as we visit:

Nubian Village- Enjoy Nubian hospitality, have tea with locals and explore the shops. Get a henna tattoo! The vibrant color schemes of the village make it a photographer's delight.

Felucca Ride – An enjoyable sail on the river Nile, onboard small Felucca boats with big sails, for picturesque scenery.

Temple of Philae- Dedicated to goddess Isis, arguably the most picturesque setting of all temples. Accessible only by boat, the majesty of temple comes into view as we approach.





DAY 9. FRI. 18 NOVEMBER: Cairo to Alexandria

Head north to the Mediterranean Sea and ancient port city of Alexandria. Named for Alexander the Great, Alexandria is Egypt's most important port, and gateway for many trade routes, where east meets west.

Cleopatra- During our time in Alexandria, we shall focus on the life and times of the last active Pharaoh of Egypt, her international ties, her loves, her power, her death and the change she brought.

Greco-Roman Alexandria- Ravaged by earthquakes, many Greco-Roman sites have been submerged, such as the Lighthouse of Alexandria (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.) However, we still have several archeological sites to visit, including the amphitheater, Pompey Pillar and the Catacombs.

DAY 10. SAT. 19 NOVEMBER: Alexandria

Bibliotheca Alexandria - Learn why the library would have been one of the largest and most important in the world. Explore the unusual modern library with its exceptional architectural design, as a continuing centre of learning.

Montaza Palace and Gardens – Located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, visit the museum and walk amongst flora and fauna in the 150-acre garden.

This afternoon we shall have some free time to explore the hustle and bustle of this port city.

DAY 11. SUN. 20 NOVEMBER: Alexandria to Cairo

Citadel of Cairo- Located on top the eastern hills of Cairo, this vantage point gives us panoramic views of the sprawling city below. This fortress is also the location of the beautiful Muhammad Ali mosque.

Gayer Anderson Museum- With its vast collection of furniture, carpets and curios, the art museum is a unique way to end our memorable journey through the land of Egypt.

DAY 12. MON. 21 NOVEMBER: Flight home from Cairo

We say goodbye to our guide and new friends. Heading home to North America, the enchantment lingers.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION:

DAY 12-14. MON-WED, 21-23 NOVEMBER: Cairo

Optional Photography Masterclass with D'Arcy Benincosa
Or stay for scuba diving, or local independent exploration.

Encountering the Divine in Egypt

"She is so bright and glorious that you cannot look at her face or her garments for the splendor with which she shines. For she is terrible with the terror of the avenging lightning, and gentle with the goodness of the bright sun; and both her terror and her gentleness are incomprehensible to humans....

But she is with everyone and in everyone,
and so beautiful is her secret that no person can know
the sweetness with which she sustains people,
and spares them in inscrutable mercy."

by Hildegard von Bingen



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TERMS OF THE JOURNEY
DOCKET #7034

PRICING:

EGYPT & NILE CRUISE EARLY BIRD RATE **USD \$5500**
PRICE AFTER MARCH 31, 2022 FULL RATE **USD \$6150**
Based on at least 30 paying travellers, with double occupancy.

Single room supplement, for no roommate: **USD \$1499**

If you do not wish to room with anyone, add this amount to the total.
If you wish to share but don't have a roommate, let us know. We may be able to find a single traveller for you to room with. *Note: the cruise may have limited single cabins. Register early if you prefer a single cabin.*

Registration is confirmed, subject to space, on receipt of your registration form with USD \$1500 deposit per person.

Final balance of payment is due 90 days prior to travel.
Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.
See Registration Form for terms of travel & refunds.

TO REGISTER:

Email: Complete your registration and email it with USD \$1500 credit card deposit per person to connoisseurleisure@gmail.com

Mail: Mail your registration with USD \$1500 deposit per person to
Connoisseur Leisure Travel, 107 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay, ON,
CANADA P1A 2A5

Terms: See Registration Form for travel & refund terms.

INCLUDED:

Leadership: Enhanced group experience through knowledgeable direction, on site teaching, daily meditation and active reflection.

Expert Local Guides: Government licensed expert Tour Guides will accompany the group, working with the Leadership Team to maximize the benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Accommodations: Top quality accommodations throughout.

Meals: Full breakfasts and dinners daily, throughout the journey. Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily while on the cruise.

Transportation: Air-conditioned deluxe coach through the tour. First class River Cruise boat during the Nile Cruise. Felucca private sailboat ride.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program, as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for transporting any other luggage.

Embarkation package: An informative package, mailed to you one month prior to departure.

Gratuities: USD\$250 basic rate, for all services provided.

Whisper headsets: for ease of listening to guides while touring.

Hotels: *subject to change*

Marriott Zamalek Hotel, Cairo
Moevenpick Deluxe Cruise Line, Nile River
Montaza Garden Hotel, Alexandria
Concorde Hotel, Cairo

NOT INCLUDED:

Air Travel: Travellers make their own way to Cairo. Ideal arrival time is November 11, before dinner. Travellers must not arrive later than very early morning on November 12, so as to fully participate in the tour that begins that day.

Lunches: We will stop at recommended restaurants along the way. Daily price approx. \$10-20 USD.

Travel Insurance: Connoisseur Leisure Travel requires that you must have "out of country" emergency medical insurance. Use your insurance provider, or check www.travelguard.com.

Options: May cost extra for those who participate. Camera/video fee at restricted sites (museum, pyramids, etc.) approx. USD \$50.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months after this journey ends. USA passport holders need a visa for entering Egypt. This is organized on your behalf by Connoisseur Leisure Travel.

Inoculation: Each passenger must be fully vaccinated at time of travel, as per airline and country requirements. Updated details will be provided closer to departure.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken, but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form, will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$1500 is required with the tour booking form. Any cancellation prior to 10 Aug 2022 will be charged a \$500 administrative fee. See registration form for full cancellation fee details. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment and are 100% non-refundable.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a 'fuel surcharge' component. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing. (Additional cost would be rare.)

Travel Insurance: Connoisseur Leisure Travel recommends all travellers take out cancellation and interruption insurance in addition to the required medical insurance. Use your provider or check www.travelguard.com.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficiently good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Connoisseur Leisure Travel reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

Leader Substitution: In the event a leader is unable to fulfill their duties, a suitable substitute leader will be provided, in consultation with current leadership and Connoisseur Leisure Travel.

NEXT STEPS:

Complete the registration form. Return it directly by mail or email to Connoisseur Leisure Travel.

QUESTIONS:

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Journey experience: pilgrimway6@gmail.com

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