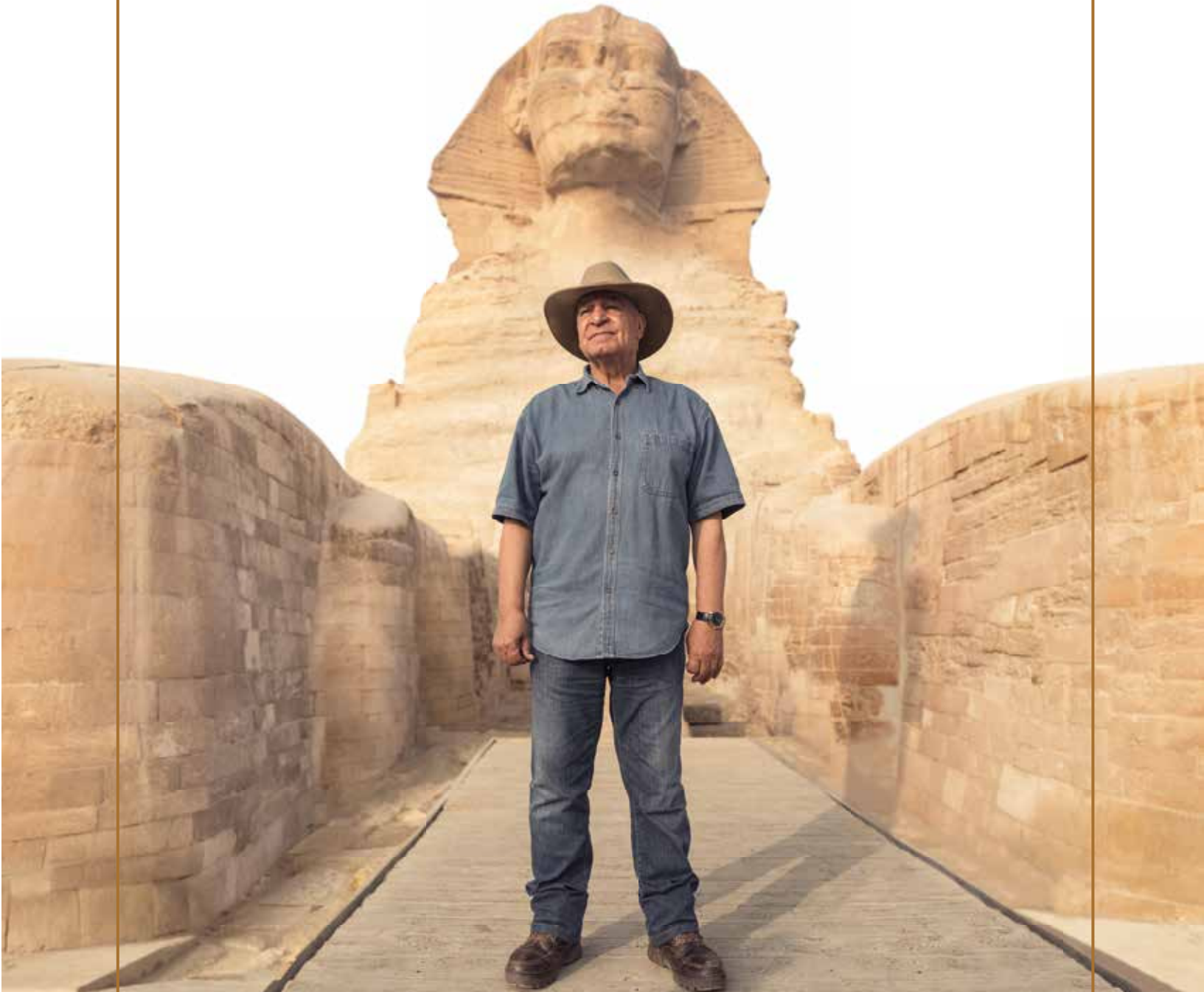




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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS'
EGYPT TRAVEL COLLECTION
2024 - 2026**

EXPERIENCES EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



WHERE DREAMS BECOME REALITY

All over the world, tales of ancient Egypt still inspire and intrigue. Many of us dream of cruising down the Nile, visiting the ancient tombs of the pharaohs, exploring the Pyramids of Giza or marveling at the Great Sphinx. Your visit to Egypt should be an experience exceeding your expectations – and we make your dreams come true.

We invite you to peruse our collection of exclusive travel experiences.

Don't just visit Egypt – experience it!
With *Archaeological Paths* it is possible.



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*It is my pleasure to invite you
to tour Egypt with Archaeological Paths.
They are really the best company
to come with to visit my country.
It's a visit that you will never forget.
You will enjoy your stay here,
and believe me, you will come back!*

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DR. JEHAN SADAT

Late First Lady of Egypt
Wife of the late Egyptian president
and Nobel Peace Prize
winner Anwar Sadat

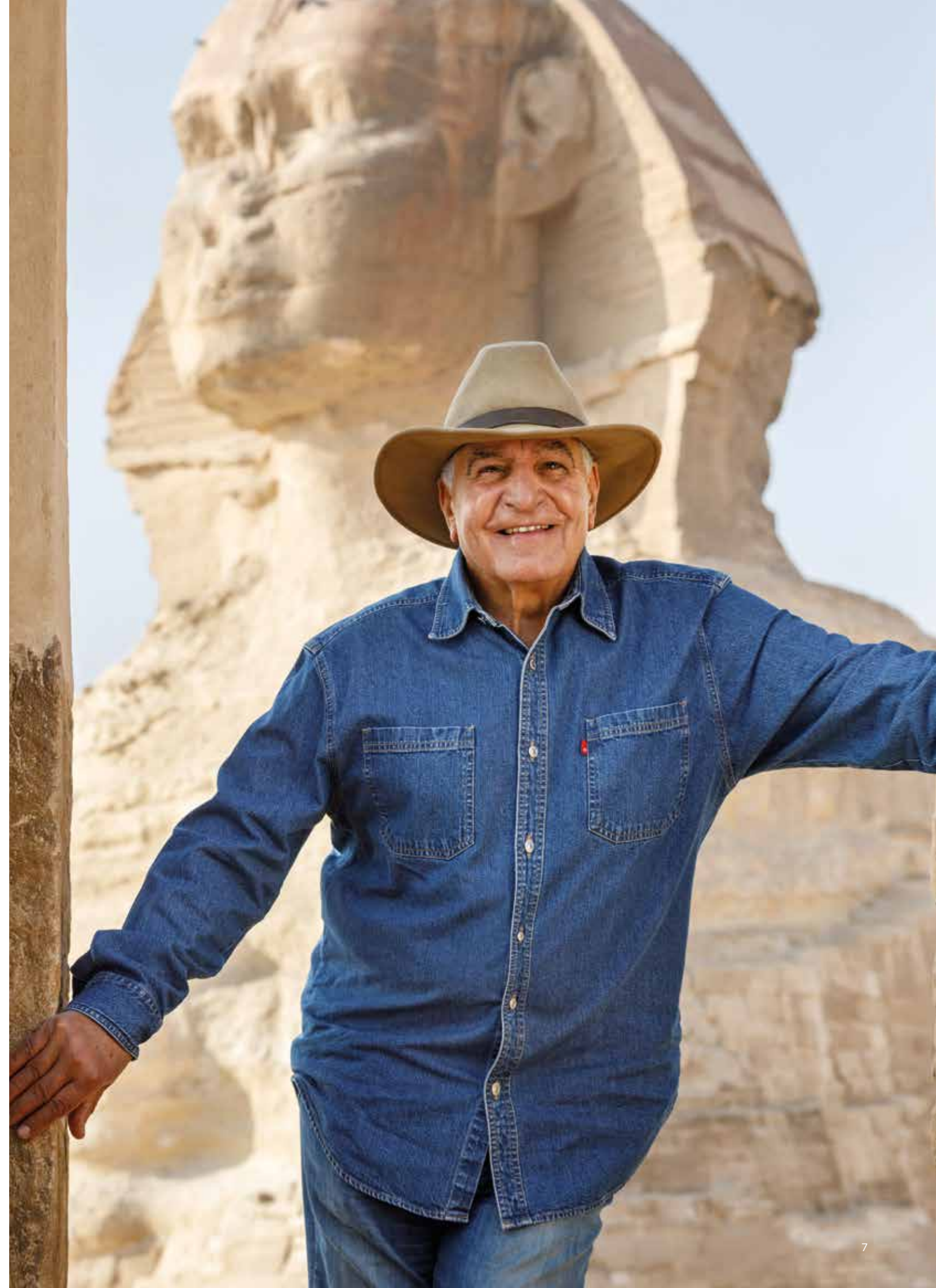
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*No one can tour Egypt
quite like Archaeological Paths.
You will be able to visit many unique sites
that actually very few people get to see.
This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
I do believe that the name of this company
should go down in history, written in gold,
for its contribution to promoting
the legacy of ancient Egypt.*

DR. ZAHI HAWASS

The World's Most Famous Archaeologist
& Former Minister of State for Antiquities

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You will never forget these tours.

DR. MOSTAFA WAZIRI

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Egypt's Head of Antiquities
(Secretary General of the Supreme
Council of Antiquities)

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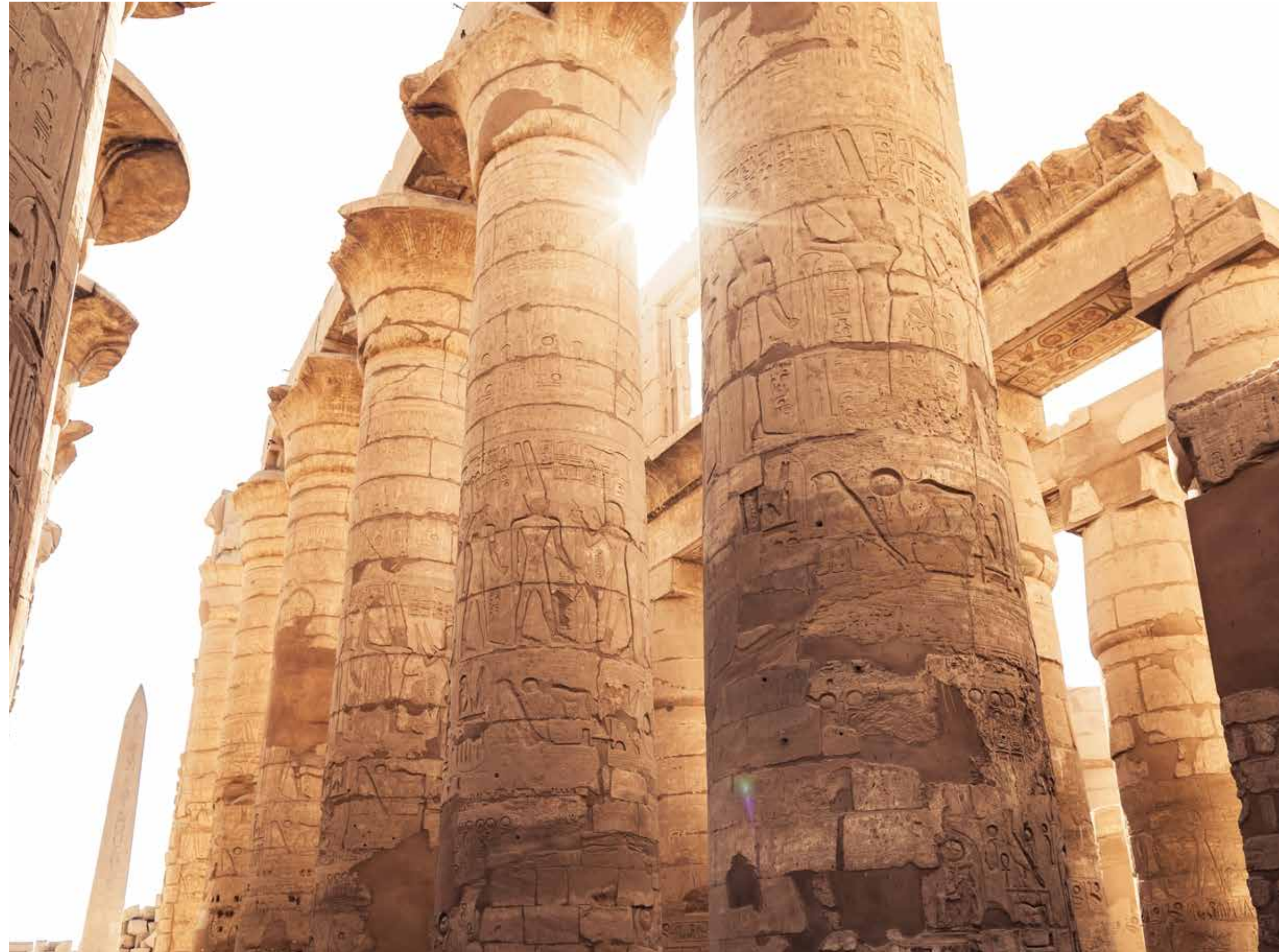
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OUR DIFFERENCE

At *Archaeological Paths* we believe that traveling is not just about seeing and doing. It is about embracing a spirit of magic and wonder. Two decades of sharing our passion and unparalleled expertise have proven that, for our luxury journeys and tailor-made experiences, the sky's the limit.



WHY ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS?

EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCES
UNMATCHED EXPERTISE
FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL
TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCES

VIP SPECIAL ACCESS



The Great Sphinx Enclosure

Archaeological Paths' experiences offer behind-the-scenes access to sites off-limits to the general public. Have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to stand between the paws of the Great Sphinx rather than seeing it from a distant viewing platform. From ancient tombs and temples and active excavation sites to presidential palaces, our guests have special access to places others can only dream of.

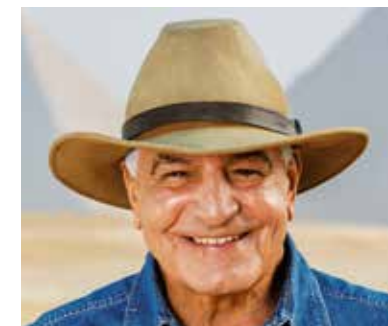
VIP PRIVATE ENTRIES



Luxor Temple at night

Thanks to direct cooperation with Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities, *Archaeological Paths'* guests are granted private entries to the most iconic ancient sites – experiences typically reserved for royalty and heads of state. Imagine the Great Pyramid of Khufu being open just for you. With us, you avoid crowds and explore the entire Giza Plateau, tombs in the Valley of the Kings and temples in Luxor, outside regular hours for an intimate experience.

★ SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Zahi Hawass

Meet the most eminent authorities in the world of Egyptology to gain beyond-the-guidebook insight into Egypt's ancient and modern history. Learn firsthand about the latest discoveries from Dr. Zahi Hawass, the world's most famous Egyptologist, and Dr. Mostafa Waziri, Egypt's Head of Antiquities. Enrich your experience of Egypt by meeting with renowned scholars, museum directors, high-profile ministers, and even members of a former president's family.



Archaeological Paths has an unprecedented level of access. These prestigious tours dig far deeper than any traditional tours.

– *Strive for Perfection* Rolls-Royce Owner's Club Publication



UNMATCHED EXPERTISE

EGYPTOLOGY EXPERTS



Gain in-depth insight from our Egyptology Experts. They are passionate about sharing stories from the past. Read hieroglyphics with them, decipher ancient Egyptian texts and take part in engaging Q&A sessions during your journey. With them, each destination is more than just a quick photo op – our experts' depth of knowledge ensures they are able to offer firsthand insights.

TRAVEL CONCIERGE



Your designated Travel Concierge accompanies you to ensure an outstanding experience during the entire journey. You can feel confident and comfortable knowing that, from greeting you at the airport to seeing you off on the last day of your tour, the Travel Concierge is ready to share their extensive local knowledge and take care of all the logistical details.



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



Travel is as much about the people you meet as the places you visit. With *Archaeological Paths*, you delve into Egypt's rich cultural heritage and customs while the country's sights, sounds and smells captivate your senses. Stroll through local souks and bazaars and try traditional tea and shisha. Visit schools and people's homes, dress in the traditional galabeya for a party and be swept away by timeless folk dances.



Archaeological Paths are truly passionate about archaeology and history, and this provides the perfect foundation for their insightful tours.

– Robert Jobson, Royal Correspondent

FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL

FINEST DINING



One of the best ways to get to know a country is through its cuisine. During your journey you dive into a diverse world of exceptional dining experiences – from authentic dishes prepared at the most exquisite restaurants and homemade local treats to memorable gourmet meals served in the presidential residences.

LUXURY & HISTORIC HOTELS



Follow in the footsteps of the most cosmopolitan travelers and savor the world of luxury by staying at the most iconic hotels in Egypt. Relish the beauty of 19th-century palaces and colonial-era resorts and enjoy a level of service that would impress even royals and dignitaries.

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION



Prepare to travel in style with *Archaeological Paths'* private transportation fleet. Our brand-new buses are at your disposal throughout your entire journey. From being picked up at the airport to a scenic ride to an awe-inspiring site, our guests can always count on the highest standard of travel.



I've traveled the whole world, but never have my travels been so exciting and comfortable like this one.

– Lech Walesa, former President of Poland

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

TRUSTED



Dr. Jehan Sadat

Archaeological Paths was personally endorsed by Dr. Jehan Sadat, late First Lady of Egypt. Our tours are also recommended by leading archaeologists Dr. Zahi Hawass and Egypt's Head of Antiquities, Dr. Mostafa Waziri. Our unmatched expertise has been recognized by VIPs including presidents, royalty, and Hollywood stars, who entrusted us with organizing their private journeys.

RECOGNIZED



In recognition of constantly delivering the most exceptional travel experiences, *Archaeological Paths* has been named a winner of the prestigious *Travelers' Choice* award by TripAdvisor for many years in a row now. We are an active member of the American Society of Travel Advisors, World Travel Nation, World Tourism Association for Culture and Heritage, The World Travel & Tourism Council, European Tourism Association, and African Tourism Board. *Archaeological Paths* is also an official partner of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bentley Motors.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

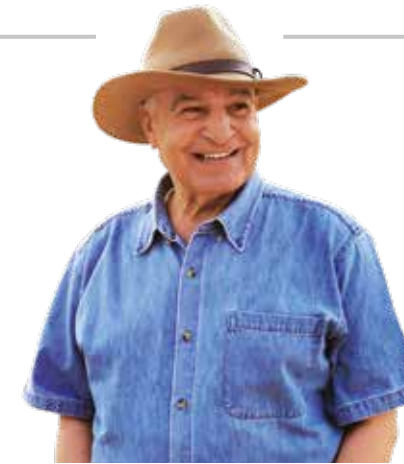


We pair our travel experiences with supporting the preservation of places we visit so that they remain vibrant and intact for generations to come. We sponsor archaeological research, excavations and restoration works across Egypt. We also support local charity programs, produce TV documentaries and organize scientific conferences, world lecture tours and exhibitions. We are the main sponsor of three exclusive books written by Dr. Zahi Hawass, including his very first travel guidebook.



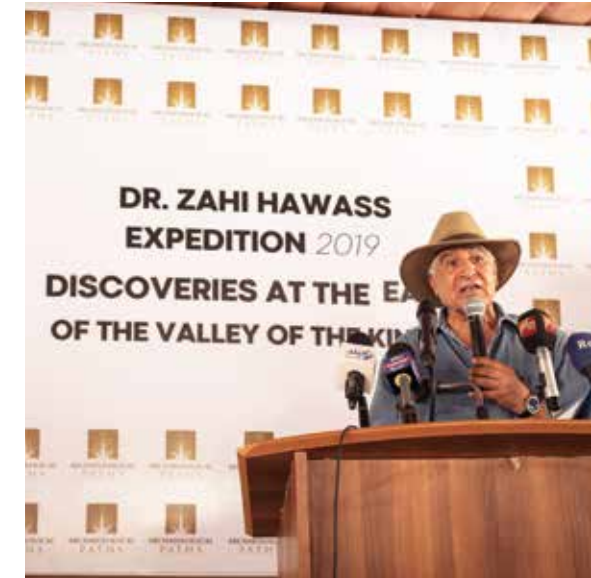
Archaeological Paths is the only tour operator worthy of being a partner during Bentley's 100th birthday celebration.

— Richard Freed, CEO of the St James's House Group



Thanks to Archaeological Paths, we are able to reveal the glory and secrets of the Valley of the Kings. I do believe that the name of Archaeological Paths should go down in history, written in gold, for its contribution to promoting the legacy of ancient Egypt.

— Dr. Zahi Hawass



SPECIAL GUESTS

Meet the most eminent authorities in the world of Egyptology to gain beyond-the-guidebook insight into Egypt's ancient and modern history. Enrich your experience of Egypt by spending time with renowned scholars, museum directors, high-profile ministers, and even members of a former president's family.

- Dr. Zahi Hawass
- Dr. Mostafa Waziri
- Dr. Khaled El-Enany
- Dr. Tarek Tawfik
- Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din
- Dr. Mark Lehner
- Dr. Salima Ikram
- Dr. Mostafa El-Feki
- Dr. Tarek El-Awady
- Dr. Mohamed Megahed



DR. MOSTAFA WAZIRI SHOWS THE RECENT RESTORATION WORK AT KARNAK TEMPLE COMPLEX



DR. ZAHİ HAWASS

THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS ARCHAEOLOGIST

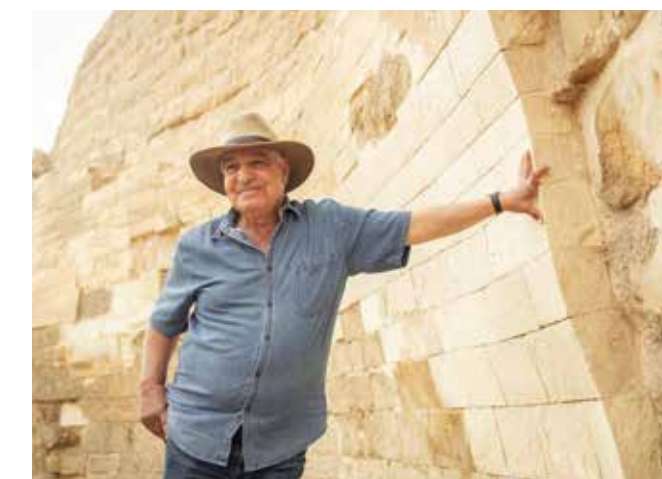
For over 20 years, Dr. Zahi Hawass held the keys to all Egyptian antiquities, first as the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities and then as the Minister of Antiquities. Thanks to his major discoveries and TV documentaries featuring his adventures and expertise, Dr. Hawass has become the world's most famous archaeologist. He has earned several honorary degrees, has written more than 50 books about Egypt and was recognized by *Time* magazine as one of the world's 100 Most Influential People.

TOURS:

- ROYAL EGYPT TOUR
- ROYAL EGYPT TOUR - THE ESSENCE

“Come and visit Egypt with me on the Royal Egypt Tour organized by Archaeological Paths. This is a great tour company, because you will be able to visit many unique sites that actually very few people get to see. I will tell you all about the discoveries that I made in the last 30 years. I will personally guide you through unique sites I have recently discovered. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

— Dr. Hawass



ON-SITE LECTURES BY DR. HAWASS



DR. MOSTAFA WAZIRI

EGYPT'S HEAD OF ANTIQUITIES

There is no one better to introduce you to the latest discoveries and take you behind the scenes of the most exciting archaeological projects than Egypt's Head of Antiquities. Dr. Waziri, the former Director of the Valley of the Kings and Director of Luxor Antiquities, has conducted many excavations at Egypt's most iconic sites over the course of his 30-year career. Currently, as the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Dr. Waziri is responsible for all antiquities, excavations and archaeological sites in Egypt. Every time you hear about a new archaeological discovery, Dr. Waziri is the one introducing it to the world.

“ No country in the entire world can compete with the culture and heritage that we have in Egypt. It will be my honor to give you private lectures and show you recent work and discoveries. Come and visit Egypt! You will never forget these tours.

– Dr. Waziri

TOURS:

- ROYAL EGYPT TOUR
- ROYAL EGYPT TOUR - THE ESSENCE
- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA
- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED



DR. MOSTAFA WAZIRI SHOWS THE TEMPLE OF KHONSU, ONE OF THE BEST PRESERVED TEMPLES OF THE NEW KINGDOM, WHICH IS OFF-LIMITS TO THE PUBLIC



DR. KHALED EL-ENANY

EGYPT'S FIRST MINISTER OF TOURISM & ANTIQUITIES

Meet with Dr. El-Enany, one of the most influential figures in Egyptian archaeology and tourism. Learn firsthand about the newest discoveries and exciting research from Dr. El-Enany, who supervised all of Egypt's ancient and tourist sites for six years. Between 2016 and 2019, he was Minister of Antiquities, and then from 2019 to 2022, he served in the newly established joint ministry as its first Minister of Tourism & Antiquities. During his tenure, Dr. El-Enany oversaw the construction of the Grand Egyptian Museum, which houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts.

Dr. El-Enany continues to teach Egyptology and is affiliated with several universities worldwide, a number of scientific institutions, and the Grand Egyptian Museum, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization and the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

TOURS:

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- ROYAL EGYPT TOUR - THE ESSENCE



DR. KHALED EL-ENANY



DR. TAREK TAWFIK

ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM PROJECT

As Director General of the Grand Egyptian Museum, Dr. Tarek Tawfik was instrumental in moving the museum toward completion, including overseeing the transport of 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. He still plays a key role as part of the scientific committee making the museum a destination in its own right.

Dr. Tawfik has directed many excavations all over Egypt, has published numerous scientific articles and books, and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Egyptian Archaeology. He teaches archaeology at Cairo University and is a visiting professor at several major universities worldwide. Dr. Tawfik is also a member of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities as well as the High Committee of the Ministry of Antiquities for Museums and Exhibitions.

TOURS:

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- BEST OF EGYPT
- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED
- LONG NILE CRUISE & LAKE NASSER



DR. TAREK TAWFIK



DR. ASHRAF MOHIE EL-DIN

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GIZA PYRAMIDS PLATEAU

Renowned archaeologist Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din oversees one of the world's most iconic archaeological sites - the Giza Pyramids Plateau, home to the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx. He has appeared as a frequent guest on the National Geographic channel and has delivered lectures worldwide. He has played a vital role in various scientific endeavors at the Giza Plateau, making numerous invaluable discoveries. He has been field director of multiple excavations at the Plateau and other significant locations, including Saqqara, the site of Egypt's oldest pyramid.

As a representative of the Ministry of Antiquities, Dr. El-Din has led notable heads of state, royalty, and celebrities on tours of Egypt's most important sites. Now, he invites you to join him on an exclusive VIP tour of the Giza Plateau and the Great Sphinx, where he will bring to life their undisclosed secrets. During this unique experience, you will gain exclusive insights into recent excavations, groundbreaking research, and discoveries that have yet to be made public.

TOURS:

- BEST OF EGYPT
- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA
- LONG NILE CRUISE & LAKE NASSER



DR. ASHRAF MOHIE EL-DIN



DR. MARK LEHNER

THE WORLD'S FOREMOST EXPERT
ON THE PYRAMIDS

Dr. Mark Lehner is one of the United States' most famous Egyptologists, with more than 40 years of experience excavating in Egypt. He received his Ph.D. in Egyptology at Yale and was a pioneer in the use of graphics computing and remote sensing technology for mapping the Giza Plateau. He is president of Ancient Egypt Research Associates and one of the world's leading experts on pyramids. He is especially known for mapping the Great Sphinx and uncovering the Lost City of the Pyramid Builders in Giza, where he continues to excavate. His work there has refuted the long-standing belief that the pyramids were constructed by slaves.

Join Dr. Lehner on a private VIP tour to the Giza Plateau and explore this site with the world's foremost authority on pyramid research.

TOUR:

- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED



DR. MARK LEHNER



DR. SALIMA IKRAM

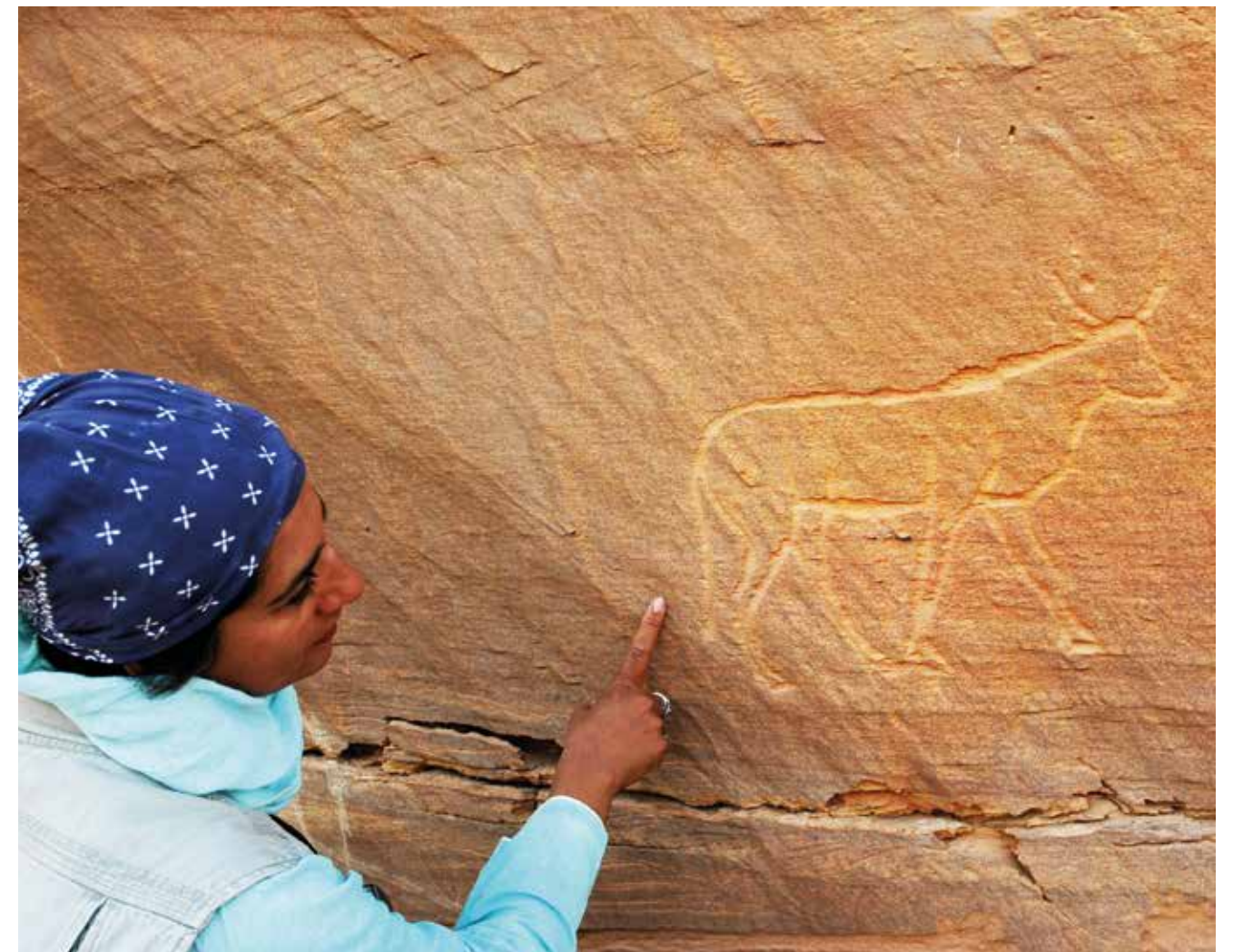
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF EGYPTOLOGY

Dr. Salima Ikram is one of the world's best-known Egyptologists and a renowned author with a unique gift for bringing the ancient world to life. She teaches Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, where she conducts most of her groundbreaking research.

Dr. Ikram received her Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge and has been working in Egypt since 1986. She has participated in numerous archaeological projects and has written several books on Egyptian archaeology, contributed to various magazines, lectured internationally on her work, and been a frequent guest on television programs on the subject. Dr. Ikram founded the Animal Mummy Project at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and directed the North Kharga Oasis Survey as well as excavations in the Valley of the Kings and around Luxor and Saqqara.

TOUR:

- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED



DR. SALIMA IKRAM



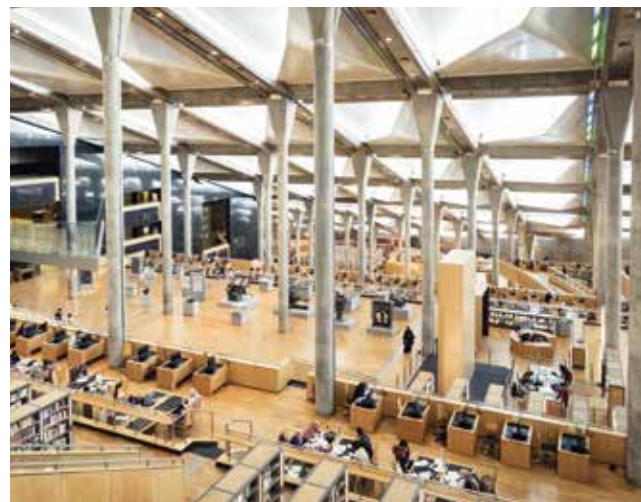
DR. MOSTAFA EL FEKI

DIRECTOR OF THE NEW LIBRARY OF ALEXANDRIA

Dr. Mostafa el Feki, Director of the New Library of Alexandria, has a long history of achievements in academic, political and cultural fields. Dr. el Feki has held a number of diplomatic posts and has received medals and distinctions from European states such as Spain, Greece, France, and Austria, as well as from Egypt, in recognition of his international work. He was a professor of political science at the American University in Cairo and later founded the British University in Egypt and was its first director. As a renowned scholar, historian, writer and educator, Dr. el Feki has lectured at some of the most respected Egyptian and foreign universities, has authored or contributed to many books and articles, and is often invited to the United States for conferences and official state meetings.

TOURS:

- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED
- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA



MEETING WITH DR. MOSTAFA EL FEKI IN THE NEW LIBRARY OF ALEXANDRIA



DR. TAREK EL-AWADY

LEADING EGYPTOLOGIST

Dr. Tarek el-Awady is often described as a “walking encyclopedia” of ancient Egypt. He was formerly Director General of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, and over the course of his prominent career, he has overseen many excavation projects across Egypt, including at Giza, Saqqara, Abu Sir, and the Valley of the Kings. Dr. el-Awady is currently Director of Excavations at the newly discovered site of the Lost Golden City in Luxor. This site has made headlines around the world and is considered the second most important Egyptian discovery after the tomb of Tutankhamun.

TOUR:

- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

“ I’m very happy that Archaeological Paths has enabled its guests to come and visit exclusive sites that are not open to regular tourists. You will sense the beauty and magic of these places. After an experience like this, you can say that now you know ancient Egypt and the great people who lived thousands of years ago and built their marvelous civilization.

- Dr. El-Awady



DR. MOHAMED MEGAHED

EGYPTOLOGY DIRECTOR FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ANTIQUITIES

Dr. Megahed is Director of the Science Department of Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities and oversees the mission to excavate and preserve the pyramid complexes in Saqqara and Abu Sir; his specialty is the archaeology, architecture, and decoration of Old Kingdom pyramid complexes. He studied Egyptian archaeology and art history at Minya University and Cairo University and obtained his Ph.D. in Egyptology at Charles University in Prague. Dr. Megahed is a member of the American Research Center in Egypt and the Czech Institute of Egyptology.

TOUR:

- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

THE GIZA PLATEAU WITH US

The Giza Plateau: four and a half thousand years ago, the pyramids of Khafre, Menkaure and – the biggest and most famous of all – Khufu were built to endure pharaohs' eternity. The Great Sphinx, one of the most recognizable monuments on Earth, also rests there. Your visit to the Giza Plateau might be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, so you want to be sure it is extraordinary. The tour company you choose makes all the difference.

Exclusive VIP Experiences for *Archaeological Paths'* guests

Our Egypt Travel Collection offers a variety of unique itineraries. However, all of our tours include three elements that make every one a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

VIP

Private entry to the Giza Plateau

Visit Egypt's most iconic ancient site outside regular hours.

VIP

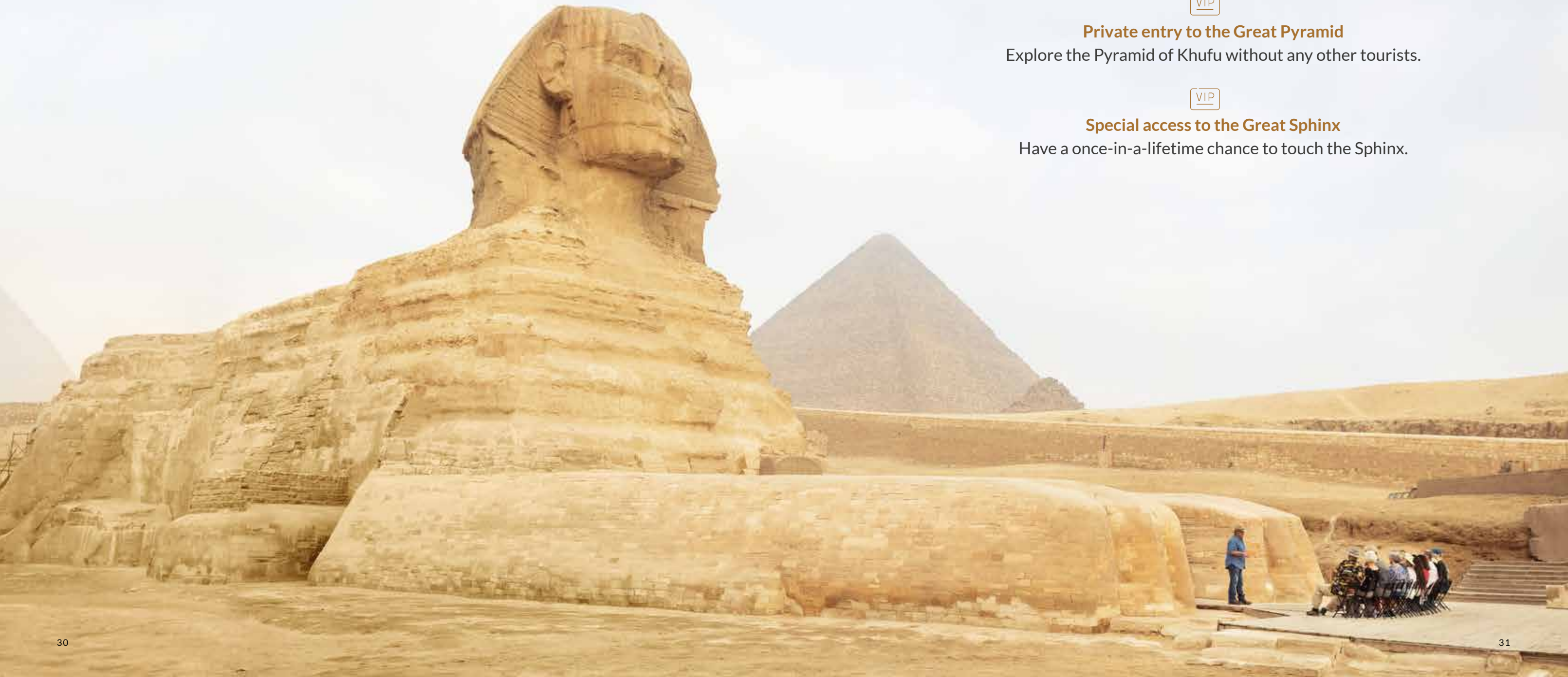
Private entry to the Great Pyramid

Explore the Pyramid of Khufu without any other tourists.

VIP

Special access to the Great Sphinx

Have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to touch the Sphinx.



ONE PLACE – TWO DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES

Compare two different ways to visit the world’s most iconic archaeological site and see how much of a difference it makes traveling with us!

REGULAR TOURS



You can be one of millions of people visiting Egypt each year who swing by the Great Pyramids and the Great Sphinx surrounded by thousands of tourists.

VS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS' TOURS



You can have exclusive VIP access granted by Egypt’s Ministry of Antiquities and visit the Giza Plateau in private, outside regular hours, without the crowds.

ARRIVAL AT THE GIZA PLATEAU



Typical tour groups arrive at the Giza Plateau late in the morning, when the site is already packed with tourists. Visitors must patiently wait in line to purchase tickets to be allowed to enter the plateau.



Your only companion on your way to the Giza Pyramids is Egypt’s rising sun. Your VIP access means that your group is the only one passing through the gate to the Giza Plateau. There are no crowds and no other tourists around.

START OF YOUR VISIT



Once the site is officially open, several dozen buses are parked nearby, and hundreds of tourists wait their turn to enter the Great Pyramid.



You head toward the Great Pyramid in the company of your fellow travelers. The director of the Giza Plateau opens up the pyramid especially for you.

ENTRY TO THE GREAT PYRAMID

REGULAR TOURS

VS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS' TOURS

Some tours do not even offer entry into the Great Pyramid. Those that do mix with many other groups at the same time. You may see the Great Pyramid’s interior, but can you really feel that you have experienced the last standing Wonder of the Ancient World?

Your private access to the interior of the Great Pyramid makes you feel like royalty. The fact that your group enters the site in the morning, when the sun just rises over the horizon, also means that conditions inside the pyramid are much more comfortable for sightseeing.

GUIDES INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID

On standard tours, guides are not allowed to enter the Great Pyramid with a group. Therefore, you are not provided with any insight into its secrets while inside.

During the entire visit, you are accompanied by an Egyptology Expert who leads you through the Great Pyramid’s interior and vividly describes its history, construction, and mythology.

EXPLORING THE GREAT PYRAMID

Out of three chambers inside the Great Pyramid, you are allowed to enter only one – the King’s Chamber.

On top of accessing the pyramid privately and seeing the King’s Chamber, you can enter two additional chambers that are closed to the public – the Queen’s and Subterranean Chambers.



THE GREAT SPHINX

REGULAR TOURS



You are allowed to see the Great Sphinx only for a few minutes from a distant viewing platform.

VS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS' TOURS



Can you imagine yourself standing in front of the Great Sphinx? With *Archaeological Paths*, you are allowed into the Great Sphinx Enclosure where you can gaze upward between its paws. There, you have a chance to take a priceless picture. Other tours can't come close.

REST OF THE VISIT

Other tour groups usually end their visit at this point as they spend only about an hour to an hour and a half at the Giza Plateau.

A half day gives you ample time to explore the entire Giza Plateau together with your Egyptology Expert.



EXCLUSIVELY ON THE ROYAL EGYPT TOURS

Royal Egypt Tours elevate your visit to the Great Sphinx even further – the world's most famous archaeologist, Dr. Zahi Hawass, greets you at the Sphinx's paws. There is no more captivating setting to listen to this living legend of Egyptology share tales of his research and firsthand accounts of his recent discoveries. Tours other than Royal Egypt Tours offer the esteemed company of Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din, Director General of the Giza Pyramids Plateau.



These are the differences between joining a regular tour and truly experiencing this magical place. As you can see, where other tours have limits, *Archaeological Paths* offers exclusive VIP access. And your visit to the Giza Plateau is only one of the many days of your journey across Egypt. You are treated like a VIP on every step of your tour with us.

EXPERTS ON THE EXPERIENCE WITH ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS:

Dr. Tarek El-Awady

Director of the Egyptian Museum in Alexandria

Many people have come to Egypt wondering who built the pyramids and how. But they often left Egypt with their questions unanswered. With *Archaeological Paths*, you will find the answers to such questions by visiting major discoveries at Giza which are off-limits to the public. You will leave Egypt knowing about the ancient people who built this wonderful civilization, how they were able to construct the pyramids and much more.

Mohamed Abdellatif

Egyptology Expert

In Egypt, there are many classic tours which bring people to the most famous sites we have. However, with *Archaeological Paths* you go deeper than this; you go to the heart of ancient Egypt. They offer things that nobody else can see. They open sites that are closed to others. This is a great experience, not just for their tour guests, but also for the guides and people who work for them. Traveling with *Archaeological Paths* is simply the best way to discover the Land of the Pharaohs.



ACCOMMODATIONS

The most extraordinary Experiences from our Travel Collection always go hand in hand with carefully selected accommodation. *Archaeological Paths'* guests stay in the best and most prestigious hotels in Egypt, featuring finest service and comforts. In addition, we make sure to choose 5-star hotels which are famous for their one-of-a-kind historical heritage and authentic local character. Savor precious time in spaces that were made for sharing moments and creating memories.



STANDARD OF LUXURY

- Marriott Mena House Hotel 
- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence
- MS Le Fayan – Nile Cruise Ship

ON SELECTED JOURNEYS

- Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria at San Stefano
- Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor 
- Grand Aton Hotel
- House of Life Abydos
- Jaz Beach Resort
- Hotel in Siwa
- MS Steigenberger Cruises – Nile Cruise Ship
- MS Steigenberger Omar El Khayam – Lake Nasser Cruise Ship

STANDARD OF LUXURY



MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE HOTEL

★★★★★



GIZA / CAIRO

Enjoy a cup of rich Egyptian coffee in the shadow of the Great Pyramid of Giza, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.

At the Marriott Mena House you can enjoy truly unparalleled accommodation. The hotel's setting, with its view of the Pyramids of Giza, has entranced travelers through the ages. The tranquility and fresh breezes have attracted royalty and the rich and famous to this magical location for 150 years. The Marriott Mena House merges the exceptional heritage of the Pyramids standing witness to thousands of years of civilization with Marriott International's 21st-century tradition of innovation. According to *Time* magazine, Marriott Mena House hotel is one of the *World's Greatest Places to visit*. The hotel consists of 331 luxury rooms and suites with private balconies, many boasting views of the Pyramids or the lavish gardens, four restaurants and lounges, and a heated swimming pool and a health club.



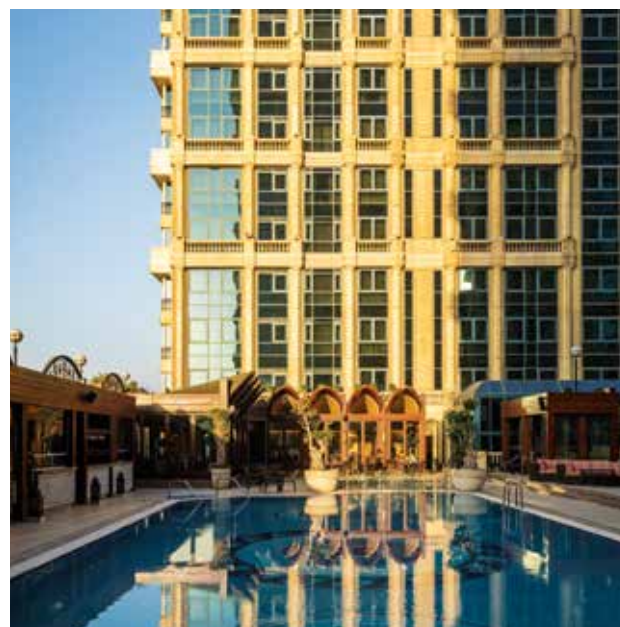


 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO
AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE**
★★★★★

 GIZA / CAIRO

Relax in the elegant and sumptuous décor at Cairo's most prestigious location, watching the mighty Nile River flow by.

The Four Seasons is flanked by Giza's lush zoological gardens and the western bank of the Nile, and its address in Giza's prestigious First Residence complex puts you in the center of it all. From the hotel you can catch a glimpse of the river or the Great Pyramids as you head out to explore the ancient wonders this city offers. After sightseeing, spend the day lounging by the pool, indulging in an aromatic massage once reserved solely for Egyptian royalty or shopping three floors of high-end boutiques at the First Mall.



 **MS LE FAYAN**
★★★★★

 NILE RIVER

Dream and discover while cruising and experience the magic of onboard luxury.

Le Fayan is one of the newest cruise ships available on the Nile, featured on more than one list of the top 10 Nile cruisers. Its 57 spacious rooms feature floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the beautiful landscapes along the Nile. The boat offers world-class standards and provides attentive hospitality. In your free time you can sip cocktails at the ship's bar, go to the gym or enjoy the modern sundeck, which boasts tables and chairs along with lounge chairs for sunbathing, a bar, jacuzzi and a swimming pool. A luxury cruise on the Nile is always a memorable experience. It is also the most comfortable way to travel while exploring Egypt's most renowned temples and historic sites.



ON SELECTED JOURNEYS



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ALEXANDRIA AT SAN STEFANO

★★★★★



ALEXANDRIA

TOURS:

- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA
- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

Bask in luxury and glamour with the vast Mediterranean Sea at your doorstep.

Set in an architectural landmark of Alexandria, hotel Four Seasons at San Stefano features a fashionable resort setting and overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. It provides a private sandy beach tucked along a bay, full-service spa, outdoor pool and restaurants with terraces offering scenic views. With Egyptian underpinnings and a sleek waterfront setting, the resort-style hotel embodies modern Alexandria and its unique cosmopolitan flare. On one side, the Mediterranean Sea glistens in the sun; on the other, a dynamic metropolis buzzes with life.



GRAND ATON HOTEL



MINYA

TOURS:

- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA
- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

Enjoy spectacular views of the mighty Nile while watching the sun god Aten rise over the horizon, just as Pharaoh Akhenaten would have done.

Set beautifully in its own landscaped gardens overlooking the Nile, the Grand Aton Hotel and Resort is located in an unrivaled and time-honored location in the heart of Minya. The hotel offers 45 uniquely designed rooms and is a premier choice for all the tourists visiting the town. From a balcony you may gaze at the greenery and admire a breathtaking view on the Nile. At Grand Aton you will find three lounges, an outdoor pool, fitness center, as well as indoor and outdoor restaurants.



SOFITEL WINTER PALACE LUXOR

★★★★★



LUXOR

TOURS:

- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA
- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

Originally a royal residence, this opulent Victorian-style palace is brimming with history – Howard Carter announced the discovery of King Tut’s tomb here in 1922.

Sofitel Winter Palace blends rich colonial design with the glory of Pharaonic times. This prestigious and opulent hotel is a stunning example of Victorian architecture featuring high-standard facilities, grand staircases, high ceilings and lounge areas appointed with antique furniture and beautiful flower arrangements. In this 19th-century palace, once a winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family, Agatha Christie wrote her famed 1937 novel *Death on the Nile* and an archaeologist Howard Carter, discoverer of Tutankhamun’s tomb, wandered its amazing gardens almost a century ago.



HOUSE OF LIFE ABYDOS



ABYDOS

TOURS:

- KING TUT & CLEOPATRA
- EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

Get in touch with your spiritual side in this sanctuary in Abydos, just a few steps away from the Temple of Seti I, once the holiest ground in Egypt.

The House of Life is a charming hotel located in Abydos at the footsteps of the Temple of Seti I. The place is a distinctive and unusual sight in itself – with a touch of Egypt’s ancient history found at almost every corner. Located in chalets and around the swimming pool, the rooms provide a beautiful view over Abydos, the farmlands and the desert hills. The hotel offers many relaxation areas including a scarab-shaped swimming pool built in the center of the facility. In the lobby you will find several shops where the famous Egyptian essential oils, natural herbs, and local souvenirs can be found.



JAZ BEACH RESORT

★★★★★



MERSA MATRUH

TOUR:

EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

A sparkling backdrop of lakes, lagoons and landscaped gardens leads to the silvery sands and azure waters of the Mediterranean.

Jaz Beach Resort at Mersa Matruh, a city founded by Alexander the Great, is a perfect place for a luxurious and tranquil escape. Enjoy all the amenities of a 5-star property in Almaza Bay: a white sand beach, swimming pools, and restaurants and bars that cater to your every culinary wish. All rooms at Jaz Beach Resorts come with a balcony or terrace overlooking the deep blue of the Mediterranean Sea. The name “Almaza” means “diamond” in Arabic and is particularly well suited for such a dazzling landscape. During your stay here, you’ll explore the region’s rich history and archaeological ruins and marvel at the sun-drenched setting.



MS STEIGENBERGER CRUISES

★★★★★



NILE RIVER

TOUR:

LONG NILE CRUISE & LAKE NASSER

Travel like a pharaoh, in the wake of legendary explorers, along the longest cruising route down the Nile River.

Travel in the wake of legendary explorers aboard one of the luxurious 5-star Steigenberger Nile cruise ships, Egypt’s one of the most luxury hotels and cruise ship groups. During the cruise you can relax and enjoy the unique views of the river panorama. Experience the high quality service the way the Egyptian Pharaohs must have felt like. In the on-board restaurants you find culinary delights ready to satisfy the taste buds of all guests. The sun deck with pool is perfect for sun-bathing, after completing the usual workout in the ship’s gym.



HOTEL IN SIWA



SIWA OASIS

TOUR:

EGYPT UNDISCOVERED

The lush greenery of Siwa Oasis welcomes you during your stay at one of its charming hotels and serves as a gateway to the desert beyond.

Your handpicked hotel in the peaceful and verdant Siwa Oasis makes your experience here even more relaxing. After exploring this hidden gem in the midst of the Egyptian desert, you can unwind surrounded by towering palm trees, natural springs, and unspoiled landscapes that are sure to take your breath away. Siwa’s unique natural environment is home to exceptional geological features, a diversity of flora and fauna, and some 230 natural freshwater springs fed by the Nubian aquifer. Your hotel is a perfect base for an expedition to the dunes of the Great Sand Sea and for a trip back in time to discover the many Pharaonic and Roman-era antiquities. A perfect combination of pleasure and comfort awaits you in Siwa Oasis.



MS STEIGENBERGER OMAR EL KHAYAM

★★★★★



LAKE NASSER

TOUR:

LONG NILE CRUISE & LAKE NASSER

Be captivated by the scenery of Nubia and its ancient history while sailing in luxury across Lake Nasser.

Steigenberger Omar El Khayam is the newest 5-star deluxe cruise to sail on Lake Nasser between Aswan and Abu Simbel. It is one of Lake Nasser’s pearls and Steigenberger’s finest of its class. The cruiser features 80 well-appointed and spacious rooms and has lots of facilities onboard for relaxation and entertainment. During your stay aboard, the team of chefs in the main restaurant tempts your palate with Egyptian and international delicacies and gourmet class cuisine. The ship is luxuriously appointed and sure to make you feel at home as you enjoy the scenery and history of Lake Nasser and ancient Nubia.

EGYPT TRAVEL COLLECTION

Archaeological Paths offers an experience of Egypt like no other. With in-depth knowledge and an industry-wide network, the company takes an authentic, passionate approach to bringing the most complex tours to life.

With us, you have a more personal encounter with the many highlights of a trip to Egypt. From ancient tombs, pyramids, and temples and active excavation sites to presidential palaces, our guests have special access to places others can only dream of.

Read on and be inspired by experiences which have been carefully selected and designed, down to the last detail, especially for you.



14 DAYS

ROYAL EGYPT TOUR

WITH

Dr. Zahi Hawass
The World's Most Famous Archaeologist

Dr. Mostafa Waziri
Egypt's Head of Antiquities

Dr. Khaled El-Enany
Egypt's First Minister of Tourism & Antiquities

Dr. Tarek Tawfik
One of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project

THIS IS THE MOST EXCITING AND EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF EGYPT EVER OFFERED! JOIN THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE WORLD OF EGYPTOLOGY TODAY.

There is no one better to lead you through the fascinating history of the Land of the Pharaohs than the world's most famous archaeologist, **Dr. Zahi Hawass**. He has revolutionized our understanding of ancient Egypt and now he takes you on a private journey to explore the country's greatest monuments.

The Royal Egypt Tour provides unparalleled access to the wonders of ancient Egypt and offers special entries to sites that are off-limits to the general public. You'll join **Dr. Mostafa Waziri**, Egypt's Head of Antiquities, to learn secrets never before revealed. To enrich your experience of Egypt even further, you will meet **Dr. Khaled El-Enany**, Egypt's First Minister of Tourism & Antiquities, and **Dr. Tarek Tawfik**, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Throughout the tour, you stay in the finest and historic 5-star hotels, sail on a luxury Nile cruise ship, dine on delicious local cuisine and embrace the unique Egyptian culture.




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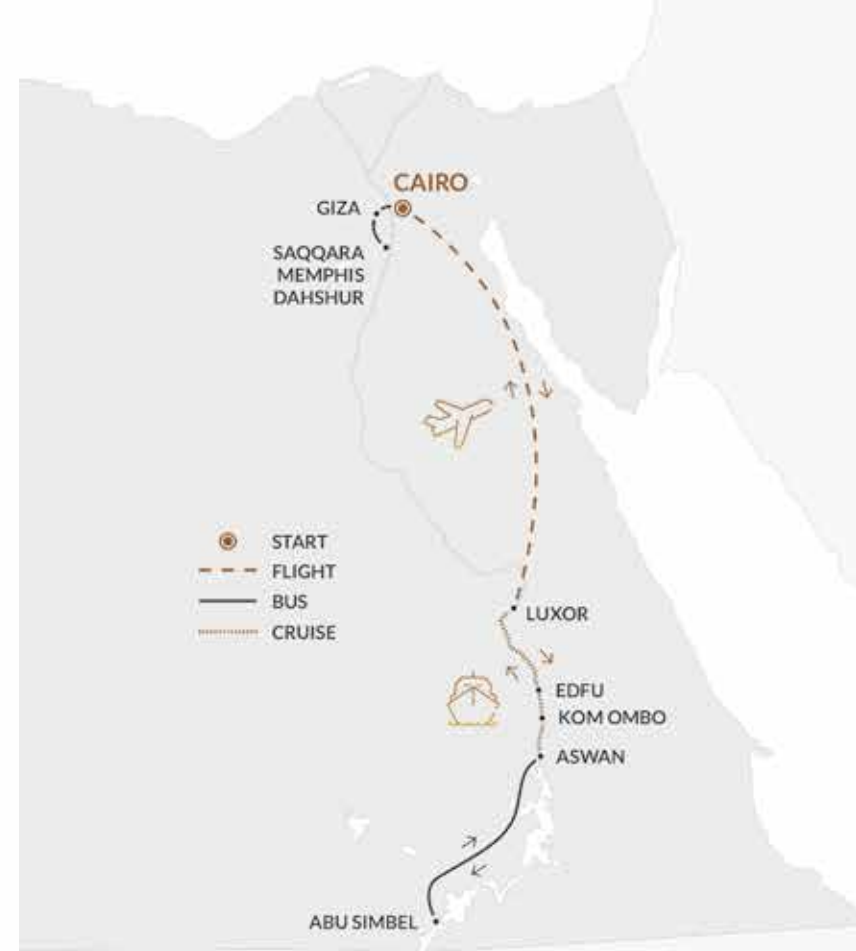
Signature Edition
Limited to 27 guests

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- 38 meals (13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners)
- 60 attractions
- Egyptology Expert
- Travel Concierge

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Marriott Mena House Hotel 
- MS Le Fayen - Nile Cruise Ship
- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence



SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Zahi Hawass
The World's Most Famous Archaeologist

Dr. Hawass, legendary archaeologist and Egypt's former Minister of Antiquities, joins you for private sightseeing, multimedia lectures and Q&A sessions to present decades of his research, share his expert observations, and reveal the most exciting discoveries recently made in Egypt.

You and I will share the awe of the fully illuminated Luxor Temple at night. We'll walk together between the paws of the Sphinx and admire its beautiful smile. I'll show you one of my greatest discoveries, the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders, and much more. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. No one can tour Egypt like this - except for you, when you come and join me. You'll be treated like royalty. This is why we call it the Royal Tour!

— Dr. Hawass



Dr. Mostafa Waziri
Egypt's Head of Antiquities

There is no one better to take you behind the scenes of the most exciting archaeological projects than Egypt's Head of Antiquities. Dr. Waziri, who is responsible for all archaeological sites in Egypt, meets you at the Karnak Temple Complex, where he introduces you to the most recent discoveries, archaeological finds and restoration work. He also shares ongoing research and reveals plans for the future.

It will be my honor to give you a private lecture and show you recent work and discoveries. Some of our new discoveries haven't been published yet, so it is going to be my pleasure to reveal what we have discovered in the last couple of years, the last couple of months - and even the last couple of days. You will never forget this tour.

— Dr. Waziri



Dr. Khaled El-Enany
Egypt's First Minister of Tourism & Antiquities

Meet one of the most influential figures in Egyptian archaeology and tourism. Learn firsthand about the newest discoveries and exciting research from Dr. Khaled El-Enany, who supervised all of Egypt's ancient and tourist sites for six years. Between 2016 and 2019, he was Minister of Antiquities, and then from 2019 to 2022, he served in the newly established joint ministry as its first Minister of Tourism & Antiquities.



Dr. Tarek Tawfik
One of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project

Find out more about our special guest on page 24.

EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCES

VIP Private entry to the Giza Plateau

Visit the most iconic historic site in the world outside regular hours for an intimate and crowd-free experience.

VIP Private entry to the Great Pyramid

Explore the Pyramid of Khufu – including two chambers that are closed to the public – without any other tourists.

VIP Private entry to Luxor Temple

Discover this UNESCO World Heritage Site together with Dr. Zahi Hawass after everyone else has left for the day – a true VIP experience.

VIP Special access to the Great Sphinx Enclosure

Enjoy the esteemed company of Dr. Hawass between the paws of the Great Sphinx and gain exclusive insight into the world's oldest monumental sculpture.

VIP Special access to the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza

Take a VIP tour with Dr. Hawass to explore one of his greatest discoveries – an active excavation site that is closed to the public.

VIP Special access to the Khonsu Temple

Together with Dr. Mostafa Waziri, discover the Temple of Khonsu, one of the best preserved temples of the New Kingdom, which is off-limits to the public.

VIP VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum

Explore the country's latest landmark in the company of Dr. Tarek Tawfik, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project.



PRIVATE ENTRY TO LUXOR TEMPLE

HIGHLIGHTS

Inspired by Dr. Zahi Hawass – *Royal Egypt Tour* has been designed in cooperation with Dr. Hawass to ensure the most comprehensive journey through Egypt's fascinating history.

Cairo & Pyramids – Discover the diverse capital of Egypt. Begin your journey at **Saqqara**, home to the first pyramid ever built by the Egyptians, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. See two early pyramids in **Dahshur** and take in the sight of the magnificent **Pyramids of Giza** and the enigmatic **Sphinx**.

Memphis – Visit Egypt's first capital and gaze up at a monumental 35-foot-tall statue of Ramses II.

Grand Egyptian Museum – Delve into the world's largest collection of Pharaonic treasures, including King Tut's famous golden mask.

Nile Cruise – Enjoy an 8-day scenic cruise down the Nile and visit the most awe-inspiring sites.

Luxor – Unveil the secrets of the ancient city of Thebes by visiting the enormous **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples**. Explore the royal tombs of the pharaohs in the **Valley of the Kings** and the great **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**. Discover **Deir el-Medina**, the ancient workers' village, and admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Edfu & Kom Ombo – Visit the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**, one of the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, and the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**.

Aswan – Admire the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the world's largest ancient obelisk, and discover the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. Marvel at the feat of engineering behind the 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**.

Abu Simbel – Explore the magnificent temples of **Abu Simbel**, carved out of the mountainside for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.

Historic Cairo – Experience the exotic vibe of Cairo and explore the city's two historic architectural gems, the **Saladin Citadel** and the **Alabaster Mosque**.






Cultural Experiences – Meet with Nubians and experience their way of living by visiting their homes and local school. Stroll through captivating **old souks in Luxor and Aswan** and take a scenic **ride across the Nile on a felucca**, a traditional Egyptian sailboat. Connect with locals and enjoy authentic traditional musical performances.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Cairo



-  Cairo
-  Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel


When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, an *Archaeological Paths*' representative greets you and helps you with visa and airport procedures. You are then transferred to a luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza that offers spectacular views of the pyramids.




DAY 2

Saqqara | Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Zahi Hawass



After an orientation with *Archaeological Paths*' representatives, you visit the ancient necropolis of Saqqara, which, according to Dr. Hawass, is one of the most impressive places on Earth and the "birthplace of architecture". Admire the **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the oldest pyramid in Egypt, built 4,700 years ago by the legendary architect Imhotep. You also visit the elaborately decorated **Tomb of Mereruka** and the **Pyramid of Teti**, which boasts one of the oldest pyramid texts ever discovered. Wrap up your sightseeing in Saqqara with a visit to the **Imhotep Museum**.

 In the evening you are invited to an **exclusive multimedia lecture by Dr. Hawass**. He shares decades of his research, touching on the mysteries of Tutankhamun, the search for the tombs of Queen Nefertiti and Cleopatra, and new findings around the pyramids and in the Valley of the Kings. After the lecture, join in a **Q&A session** and enjoy a **formal dinner** with Dr. Hawass.


-  Cairo > Saqqara > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

DAY 3




Memphis | Dahshur Pyramids Special Access to the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders with Dr. Hawass



Today you visit the ruins of **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt, where you gaze up at a monumental 35-foot-tall statue of Ramses II carved from limestone. Then you head to **Dahshur**, home to the **Bent** and **Red Pyramids**, built for Pharaoh Snefru. These pyramids are among the oldest, largest and best preserved in Egypt.

 After lunch, **Dr. Hawass** takes you on a private tour of the **Tombs of the Pyramid Builders** at Giza, which date to 2,500 BC. Although it is closed to the public, *Archaeological Paths*' guests are granted exclusive access to this active excavation site.



-  Cairo > Memphis > Dahshur > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel


I will take you to see one of my greatest discoveries, the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders. This discovery is even more important than the discovery of King Tut's tomb, where we found mainly gold; the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders reconstructed our history. For the first time, we got to know the people who built the pyramids. Thanks to this visit, you will learn how the pyramids were actually built.


– Dr. Hawass




DAY 4

Private Entry to the Giza Plateau | Private Entry to the Great Pyramid Special Access Between the Paws of the Great Sphinx with Dr. Hawass



 In the morning, when the entire **Giza Plateau** remains closed to other tourists, *Archaeological Paths*' guests have exclusive access to this iconic ancient site. This crowd-free experience is typically offered only to royals, heads of state and other honored guests.

 First, you enjoy private entry to the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing today. During the entire visit, you are accompanied by an Egyptology Expert who leads you through the Great Pyramid's interior and vividly describes its history, construction, and mythology.

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

On top of accessing the pyramid privately and seeing the King's Chamber, the Director of the Giza Pyramids opens for you two additional chambers – the **Queen's Chamber** and the **Subterranean Chamber**, both closed to the public. After exploring the Great Pyramid, another once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you at the Giza Plateau...



DAY 4 – CONTINUATION



VIP Next, you have VIP access to the **Great Sphinx Enclosure**. While other tourists see the Sphinx only from a distant observation terrace, you stand right in front of the world’s largest sculpture. **Dr. Hawass** awaits you between the paws of the Sphinx to share with you all that we know about this enigmatic monument.

I will tell you all about the latest research and mysteries of the Sphinx and pyramids, including the tunnels under the Sphinx and secret doors and possible hidden chambers in the Great Pyramid.

– Dr. Hawass

Later, when the Giza Plateau opens to the public, you visit the **stone quarry of Giza** and explore the **Valley Temple of Khafre**, which was used for the Pharaoh Khafre’s mummification and purification before burial. Finally, take in a picturesque overview of the pyramids from a **panoramic viewpoint**.

DAY 5

Karnak Temple | Special Access to the Khonsu Temple with Dr. Mostafa Waziri



In the morning, you fly from Cairo to **Luxor**, known in ancient times as Thebes, one of the capitals of ancient Egypt. After checking in to a 5-star cruise ship, you begin your 8-day Nile cruise, continuing your journey to the most impressive monuments from the time of the pharaohs.

Your first stop in Luxor is **Karnak**, the largest temple complex in the world. Walk through the avenue of sphinxes, gaze up at the towering 97-foot-tall obelisk, and wander among the massive pillars of the Great Hypostyle Hall.

VIP In the Karnak Temple Complex, *Archaeological Paths*’ guests are granted special access to the **Temple of Khonsu**, one of the best preserved and most complete of the New Kingdom temples, which is off-limits to the general public. During the visit you are joined by **Dr. Mostafa Waziri**, Egypt’s Head of Antiquities, who personally introduces you to the most recent discoveries and restoration work. He also shares ongoing research with you and reveals plans for the future.

In the evening you explore **Luxor Market**, an authentic, open-air souk, where you have a chance to connect with locals at every turn and sample regional delicacies.

- Cairo > Luxor
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- MS Le Fayan

DAY 6

Valley of the Kings | Nile River Cruise



After breakfast, a short motorboat ride across the Nile takes you to the **Valley of the Kings**. It was a royal cemetery for over 500 years, and 62 pharaohs and other nobles were buried there. In the Valley, you see some of the best-known tombs, including **King Tutankhamun’s**, which was famously found intact in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter.

The rest of the afternoon is free for leisure. You can enjoy the stunning views of the Nile from the cruise ship’s sundeck while sailing to Edfu or avail yourself of some of the ship’s other amenities.

In the evening you are invited to the **captain’s cocktail party**, where you meet the crew and enjoy delicious local and international cocktails.

- Luxor > Edfu
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- MS Le Fayan

DAY 7

Edfu Temple | Nile River Cruise | Q&A Session | Kom Ombo Temple



Begin the day with a visit to the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**. It is among the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, built between 237 and 57 BC, and dedicated to the falcon god Horus.

On the way along the Nile to the next site, you can enjoy a drink on the ship’s beautiful sundeck while admiring the local wildlife, flourishing green fields, picturesque villages, palm trees and desert in the distance. Have a swim in the pool or use the ship’s spa, jacuzzi or gym facilities. With all these possibilities for relaxation, do not miss an engaging **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert who answers your questions about history and daily life in both ancient and modern Egypt.

In the afternoon you visit the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It was built between 205 and 180 BC as a place of worship for two gods: Horus and Sobek, the crocodile god. The day ends with a visit to the **Crocodile Museum**, which houses a collection of mummified crocodiles and ancient carvings.




Tonight’s onboard dinner features exquisite Egyptian cuisine and an **Egyptian Night** costume party in traditional galabeyas.

- Edfu > Kom Ombo > Aswan
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- MS Le Fayan

DAY 8


Unfinished Obelisk | Temple of Philae
Nubian Village



-  Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayan

Today brings you to Aswan and begins with a visit to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the largest-known ancient obelisk, lying on its side in a stone quarry. It measures around 140 feet tall and weighs nearly 1,200 tons. Next, you take a motorboat ride to the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. The temple was built in 208 BC and dedicated to the goddess Isis.






 After lunch, another motorboat ride takes you through the **cataracts of the Nile** to a **Nubian village**. There, you meet the Nubians and visit their homes and local school to experience their way of living. Back on board the cruise ship, you enjoy a **Nubian party** featuring traditional music and folk dances.

DAY 9


Abu Simbel Temples | Aswan High Dam
Felucca Ride | Aswan Old Souk



-  Aswan > Abu Simbel > Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayan

Your second day in Aswan starts with a drive to the majestic **Abu Simbel Temples**, one of the most impressive monuments of ancient Egypt. The temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari. On the way back to the cruise ship, you stop to see the imposing 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**. Its construction began in 1960, lasted 8 years and cost \$1 billion. The dam ended the cycle of flood and drought in the Nile River region.






 After lunch, enjoy a relaxing and scenic ride across the Nile on a **felucca**, a traditional sailboat. In the evening you stroll through the **Aswan Old Souk**, an atmospheric open-air market. Don't forget to try the local shisha and taste some traditional Egyptian tea.

DAY 10


Nile River Cruise | Q&A Session
Private Entry to Luxor Temple with Dr. Hawass



-  Aswan > Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayan

Today, you can relax while cruising the Nile back to Luxor. In the meantime take part in the second **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert.



 After reaching Luxor, **Dr. Hawass** rejoins you and accompanies you to **Luxor Temple** in the evening. To this day the temple is one of the greatest reflections of the pharaohs' power and supremacy. You explore the Luxor Temple after it closes to the public and when stunning nighttime lighting brings the temple to life. **Dr. Hawass** tells you more about his archaeological research and new discoveries in Luxor.



DAY 11


Temple of Hatshepsut | Deir el-Medina
Colossi of Memnon



-  Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayan

Another engrossing day in Luxor starts with a visit to the **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, one of the most characteristic temples in Luxor. It was built for the most successful female pharaoh to rule over Egypt. Next, you discover **Deir el-Medina**, the ancient workers' village and home to the artisans and craftspeople of Thebes. During this visit you see the beautifully decorated tombs of the people who built the royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings. On the way back to the cruise ship you stop to admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.



 Before dinner, enjoy a traditional **belly dance performance**.

DAY 12

Saladin Citadel & Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali | Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Hawass



After your adventure on the Nile, you fly back to Cairo to continue your tour. Enjoy more luxury at a 5-star hotel in Giza before today's visit to the 12th-century Islamic fortress, known as the **Saladin Citadel**, and the **Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali**. The mosque was built on the summit of the citadel between 1830 and 1848, bringing an unparalleled contribution to the skyline of Cairo.



In the evening you are invited to a **second multimedia lecture by Dr. Hawass** in which he takes you on another fascinating journey through his research and excavations. Dr. Hawass also discusses forgotten artifacts and the most recent discoveries. The lecture is followed by a **Q&A session and formal dinner with Dr. Hawass**.

-  Luxor > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence

DAY 13

VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum with Dr. Tarek Tawfik
Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Khaled El-Enany | Farewell Dinner






You top off your tour with a visit to the long-anticipated **Grand Egyptian Museum**. It is home to the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, preserving 7,000 years of Egyptian history. The highlight of the visit is the spectacular **Pharaoh Tutankhamun collection**, displayed in its entirety for the first time.



You will explore the museum's treasures with **Dr. Tarek Tawfik**, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Dr. Tawfik oversaw this mammoth project for many years, including moving 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. Learn about the inside story and secrets of the museum with someone who was instrumental in its planning.



In the evening you are invited to an exclusive private lecture by **Dr. Khaled El-Enany**, Egypt's first Minister of Tourism & Antiquities. Learn firsthand about the newest discoveries and exciting research from the person who oversaw all of Egypt's ancient and tourist sites for six years. Dr. El-Enany will give you exclusive insight into the past, present, and future of Egyptian archaeology. His lecture will be followed by a Q&A session and your **farewell dinner**.

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence

DAY 14

Departure from Cairo

After breakfast, you are transferred to Cairo International Airport for your flight back home.

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast

TOUR INFORMATION

PRICES STARTING FROM

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Limited to 27 guests

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Single Supplement

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\$2,985
Single Supplement

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$1,200 deposit – during booking
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Museum Project

Discover the Land of the Pharaohs with the most important figures in the world of archaeology. Like our flagship 14-day *Royal Egypt Tour*, the 10-day version offers one of the most comprehensive journeys through Egypt's fascinating history, unparalleled access to the wonders of ancient Egypt and special entries to sites that are off-limits to the general public - all in the company of some of Egypt's most acclaimed figures. Famed archaeologist **Dr. Zahi Hawass** meets you between the paws of the Great Sphinx.

Dr. Mostafa Waziri, the person responsible for all of Egypt's antiquities, shares captivating stories of the latest discoveries. To enrich your experience of Egypt even further, you will meet **Dr. Khaled El-Enany**, Egypt's First Minister of Tourism & Antiquities, and **Dr. Tarek Tawfik**, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Throughout the tour, you stay in the finest 5-star hotels, sail on a luxury Nile cruise ship and embrace the unique Egyptian culture.

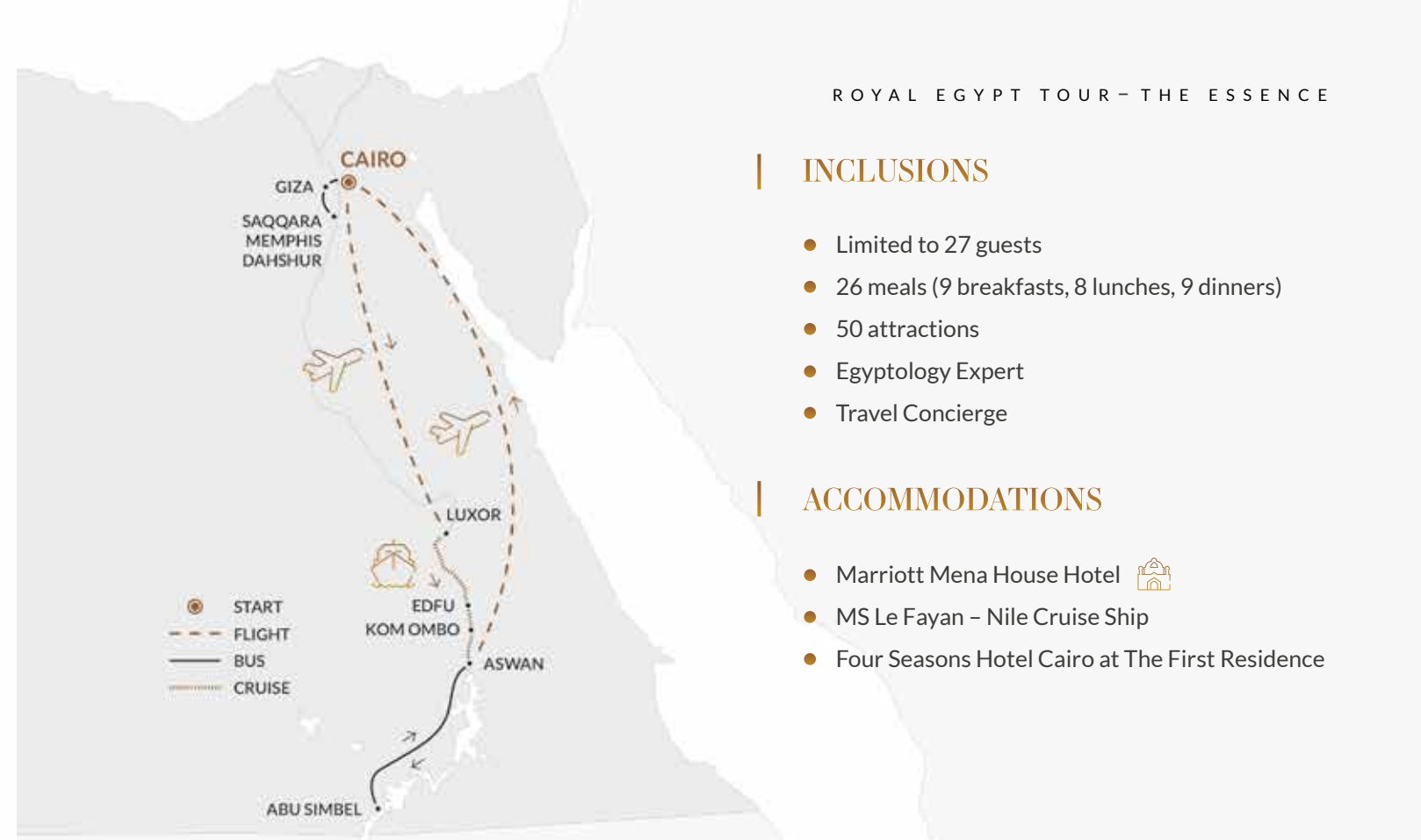


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- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence



SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Zahi Hawass
The World's Most
Famous Archaeologist

Dr. Hawass, legendary archaeologist and Egypt's former Minister of Antiquities, takes you on a private VIP tour to the Great Sphinx Enclosure to present decades of his research, share his expert observations, and reveal the most exciting discoveries recently made in Egypt.

I will tell you all about the discoveries that I made in the last 30 years. We'll walk together between the paws of the Sphinx and admire its beautiful smile. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. No one can tour Egypt like this - except for you, when you come and join me. You'll be treated like royalty. This is why we call it the Royal Tour!

- Dr. Hawass



Dr. Mostafa Waziri
Egypt's Head
of Antiquities

Dr. Waziri, who is responsible for all archaeological sites in Egypt, meets you at the Karnak Temple Complex, where he introduces you to the most recent discoveries, archaeological finds and restoration work. He also shares ongoing research and reveals plans for the future.

It will be my honor to give you a private lecture and show you recent work and discoveries. Some of our new discoveries haven't been published yet, so it is going to be my pleasure to reveal what we have discovered in the last couple of years, the last couple of months - and even the last couple of days. You will never forget this tour.

- Dr. Waziri



Dr. Khaled El-Enany
Egypt's First Minister
of Tourism & Antiquities

Meet one of the most influential figures in Egyptian archaeology and tourism. Learn firsthand about the newest discoveries and exciting research from Dr. Khaled El-Enany, who supervised all of Egypt's ancient and tourist sites for six years. Between 2016 and 2019, he was Minister of Antiquities, and then from 2019 to 2022, he served in the newly established joint ministry as its first Minister of Tourism & Antiquities.



Dr. Tarek Tawfik
One of the Directors of the
Grand Egyptian Museum Project

Find out more about our special guest on page 24.

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VIP Special access to the Khonsu Temple

Together with Dr. Mostafa Waziri, discover the Temple of Khonsu, one of the best preserved temples of the New Kingdom, which is off-limits to the public.

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Explore the country's latest landmark in the company of Dr. Tarek Tawfik, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project.

THE TEMPLE OF KHONSU

HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo & Pyramids - Discover the diverse capital of Egypt. Begin your journey at the ancient necropolis at **Saqqara**, home to the first pyramid ever built by the Egyptians, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. See two early pyramids in **Dahshur** and take in the sight of the magnificent **Pyramids of Giza** and the enigmatic **Sphinx**.

Memphis - Visit Egypt's first capital and gaze up at a monumental 35-foot-tall statue of Ramses II.

Grand Egyptian Museum - Delve into the world's largest collection of Pharaonic treasures, including King Tut's famous golden mask, by visiting the country's latest landmark.

Nile Cruise - Enjoy a 5-day scenic cruise down the Nile and visit the most awe-inspiring sites.

Luxor - Unveil the secrets of the ancient city of Thebes by visiting the enormous **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples**. Explore the royal tombs of the pharaohs in the **Valley of the Kings** and the great **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**. Admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Edfu & Kom Ombo - Visit the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, and the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**.

Aswan - Admire the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the world's largest ancient obelisk, and discover the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. Marvel at the feat of engineering behind the 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**.

Abu Simbel - Explore the magnificent temples of **Abu Simbel**, carved out of the mountainside for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.



Cultural Experiences - Meet with Nubians and experience their way of living by visiting their homes and local school. Stroll through the most atmospheric **old souks in Luxor and Aswan**. Connect with locals and enjoy authentic traditional musical performances.






ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Cairo






-  Cairo
-  Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, an *Archaeological Paths'* representative greets you and helps you with visa and airport procedures. You are then transferred to a luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza that offers spectacular views of the pyramids.

DAY 2

Saqqara | Memphis | Dahshur



-  Cairo > Saqqara > Memphis > Dahshur > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel




After an orientation with *Archaeological Paths'* representatives, you visit the ancient necropolis of **Saqqara**, which, according to Dr. Hawass, is one of the most impressive places on Earth and the "birthplace of architecture". Admire the **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the oldest pyramid in Egypt, built 4,700 years ago by the legendary architect Imhotep. You also visit the elaborately decorated **Tomb of Mereruka** and the **Pyramid of Teti**, which boasts one of the oldest pyramid texts ever discovered. Wrap up your sightseeing in Saqqara with a visit to the **Imhotep Museum**.


After lunch, you visit the ruins of **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt, where you gaze up at a monumental 35-foot-tall statue of Ramses II carved from limestone. Then you head to **Dahshur**, home to the **Bent and Red Pyramids**, built for Pharaoh Snefru. These pyramids are among the oldest, largest and best preserved in Egypt.

DAY 3


Private Entry to the Giza Plateau | Private Entry to the Great Pyramid Special Access Between the Paws of the Great Sphinx with Dr. Zahi Hawass




-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

 In the morning, when the entire **Giza Plateau** remains closed to other tourists, *Archaeological Paths'* guests have exclusive access to this iconic ancient site. This crowd-free experience is typically offered only to royals, heads of state and other honored guests.



 First, you enjoy private entry to the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing today. During the entire visit, you are accompanied by an Egyptology Expert who leads you through the Great Pyramid's interior and vividly describes its history, construction, and mythology.

On top of accessing the pyramid privately and seeing the King's Chamber, the Director of the Giza Pyramids opens for you two additional chambers – the **Queen's Chamber** and the **Subterranean Chamber**, both closed to the public.

 Next, you have VIP access to the **Great Sphinx Enclosure**. While other tourists see the Sphinx only from a distant observation terrace, you stand right in front of the world's largest sculpture. **Dr. Hawass** awaits you between the paws of the Sphinx to share with you all that we know about this enigmatic monument.

I will tell you all about the latest research and mysteries of the Sphinx and pyramids, including the tunnels under the Sphinx and secret doors and possible hidden chambers in the Great Pyramid.

— Dr. Hawass




Later, when the Giza Plateau opens to the public, you visit the **stone quarry of Giza** and explore the **Valley Temple of Khafre**, which was used for the Pharaoh Khafre's mummification and purification before burial. Finally, take in a picturesque overview of the pyramids from a **panoramic viewpoint**.

DAY 4

Karnak Temple | Special Access to the Khonsu Temple with Dr. Mostafa Waziri
Luxor Temple | Luxor Market

 Cairo > Luxor


 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner


 MS Le Fayon

In the morning, you fly from Cairo to **Luxor**, known in ancient times as Thebes, one of the capitals of ancient Egypt.


After checking in to a 5-star cruise ship, you begin your 5-day Nile cruise, continuing your journey to the most impressive monuments from the time of the pharaohs.

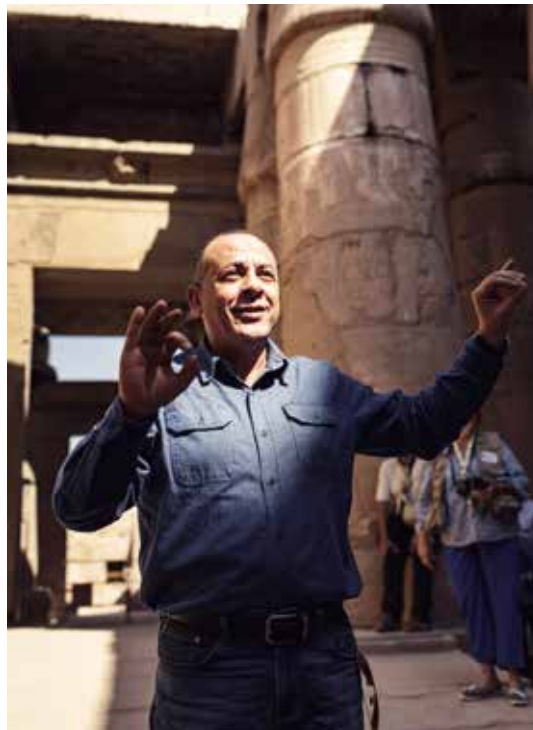
Your first stop today is **Karnak**, the largest temple complex in the world. Walk through the avenue of sphinxes, gaze up at the towering 97-foot-tall obelisk and wander among the massive pillars of the Great Hypostyle Hall.

 In the Karnak Temple Complex, *Archaeological Paths'* guests are granted special access to the **Temple of Khonsu**, one of the best preserved and most complete of the New Kingdom temples, which is off-limits to the general public.

 During the visit you are joined by **Dr. Mostafa Waziri**, Egypt's Head of Antiquities, who personally introduces you to the most recent discoveries and restoration work. He also shares ongoing research with you and reveals plans for the future.

Then it's on to the magnificent **Luxor Temple**. The temple was built over hundreds of years by the New Kingdom pharaohs including Tutankhamun and Ramses II. To this day the temple is one of the greatest reflections of the pharaohs' power and supremacy.

 Before dinner, enjoy a **traditional belly dance performance**. In the evening you explore **Luxor Market**, an authentic, open-air souk, where you have a chance to connect with locals at every turn and sample regional delicacies.



DAY 5

Valley of the Kings | Temple of Hatshepsut | Colossi of Memnon | Nile River Cruise




After breakfast, a short motorboat ride across the Nile takes you to the **Valley of the Kings**. It was a royal cemetery for over 500 years, and 62 pharaohs and other nobles were buried there. In the Valley, you see some of the best-known tombs, including **King Tutankhamun's**, which was famously found intact in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter.

Later, explore the **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, one of the most characteristic temples in Luxor. It was built for the most successful female pharaoh to rule over Egypt. On the way back to the cruise ship, you stop to admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

The rest of the afternoon is free for leisure. You can enjoy the stunning views of the Nile from the cruise ship's sundeck while sailing to Edfu or avail yourself of some of the ship's other amenities. Before dinner, you are invited to the **captain's cocktail party**, where you meet the crew and enjoy delicious local and international cocktails.

 Luxor > Edfu

 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

 MS Le Fayon

DAY 6


Edfu Temple | Nile River Cruise | Q&A Session | Kom Ombo Temple



Begin the day with a visit to the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**. It is among the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, built between 237 and 57 BC, and dedicated to the falcon god Horus.

On the way along the Nile to the next site, you can enjoy a drink on the ship's beautiful sundeck while admiring the local wildlife, flourishing green fields, picturesque villages, palm trees and desert in the distance. Have a swim in the pool or use the ship's spa, jacuzzi or gym facilities. With all these possibilities for relaxation, do not miss an engaging **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert who answers your questions about history and daily life in both ancient and modern Egypt.

In the late afternoon, you arrive at the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It was built between 205 and 180 BC as a place of worship for two gods: Horus and Sobek, the crocodile god. The day ends with a visit to the **Crocodile Museum**, which houses a collection of mummified crocodiles and ancient carvings.

 Tonight's onboard dinner features exquisite Egyptian cuisine and an **Egyptian Night** costume party in traditional galabeyas.

 Edfu > Kom Ombo > Aswan

 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

 MS Le Fayon

DAY 7




Abu Simbel Temples | Aswan High Dam | Nubian Village | Aswan Old Souk



Your first day in Aswan starts with a drive to the majestic **Abu Simbel Temples**, one of the most impressive monuments of ancient Egypt. The temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari. On the way back to the cruise ship, you stop to see the imposing 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**. Its construction began in 1960, lasted 8 years and cost \$1 billion. The dam ended the cycle of flood and drought in the Nile River region.

After lunch, a motorboat ride takes you through the **cataracts of the Nile** to a **Nubian village**. There, you meet the Nubians and visit their homes and local school to experience their way of living. Back on board the cruise ship, you enjoy a **Nubian party** featuring traditional music and folk dances.




In the evening you stroll through the **Aswan Old Souk**, an atmospheric open-air market. Don't forget to try the local shisha and taste some traditional Egyptian tea.

-  Aswan > Abu Simbel > Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayon

DAY 8

Unfinished Obelisk | Temple of Philae



-  Aswan > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence

The day begins with a visit to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the largest-known ancient obelisk, lying on its side in a stone quarry. It is nearly one-third larger than any ancient Egyptian obelisk ever erected. It measures around 140 feet tall and weighs nearly 1,200 tons.




Next, you take a motorboat ride to the **Temple of Philae**, dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple was built in 208 BC and was reassembled piece by piece on an island in a reservoir created by the Aswan Low Dam when flooding threatened its original location.

In the afternoon you fly back to Cairo to continue your tour.

DAY 9

VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum with Dr. Tarek Tawfik
Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Khaled El-Enany | Farewell Dinner



-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence

You top off your tour with a visit to the long-anticipated **Grand Egyptian Museum**. It is home to the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, preserving 7,000 years of Egyptian history.

You will explore the museum's treasures with **Dr. Tarek Tawfik**, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Dr. Tawfik oversaw this mammoth project for many years, including moving 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. Learn about the inside story and secrets of the museum with someone who was instrumental in its planning.

The highlight of the visit is the spectacular **Pharaoh Tutankhamun collection**, displayed in its entirety for the first time. Also not to be missed among the most valuable collection of Egyptian antiquities is the **Khufu Solar Boat**, which symbolically transported the Pharaoh Khufu from the living world to the afterlife.

In the evening, you are invited to an exclusive private lecture by **Dr. Khaled El-Enany**, Egypt's first Minister of Tourism & Antiquities. Learn firsthand about the newest discoveries and exciting research from the person who oversaw all of Egypt's ancient and tourist sites for six years. Dr. El-Enany will give you exclusive insight into the past, present, and future of Egyptian archaeology. His lecture will be followed by a Q&A session and **your farewell dinner**, during which you enjoy live music and celebrate your unforgettable journey across Egypt.

DAY 10

Departure from Cairo

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast

After breakfast, you are transferred to Cairo International Airport for your flight back home.

TOUR INFORMATION

PRICES STARTING FROM

\$9,985
Double Occupancy

\$1,985
Single Supplement

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$ 1,200 deposit - during booking
- Remaining balance - 90 days before the tour

Prices are in USD, per person.

DATES & BOOKING

To check available tour dates or book the tour, please visit www.archaeologicalpaths.com or call us at 917-724-2772.

EXTENSIONS

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Pre-Tours:



Cairo Museums 1-day add-on

Post-Tours:



Alexandria 1-day add-on



Israel 5-day add-on



Jordan 5-day add-on



TOMB OF MERERUKA, SAQQARA

7 DAYS

BEST OF EGYPT

WITH

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 Now you can – on the Best of Egypt tour!

Enjoy a VIP tour of two of the country's most significant sites – the Giza Pyramids Plateau and the Grand Egyptian Museum – with none other than their Archaeology Directors.

Discover the finest treasures of the Land of the Pharaohs – from the tombs of the greatest pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings to the magnificent temples of Karnak and Luxor and the rock-cut temples of Abu Simbel. Sail the Nile in luxury, with stops to admire further temples and experience authentic Egyptian life.


Imagine the Great Pyramid and the entire Giza Necropolis being open just for you. Have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to stand between the paws of the Great Sphinx rather than seeing it from a distant viewing platform. Complete your journey by visiting the long-anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum. All of Egypt's bucket list is here.

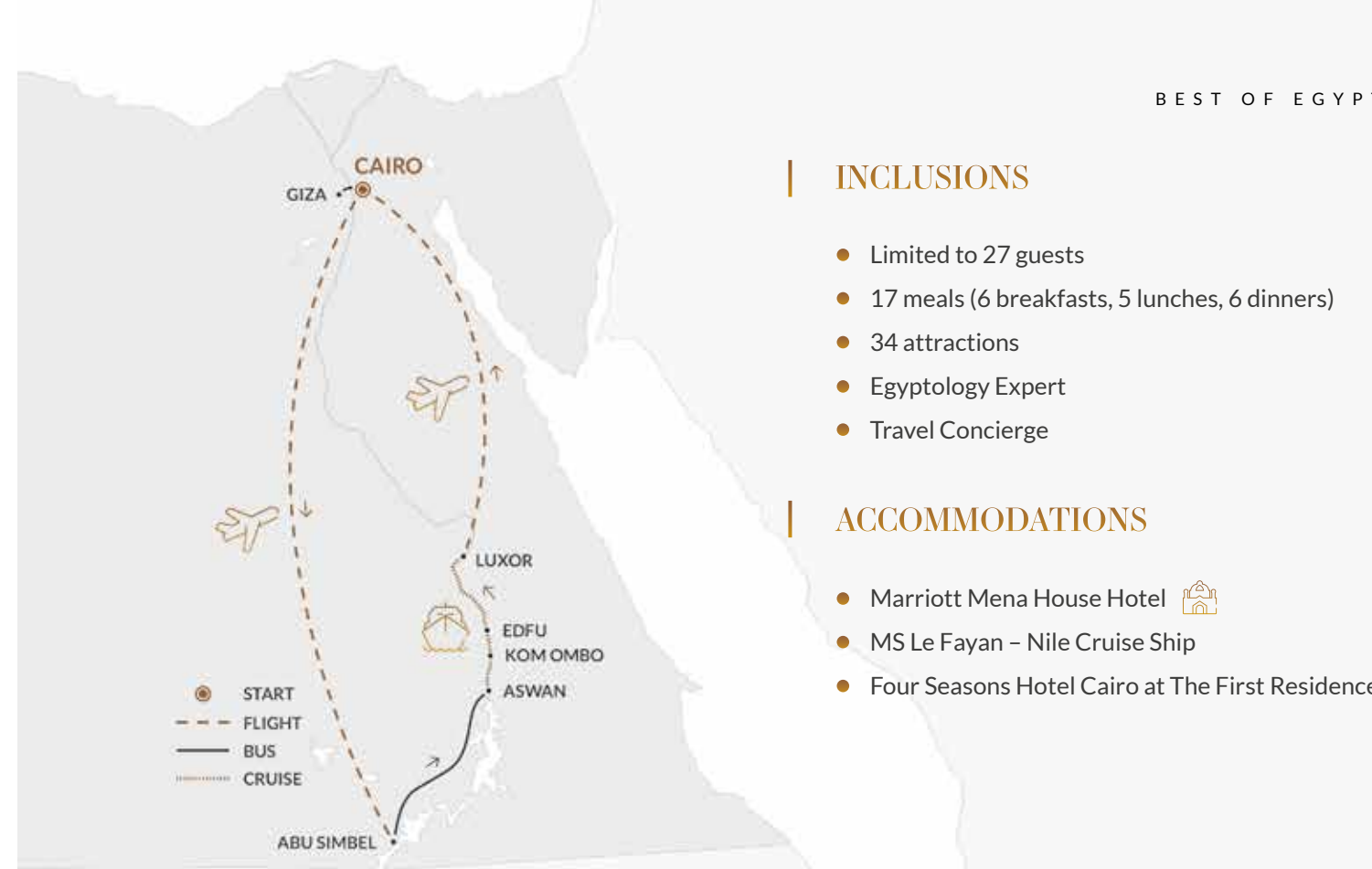


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SPECIAL GUESTS



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 Director General
 of the Giza Pyramids Plateau

Renowned archaeologist Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din oversees one of the world's most iconic archaeological sites – the Giza Pyramids Plateau, home to the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx. He has appeared as a frequent guest on the National Geographic channel and has delivered lectures worldwide. He has played a vital role in various scientific endeavors at the Giza Plateau, making numerous invaluable discoveries. He has been field director of multiple excavations at the Plateau and other significant locations, including Saqqara, the site of Egypt's oldest pyramid.

As a representative of the Ministry of Antiquities, Dr. El-Din has led notable heads of state, royalty, and celebrities on tours of Egypt's most important sites. Now, he invites you to join him on an exclusive VIP tour of the Giza Plateau and the Great Sphinx, where he will bring to life their undisclosed secrets. During this unique experience, you will gain exclusive insights into recent excavations, groundbreaking research, and discoveries that have yet to be made public.



Dr. Tarek Tawfik
 One of the Directors of the
 Grand Egyptian Museum Project

As Director General of the Grand Egyptian Museum, Dr. Tarek Tawfik was instrumental in moving the museum toward completion, including overseeing the transport of 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. He still plays a key role as part of the scientific committee making the museum a destination in its own right.

Dr. Tawfik has directed many excavations all over Egypt, has published numerous scientific articles and books and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*. He teaches archaeology at Cairo University and is a visiting professor at several major universities worldwide. Dr. Tawfik is also a member of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities as well as the High Committee of the Ministry of Antiquities for Museums and Exhibitions.

Dr. Tawfik will take you on a private tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum – the biggest project in Egypt's modern history – to show you the greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts on display. You'll see treasures never before seen in public, hear stories about how they were discovered, and learn long-held secrets about the Land of the Pharaohs.

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PRIVATE ENTRY TO THE GIZA PLATEAU

HIGHLIGHTS

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DAY 2

VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum with Dr. Tarek Tawfik | Private Entry to the Giza Plateau Special Access Between the Paws of the Great Sphinx with Director General of the Giza Plateau Private Entry to the Great Pyramid



-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
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After lunch, it is time to experience the most iconic ancient site – the **Giza Plateau**. First, you visit the **stone quarry of Giza** and explore the **Valley Temple of Khafre**, which was used for the Pharaoh Khafre's mummification and purification before burial. Next, you are driven to a **panoramic viewpoint** to take in a picturesque overview of the pyramids.



DAY 2 – CONTINUATION






-  Later, when the **Giza Plateau** closes to other tourists, you are granted special permission to visit the site privately.
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DAY 3


Abu Simbel Temples | Unfinished Obelisk | Temple of Philae | Aswan Old Souk



-  Cairo > Abu Simbel > Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayon

A short flight takes you to Abu Simbel. There, you visit the majestic **Abu Simbel Temples**, one of the most impressive monuments of ancient Egypt. The temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.

Later, you arrive in Aswan, where you check in to your home for the next four days, a 5-star deluxe cruise ship. After lunch, you pay a visit to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the largest-known ancient obelisk, lying on its side in a stone quarry. It measures around 140 feet tall and weighs nearly 1,200 tons. Next, you take a motorboat ride to the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. The temple was built in 208 BC and dedicated to the goddess Isis.

 Back on board the luxury cruise ship, you are invited to the **captain's cocktail party**, where you meet the crew and enjoy delicious local and international cocktails. Later in the evening you stroll through the **Aswan Old Souk**, an atmospheric open-air market.

DAY 4

Kom Ombo Temple | Nile River Cruise | Q&A Session | Edfu Temple






In the morning, you start cruising toward Kom Ombo to explore the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It was built between 205 and 180 BC as a place of worship for two gods: Horus, the falcon god, and Sobek, the crocodile god. Later you visit the **Crocodile Museum**, which houses a collection of mummified crocodiles and ancient carvings.

On the way along the Nile to the next site, you can enjoy a drink on the ship's sundeck while admiring the local wildlife, flourishing green fields, picturesque villages, palm trees and desert in the distance. Have a swim in the pool or use the ship's spa, jacuzzi or gym facilities. With all these possibilities for relaxation, do not miss an engaging **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert who answers your questions about history and daily life in both ancient and modern Egypt.

In the afternoon, you visit the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**. It is among the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, built between 237 and 57 BC, and dedicated to Horus.

Tonight's onboard dinner features exquisite Egyptian cuisine and an **Egyptian Night** costume party in traditional galabeyas.

-  Aswan > Kom Ombo > Edfu > Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayan



DAY 5

Valley of the Kings | Temple of Hatshepsut | Colossi of Memnon | Luxor Market



Start the day by exploring Luxor, the ancient city of Thebes and one of the capitals of ancient Egypt. After breakfast, a short motorboat ride across the Nile takes you to the **Valley of the Kings**. It was a royal cemetery for over 500 years, and 62 pharaohs and other nobles were buried there. In the Valley, you see some of the best-known tombs, including **King Tutankhamun's**, which was famously found intact in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter.

Next, you discover the **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, one of the most characteristic temples in Luxor. It was built for the most successful female pharaoh to rule over Egypt. On the way back to the cruise ship you stop to admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

-  Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayan



DAY 5 – CONTINUATION



Before dinner, enjoy a **traditional belly dance performance**. In the evening you explore **Luxor Market**, an authentic, open-air souk, where you have a chance to connect with locals at every turn and sample regional delicacies. Don't forget to try the local shisha and taste some traditional Egyptian tea.

DAY 6

Karnak and Luxor Temples | Farewell Dinner



Another exhilarating day in Luxor starts with a visit to **Karnak**, the largest temple complex in the world. Walk through the avenue of sphinxes, gaze up at the towering 97-foot-tall obelisk and wander among the massive pillars of the Great Hypostyle Hall.

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After your adventure on the Nile, you fly back to Cairo to check in at your 5-star hotel. There, you have a **farewell dinner** with live Egyptian music and celebrate your unforgettable journey across Egypt.

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-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
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DAY 7

Departure from Cairo

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast

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\$6,985
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Cairo Museums 1-day add-on

Post-Tours:



Alexandria 1-day add-on



Memphis & Dahshur 1-day add-on



Jordan 5-day add-on



Israel 5-day add-on



THE GREAT HYPOSTYLE HALL OF THE TEMPLE OF KARNAK

14 DAYS

KING TUT & CLEOPATRA

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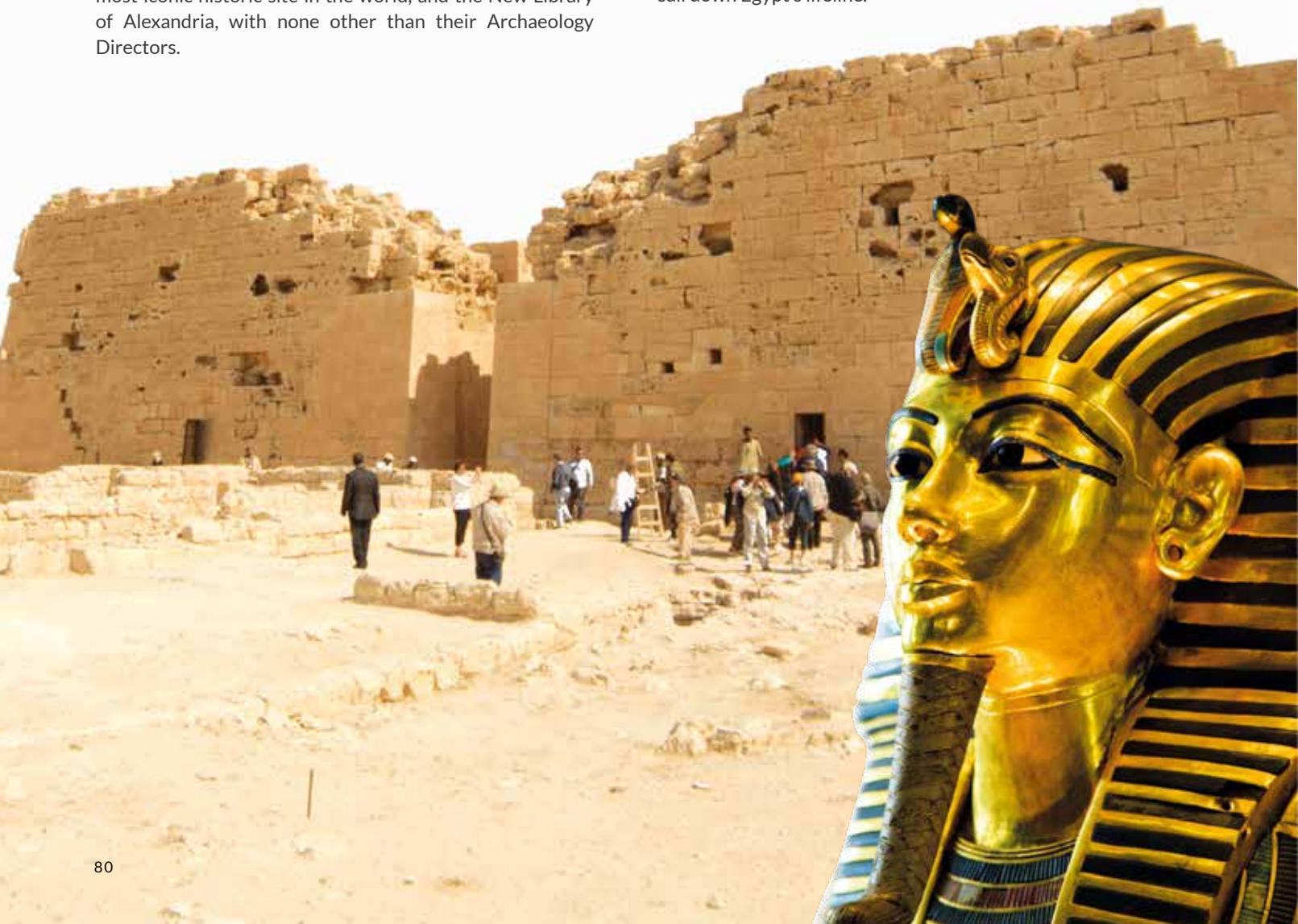
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Follow in the footsteps of Egypt's greatest kings and queens. Discover the Land of the Pharaohs with none other than Dr. Mostafa Waziri, the person responsible for all of Egypt's antiquities. Learn secrets about Tutankhamun and – together with the Field Excavation Director – discover the probable long-lost resting place of Cleopatra, the most powerful queen in Egypt's history. Visit the Giza Plateau, the most iconic historic site in the world, and the New Library of Alexandria, with none other than their Archaeology Directors.



Enjoy an after-hours VIP tour of the Valley of the Kings – including King Tut's tomb. Imagine the insights Dr. Waziri can offer on a VIP tour of the country's newest landmark, the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to an immense collection of ancient treasures. Along the way, see pyramids, tombs and temples and visit the off-the-beaten-path region of Middle Egypt. Admire the fertile fields along the Nile as you sail down Egypt's lifeline.



INCLUSIONS

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- 57 attractions
- Egyptology Expert
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- Grand Aton Hotel
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- Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor 
- MS Le Fayen – Nile Cruise Ship
- Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria at San Stefano
- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence



SPECIAL GUESTS



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There is no one better to take you behind the scenes of the most exciting archaeological projects than Egypt's Head of Antiquities. Dr. Waziri, who is responsible for all archaeological sites in Egypt, leads you on a private VIP tour of the Valley of the Kings after it is closed for the day and offers in-depth insight during a VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum. Later, Dr. Waziri delivers a fascinating multimedia lecture on recent discoveries, followed by a Q&A session.

It will be my honor to give you private lectures and show you recent work and discoveries. Some of our new discoveries haven't been published yet, so it is going to be my pleasure to reveal what we have discovered in the last couple of years, the last couple of months – and even the last couple of days. You will never forget this tour.

– Dr. Waziri



Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din
Director General
of the Giza Pyramids Plateau

Renowned archaeologist Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din oversees one of the world's most iconic archaeological sites – the Giza Pyramids Plateau, home to the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx. He has appeared as a frequent guest on the National Geographic channel and has delivered lectures worldwide. He has played a vital role in various scientific endeavors at the Giza Plateau, making numerous invaluable discoveries.

Now, he invites you to join him on an exclusive VIP tour of the Giza Plateau and the Great Sphinx, where he will bring to life their undisclosed secrets. During this unique experience, you will gain exclusive insights into recent excavations, groundbreaking research, and discoveries that have yet to be made public.



Dr. Mostafa el Feki
Director of the New Library
of Alexandria

At the New Library of Alexandria, you meet with Dr. Mostafa el Feki, director of the library. Dr. el Feki has lectured at some of the most respected Egyptian and foreign universities, and now he gives you a private talk on the life, people and politics of Egypt and their relationship with the world.

Dr. el Feki has held a number of diplomatic posts and has received medals and distinctions from European states such as Spain, Greece, France, and Austria, as well as from Egypt, in recognition of his international work. He was a professor of political science at the American University in Cairo and later founded the British University in Egypt and was its first director.

EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCES

VIP

Private entry to the Valley of the Kings and King Tut's tomb

Imagine having the entire Valley of the Kings to yourself and entering the tombs of the pharaohs with Dr. Waziri, former Director of the Valley of the Kings, as your expert.

VIP

VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum

Explore the country's latest landmark in the company of Dr. Waziri to gain exclusive insight into the largest collection of artifacts from the time of the pharaohs.

VIP

Special access to Taposiris Magna Temple

Discover the possible resting place of Cleopatra with a private tour led by one of the site's field excavation directors. This active archaeological site is off-limits to the public.

VIP

Private entry to the Giza Plateau

Visit the most iconic historic site in the world outside regular hours for an intimate and crowd-free experience.

VIP

Private entry to the Great Pyramid

Explore the Pyramid of Khufu – including two chambers that are closed to the public – without any other tourists.

VIP

Special access to the Great Sphinx Enclosure with Director General of the Giza Pyramids Plateau

Marvel at a once-in-a-lifetime chance to touch the Great Sphinx and watch the sunset from between its huge paws. Enjoy the esteemed company of Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din and gain exclusive insight into the world's oldest monumental sculpture.

VIP

VIP tour of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Discover all the secrets of this reimagining of Alexandria's ancient library on this exclusive visit guided by none other than the library's director.

DR. MOSTAFA WAZIRI EXAMS THE MUMMY OF KING TUT

HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo & Pyramids – Discover the diverse capital of Egypt. Begin your journey at **Saqqara**, home to the first pyramid ever built by the Egyptians, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. Gaze in awe upon the magnificent **Pyramids of Giza** and the enigmatic **Sphinx**.

Grand Egyptian Museum – Delve into the world's largest collection of Pharaonic treasures, including King Tut's famous golden mask.

Middle Egypt – Visit the archaeological site of **Tell el-Amarna**, which was once the capital city of Akhetaten. See rock-cut tombs that date to the Middle Kingdom at **Beni Hassan** and explore **Tuna el-Gebel** with its temples, tombs and animal mummies.

Abydos & Dendera – Explore **Abydos Temple**, the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt, and **Dendera Temple**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt.

Nile Cruise – Enjoy a 5-day scenic cruise down the Nile and visit the most awe-inspiring sites.

Luxor – Unveil the secrets of the ancient city of Thebes by visiting the enormous **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples**. Explore the royal tombs of the pharaohs in the **Valley of the Kings** and their wives' tombs in the **Valley of the Queens**, including the beautiful **Nefertari's tomb**. Visit the great **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, and admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Edfu & Kom Ombo – Visit the **Temple of Edfu**, one of the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, and the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**.

Aswan – Admire the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the world's largest ancient obelisk, and discover the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. Marvel at the feat of engineering behind the 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**.

Abu Simbel – Explore the magnificent temples of **Abu Simbel**, carved out of the mountainside for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.

Alexandria – Explore the city founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC, famous for its Roman remains. Visit the **catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa**, the **Roman Amphitheater** and the **harbor of Alexandria** with the picturesque **Citadel of Sultan Qaitbay**. Browse the stacks at the famous **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, also known as the New Library of Alexandria, and explore the active excavation site of **Taposiris Magna** together with one of its field excavation directors.






Cultural Experiences – Meet with Nubians and experience their way of living by visiting their homes and local school. Stroll through the most atmospheric **old souks in Luxor and Aswan**. Connect with locals and enjoy authentic traditional musical performances.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Cairo






-  Cairo
-  Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, an *Archaeological Paths*' representative greets you and helps you with visa and airport procedures. You are then transferred to a luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza that offers spectacular views of the pyramids.

DAY 2


Saqqara | Private Entry to the Giza Plateau | Special Access Between the Paws of the Great Sphinx with Director General of the Giza Plateau | Private Entry to the Great Pyramid



-  Cairo > Saqqara > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

After an orientation with *Archaeological Paths*' representatives, you visit the ancient necropolis of **Saqqara**. Admire the **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the oldest pyramid in Egypt, built 4,700 years ago by the legendary architect Imhotep. You also visit the elaborately decorated **Tomb of Mereruka** and the **Pyramid of Teti**, which boasts one of the oldest pyramid texts ever discovered. Wrap up your sightseeing in Saqqara with a visit to the **Imhotep Museum**.


After lunch, it is time to experience the most iconic ancient site - the **Giza Plateau**. First, you visit the **stone quarry of Giza** and explore the **Valley Temple of Khafre**, which was used for the Pharaoh Khafre's mummification and purification before burial. Next, you are driven to a **panoramic viewpoint** to take in a picturesque overview of the pyramids.


 Later, when the **Giza Plateau** closes to other tourists, you are granted special permission to visit the site privately.





DAY 2 – CONTINUATION



 First, you have VIP access to the **Great Sphinx Enclosure**. While other tourists see the Sphinx only from a distant observation terrace, you stand right in front of the world's most recognizable sculpture.

 During this visit, you will be joined by none other than **Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din, Director General of the Giza Pyramids Plateau**. You will gain access to exclusive insights into recent excavations, groundbreaking research, and discoveries that have yet to be made public. You'll be captivated as Dr. Mohie El-Din describes a restoration project underway at the Great Sphinx and reveals the hidden tunnels that lie beneath it.




 Next, you enjoy private entry to the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing today. After you marvel at the **King's Chamber** in the pyramid's interior, the **Director of the Giza Pyramids** opens two additional chambers just for you: the **Queen's Chamber** and the **Subterranean Chamber**, both closed to the public.




DAY 3

VIP Tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum with Dr. Mostafa Waziri



-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

 Spend the day exploring the long-anticipated **Grand Egyptian Museum**. During this special visit, you are joined by **Dr. Mostafa Waziri**, who takes you on a VIP tour of the museum. Walk with Egypt's Head of Antiquities and discover the treasures available only to few. Get exclusive insights and learn behind-the-scenes stories from the man who knows all the secrets of this new museum.




The museum is home to the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, preserving 7,000 years of Egyptian history. The highlight of the visit is the spectacular **Pharaoh Tutankhamun collection**, which is shown in its entirety for the first time. Check out the collection and learn about the latest research and discoveries about the family of King Tutankhamun. Also not to be missed among the most valuable collection of Egyptian antiquities is the **Khufu Solar Boat**, which symbolically transported the Pharaoh Khufu from the living world to the afterlife.

After a day exploring the greatest museum in Egypt, you return to the hotel to prepare for tomorrow's trip to Middle Egypt.

DAY 4

Beni Hasan



-  Cairo > Minya
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Grand Aton Hotel


A morning drive takes you to the less-touristed region of Middle Egypt. You reach **Beni Hasan** to see the rock-cut tombs of Middle Kingdom nobles. Carved into the limestone cliffs, the tombs give a rare insight into the everyday life, customs and beliefs of ancient Egyptians. The well-preserved decorations on the walls depict scenes of hunting, dancing, playing and even celebrating a wedding night.

After sightseeing, you check in to the Grand Aton Hotel, situated on the bank of the Nile.

DAY 5

Tuna el-Gebel | Tell el-Amarna



-  Minya > Abydos
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  House of Life Abydos

The first stop today is **Tuna el-Gebel**, an expansive site with a variety of temples and tombs. There, you explore the catacombs of the god Thoth, which used to store millions of animal mummies, and admire the tombs of **Isadora** and **Petosisiris** with their exquisite paintings.




Next, you arrive at one of the tour highlights and learn about the history of the ancient Egyptian city of **Tell el-Amarna**. This is where Pharaoh Akhenaten pursued his vision of a society dedicated to the cult of one god – Aten, the sun god – later considered heretical. Visit the nobles' tombs with wall reliefs unequalled anywhere else in Egypt.

After sightseeing, you depart to Abydos – the holy city of Osiris in ancient times.

DAY 6

Abydos Temple | Dendera Temple



-  Abydos > Dendera > Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Start the day by visiting the **Abydos Temple** – also known as the Temple of Seti I, who began its construction. The temple is built of white limestone and, artistically, represents an attempt to restore the old ways after the heresies of Akhenaten. It was once the holiest site in the land and the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt.




Next, you visit **Dendera** to explore a temple dedicated to the goddess Hathor. This one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt sets itself apart from other temples by its colossal columns and spectacular ceilings covered with vibrant and colorful paintings.

After sightseeing, you depart to Luxor, the ancient city of Thebes and one of the capitals of ancient Egypt, to check in at a luxurious Sofitel Winter Palace. It is where Howard Carter announced the discovery of King Tut's tomb and Agatha Christie wrote part of *Death on the Nile*.

DAY 7

Karnak and Luxor Temples | Private Entry to the Valley of the Kings with Dr. Waziri | Luxor Market



-  Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Le Fayon

Your first stop today is **Karnak**, the largest temple complex in the world. Walk through the avenue of sphinxes, gaze up at the towering 97-foot-tall obelisk and wander among the massive pillars of the Great Hypostyle Hall. Then, it's on to the magnificent **Luxor Temple**. It was built over hundreds of years by the New Kingdom pharaohs including Tutankhamun and Ramses II. To this day the temple is one of the greatest reflections of the pharaohs' power and supremacy.



DAY 7 – CONTINUATION



After these visits, you check in to the luxurious cruise ship – your floating hotel for the next five days.



Later in the day, you are in for a true once-in-a-lifetime experience. You are granted **private entry to the Valley of the Kings**. It was a royal cemetery for over 500 years, and 62 pharaohs and other nobles were buried there. Imagine exploring one of Egypt's most spectacular destinations all by yourself, with no other tourists around. During this unprecedented visit, in the exclusive company of **Dr. Mostafa Waziri**, you have access to some of the best-known tombs, including **King Tutankhamun's**, which was famously found intact in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter. Gain first-hand exclusive insight into the newest findings in the Valley of the Kings and the ongoing search for the lost royal tombs.



In the evening you explore **Luxor Market**, an authentic, open-air souk. There, you have a chance to connect with locals at every turn and sample regional delicacies.

DAY 8

**Valley of the Queens | Temple of Hatshepsut
Colossi of Memnon | Nile River Cruise**


Start the day by exploring the **Valley of the Queens**. It served as the burial site for the queens and some of the children of the 19th and 20th Dynasty pharaohs. You visit four very well-preserved tombs, including **Nefertari's**, which is regarded as the most beautiful in Egypt because of its vivid and ornate paintings.

Later, explore the **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, one of the most characteristic temples in Luxor. It was built for the most successful female pharaoh to rule over Egypt. On the way back to the cruise ship you stop to admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

The rest of the afternoon is free for leisure. You can enjoy the stunning views of the Nile from the cruise ship's sundeck while sailing to Edfu or avail yourself of some of the ship's other amenities. Before dinner, you are invited to the **captain's cocktail party**, where you meet the crew and enjoy delicious local and international cocktails.



Luxor > Edfu



Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



MS Le Fayan

DAY 9

Edfu Temple | Nile River Cruise | Q&A Session | Kom Ombo Temple


Begin the day with a visit to the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**. It is among the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, built between 237 and 57 BC, and dedicated to the falcon god Horus.

On the way along the Nile to the next site, you can enjoy a drink on the ship's beautiful sundeck while admiring the local wildlife, flourishing green fields, picturesque villages, palm trees and desert in the distance. Have a swim in the pool or use the ship's spa, jacuzzi or gym facilities. With all these possibilities for relaxation, do not miss an engaging **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert who answers your questions about history and daily life in both ancient and modern Egypt.



Edfu > Kom Ombo > Aswan



Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



MS Le Fayan

In the afternoon you visit the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It was built between 205 and 180 BC as a place of worship for two gods: Horus and Sobek, the crocodile god. The day ends with a visit to the **Crocodile Museum**, which houses a collection of mummified crocodiles and ancient carvings.



Tonight's onboard dinner features exquisite Egyptian cuisine and an **Egyptian Night** costume party in traditional galabeyas.

DAY 10

Abu Simbel Temples | Aswan High Dam | Nubian Village | Aswan Old Souk


Your first day in Aswan starts with a journey to the majestic **Abu Simbel Temples**, one of the most impressive monuments of ancient Egypt. The temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari. On the way back to the cruise ship, you stop to see the imposing 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**. Its construction began in 1960, lasted 8 years and cost \$1 billion. The dam ended the cycle of flood and drought in the Nile River region.



After lunch, a motorboat ride takes you through the **cataracts of the Nile** to a **Nubian village**. There, you meet the Nubians and visit their homes and local school to experience their way of living. Back on board the cruise ship, you enjoy a **Nubian party** featuring traditional music and folk dances.



In the evening you stroll through the **Aswan Old Souk**, an atmospheric open-air market. Don't forget to try the local shisha and taste some traditional Egyptian tea.



Aswan > Abu Simbel > Aswan



Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



MS Le Fayan

DAY 11

Unfinished Obelisk | Temple of Philae



Aswan > Alexandria

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria at San Stefano

The day begins with a visit to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the largest-known ancient obelisk, lying on its side in a stone quarry. It measures around 140 feet tall and weighs nearly 1,200 tons. Next, you take a motorboat ride to the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. The temple was built in 208 BC and dedicated to the goddess Isis.

Your stay in Aswan comes to an end with a flight to Alexandria.

DAY 12

Catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa | Roman Amphitheater
Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Mostafa el Feki in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina | Citadel of Sultan Qaitbay



Alexandria

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria at San Stefano

Alexandria - with its Mediterranean climate and famous Roman remains - is the second largest city in Egypt. The city was founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC and was the capital of Egypt for more than 300 years.

Begin the day with a visit to the stunning **catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa**, where you examine fine examples of Pharaonic funeral art with strong Greco-Roman influences, followed by a stop at the 4th-century AD **Roman Amphitheater**.

Afterward, another special-access visit awaits you. Tour the **renowned Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, also known as the New Library of Alexandria. Discover what went into reimagining Alexandria's great ancient library for a new century on this exclusive visit guided by none other than the library's director, **Dr. Mostafa el Feki**.

Later, see **the harbor of Alexandria** with the picturesque **Citadel of Sultan Qaitbay**, the place where the famous Lighthouse of Alexandria - one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World - once stood.

DAY 13

Special Access to the Temple of Taposiris Magna with a Field Excavation Director
Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Waziri | Farewell Dinner



Alexandria > Cairo

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence

VIP

The last day of your journey through Egypt's fascinating history ends with a special-access visit to **Taposiris Magna**, one of the most important religious sites of the New Kingdom. It is now an active archaeological site, closed to the public. Research carried out by Dr. Kathleen Martínez indicates that the site may be hiding the tomb of Cleopatra. You explore the temple with **one of the field excavation directors** and meet archaeologists working at the site.



I'm inviting you to come to Taposiris Magna with Archaeological Paths company. We will take you around to see all our discoveries. We found many artifacts that date back to Cleopatra's time and we are now on the path to a groundbreaking discovery.

- Dr. Martínez



Return to Cairo to check in to your 5-star hotel. **A lecture by Dr. Waziri** rounds out your tour. Dr. Waziri introduces you to Egypt's most recent archaeological discoveries, shares ongoing research and reveals plans for the future. After the lecture, join in a **Q&A session** and discussion. Finally, enjoy live music during the **farewell dinner** with Dr. Waziri to celebrate your unforgettable journey across Egypt.

DAY 14

Departure from Cairo

Cairo

Breakfast

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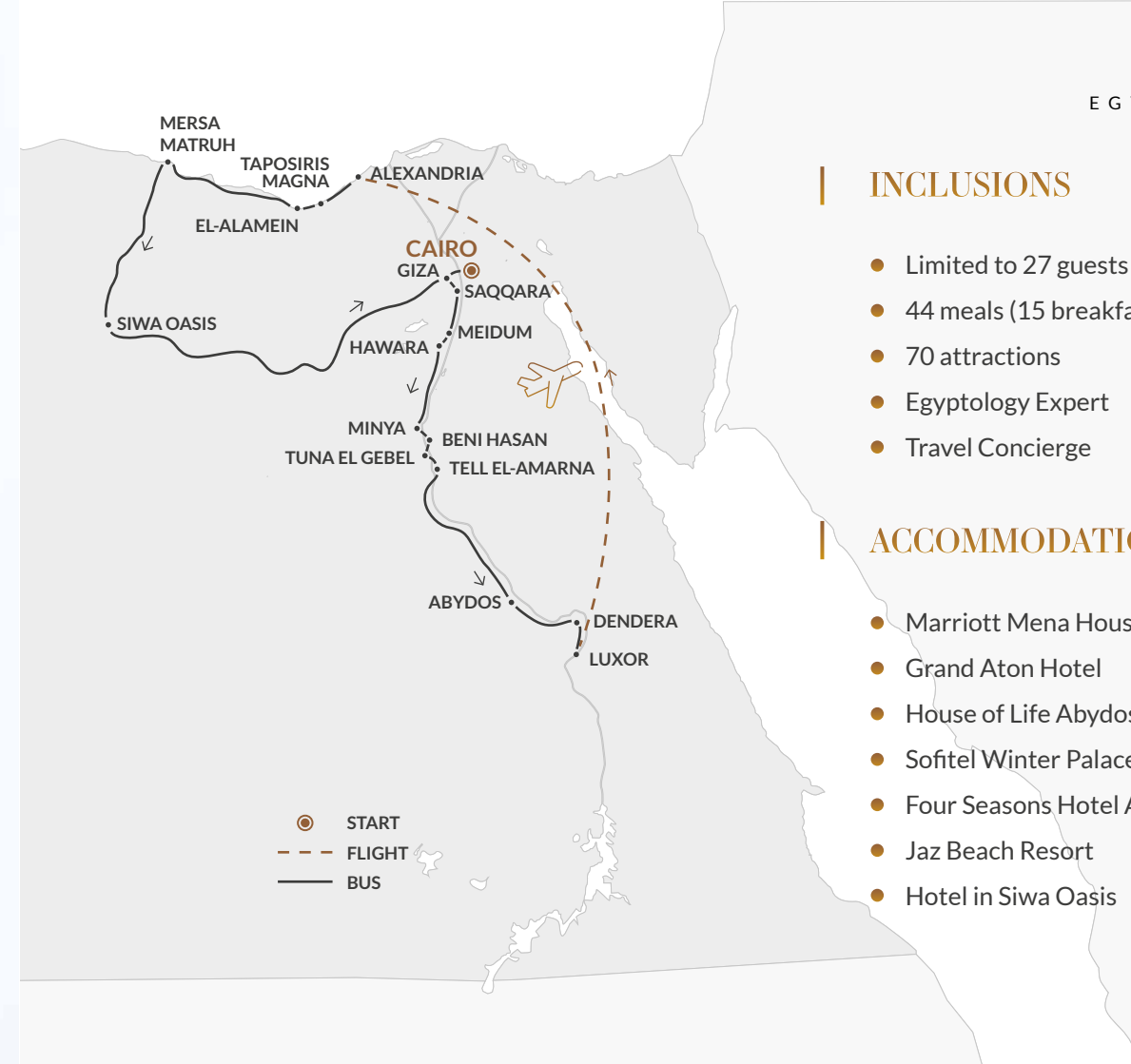
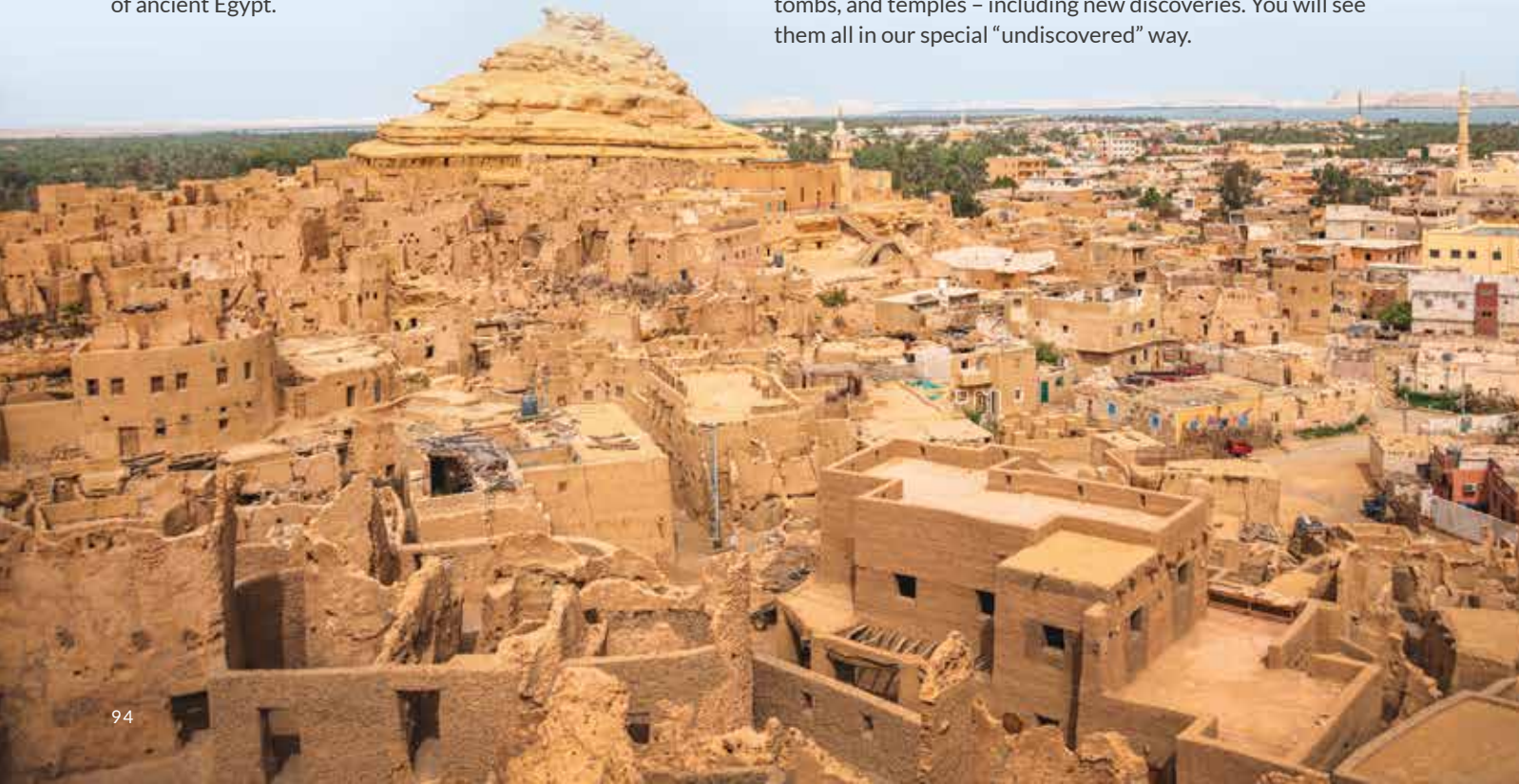
Dr. Tarek Tawfik
One of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project

Dr. Mostafa el Feki
Director of the New Library of Alexandria

Dr. Mohamed Megahed
Egyptology Director for the Supreme Council of Antiquities

Have you dreamed about the Egyptian treasures that almost no one has access to, about feeling like you're among the first to encounter them? Beyond the well-known highlights in the Land of the Pharaohs, many "undiscovered" traces of the past await lovers of archaeology. This tour will truly take you off the beaten path. You will be joined along the way by influential archaeologists, museum directors, and heads of ongoing excavations, who will take you behind the scenes and give you personal insights into the undiscovered world of ancient Egypt.



You will visit hidden gems – from Siwa Oasis, one of the most beautiful of the Egyptian Desert landmarks, to the "forgotten" pyramids of Abu Sir and Abu Rawash, to the region of Middle Egypt, featuring Tell el-Amarna, Abydos, and Dendera. With special arrangements made by *Archaeological Paths* for this tour, you will be offered exclusive behind-the-scenes access to remarkable newly discovered sites, including the Lost Golden City and others not open to the public. Of course, we wouldn't skip Egypt's best-known attractions – pyramids, tombs, and temples – including new discoveries. You will see them all in our special "undiscovered" way.



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- Jaz Beach Resort
- Hotel in Siwa Oasis



TAOSIRIS MAGNA TEMPLE

SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Mostafa Waziri
Egypt's Head of Antiquities

There is no one better to take you behind the scenes of the most exciting archaeological projects than Egypt's Head of Antiquities. Dr. Waziri, who oversees all archaeological sites in Egypt, leads you on a private VIP tour of Saqqara and its lesser-known areas, and shows you recent work, excavations and new discoveries.

“ I am honored to give you a private lecture and show you our recent work. Some of our new discoveries haven't been published yet, so it will be my pleasure to reveal what we have discovered in the last couple of years, the last couple of months – and even the last couple of days! You will never forget this tour.



Dr. Salima Ikram
Distinguished Professor of Egyptology

Dr. Salima Ikram is one of the world's best-known Egyptologists and a renowned author with a unique gift for bringing the ancient world to life. She teaches Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, where she conducts most of her groundbreaking research. She has participated in numerous archaeological projects and has written several books on Egyptian archaeology, contributed to various magazines, lectured internationally on her work, and been a frequent guest on television programs on the subject.

Delve into the ancient world with Dr. Ikram as she regales you with fascinating and lesser-known tales of Egypt's past and shares discoveries and lessons learned from her excavations.



Dr. Mark Lehner
The World's Foremost Expert on the Pyramids

Dr. Mark Lehner is one of the United States' most famous Egyptologists, with more than 40 years of experience excavating in Egypt. He is president of Ancient Egypt Research Associates and one of the world's leading experts on pyramids. He is especially known for mapping the Great Sphinx and uncovering the Lost City of the Pyramid Builders in Giza.

Join Dr. Lehner on a private VIP tour of the Giza Plateau. With over four decades of working at this site, Dr. Lehner will provide an unparalleled in-depth look at recent discoveries and theories about the Pyramids of Giza that you won't get anywhere else. Discover the definitive history of Giza with Dr. Lehner – an experience you won't want to miss.



Dr. Tarek El-Awady
Leading Egyptologist

Dr. Tarek el-Awady is often described as a “walking encyclopedia” on ancient Egypt. He was formerly Director General of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, and over the course of his prominent career, he has overseen many excavation projects across Egypt.

Dr. el-Awady is currently Director of Excavations at the newly discovered site of the Lost Golden City in Luxor. This site has made headlines around the world and is considered the second most important Egyptian discovery after the tomb of Tutankhamun. The site is still closed to the general public, but Dr. el-Awady will guide you through it, offering exclusive insight that can't be found elsewhere and describing his own research and experiences.



Dr. Tarek Tawfik
One of the Directors of the
Grand Egyptian Museum Project

As Director General of the Grand Egyptian Museum, Dr. Tarek Tawfik was instrumental in moving the museum toward completion, including overseeing the transport of 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. He still plays a key role as part of the scientific committee making the museum a destination in its own right.

Dr. Tawfik will take you on a private tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum – the biggest project in Egypt's modern history – to show you the greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts on display. You'll see treasures never before seen in public, hear stories about how they were discovered and learn long-held secrets about the Land of the Pharaohs.



Dr. Mohamed Megahed
Egyptology Director for the
Supreme Council of Antiquities

Dr. Megahed is Director of the Science Department of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities and oversees the mission to excavate and preserve the pyramid complexes in Saqqara and Abu Sir; his specialty is the archaeology, architecture, and decoration of Old Kingdom pyramid complexes.

Join Dr. Megahed during your fascinating visit to Abu Sir, where he will show you the latest findings and introduce you to his research. Discover Egypt's “forgotten pyramids” with the renowned Egyptologist who has spent the last 20 years excavating the remains of the Old Kingdom and revealing its mysteries.

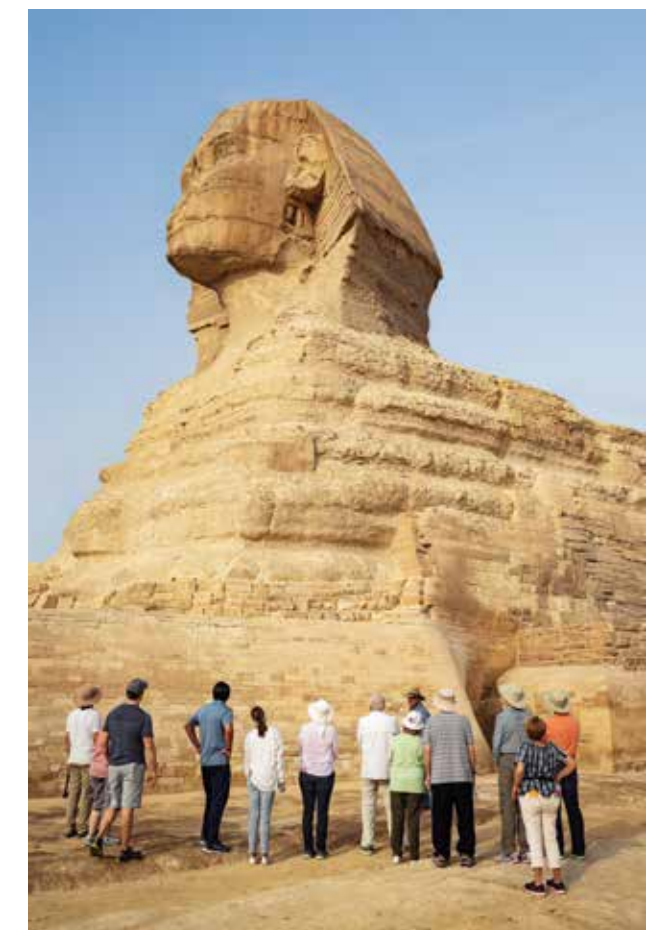
SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Mostafa El-Feki
Director of the
New Library of Alexandria

At the New Library of Alexandria, you meet with Dr. Mostafa el Feki, director of the library. Dr. el Feki has lectured at some of the most respected Egyptian and foreign universities, and now he gives you a private talk on the life, people and politics of Egypt and their relationship with the world.

Dr. el Feki has held a number of diplomatic posts and has received medals and distinctions from European states such as Spain, Greece, France, and Austria, as well as from Egypt, in recognition of his international work. He was a professor of political science at the American University in Cairo and later founded the British University in Egypt and was its first director.



EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCES

VIP Special access to the Lost Golden City in Luxor

Visit an active excavation site that has recently made headlines all over the world and is regarded as the second most important Egyptian discovery after the tomb of Tutankhamun.

VIP Special access to Taposiris Magna Temple

Discover the probable long-lost resting place of Cleopatra with a private tour led by one of the site's field excavation directors. This active archaeological site is off-limits to the public.

VIP Special access to Abu Rawash

Explore a very different pyramid complex that looks down on the pyramids of Giza. The site of Egypt's northernmost pyramid, also known as the "lost pyramid," has never been opened to the public.

VIP Special access to Abu Sir

Uncover the mystery of Abu Sir, the land of "forgotten" pyramids built in the Old Kingdom period. This highly restricted complex will be open only for you.

VIP Special access to the Great Sphinx Enclosure

Marvel at a once-in-a-lifetime chance to touch the Great Sphinx and watch the sunrise from between its huge paws.

VIP Private entry to the Giza Plateau

Visit one of the most iconic sites in the world outside regular hours for an intimate and crowd-free experience.

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Explore the Pyramid of Khufu – including two chambers that are closed to the public – without any other tourists.

VIP VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum

Explore the country's latest landmark in the company of Dr. Tarek Tawfik, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project.

VIP VIP tour of Saqqara

Join Egypt's Head of Antiquities, Dr. Mostafa Waziri, on a behind-the-scenes tour of Saqqara and gain exclusive insight into the latest research and discoveries made there.

VIP VIP tour of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Discover all the secrets of this reimagining of Alexandria's ancient library on this exclusive visit guided by none other than the library's director.

VIP Private visit to Dr. Mark Lehner's house

By special invitation, visit the United States' most acclaimed Egyptologist, Dr. Lehner, in his private villa to get a glimpse at his fascinating life and 40-year career excavating in Egypt.

HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo & Pyramids – Discover the diverse capital of Egypt. Begin your journey at **Saqqara**, home to the first pyramid ever built by the Egyptians, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. Gaze in awe upon the magnificent **Pyramids of Giza** and the enigmatic **Sphinx**.

Forgotten Pyramids – Visit the ancient pyramid sites of the Old Kingdom at **Abu Rawash** and **Abu Sir**, which are more than 4,500 years old. Next, visit **Meidum** with its enormous pyramid built by Pharaoh Snefru and then continue to the pyramid in **Hawara**, dating back to the 12th Dynasty.

Grand Egyptian Museum – Delve into the world's largest collection of Pharaonic treasures, including King Tut's famous golden mask.

Middle Egypt – Visit the archaeological site of **Tell el-Amarna**, which was once the capital city of Akhetaten. See rock-cut tombs that date to the Middle Kingdom at **Beni Hassan** and explore temples, tombs and animal mummies at **Tuna el-Gebel**.

Abydos & Dendera – Explore **Abydos Temple**, the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt, and **Dendera Temple**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt.

Luxor & More – Unveil the secrets of the ancient city of Thebes by visiting the enormous **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples**. Explore the royal tombs of the pharaohs in the **Valley of the Kings** and their wives' tombs – including the beautiful resting place of **Nefertari** – in the **Valley of the Queens**. Visit the great **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut** and the **Ramesseum**, the memorial temple of Pharaoh Ramses II. Explore the new excavation site of the **Lost Golden City**, and the **tomb of Pharaoh Ay in the Valley of the Monkeys**. In the evening visit the **Luxor Museum** and stroll through the atmospheric **old souk in Luxor**.

Alexandria – Explore the city founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC, famous for its Roman remains. Visit the **catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa** and the **harbor of Alexandria** with the picturesque **Citadel of Sultan Qaitbay**. Browse the stacks at the famous **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, also known as the New Library of Alexandria, and explore the active excavation site of **Taposiris Magna** together with one of its field excavation directors.

El-Alamein – See one of the most significant battlefields of the Second World War. This haunting desert landscape with dramatic views of the Mediterranean Sea houses an enormous cemetery, with over 7,000 gravestones, as well as nearby war memorials.

Siwa Oasis – Enjoy one of the most beautiful Egyptian oases, a place often called “paradise in the Western Desert”. Located at the edge of the Sahara, this dreamlike place is surrounded by mountains and is lush with palm trees, green fields, and natural springs. It is also home to many Pharaonic and Roman-era antiquities that you will have a rare chance to see.




THE ROCK-CUT TOMB OF KHNUMHOTEP II AT BENI HASSAN

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Cairo






-  Cairo
-  Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, an *Archaeological Paths'* representative greets you and helps you with visa and airport procedures. You are then transferred to a luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza that offers spectacular views of the pyramids.


DAY 2

Saqqara Undiscovered with Dr. Mostafa Waziri




-  Cairo > Saqqara > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

After an orientation with *Archaeological Paths'* representatives, you visit the ancient necropolis of **Saqqara**. Admire the **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the oldest pyramid in Egypt, built 4,700 years ago by the legendary architect Imhotep.

-  There, you are joined by **Dr. Mostafa Waziri**, Egypt's Head of Antiquities, who takes you on a **VIP tour of the Saqqara area** to show you current excavation sites and new discoveries that are hidden from the public eye. Get exclusive insights and behind-the-scenes stories about Saqqara and its wonders from the man who knows all its secrets.




While in Saqqara, you also visit the elaborately decorated **Tomb of Mereruka** and the **Pyramid of Teti**, which boasts one of the oldest pyramid texts ever discovered. Wrap up your sightseeing in Saqqara with a visit to the **Imhotep Museum**.

-  Next, you visit the **home of a local farming family**, bringing you up close and personal with the customs and everyday life of Egyptians. Enjoy delicious **traditional Egyptian cuisine** as you share lunch at the family's table.

DAY 3

Giza Plateau Undiscovered with Dr. Mark Lehner | Private Entry to the Giza Plateau Private Entry to the Great Pyramid | Special Access Between the Paws of the Great Sphinx Private Visit to Dr. Mark Lehner's House



-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel



In the morning, when the entire **Giza Plateau** remains closed to other tourists, *Archaeological Paths'* guests have exclusive access to this iconic ancient site. This crowd-free experience is typically offered only to royals, heads of state and other honored guests.



First, you enjoy private entry to the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing today. After you marvel at the **King's Chamber** in the pyramid's interior, the Director of the Giza Pyramids opens two additional chambers just for you: the **Queen's Chamber** and the **Subterranean Chamber**, both closed to the public.



Next, you have VIP access to the **Great Sphinx Enclosure**. While other tourists see the Sphinx only from a distant observation terrace, you stand right in front of the world's most recognizable sculpture.



During this visit, prepare to learn what we know and what remains to be discovered at the Giza Plateau with the world's most eminent pyramid researcher, **Dr. Mark Lehner**. To make it a real **VIP experience**, he will show you around and share his unique insights based on more than four decades of excavating and studying the site. Delve into the mysteries of the Giza Pyramids and the Great Sphinx with Dr. Lehner and get to know the definitive history of the Giza Plateau.



Afterward, you visit the **stone quarry of Giza**. You also explore the **Valley Temple of Khafre**, which was used for the Pharaoh Khafre's mummification and purification before burial. Finally, take in a picturesque overview of the pyramids from a **panoramic viewpoint**.



In the afternoon, **Dr. Lehner** invites you to **his home**, located at the foot of the Great Pyramid. There, he will showcase some of his most priceless and thrilling findings. Discover what makes him so passionate about his work and learn more about his personal life.



DAY 4

Forgotten Pyramids: Special Access to Abu Rawash Special Access to Abu Sir with Dr. Mohamed Megahed



Another day filled with attractions awaits you as you not only see sites closed to the public, but also have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet another prominent Egyptologist.

VIP First, take a short trip to **Abu Rawash** to see the site of Egypt's most northerly pyramid, known as the "lost pyramid" or the Pyramid of Djedefre, the son and successor of Khufu. Its state of ruin suggested that it had never been completed, and debate raged for years. Current excavation and research indicate, however, that it was finished and it was about the same size as the Pyramid of Menkaure, the third largest of the pyramids at Giza.

VIP After exploring this mysterious site, you head to **Abu Sir**, a complex of four (of the original 15) pyramids from the 5th Dynasty. Although the pyramids are less sophisticated than the ones at Giza, they are among the few remaining sites in Egypt that offer a glimpse into life during the Old Kingdom.

The site of Abu Sir has plenty of surprises in store and there is no one better to unpack them all than **Dr. Mohamed Megahed**, an Egyptologist who has spent his entire career studying them, excavating and uncovering their secrets. Learn firsthand what the current head of excavations at Abu Sir has recently discovered there.

Cairo > Abu Rawash > Abu Sir > Cairo

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Marriott Mena House Hotel

DAY 5

Meidum | Hawara | Beni Hassan



After breakfast, you start your journey along the Nile, heading south toward Middle Egypt. Your first stop is in **Meidum**, where you explore an enormous pyramid built by Snefru, the father of Khufu, who later built the Great Pyramid in Giza.

The adventure continues to **Hawara**, the largest Middle Kingdom funerary complex, to admire the pyramid of Amenemhet III, the sixth pharaoh of the 12th Dynasty. On the south side of the pyramid was an extensive temple complex that is believed to have formed the basis of the Greek historian Herodotus' stories about a legendary labyrinth.

After completing the tour of the pyramids, you continue on through rural areas to **Beni Hasan** to see the rock-cut tombs of Middle Kingdom nobles. Carved into the limestone cliffs, the tombs give a rare insight into the everyday life, customs and beliefs of ancient Egyptians. Finally, you check in to the Grand Aton Hotel, situated on the bank of the Nile.

Cairo > Meidum > Hawara > Minya

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Grand Aton Hotel

DAY 6

Tuna el-Gebel | Tell el-Amarna



The first stop today is **Tuna el-Gebel**, an expansive site with a variety of temples and tombs. There, you explore the **catacombs of the god Thoth**, which used to store millions of animal mummies, and admire the **tombs of Isadora and Petosiris** with their exquisite paintings.

Next, you arrive at one of the tour highlights and learn about the history of the ancient Egyptian city of **Tell el-Amarna**. This is where Pharaoh Akhenaten pursued his vision of a society dedicated to the cult of one god – Aten, the sun god – later considered a heretical stance. Visit the nobles' tombs to see wall reliefs that are unequaled anywhere else in Egypt.

After sightseeing, you depart to Abydos, the holy city of Osiris in ancient times.

Minya > Abydos

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

House of Life Abydos

DAY 7

Abydos Temple | Dendera Temple | Luxor Market



Abydos > Dendera > Luxor

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Start the day by visiting the **Abydos Temple** – also known as the Temple of Seti I, who began its construction. It was once the holiest site in the land and the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt.

Next, you visit **Dendera** to explore a temple dedicated to the goddess Hathor. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, its colossal columns and spectacular ceilings covered with vibrant and colorful paintings set it apart from others.

Later, you depart to **Luxor**, known as Thebes in ancient times and one of the capitals of ancient Egypt, to check in at the luxurious **Sofitel Winter Palace** – where Howard Carter announced the discovery of King Tut's tomb and Agatha Christie wrote part of *Death on the Nile*.

In the evening you explore **Luxor Market**, an authentic, open-air souk, where you have a chance to connect with locals at every turn and sample regional delicacies.

DAY 8

Luxor Undiscovered: Lost Golden City with Dr. Tarek el-Awady | Ramesseum Temple
Valley of the Monkeys | Valley of the Queens with Nefertari's Tomb
Luxor Museum | Luxor Temple



VIP

What if you could rediscover a lost city that has been buried for thousands of years? Today, you take a step back in time – to 3,400 years ago – as you explore the **Lost Golden City in Luxor**, a royal city built by Amenhotep III. It was discovered in 2021 and has recently made headlines all over the world. It is considered the most important archaeological discovery since the finding of King Tutankhamun's tomb. Because it is an active excavation site, it is closed to the public – **but not for you**.



You join **Dr. Tarek el-Awady**, Director of Excavations at the Lost Golden City, and learn firsthand why this site is widely thought to be one of the world's great archaeological treasures. Learn about the latest research and recent discoveries – even some not yet announced to the public.



After this exceptional experience, you explore Luxor's **Ramesseum**, the memorial temple of Pharaoh Ramses the Great, famous for its 57-foot seated statue of Ramses.

Continue your exploration of the Luxor area by taking a trip to the **Valley of the Monkeys**. Deep beneath the Theban hills, you stop at one of the most remote and least-visited tombs in Egypt, once the resting place of the successor to Tutankhamun, the **tomb of Ay**.

Next, explore the **Valley of the Queens**. It served as the burial site for the queens and some of the children of the 19th and 20th Dynasty pharaohs. You visit four very well-preserved tombs, including **Nefertari's**, which is regarded as the most beautiful in Egypt because of its vivid and ornate paintings.

On the way back to the cruise ship you will see the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Later, you visit the **Luxor Museum** and discover items found beneath the Luxor Temple and in the tomb of King Tut. The quality of the pieces on display – statues of Sekhmet, Thutmose III, Amenhotep III, and many other finely presented items – will captivate you.

Then it's on to the magnificent **Luxor Temple**. It was built over hundreds of years by the New Kingdom pharaohs, including Tutankhamun and Ramses II. To this day the temple is one of the greatest reflections of the pharaohs' power and supremacy.

- Luxor
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

DAY 9

Luxor Highlights Undiscovered: Valley of the Kings | Hatshepsut Temple
Karnak Temple | Flight to Alexandria



Today you will see even more of Luxor's highlights, and our special touch will make you feel as if you are discovering them for the first time. After breakfast, a short motorboat ride across the Nile takes you to the **Valley of the Kings**. It was a royal cemetery for over 500 years, and 62 pharaohs and other nobles were buried there. Among the best-known tombs you see here is **King Tutankhamun's**, which was famously found intact in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter.

Later, explore the **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, one of the most iconic temples in Luxor, built for the most successful female pharaoh to rule over Egypt.

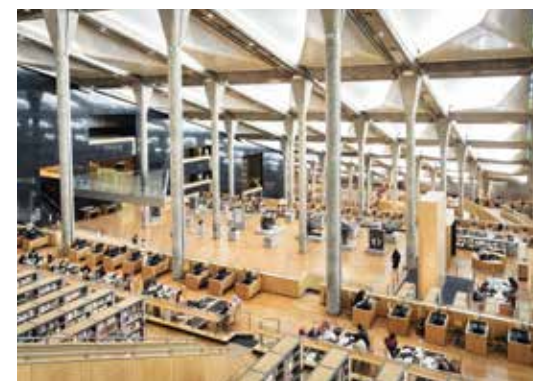
Your next stop is **Karnak**, the largest temple complex in the world. Walk through the avenue of sphinxes, gaze up at the towering 97-foot-tall obelisk, and wander among the massive pillars of the Great Hypostyle Hall.

In the evening, you fly to Alexandria and check in at another 5-star hotel.

- Luxor > Alexandria
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria at San Stefano

DAY 10

Alexandria: Catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa | Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Mostafa el Feki
in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina | Special Access to the Temple of Taposiris Magna
with a Field Excavation Director | El-Alamein



Alexandria, with its Mediterranean climate and famous Roman remains, is the second-largest city in Egypt. It was founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC and was the capital of Egypt for more than 300 years. Begin the day with a visit to the stunning **catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa**, where you examine fine examples of Pharaonic funeral art with strong Greco-Roman influences.

Afterward, another special-access visit awaits you. Tour the renowned **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, also known as the New Library of Alexandria. Discover what went into reimagining Alexandria's great ancient library for a new century on this exclusive visit guided by none other than the library's director, **Dr. Mostafa El Feki**.



- Alexandria > Taposiris Magna > El-Alamein > Mersa Matruh
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Jaz Beach Resort



DAY 10 – CONTINUATION



Later, see the harbor of Alexandria with the picturesque Citadel of Sultan Qaitbay, the place where the famous Lighthouse of Alexandria – one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World – once stood.



Your exploration of Alexandria will end with a special-access visit to Taposiris Magna, one of the most important religious sites of the New Kingdom. It is now an active archaeological site, closed to the public. Research carried out by Dr. Kathleen Martínez indicates that the site may be hiding the tomb of Cleopatra. You explore the temple with one of the field excavation directors.



The last stop on today's itinerary is El-Alamein, where one of the most significant battles of the Second World War took place. In the middle of a sandy desert, you find the War Cemetery, which honors the many people who lost their lives here. Next, head to the beach resort located in Mersa Matruh and relax.

DAY 11

Siwa Oasis



Mersa Matruh > Siwa Oasis

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Hotel in Siwa

In the morning you depart to Siwa Oasis, where you will have 4 days to fully explore its historic and natural wonders. Siwa is one of the most beautiful Egyptian oases, a place often called "paradise in the Western Desert". Located at the edge of the Sahara, this dreamlike place is surrounded by mountains and is lush with palm trees, green fields, and natural springs. It is also home to many Pharaonic and Roman-era antiquities that you will have a rare chance to see. The remote location of this desert oasis, along with its people's customs and traditions, makes Siwa distinct from the rest of Egypt.

Spend the rest of the day enjoying breathtaking scenery and a serene atmosphere and preparing for a remarkable next few days.



DAY 12

Siwa Oasis – Oracle Temple | Umm Ubaydah Temple | Shali Fortress
Mountain of the Dead Tombs | Bir Wahed



Start the day by visiting the Temple of the Oracle, the home of the ancient oracle of Amun, where Alexander the Great traveled to find out his fate and was declared a god. Next, discover the ruins of the Temple of Umm Ubaydah, dedicated to the god Amun and originally connected to the Temple of the Oracle.

Later, you head to the center of the oasis, which is dominated by the ruins of the 13th-century Shali Fortress, one of the most important monuments in the Western Desert. Built from local salt rocks and mud, the fortress was disintegrating with each rainfall until a meticulous restoration project partially restored its former glory.

Your next destination is one of Egypt's most important burial sites, the Mountain of the Dead. This is where the Siwans buried their loved ones for over 2,000 years. It contains thousands of graves cut into the bedrock, mysterious inscriptions on the walls, and vivid paintings which are fully intact to this day. Local legend says that Alexander the Great might be buried here.

Top off the day with a visit to a spot called Bir Wahed, surrounded by the Great Sand Sea. You can escape the heat of the day with a swim in a picturesque freshwater lake. And in a nearby hot spring, you can enjoy the soothing effect of the sulfur water. Watching the sunset over vast sand dunes while soaking in a hot spring is an experience not to be missed.



Siwa Oasis

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Hotel in Siwa

DAY 13

Siwa Oasis: Taghaghein Island | Siwa House Museum | The Crystal Lake



Take a morning trip to the idyllic Taghaghien Island in Siwa Lake. Relax among the turquoise waters, limestone rock formations, green fields, and golden desert sands.

Next, visit the Siwa House Museum, built to preserve and display artifacts depicting Siwan life. The museum is located in a traditional Siwan house and boasts traditional Siwan items such as silver jewelry, musical instruments, wedding costumes, baskets, and ceramics.

Later, head to Zeitoun Lake, the largest salt lake in Siwa Oasis. Its geographic isolation has kept it in nearly pristine condition despite its delicate nature.

Siwa Oasis

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Hotel in Siwa




DAY 14

**Exclusive Lecture by Dr. Salima Ikram:
Sahara Undiscovered - Excavations in the Egyptian Desert**



Take a last look across the magnificent Siwa Oasis before moving on from this natural wonder and returning to Cairo for further exploration.

★ Today's highlight is a **private lecture by Dr. Salima Ikram**, a leading Egyptologist and distinguished Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, who has spent her career uncovering the mysteries hidden under the sands of the Sahara as director of multiple excavations. She shares thrilling stories of archaeological expeditions and discoveries. Delve into the ancient world with Dr. Ikram as she recounts fascinating and lesser-known tales of Egypt's past.

-  Siwa Oasis > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel




DAY 15

Grand Egyptian Museum – Undiscovered Secrets with Dr. Tarek Tawfik



You top off your tour with a visit to the long-anticipated **Grand Egyptian Museum**. It is home to the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, preserving 7,000 years of Egyptian history.



★ You will explore the museum's treasures with **Dr. Tarek Tawfik**, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Dr. Tawfik oversaw this mammoth project for many years, including moving 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. He will give you an insider's perspective into how it was built as he leads you through the museum's galleries and exhibits. Learn about the inside story and secrets of the museum with someone who was instrumental in its planning.

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Marriott Mena House Hotel

The highlight of the visit is the spectacular **Pharaoh Tutankhamun collection**, displayed in its entirety for the first time. Also not to be missed among the most valuable collection of Egyptian antiquities is **the Khufu Solar Boat**, which symbolically transported the Pharaoh Khufu from the living world to the afterlife.

In the evening, enjoy your **farewell dinner**, dance to live music, and celebrate your unforgettable journey across Egypt.

DAY 16

-  Cairo
-  Breakfast

After breakfast, you are transferred to Cairo International Airport for your flight back home.

TOUR INFORMATION

PRICES STARTING FROM

\$13,985
Double Occupancy

\$2,985
Single Supplement

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$1,200 deposit – during booking
- Remaining balance – 90 days before the tour

Prices are in USD, per person.

DATES & BOOKING

To check available tour dates or book the tour, please visit www.archaeologicalpaths.com or call us at 917-724-2772.

EXTENSIONS

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Pre-Tours:



Memphis & Dahshur 1-day add-on



Israel 5-day add-on

Post-Tours:



Cairo Museums 1-day add-on



Jordan 5-day add-on

20 DAYS

LONG NILE CRUISE & LAKE NASSER

WITH

Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din
 Director General
 of the Giza Pyramids Plateau

Dr. Tarek Tawfik
 One of the Directors of the
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Explore the Land of the Pharaohs on the longest cruise across Egypt including VIP visits to two of the most important sites in the country – Giza Pyramids Plateau and Grand Egyptian Museum – with none other than their Archaeology Directors. Your 20-day journey starts on the Nile, the “father of African rivers”, and continues on Lake Nasser, one of the largest reservoirs in the world. Sail in luxury from Cairo, where you have VIP entry to the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx, through the less-visited but no less impressive sites of Middle Egypt to Luxor and Aswan, and then all the way to Abu Simbel.

Along the way, see the monuments and ruins of ancient Nubia and discover ornate temples, rock-cut tombs and hidden gems. Finally, top off the tour with a visit to the country’s newest landmark, the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to an immense collection of ancient treasures, including King Tut’s golden mask. Throughout the journey, your Egyptology Expert will share the secrets of this ancient land, and your cruise ship staff will see to your every need.



INCLUSIONS

- Limited to 27 guests
- 56 meals (19 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 19 dinners)
- 70 attractions
- Egyptology Expert
- Travel Concierge

ACCOMMODATIONS

- MS Steigenberger Cruises – Nile Cruise Ship
- MS Steigenberger Omar El Khayam – Lake Nasser Cruise Ship
- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence



SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din
 Director General
 of the Giza Pyramids Plateau

Renowned archaeologist Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din oversees one of the world’s most iconic archaeological sites – the Giza Pyramids Plateau, home to the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx. He has appeared as a frequent guest on the National Geographic channel and has delivered lectures worldwide. He has played a vital role in various scientific endeavors at the Giza Plateau, making numerous invaluable discoveries. He has been field director of multiple excavations at the Plateau and other significant locations, including Saqqara, the site of Egypt’s oldest pyramid.

As a representative of the Ministry of Antiquities, Dr. El-Din has led notable heads of state, royalty, and celebrities on tours of Egypt’s most important sites. Now, he invites you to join him on an exclusive VIP tour of the Giza Plateau and the Great Sphinx, where he will bring to life their undisclosed secrets. During this unique experience, you will gain exclusive insights into recent excavations, groundbreaking research, and discoveries that have yet to be made public.



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THE GRAND GALLERY OF THE GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA

HIGHLIGHTS

Long Nile Cruise – Enjoy 15 days of luxury during the longest cruise across Egypt – from Cairo to Aswan.

Lake Nasser Cruise – Sail from Aswan to Abu Simbel across Lake Nasser to see the monuments of ancient Nubia on a 5-day cruise.

Cairo & Pyramids – Discover the diverse capital of Egypt. Begin your journey at **Saqqara**, home to the first pyramid ever built by the Egyptians, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. See two early pyramids in **Dahshur** and take in the sight of the magnificent **Pyramids of Giza** and the enigmatic **Sphinx**.

Memphis – Visit Egypt's first capital and gaze up at a monumental 35-foot-tall statue of Ramses II.

Grand Egyptian Museum – Delve into the world's largest collection of Pharaonic treasures, including King Tut's famous golden mask.

Middle Egypt & Tell el-Amarna – Visit the archaeological site of **Tell el-Amarna**, which was once the capital city of Akhetaten. See rock-cut tombs that date to the Middle Kingdom at **Beni Hassan** and explore **Tuna el-Gebel** with its temples, tombs and animal mummies.

Abydos & Dendera – Discover **Abydos**, the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt, and **Dendera Temple**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt.

Luxor – Visit the enormous **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples**. Explore the tombs of the pharaohs in the **Valley of the Kings** and their wives' tombs in the **Valley of the Queens**, including the beautiful **Nefertari's tomb**. Discover the great **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, and admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Edfu & Kom Ombo – Visit the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, and the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**.

Aswan – Admire the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the world's largest ancient obelisk, and discover the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. Marvel at the feat of engineering behind the 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam** and visit the **Nubian Museum**, which houses more than 3,000 artifacts.

Nubia – Start with **Kalabsha Temple**, the largest free-standing temple in Nubia, and the nearby rock-cut temple of **Beit el-Wali**. Discover the **Temple of Wadi el-Sebua**, from the time of Ramses II. Explore the **Temple of Amada**, the oldest temple in Nubia, and the **Temple of Derr**, which boasts well-preserved reliefs. Visit the beautiful **tomb of Penout** and view the **Citadel of Kasr Ibrim**, where archaeologists found the world's largest collection of Old Nubian scripts.

Abu Simbel – Explore the magnificent temples of **Abu Simbel** during two unforgettable days.

Historic Cairo – Experience the exotic vibe of Cairo and explore the city's two historic architectural gems, the **Saladin Citadel** and the **Alabaster Mosque**.






Cultural Experiences – Meet with Nubians and experience their way of living by visiting their homes and local school. Stroll through the most atmospheric **old souks in Luxor and Aswan**. Connect with locals and enjoy authentic traditional musical performances.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Cairo






-  Cairo
-  Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, an *Archaeological Paths'* representative greets you and helps you with visa and airport procedures. You are then transferred to a luxurious 5-star cruise ship to begin your unforgettable journey through Egypt's ancient history.

DAY 2

Saqqara | Memphis | Dahshur



-  Cairo > Saqqara > Memphis > Dahshur > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

After an orientation with *Archaeological Paths'* representatives, you visit the ancient necropolis of **Saqqara**. Admire the **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the oldest pyramid in Egypt, built 4,700 years ago by the legendary architect Imhotep. You also visit the elaborately decorated **Tomb of Mereruka** and the **Pyramid of Teti**, which boasts one of the oldest pyramid texts ever discovered. Wrap up your sightseeing in Saqqara with a visit to the **Imhotep Museum**.


After lunch, you visit the ruins of **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt, where you gaze up at a monumental 35-foot-tall statue of Ramses II carved from limestone. Then you head to **Dahshur**, home to the **Bent and Red Pyramids**, built for Pharaoh Snefru. These pyramids are among the oldest, largest and best preserved in Egypt.





DAY 3

Private Entry to the Giza Plateau | Special Access Between the Paws of the Great Sphinx with Director General of the Giza Plateau | Private Entry to the Great Pyramid of Khufu VIP tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum with Dr. Tarek Tawfik




 In the morning, when the entire **Giza Plateau** remains closed to other tourists, *Archaeological Paths'* guests have exclusive access to this iconic ancient site.

 First, you enjoy private entry to the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**. After you marvel at the **King's Chamber** in the pyramid's interior, the **Director of the Giza Pyramids** opens two additional chambers just for you: the **Queen's Chamber** and the **Subterranean Chamber**, both closed to the public.


 Next, you have VIP access to the **Great Sphinx Enclosure**. While other tourists see the Sphinx only from a distant observation terrace, you stand right in front of the world's most recognizable sculpture.






 During this visit, you will be joined by none other than **Dr. Ashraf Mohie El-Din, Director General of the Giza Pyramids Plateau**. You will gain access to exclusive insights into recent excavations, groundbreaking research, and discoveries that have yet to be made public. You'll be captivated as Dr. Mohie El-Din describes a restoration project underway at the Great Sphinx and reveals the hidden tunnels that lie beneath it.

Afterward, you visit the **stone quarry of Giza** and explore the **Valley Temple of Khafre**. Finally, take in a picturesque overview of the pyramids from a **panoramic viewpoint**.

In the afternoon, you visit the long-anticipated **Grand Egyptian Museum**. It is home to the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, preserving 7,000 years of Egyptian history.

 You will explore the museum's treasures with **Dr. Tarek Tawfik**, one of the Directors of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Dr. Tawfik oversaw this mammoth project for many years, including moving 50,000 artifacts from other museums to their new home. Learn about the inside story and secrets of the museum with someone who was instrumental in its planning.



-  Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

The highlight of the visit is the spectacular **Pharaoh Tutankhamun collection**, displayed in its entirety for the first time. Also not to be missed among the most valuable collection of Egyptian antiquities is the **Khufu Solar Boat**, which symbolically transported the Pharaoh Khufu from the living world to the afterlife.

DAY 4

Sailing from Cairo to Beni Suef



📍 Cairo > Beni Suef

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

🚢 MS Steigenberger Cruises

Enjoy the stunning views from the cruise ship's sundeck while sailing from Cairo to Beni Suef. The river here is very shallow and only about a quarter of a mile wide. The mountains on the east side reach down to the riverbanks. They are bare, white and sandy, and their appearance changes with each passing mile.

Before dinner, you are invited to the **captain's cocktail party**, where you meet the crew and taste delicious local and international cocktails.



DAY 5

Sailing from Beni Suef to Minya | Q&A Session



📍 Beni Suef > Minya

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

🚢 MS Steigenberger Cruises

Spend the day sailing to Minya. While enjoying your cruise, don't miss an engaging **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert who answers your questions and shares beyond-the-guidebook knowledge about ancient Egypt. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board to the accompaniment of traditional folk music.

DAY 6

Tuna el-Gebel | Temple of Thoth | Beni Hasan



📍 Minya

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

🚢 MS Steigenberger Cruises

After breakfast, you visit **Tuna el-Gebel**, an expansive site with a variety of temples and tombs. There, you explore the catacombs of the god Thoth, which used to store millions of animal mummies, and admire the **tombs of Isadora and Petosiris** with their exquisite paintings.

Next, you explore the great **Temple of Thoth**, an open-air museum that contains ancient treasures excavated quite recently. Continue to **Beni Hasan** to see the rock-cut tombs of Middle Kingdom nobles. Carved into the limestone cliffs, the tombs give a rare insight into the everyday life, customs and beliefs of ancient Egyptians.



DAY 7

Tell el-Amarna | Prince Tawdrous Monastery | Sailing from Minya to Asyut



📍 Minya > Asyut

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

🚢 MS Steigenberger Cruises

You continue sailing through Middle Egypt this morning, reaching **Tell el-Amarna**. This is where Pharaoh Akhenaten pursued his vision of a society dedicated to the cult of one god – Aten, the sun god – later considered heretical. Visit the nobles' tombs with wall reliefs unequalled anywhere else in Egypt.




While sailing toward Asyut, you stop in front of **Prince Tawdrous Monastery** to view it from the boat.

👁️ Tonight's onboard dinner features exquisite Egyptian cuisine and an **Egyptian Night** costume party in traditional galabeyas.

DAY 8

Sailing from Asyut to Sohag | Q&A Session






-  Asyut > Sohag
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

Today, you can relax while cruising the Nile toward Sohag. Enjoy a drink on the beautiful sundeck while admiring the local wildlife, flourishing green fields, picturesque villages, palm trees and desert in the distance. Have a swim in the pool or use the ship's spa, jacuzzi or gym facilities. With all these possibilities for relaxation, do not miss another fascinating **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert. This time it focuses on the country's modern history and daily life of Egyptians. Gain inside knowledge about Egyptian culture and customs right from the source.

DAY 9

Abydos Temple | Sailing from Sohag to Nag Hammadi



-  Sohag > Nag Hammadi
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises




In the morning, you arrive at **Abydos**, the holy city of Osiris. There, you visit the **Abydos Temple** – also known as the Temple of Seti I, who began its construction. The temple is built of white limestone and, artistically, represents an attempt to restore the old ways after the heresies of Akhenaten. The temple once was the holiest site in the land and the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt.

In the afternoon you return to your ship and begin sailing to Nag Hammadi. Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing and admiring beautiful landscapes around you.

DAY 10

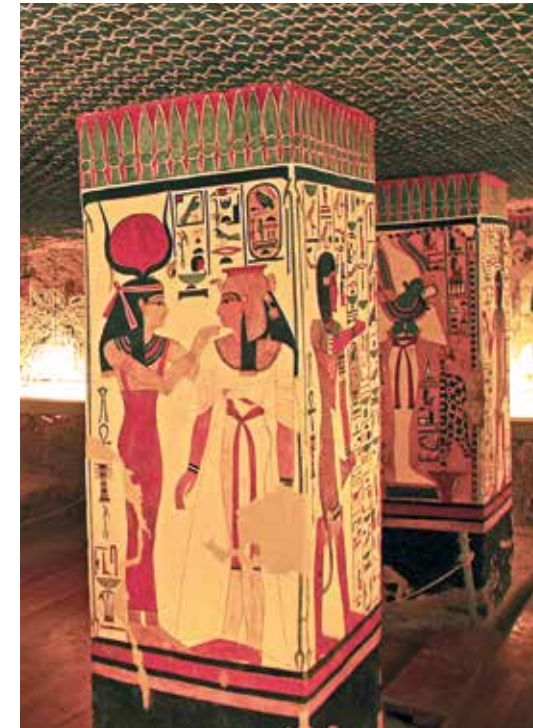
Dendera Temple | Sailing from Nag Hammadi to Luxor






-  Nag Hammadi > Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

Today you visit **Dendera**, a temple complex with many chapels and shrines. Its main temple – one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt – is dedicated to the goddess Hathor. It sets itself apart from other temples by its colossal columns and spectacular ceilings covered with vibrant and colorful paintings.


DAY 11

Valley of the Kings | Valley of the Queens | Temple of Hatshepsut
Colossi of Memnon | Luxor Market

-  Luxor
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

This is your first day in Luxor, the ancient capital city of Thebes. After breakfast, a short motorboat ride across the Nile takes you to the **Valley of the Kings**. It was a royal cemetery for over 500 years, and 62 pharaohs and other nobles were buried there. In the Valley, you see some of the best-known tombs, including **King Tutankhamun's**, which was famously found intact in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter.




The Valley of the Queens is your next stop. It served as the burial site for the queens and some of the children of the 19th and 20th Dynasty pharaohs. You visit four very well-preserved tombs including **Nefertari's**, which is regarded as the most beautiful in Egypt because of its vivid and ornate paintings. Later, you visit the **Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**, one of the most characteristic temples in Luxor. It was built for the most successful female pharaoh to rule over Egypt. On the way back to the cruise ship you stop to admire the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

-  Before dinner, enjoy a **traditional belly dance performance**. In the evening you explore **Luxor Market**, an authentic, open-air souk. There, you have a chance to connect with locals at every turn and sample regional delicacies.

DAY 12

Karnak Temple | Luxor Temple | Sailing from Luxor to Edfu



-  Luxor > Edfu
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises




On your second day in Luxor, you visit famous **Karnak**, the largest temple complex in the world. Walk through the avenue of sphinxes, gaze up at the towering 97-foot-tall obelisk and wander among the massive pillars of the Great Hypostyle Hall.

Then, it's on to the magnificent **Luxor Temple**. It was built over hundreds of years by the New Kingdom pharaohs including Tutankhamun and Ramses II. To this day the temple is one of the greatest reflections of the pharaohs' power and supremacy.

Later you can enjoy refreshments on the cruise ship's sundeck while sailing to Edfu or avail yourself of some of the ship's other amenities.

DAY 13

Edfu Temple | Sailing from Edfu to Kom Ombo | Q&A Session
Kom Ombo Temple | Sailing from Kom Ombo to Aswan

-  Edfu > Kom Ombo > Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises




Begin the day with a visit to the marvelous **Temple of Edfu**. It is among the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt, built between 237 and 57 BC, and dedicated to the falcon god Horus. On the way along the Nile to the next site, take part in the third **Q&A session** with your Egyptology Expert. The sites you have seen over the past few days as well as those you have yet to discover are great talking points.

In the afternoon you visit the Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It was built between 205 and 180 BC as a place of worship for two gods: Horus and Sobek, the crocodile god. The day ends with a visit to the **Crocodile Museum**, which houses a collection of mummified crocodiles and ancient carvings.


DAY 14


Unfinished Obelisk | Nubian Museum | Nubian Village | Aswan Old Souk



-  Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Cruises

Start your sightseeing in Aswan with a visit to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, the largest-known ancient obelisk, lying on its side in a stone quarry. It measures around 140 feet tall and weighs nearly 1,200 tons. Later, you visit the **Nubian Museum**. It houses more than 3,000 artifacts and serves as a focal point for Nubian culture from prehistory to the present day.




 After lunch, a motorboat ride takes you through the **cataracts of the Nile** to a **Nubian village**. There, you meet the Nubians and visit their homes and local school to experience their way of living. Back on board the cruise ship, you enjoy a **Nubian party** featuring traditional music and folk dances.

 In the evening you stroll through the **Aswan Old Souk**, an atmospheric open-air market. Don't forget to try the local shisha and taste some traditional Egyptian tea.

DAY 15

Temple of Philae | Aswan High Dam



-  Aswan
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Omar El Khayam

Today your sail along the Nile comes to an end. It is, however, the beginning of another amazing cruise on Lake Nasser, a vast reservoir in the middle of the desert.




After lunch, you take a motorboat ride to the **Temple of Philae**, beautifully located on an island. The temple was built in 208 BC and dedicated to the goddess Isis. On the way back to the cruise ship, you stop to see the imposing 2-mile-long **Aswan High Dam**. Its construction began in 1960, lasted 8 years and cost \$1 billion. The dam ended the cycle of flood and drought in the Nile River region.

In the evening you are invited to the **captain's cocktail party**, where you mix with another crew and sample classic and creative cocktails.

DAY 16

Kalabsha Temple | Beit el-Wali Temple | Kiosk of Qertassi
Sailing from Aswan to Wadi el-Sebua



-  Aswan > Nubia
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Omar El Khayam




Bid farewell to Aswan and begin your exploration of the Nubian region of southern Egypt. Start with **Kalabsha Temple**, constructed in the Ptolemaic and Roman period. It has been described as “amongst the most precious remains of Egyptian antiquity”. The next stop is **Beit el-Wali**, a small rock-cut temple dedicated to Amun-Ra. It boasts a patio decorated with spectacular scenes from the military campaigns of Ramses II. Later, visit the Roman **Kiosk of Qertassi** that commands fine views of Lake Nasser.

While crossing the Tropic of Cancer on the way to Wadi el-Sebua, enjoy lunch and authentic Egyptian tea.

DAY 17

Temple of Wadi el-Sebua | Sailing from Wadi el-Sebua to Amada
Temple of Amada | Temple of Derr | Tomb of Penout



-  Nubia
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Omar El Khayam

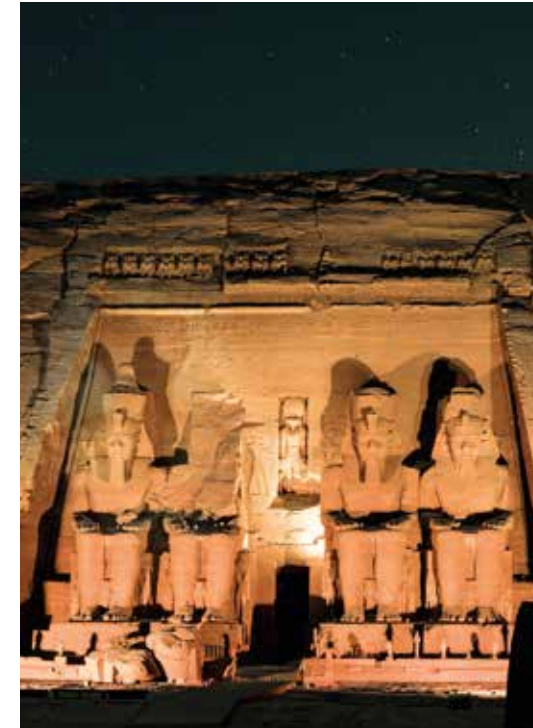
In the morning you visit the site of **Wadi el-Sebua**, which means “Valley of the Lions” – so called for the avenue of sphinxes that leads up to the temple built during the reign of Ramses II. Its remote location gives visitors the feeling that they are discovering this temple for the first time.




Next, explore the **Temple of Amada**, the oldest temple in Nubia, dedicated to the god Amun.

The **Temple of Derr** is your next stop. The only rock-cut temple in Nubia boasts well-preserved reliefs illustrating the Nubian campaign of Ramses II, who, accompanied by his famous pet lion, is smiting his enemies. Finally, admire the beautiful **tomb of Penout**, a high-ranking official who lived at the time of Ramses IV.

DAY 18

Sailing from Amada to Kasr Ibrim | The Citadel of Kasr Ibrim
Sailing from Kasr Ibrim to Abu Simbel | Abu Simbel Temples



-  Nubia > Abu Simbel
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  MS Steigenberger Omar El Khayam




Today you sail to **Kasr Ibrim**, the only ancient site in lower Nubia not to have been submerged by Lake Nasser. You view the **Citadel of Kasr Ibrim** from the ship’s sundeck, as visitors are not permitted to go ashore. The citadel features a range of different architectural styles, thanks to the area’s occupation by ancient Egyptians, Romans and, later, Coptic Christians. Archaeologists have uncovered here the world’s largest collection of Old Nubian texts.

Another sail brings you to Abu Simbel. There, you explore the majestic **Abu Simbel Temples**, one of the most impressive monuments of ancient Egypt. The temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC for Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.

DAY 19

Abu Simbel Temples | Saladin Citadel & Alabaster Mosque
of Muhammad Ali | Farewell Dinner



-  Abu Simbel > Cairo
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  Four Seasons Hotel Cairo
at The First Residence

In the morning, you revisit the **Abu Simbel Temples**. Take beautiful pictures of four colossal statues of the pharaoh facing the rising sun and looking out over a crystal-clear lake.

Then, a short flight takes you back to Cairo to top off the tour with a visit to the 12th-century Islamic fortress, known as the **Saladin Citadel**, and the **Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali**. The mosque was built on the summit of the citadel between 1830 and 1848, bringing an unparalleled contribution to the skyline of Cairo.

In the evening, during the **farewell dinner**, enjoy live music and celebrate your unforgettable journey across Egypt.

Departure from Cairo



Cairo



Breakfast

After breakfast, you are transferred to Cairo International Airport for your flight back home.



KARNAK TEMPLE COMPLEX

TOUR INFORMATION

PRICES STARTING FROM

\$12,985
Double Occupancy

\$2,985
Single Supplement

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$1,200 deposit – during booking
- Remaining balance – 90 days before the tour

Prices are in USD, per person.

DATES & BOOKING

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EXTENSIONS

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1-DAY ADD-ONS

EGYPT

- CAIRO MUSEUMS
- MEMPHIS & DAHSHUR
- ALEXANDRIA



5-DAY ADD-ONS

- ISRAEL
- JORDAN



The list of all available add-ons on each particular tour can be found in the EXTENSIONS section after each tour's itinerary.

EGYPT 1-DAY ADD-ONS

CAIRO MUSEUMS



- Cairo
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 5-Star Hotel (Cairo)

During this one-day add-on, visit two of Cairo's most important museums.* First, explore the **Museum of Egyptian Antiquities in Tahrir Square**. It was built in 1902, and its iconic pink-toned walls in the midst of downtown Cairo still house an extensive collection of Pharaonic antiquities. After lunch, visit the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**. Just opened in 2017, the museum tells the story of Egypt's rich history and contribution to world cultures – from ancient times through the Greco-Roman, Coptic, and Islamic periods – with fascinating exhibitions and artifacts, including royal mummies of the greatest pharaohs.

*A visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum is already included on our tours.

Price

\$595 - Double Occupancy

\$795 - Single Occupancy

Prices are in USD, per person. The add-on includes accommodation for 1 night at the same hotel as during the main tour.

MEMPHIS & DAHSHUR



- Cairo > Memphis > Dahshur > Cairo
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 5-Star Hotel (Cairo)

Discover **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt, and **Dahshur**, home to the Bent and Red Pyramids. In Memphis, you visit a historical open-air museum and admire a 35 feet in length monumental statue of **Ramses II** carved from limestone. Dahshur gives you a chance to explore two of the oldest, largest and best-preserved pyramids in Egypt – the **Bent and Red Pyramids**. They were built for Pharaoh Snefru between 2613 and 2589 BC. The Bent Pyramid answers many questions on how the Egyptian pyramids evolved. Its unusual angle makes it one of the most unique and recognizable pyramids in Egypt.

Price

\$595 - Double Occupancy

\$795 - Single Occupancy

Prices are in USD, per person. The add-on includes accommodation for 1 night at the same hotel as during the main tour.

ALEXANDRIA



- Cairo > Alexandria > Cairo
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 5-Star Hotel (Cairo)

The tour starts in the morning with a 3-hour drive on an air-conditioned bus. **Alexandria** is the second largest city in Egypt, famous for its Greco-Roman remains and Mediterranean character. The city was founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC and was the capital of Egypt for more than 300 years. The add-on covers all highlights, including the **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, the catacombs of **Kom ash-Shuqqafa**, the **Roman Amphitheater**, the harbor of Alexandria with the picturesque **Citadel of Sultan Qaitbay**, and the place where the famous **Lighthouse of Alexandria** – one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World – once stood. In the evening you return to your hotel in Cairo for dinner and overnight stay.

Price

\$595 - Double Occupancy

\$795 - Single Occupancy

Prices are in USD, per person. The add-on includes accommodation for 1 night at the same hotel as during the main tour.



5-DAY ADD-ON

ISRAEL

Visit Israel – the Holy Land – full of archaeological wonders and UNESCO World Heritage Sites and the sacred home of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Stroll around the streets of Jerusalem. Walk in the footsteps of King David. See the Western Wall, one of the holiest places in Judaism. Enjoy a scenic ride through the Judean Desert and along the shore of the Dead Sea to visit Masada, the ancient fortress built by King Herod and now Israel's foremost archaeological park.



EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCES

VIP

Israel Museum:

Visit Israel's largest cultural institution in the company of one of the museum's curators. Gain exclusive insight into the finest artifacts and treasures, which range from ancient texts, including Dead Sea Scrolls, to contemporary sculpture and art.

VIP

City of David National Park:




Explore this active archaeological site with one of the field excavation directors. Discover the place where Jerusalem was founded and witness how archaeological finds, historical texts, and biblical narratives converge in this fascinating country.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Israel






-  Tel Aviv > Jerusalem
-  Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Jerusalem)

When you arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport, an *Archaeological Paths'* representative greets you and transfers you to a 5-star hotel in Jerusalem. Enjoy the rest of the day before the evening's welcome dinner.

DAY 2


Jerusalem | VIP tour of the City of David National Park with the Field Excavation Director | Western Wall | Church of the Holy Sepulchre VIP tour of the Israel Museum with a Museum Curator



-  Jerusalem
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Jerusalem)

Spend the day exploring **Jerusalem**, a city sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims. The tour starts with a VIP tour of the **City of David**, the place where biblical Jerusalem was founded. **One of the field excavation directors** takes you to an active excavation site and shows you the latest discoveries, including remains of houses, streets and fortifications.




You continue to the **Western Wall**, the only remaining part of the Second Temple and one of Judaism's most sacred sites. Next, you visit one of the holiest places for Christians – the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, which is identified as the place where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, buried and resurrected.

-  Top off the day with a VIP visit to the **Israel Museum** to see the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Exclusively for you, **a curator** provides in-depth and beyond-the-guidebook insights into the world's most extensive collection of the Holy Land's biblical and archaeological artifacts.

DAY 3

Judean Desert | Masada | Dead Sea | Beit She'an






-  Jerusalem > Masada > Beit She'an > Tiberias
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Tiberias)

The day starts with a ride through the **Judean Desert** to **Masada**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You ascend to the plateau by cable car to see the 2,000-year-old fortress built by King Herod and learn the story of the Jews' fight against the Roman army. Later, you drive along the **Dead Sea**, one of the saltiest bodies of water in the world and the Earth's lowest point on dry land. Finish the day with a scenic drive along the Jordan River and a visit to **Beit She'an**, one of the oldest cities in Israel, which was known during Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine times as Scythopolis.

DAY 4

Capernaum | Magdala | Tzipori National Park | Tel Megiddo



-  Tiberias > Tzipori > Tel Aviv
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Tel Aviv)

Capernaum, a historic village along the coast of the Sea of Galilee, is today's first destination. It is home to an ancient synagogue, a church and the ruins of the house of Saint Peter where, according to Christians, Jesus lived and taught. You also visit the ancient city of **Magdala**, which is thought to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene.



Next, explore **Tzipori National Park**, rich with archaeological significance. It contains an enormous and well-preserved Roman-era amphitheater, a Byzantine synagogue known for its stunning mosaics, and a Crusader castle. For centuries, Tzipori was the capital of the Galilee, a major center of religious and cultural activity.



DAY 4 – CONTINUATION



Your visit to **Tel Megiddo**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, brings you to one of the most important trade cities in Israel's history. The strategic location of this well-preserved archaeological site meant that it saw numerous battles over the millennia, possibly more than any other single place in the world. Here, you see Solomon's Gate, the remains of Canaanite and Israelite settlements and a panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley.

DAY 5

Departure to Cairo



Tel Aviv



Breakfast

It is time to say goodbye to Israel and its historical wonders. After breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Cairo to begin your journey across Egypt.

TOUR INFORMATION

PRICES

\$4,985

Double Occupancy

\$995

Single Supplement

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$600 deposit – during booking
- Remaining balance – 90 days before the tour

Prices are in USD, per person. The add-on starts 5 days before and ends a day prior to the Egypt tour; therefore, an additional night at the hotel in Egypt is required. You can either book a room for that extra night through our company or join our 1-day pre-tour add-on which includes the additional night.



5-DAY ADD-ON

JORDAN

Experience Jordan on a fascinating tour to a land of ancient wonders. Unveil the secrets of the Rose City of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the desert of Wadi Rum, also known as the Valley of the Moon, with its prehistoric petroglyphs and ever-changing landscape of otherworldly rock formations. Take a relaxing dip in the Dead Sea and visit Mount Nebo, from where Moses is believed to have seen the Promised Land.



EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCE

VIP

Petra with an archaeologist:

Explore Jordan's most famous site together with one of the leading archaeologists working there. Learn about the latest research and discoveries made in Petra and uncover the secrets of the Treasury, Petra's most magnificent temple.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Jordan



-  Amman
-  Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Amman)

After your Egyptian journey, a 1-hour flight takes you to Jordan. Upon arrival in Amman, an *Archaeological Paths'* representative greets you and transfers you to a 5-star hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day off before tonight's dinner introduces you to Jordanian cuisine.

DAY 2

Amman | Wadi Rum Desert



-  Amman > Wadi Rum > Petra
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Petra)

Begin with a city tour of **Amman** which includes visiting the ruins of the **Roman amphitheater** and the ancient **Amman Citadel**, where the Umayyad Palace and the Temple of Hercules tower over Amman's modern skyline. You also stop at the rich and fascinating archaeological and folklore museums.



Next, you head south to the famous **Wadi Rum**, Jordan's largest – and one of the world's most beautiful – deserts. Movies such as *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Martian* and *Star Wars* were shot here. Admire the desert's spectacular landscape from a 4x4 vehicle. See ancient rock carvings, petroglyphs and inscriptions that testify to 12,000 years of human habitation and interaction with the natural environment.


DAY 3

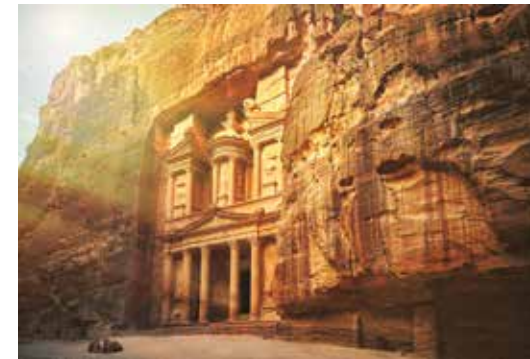
Petra | Exclusive Lecture by an Archaeologist



-  Petra
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Petra)

Spend an entire day exploring **Petra** – one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Made famous to Western audiences after being featured in the movie *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges. The monuments that fill modern visitors with awe are what remains of the ancient capital of the Nabataean empire, which thrived between 400 BC and 106 AD. Discover Petra's spectacular treasury, royal tombs and significant places of worship.




 In Petra you are joined by **one of the leading archaeologists** working at the site who takes you on a VIP tour. Learn about the latest research and discoveries made in there and uncover the secrets of the Treasury, Petra's most magnificent temple, which is believed to conceal a pharaoh's treasure.



DAY 4

Shobak | Madaba | Mount Nebo | Dead Sea



-  Petra > Madaba > Dead Sea
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
-  5-Star Hotel (Dead Sea)

In the morning, you explore the majestic **Shobak Castle**, one of the most impressive Crusader castles in Jordan. Thanks to its strategic position, east of the Dead Sea, Shobak Castle's rulers were able to control the trade routes from Damascus to Egypt and Mecca. Next, visit St. George's Church in **Madaba**, which features the oldest mosaic map of the Holy Land. It is one of the most important archaeological finds in Western Asia, which was discovered at the end of the 19th century during the construction of St George's Church on the foundations of a former Byzantine church.



DAY 4 – CONTINUATION





In the afternoon, you take in the view from **Mount Nebo**, with its majestic monastery overlooking the **Dead Sea**. Mount Nebo is where Moses is believed to have seen the Promised Land. Later, during lunch, experience the taste of authentic Jordanian dishes. The last stop of the day is a 5-star resort by the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth and one of the saltiest bodies of water in the world. Enjoy your free time before the farewell dinner in the evening.

DAY 5

Departure

It is time to say goodbye to Jordan and its historical and natural wonders. After breakfast, you are transferred to the Queen Alia International Airport for your flight home.

-  Dead Sea > Amman
-  Breakfast

TOUR INFORMATION

PRICES

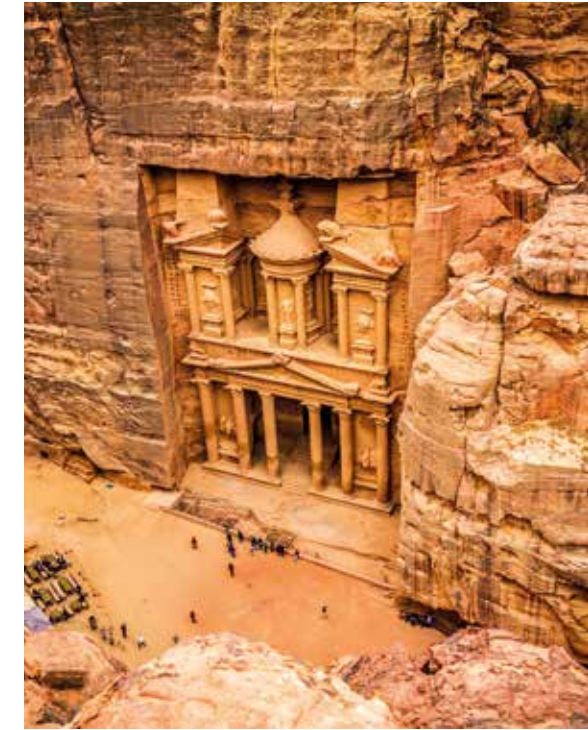
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ABOUT ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS

Archaeological Paths is recognized for its dedication and endless fascination in crafting utterly original, lavish, and extraordinary travels. However, our mission is not only to create unmatched travel experiences, but also to make a real difference in the world of science and archaeology.

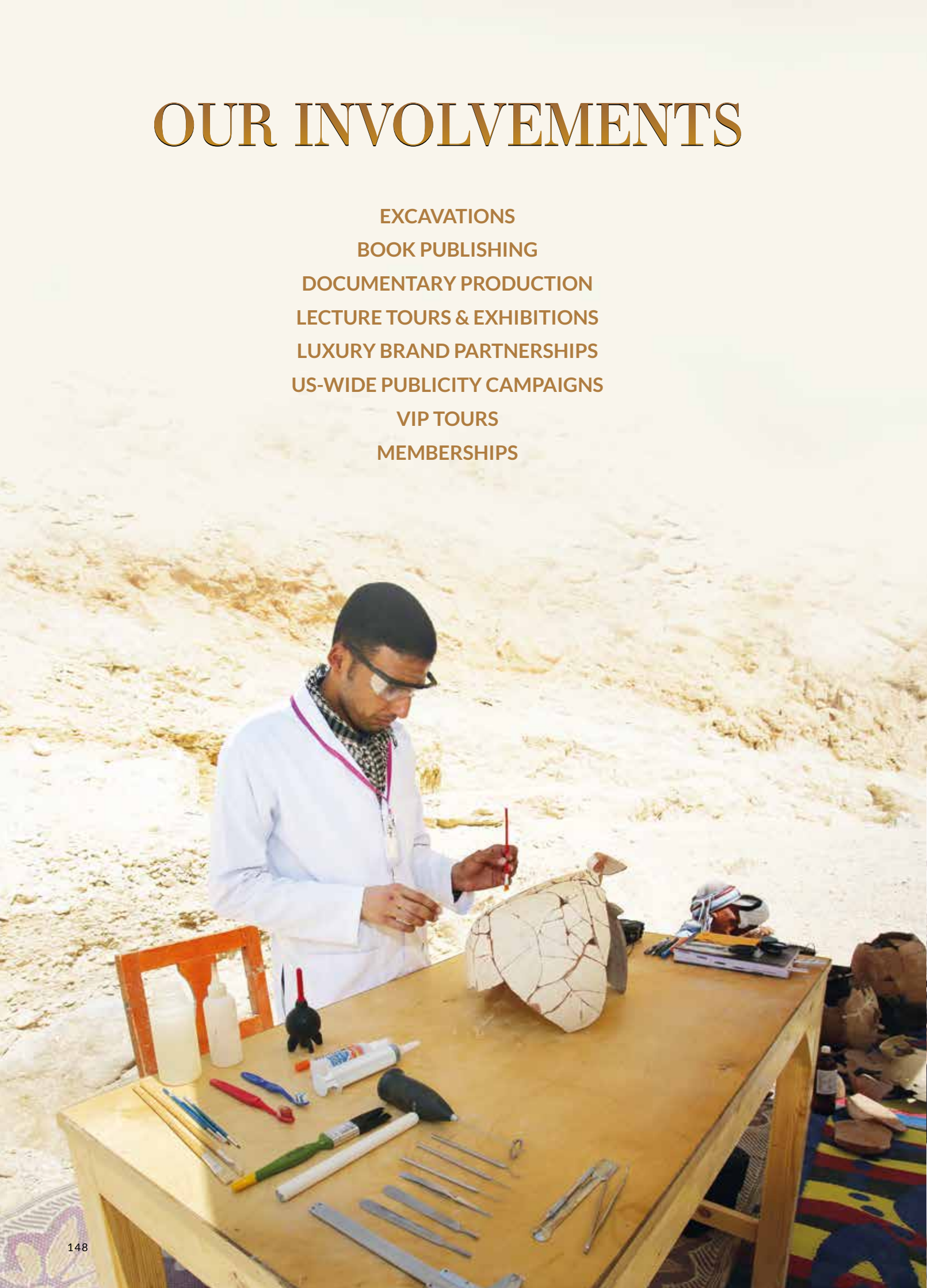
Our company sponsors excavations, restorations and other groundbreaking projects. We are involved in a wide variety of activities, from publishing books and producing documentaries to organizing world lecture tours, conferences and exhibitions.

Experience the extraordinary on our tours and, at the same time, actively support Egypt's heritage.



OUR INVOLVEMENTS

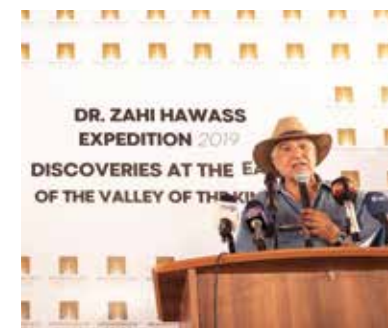
- EXCAVATIONS
- BOOK PUBLISHING
- DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION
- LECTURE TOURS & EXHIBITIONS
- LUXURY BRAND PARTNERSHIPS
- US-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS
- VIP TOURS
- MEMBERSHIPS



EXCAVATIONS

Archaeological Paths sponsors archaeological research, excavations and restoration all over Egypt. We are an active supporter of Dr. Zahi Hawass' large-scale excavation projects at the most significant sites in Egypt, such as the Valley of the Kings.

Dr. Zahi Hawass' 2019 EXPEDITION – Discoveries at the Valley of the Kings



In 2019, *Archaeological Paths* organized a media event celebrating Dr. Hawass' research and discoveries for that year. The highlight of the event was the announcement of a new tomb found by Dr. Hawass – KV65. The discovery made headlines all around the world. The event was attended by renowned archaeologists, ambassadors, ministers, as well as *Archaeological Paths*' tour guests. More fascinating discoveries are certainly in store, and our guests will watch them unfold for years to come.

Thanks to Archaeological Paths, we are able to reveal the glory and secrets of the Valley of the Kings. I really think that the name of Archaeological Paths should go down in history, written in gold, for its contribution to the promotion of ancient Egyptian heritage.

– Dr. Zahi Hawass



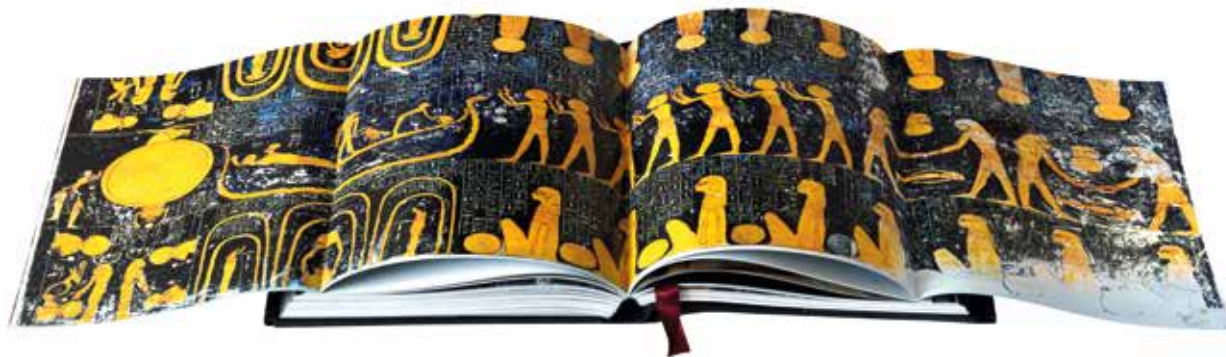
BOOK PUBLISHING

Archaeological Paths has been actively sharing the latest research and discoveries by copublishing and sponsoring a number of publications on ancient Egypt.

Copublisher and sponsor of *A Secret Voyage* and *The Legend of Tutankhamun*



Dr. Zahi Hawass has written more than 50 books – none of them, however, compare to his work on two lavish publications: *A Secret Voyage* and *The Legend of Tutankhamun*, which celebrate the sublime world of ancient Egypt. Both books are limited editions – only 750 copies of *A Secret Voyage* and 999 copies of *The Legend of Tutankhamun* were printed. The books were gifted to leaders in archaeology, business, and politics, including US President Barack Obama, Queen Sophia of Spain, the royal family of Qatar and the director of the British Museum, Neil MacGregor.



Copublisher and sponsor of *Zahi Hawass' Secret Egypt* travel guide



In 2019, the book *Zahi Hawass' Secret Egypt* was launched in Cairo. For the first time, Dr. Hawass has not written about the history of the pharaohs but has released a unique travel guide with his personally recommended must-see sites of Egypt. In this ultimate guide to Egypt's treasures, readers can find Dr. Hawass' personal recommendations, opinions and ideas on traveling through Egypt. The book also carries an endorsement of *Archaeological Paths*, which – in Dr. Hawass' own words – is the best tour company to travel to Egypt with:

This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. No one can tour Egypt like this.

– Dr. Hawass

DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION

Wherever the new discoveries are made, our company is there to reveal them to the world and bring you up close with the most significant findings.

Discovery Channel's *Expedition Unknown: Egypt Live*

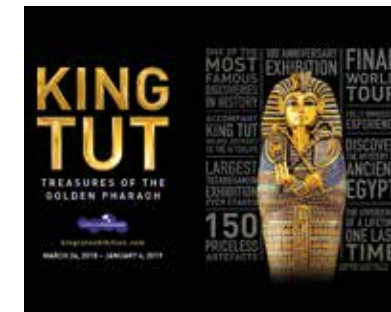


Archaeological Paths' team was involved in the production of Discovery Channel's live program in which explorer Josh Gates and Egyptologist Dr. Zahi Hawass explored a remote burial site and its deep tunnels underground in Middle Egypt. Audiences from around the world witnessed history as Dr. Hawass uncovered the 2,500-year-old mummy of a high priest.

LECTURE TOURS & EXHIBITIONS

Archaeological Paths sponsors and organizes lectures and exhibitions all over the world to provide you with a new insight into ancient history.

Official partner of the exhibition *Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh*



In 2018, Egypt sent 150 original artifacts from King Tut's tomb – the largest collection ever sent outside the country – to Los Angeles for the debut of the exhibition *Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh*.

Organizer of Dr. Zahi Hawass' 2023 US Grand Lecture Tour



Archaeological Paths is an organizer of the first-time ever US Grand Lecture Tour in 2023 in 23 of the biggest US cities. These lectures will be the first time that Dr. Hawass presents his groundbreaking new discoveries and latest research live on stage.

The biggest archaeological lecture tour in history!

— Dr. Hawass

LUXURY BRAND PARTNERSHIPS

Each year Archaeological Paths partners with luxury brands and is featured in high-end publications. Our latest partnerships include:

Official partner of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club



Archaeological Paths is an official partner of the annual meetings of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club and has been featured in its yearbook, *Strive for Perfection*, in the section titled *Magical History Tour*.

Archaeological Paths' unique tours of Egypt draw upon historical expertise and state-authorized access to heritage sites. These prestigious tours dig far deeper than any traditional tours. And all this can be experienced while staying in historical palaces, sailing on luxurious cruise ships, and dining at the most exquisite local restaurants. The company has an unprecedented level of access, holding private tours of Giza and Luxor and meeting with world-renowned experts. The tours have been arranged with the advice of Dr. Zahi Hawass, who is working exclusively with Archaeological Paths.

— *Strive for Perfection* Publication



Official Partner of Her Majesty The Queen
- The Official Platinum Jubilee Pageant Commemorative Album



In honor of Her Majesty The Queen as the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of glorious service, a beautifully designed book titled *Her Majesty The Queen: The Official Platinum Jubilee Pageant Commemorative Album* was published in 2022. St James's House, the author of this royal publication, identified "best of breed" companies for inclusion in this project and Archaeological Paths is proud to have been selected as one of its editorial contributors.



Archaeological Paths and its tours that take guests from the pyramids of Egypt to Turkey's biblical cities, and from the Armenian Highlands to the highlights of India were featured in the book in a chapter called *Cause for Jubilation*. A specially dedicated article on our company's luxurious journeys invites the readers to experience a trip of their lifetime by conveying this simple message: *Archaeological Paths tour doesn't just take you to another place - you'll be transported to a whole other time.*

Official Partner of 300 Years of Leadership and Innovation
- Royal Edition, publication in honor of Queen Elizabeth's 95th birthday



In 2021, an extraordinary work was published by the History of Parliament Trust, one of the most ambitious and well-researched academic projects in British history. This project was founded by two Houses of Parliament members, and the quality of its research and writing was monitored by an editorial board of historians. Archaeological Paths became an enduring part of the story as it was profiled in an exquisite publication celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 95th birthday.

A special chapter titled *Extraordinary Paths* describes Archaeological Paths which offers access-all-areas tours of Egypt and beyond, with scholarly insight from renowned experts. People traveling to Egypt with Archaeological Paths don't simply visit globally renowned destinations and world heritage sites - they get up close and personal. It's about embracing a sense of magic - and adding an extra sprinkle of pixie dust.

Official partner of the 100 Years of Bentley Motors

2019



Archaeological Paths was an official partner of the Bentley Motors' 100th anniversary celebrations and was featured in the publication *Exploring the Extraordinary: 100 Years of Bentley Motors*, in the section titled *Visit Egypt Like a Pharaoh*.

We are proud that the committee of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club and the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club Chairman selected Archaeological Paths as a partner of Bentley 100 because we share the same passion and create enthralling stories unlike any other. Archaeological Paths' tours are prepared by passionate experts who combine extraordinary itineraries and luxurious lifestyle. They curate the best possible experience by including visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites as well as places closed to the public. Their exceptional VIP tours are led by world-renowned experts, archaeologists, officials and prestigious hosts. Archaeological Paths' inspiring and exciting voyage of discovery represents Bentley's values and style. We believe that Archaeological Paths is the only tour operator worthy of being a partner during Bentley's 100th birthday celebration.

— Richard Freed,
Executive Director of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club



US-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS

Over the years *Archaeological Paths* has become one of the biggest supporters and advocates of Egypt in the United States.

The voice of Egypt in Times Square, New York City



In 2019, *Archaeological Paths* launched a new advertising campaign in the very heart of New York City. One of the largest, most eye-catching digital billboards in the center of Times Square promoted our tours to Egypt with Dr. Zahi Hawass. The campaign's kickoff was attended by John Rogers, Executive Vice President of the Goldman Sachs Group, Hani Nagi, Deputy Consul General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and archaeologists from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Egypt has magic and gives you the thrill of new discoveries. All of this you can experience only with Archaeological Paths.

— Dr. Zahi Hawass



Official partner of *Our Future King: Prince Charles at 70* book launch

2018



Archaeological Paths was invited to the 70th birthday celebrations of Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, and has been profiled in the landmark royal publication *Our Future King: Prince Charles at 70*. The publication was edited by the best-selling, award-winning author Robert Jobson, who has chronicled the story of the House of Windsor for the past 30 years.

The Prince of Wales is just one of many to be intrigued by ancient civilizations. Egypt's treasures and cultural heritage have been fascinating people for centuries. And no one can tour Egypt quite like Archaeological Paths. You will visit many unique sites that very few people can see. Archaeological Paths are truly passionate about archaeology and history, and this provides the perfect foundation for their insightful tours. Their enthusiasm and expertise shine through in everything they do. It really is an honor to have a prestigious partner such as Archaeological Paths featuring in this landmark royal publication.

— Robert Jobson,
Royal Correspondent



VIP TOURS

Archaeological Paths specializes in tailor-made tours for royalty, presidents and stars of the silver screen. Some of the guests who have entrusted our company with their travel experiences have shared their impressions.



NADIA AL SAEED

CEO of Etihad Bank, former Minister of Information and Communications Technology in Jordan, and prominent Jordanian businessperson

The tour with Dr. Hawass, organized by Archaeological Paths, is one of the best things one can ever do in Egypt. A truly wonderful experience – so unique and so inspiring. It is a walk through history in the most amazing way. The tour was so well organized. Everything was on time and professional. The expert from Archaeological Paths has deep knowledge and is very well informed. Absolutely magical – it was worth every second. Thank you very much.



LECH WALESA

1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner and former President of Poland

I've travelled the whole world, but never have my travels been so exciting and comfortable like this one. My previous journeys were exhausting, very tiring and fast-paced. Thanks to your company, for the first time in my life, it's been pleasant and calm. I saw a lot of priceless things and stood right next to the Great Sphinx!

This tour has been an amazing experience. I encourage all of you to come, be part of it and see it for yourself. It is worth experiencing. I'll miss the atmosphere of this wonderfully organized tour. I will come back to Egypt with the greatest pleasure.



LECH WALESA AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL PATHS' CEOS BY THE GREAT SPHINX

MEMBERSHIPS

Archaeological Paths is an active member of renowned organizations for travel professionals:



American Society of Travel Advisors
– world's largest association of travel agencies and tour operators.



World Travel Nation
– global network of travel professionals.



World Tourism Association for Culture and Heritage
– worldwide organization that focuses on protecting cultural heritage and supports the traditional values of travel destinations through responsible and sustainable tourism practices.



The World Travel & Tourism Council
– global organization associating members of the tourism industry whose mission is to ensure the sector is safe and sustainable, while at the same time taking great care of enriching their clients' travel experiences.



African Tourism Board
– internationally acclaimed tourism association supporting socioeconomic development on the African continent through travel and tourism.



European Tourism Association (ETOA)
– the leading trade association for tour operators and suppliers.

MEDIA ABOUT US

Read some interesting press clippings on *Archaeological Paths* from articles and materials published in many renowned magazines and newspapers around the globe.



CNN Arabic:

Touring areas designated for royals and heads of state
From the Sphinx to the Great Pyramids – can you imagine exploring the ancient corners of Egypt, which are reserved only for heads of state or royals? Although this seems far-fetched, it is not. You will have the opportunity to do so on this tour, which is guaranteed to be the most exclusive experience you can have in Egypt!

Instead of tours in the busy tourist areas, Archaeological Paths company allows you to have this very exclusive experience – access to places that are normally closed to the public, while the sites visited by the group participating in are open especially for them.

Tour that combines local monuments and culture
While designing the tour itinerary, Archaeological Paths makes sure that their guests are able to interact with the locals, so that they can understand their way of living and the crafts they practice.

BBC History:

Fit for a King – if you want to walk in the footsteps of the pharaohs, join Archaeological Paths on its very special tours. You'll gain unprecedented access to many unique and fascinating historical places – and be treated like a true pharaoh every step of the way.

The Times Magazine:

Dr. Zahi Hawass, the country's self-styled Indiana Jones, has started a tour of the country with Anwar Sadat's widow.

TravelDailyNews International:

Experience Egypt like no one else by visiting the Land of the Pharaohs with one of the most famous archaeologists in the world, enjoying private access to the country's greatest monuments and sites closed to the public.

New York WOR710:

Travel with Archaeological Paths to Egypt – like a real Pharaoh!

Global Traveler:

It is magical. Imagine being alone in the morning between the paws of the Sphinx, seeing the tombs of the pyramid builders alone in a private tour or walking around the Luxor Temple at night and enjoying the serenity.

The Montgomery Independent:

Thanks to very special arrangements with the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities, the group, led by Dr. Hawass, was able to tour the private entrance to the Giza plateau outside of public hours, the private entrance to the Great Pyramid of Khufu just for their group, the Great Sphinx enclosure which is normally closed to the public, the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza (closed to the public), and the private entrance to the Luxor temple, opened just for them.

Orange County Register:

After plenty of research and input from veteran globe-trotters who have done Egypt, we focused on a tour provider called Archaeological Paths. This company, specializing in tours for English speakers... is the only one closely aligned with the Egyptian Antiquities Organization. That was crucial. Not just for the knowledgeable guide in archeology and history who was culturally accessible, but, more importantly, the entry into, and on-the-ground lectures at, significant ancient sites other tours either aren't allowed into or don't understand the value of visiting.

The Travel Guide:

Only with Archaeological Paths will you stand between the paws of the Great Sphinx and gain exclusive access to places that are usually closed to the public.

Weston Magazine:

This is the most exciting tour to Egypt ever offered.

Afar:

Exclusive access to Egypt's most important sites with the world's leading archaeologists makes Archaeological Paths' Tour an unforgettable adventure.

Elevated Luxury Life:

Visit the Land of the Pharaohs with the most famous archaeologist in the world – Dr. Zahi Hawass. There is no better person to lead you through the fascinating history of ancient Egypt.

The Woods Living:

The tour was organized by Archaeological Paths (which we highly recommend) and featured five-star accommodations and an in-depth visit to important sites. Truly, this educational adventure was a trip of a lifetime.

Archaeological Paths' Terms and Conditions

Archaeological Paths (hereinafter referred to as the "Tour Operator", "we", "us", and "our") is a Tour Operator that plans and executes one-of-a-kind tours that delve into the destination's history, culture, and customs and often include uniquely curated experiences for our tour guest (hereinafter referred to as the "Traveler", "you", "your", and "their").

Contract: We draw your attention to the Terms and Conditions of travel below. These Terms and Conditions, including all brochures, documents, correspondence, and the terms and conditions of our Suppliers, form the basis of the Contract with you (hereinafter The Agreement). Before making a booking with us you must ensure that you have read and understand these Terms and Conditions (raising any questions you may have with us). By asking us to confirm your booking you are accepting all of the Terms and Conditions laid out below and acknowledging that you have read the terms of this Contract and agree with it. By booking a tour with us, you are accepting and consenting to The Agreement. If you do not agree to the Terms and Conditions of The Agreement, you must not make any booking with us. The Agreement supersedes any and all previous communications between the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to the same. If you are making a group booking, the leader of the group is responsible for sharing these Terms and Conditions with all members of the group and is financially responsible for the booking. If a travel agent makes the booking on your behalf, the agent is responsible for sharing these Terms and Conditions with you and all the members of the group you are traveling with and is financially responsible for the booking. We will not be liable for a group leader's or travel agent's failure to share these Terms and Conditions with all travelers in their group. The Agreement affects a tour organized by the Tour Operator for the Traveler. The Traveler confirms that all personal information provided is correct. In case of any incorrect information provided on the Registration Form (The Agreement) or over the telephone, the Traveler shall cover the costs of any potential changes in relation to their reservation. The Terms and Conditions are provided to the Traveler upon booking. By pre-booking the tour and making a deposit payment over the phone, The Traveler fully accepts the Terms and Conditions of this Contract as well as the Cancellation and Refund Policy. Upon pre-booking the tour over the phone, the Traveler is required to fill out, sign, and submit the Registration Form to the Tour Operator no later than 14 calendar days after the deposit payment or to authorize a travel consultant to fill out the Registration Form on the Traveler's behalf based on the personal information provided over the phone by the Traveler. In such a case, the Traveler shall receive a printed Registration Form to their email address and send an email to the Tour Operator no later than 14 calendar days after the deposit payment confirming that all the information on the Registration Form is correct. Failure to meet any of those requirements will be deemed a cancellation by the Traveler and will result in automatic cancellation of the Traveler's reservation in accordance with the Cancellation and Refund Policy as described in the below Terms and Conditions.

Pricing: All prices shown on the Registration Form or quoted on the telephone are per person and in U.S. dollars. Pricing may vary depending on a tour and its date, as well as the time of registration. Once a deposit is received by the Tour Operator, the Traveler is guaranteed the same tour price throughout. Any travel companions added later will be subject to then-current pricing. All prices are subject to change without notice.

Tour Price Includes: Exclusive VIP Experiences as/if indicated in the itinerary; Special Guests as/if indicated in the itinerary; Luxury Accommodations as indicated in the itinerary; All sightseeing tours and entries as indicated in the itinerary; Meals as indicated in the itinerary; English-speaking Egyptology Expert (Egypt Tours) or English-speaking Tour Guide (Jordan and Israel add-ons, and tours to other countries); English-speaking Travel Concierge if indicated in the itinerary; Domestic airfare if indicated in the itinerary; International flight(s) for a subsequent main tour or add-on(s) in another country if indicated in the itinerary; Bottled water during sightseeing; Transfers in air-conditioned buses; Reception at the airport and airport transfers on standard arrival and departure days; Travel Insurance as indicated in Travel Insurance section of these Terms and Conditions; Taxes.

Price Does Not Include: Any items not referred to in your itinerary are not included in the tour price. This includes, but is not limited to items such as International airfare from and to your country of residence; Visas; Tips; Soft and alcoholic beverages; Personal expenses. The price does not cover costs and expenses, including your return home, if you leave the tour whether of your own volition, our decision is based on behavior that disrupts the tour, due to illness, action by any government, or other reason. This list is illustrative and not a complete list of every item not included.

Reservation and Payment: The Traveler's place on the tour shall be confirmed by the Tour Operator upon receiving a non-refundable deposit from the Traveler and a filled-out Registration Form or after the Traveler's email confirming the Registration Form filled out by a travel consultant on the Traveler's behalf. Upon receipt of the deposit, the Tour Operator gives the Traveler the right to change the tour date once without additional costs, providing that the changes are confirmed up to 365 days or more before the first day of the initial tour date. After that deadline, the Traveler's deposit shall become non-transferable. The final payment is due 90 days prior to the beginning of the tour. The Tour Operator shall prepare a tour update before the final payment deadline with accommodation upgrade options and additional services if available for the Traveler's tour. It is the responsibility of the Traveler to determine that the final payment reaches the Tour Operator on time. Failure to comply with the payment schedules, or any other applicable policies and procedures, will result in the automatic cancellation of the Traveler's reservation and applicable fees will be assessed. Payments are to be made by credit or debit card or wire transfer. For the credit and debit card payments – except for deposit payments – an additional and non-refundable service fee of 3.9% will be applied to the total net amount of the Traveler's payment. For the wire transfer option, any fees are to be covered by the Traveler. While we do accept major credit cards, including Visa, Mastercard, and American Express, you must authorize every transaction concerning your tour either over the phone or by filling out a credit card authorization form sent by us or found in your shopping cart on our website. Your authorization is an agreement for us to charge your card and an acknowledgment and agreement to these Terms and Conditions including the Cancellation and Refund Policy. As such, you agree not to make any improper chargebacks related to your payments for the tour, other purchases, and services. The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the payment methods which – upon such a change is made – shall automatically come into force. In certain cases, you have the ability to dispute charges with credit card companies ("chargebacks"). Before initiating a chargeback, the Traveler undertakes to send an email to contact@archaeologicalpaths.com concerning any questions or concerns about our charges, so that we can work with you in an attempt to resolve your concerns. By using our service to make a reservation, you accept and agree to our cancellation policy. Tour Operator retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees, related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, we retain the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback. The following chargeback scenarios are improper and we retain the right to investigate and rebut any such chargeback claims:

- Chargebacks resulting from non-cancellable reservations, whether or not the reservation is used.
- Chargebacks resulting from charges authorized by family, friends, associates, or other third parties with direct access to your credit card. This does not include credit card fraud.
- Chargebacks arising from inconsistency or inaccuracy with regard to the product description.
- Chargebacks resulting from force majeure or other circumstances that are beyond the control of the Tour Operator or the Supplier.
- Chargebacks resulting because you do not agree with the Cancellation and Refund Policy.
- Chargeback for any portions of the tour you do not use.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: If the Traveler cancels the reservation or any component thereof, the Traveler is required to file the cancellation request via email to contact@archaeologicalpaths.com. The Tour Operator incurs costs with the Suppliers of your tour well in advance of your tour date. All Suppliers have their own cancellation policies, which apply to your booking. Upon receipt of your cancellation request, we will contact the Suppliers for any applicable refunds subject to the Supplier's terms and conditions. If you are entitled to a refund, please note that the Supplier is responsible for this refund, not the Tour Operator. Suppliers may choose to provide a travel voucher or credit in lieu of a refund. We are not responsible for a Supplier's failure to pay a refund or for the Supplier's bankruptcy or insolvency. In addition to the terms and conditions of the Supplier,

the following applies to all cancellations. If the Traveler cancels the reservation more than 91 days prior to the start of the tour, the Traveler shall not be eligible for a deposit refund. Tour cancellation requests received within 91 days of the initial tour date are subject to the following charges:

- More than 91 days – loss of the deposit payment
- 90-75 days prior to the initial tour date: 50% of the total tour price per person
- 74-60 days prior to the initial tour date: 75% of the total tour price per person
- 59-0 days prior to the initial tour date or nonappearance: 100% of the total tour price per person

The costs of any supplements, additional services, or/and add-ons purchased are included in the total price of the tour which is subject to the above Cancellation and Refund Policy. In case of any reimbursement for the costs incurred by the Traveler, all bank charges or card fees are to be covered by the Traveler. The Traveler is responsible for providing complete and correct details required by the Tour Operator to issue a refund. Any financial loss or costs incurred due to providing the Tour Operator with incomplete and incorrect details for reimbursement are the responsibility of the Traveler. During the tour, no refund shall be made for transfers, sightseeing tours, additional trips, additional nights, room upgrades, unused site entries, or any other services, including but not limited to meals, accommodation, or transportation, voluntarily not taken. If the Traveler decides to leave the tour in progress voluntarily, the Traveler shall not receive any type of refund.

Cancellation by the Tour Operator: The Tour Operator reserves the right to cancel any tour before departure, in which case the Tour Operator will provide the Traveler with a full refund of all net payments paid to the Tour Operator unless the cancellation is due to a force majeure or an extraordinary event that makes it infeasible to operate the Tour as normal.

Force Majeure: The Tour Operator assumes no liability for any loss, damage, delay, or cancellation resulting in whole or in part from an Act of God or any other force majeure condition, including, without limitation: fire, volcanic eruption, hurricane, environmental pollution or contamination, inclement weather, earthquake, low or high water levels, flood, water or power shortages or failures, tropical storms or hurricanes, riots or civil commissions or disturbances, and any other acts of a similar nature, sabotage, arrests, strikes or labor disruptions, restraint of rulers or peoples, expropriations, acts of terrorism, war, insurrection, quarantine restrictions, government health advisories, governmental and administrative actions (including the closure of borders, tourist attractions, and travel warnings and restrictions), epidemics, pandemics, or warnings or alerts of any kind of nature, government seizures, permit or cancellation or suspension or delay of any government authority or license, refusal or authorization, damages to its facilities or the travel Supplier and its facilities, or any other unforeseen circumstances or any other factors unforeseen by the Tour Operator that impacts negatively on, or hampers, its ability to fulfill any of its contractual conditions. In the circumstances amounting to force majeure, the Tour Operator shall provide the Traveler with a possibility of rescheduling the tour or with a credit toward a future tour. The credit shall be equivalent to the amount paid by the Traveler to the Tour Operator less any sums the Tour Operator is not able to recover from Suppliers. The rescheduling of the tour or credit equivalent toward a future tour or both is at the Tour Operator's discretion. The Tour Operator is not responsible for services purchased by the Traveler which are not part of the tour package (e.g., advance airline tickets, transaction fees, or travel insurance). Payments made toward the tour shall not be applied to another tour unless a separate agreement made between the Tour Operator and the Traveler provides otherwise. In the event of an agreement made between the Tour Operator and the Traveler, which shall result in applying the Traveler's funds to another date in full or partially, the transferred funds shall become non-refundable in any case. The transferred funds may be applied to another tour again only if the Tour Operator cancels the tour for which the Traveler is registered at that time without the possibility of a refund. Any complaints or refund inquiries must be made by the Traveler via e-mail to contact@archaeologicalpaths.com within 30 days after the end of the tour or cancellation of the tour. Complaints and refund inquiries sent later than 30 days after the end of the tour, or cancellation of the tour, shall not be considered by the Tour Operator. Complaints and refund inquiries shall be considered by the Tour Operator within 30 days from the date of the inquiry and if there is a need for our Suppliers or Partners to send us any supplementary documents, this period may be extended by an additional 30 days.

Worry-Free Policy

In case of cancellation or rescheduling the tour due to reasons described in the Worry-Free Policy, following terms and conditions apply to the Traveler's reservation. Otherwise, Cancellation and Refund Policy, as described above, applies to the Traveler's reservation.

- The Traveler may cancel or reschedule the tour at any time prior to the departure, providing that the country of travel has: a) closed its borders, b) introduced mandatory quarantine for arriving tourists. Points a) and b) apply only if any of the above-mentioned travel restrictions is in force during the scheduled tour.
- The Traveler may reschedule the tour from 90 days up to 24 hours before the first day of the Traveler's tour if international flights to the Traveler's country of travel are not available or cancelled with alternative routing unavailable. Traveler to reach the destination. The Traveler's reservation shall be cancelled and the Tour Operator reserves the right to verify possible flight connections concerning the Traveler's tour.

In case of rescheduling the tour due to any of the reasons described in the Worry-Free Policy all funds paid by the Traveler shall be transferred to a newly selected tour and kept as a deposit, which – in case of tour cancellation made by the Traveler – shall remain entirely non-refundable. In the event of the tour cancellation made by the Tour Operator, already transferred funds may be transferred again to another tour date selected by the Traveler without the possibility of a refund.

Documentation: The Traveler is responsible for obtaining all documents, such as a valid passport, visas, travel or medical certificates, and any other documents, and getting any vaccines required by a country of travel at the time of travel to participate in the tour. The Traveler needs a passport with sufficient blank visa pages for entry and exit stamp and valid for at least six months after the date of departure from a country of travel. Any extra costs incurred for rerouting due to lack of the necessary documents are the Traveler's responsibility. It is your responsibility to be aware of any and all requirements for admittance to a country, including Covid-19 requirements.

Responsibility/Assumption of Risk/Release: The Tour Operator is not responsible for any injury, financial or material loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services when resulting from, but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, government actions, weather, natural disasters, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failures of aircraft or other means of transportation or for the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time, or any delay or cancellation that causes the Traveler to miss all or any portion of the tour. The Traveler releases the Tour Operator from and agrees not to sue or make claim against the Tour Operator for, property damage, cancellation of any excursions for any reason, including illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury, or death arising out of the participation in any activities during the tour, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the attractions, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of the Tour Operator, and/or from any defect in the equipment. If the Traveler decides to participate in activities including but not limited to any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, hot-air ballooning, climbing and any other activity that the Tour Operator considers to carry inherent risk of serious illness, injury, or death, then the Traveler fully understands and acknowledges that such activities carry with them various inherent risks, include but are not limited to: serious illness, injury or death; motor vehicles collisions, animals, roadway hazards, slips, and falls, malfunction of climbing equipment, improper equipment, balloon accident; criminal or terrorist acts, government actions, consumption of alcoholic beverages, tainted food, or non-potable water; exposure to the elements, including heat, cold, rain, water, and wind; your own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including tour guides, other travelers, Tour Operator and its employees, agents and/or representatives;

attack by or encounter with insects, reptiles, and/or animals; accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical services; fatigue, chill, overheating, and/or dizziness; known or unknown medical conditions, physical excursion for which you are not prepared or other such accidents; the negligence or lack of adequate training of any third-party providers who seek to assist with medical or other help either before or after injuries have occurred; accident or illness without access to means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies or services; and the adequacy of medical attention once provided. The Traveler takes complete responsibility for their own health and safety and agrees to assume all risks of injury, illness, or death, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall the Traveler as a result of participating in any activities and agrees to release the Tour Operator and its affiliates, agents, employees, and representatives from any liability whatsoever related thereto. The Tour Operator is not responsible for any services that do not form part of the agreement. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that the hotel or any other Supplier agrees to provide for the Traveler where the services or facilities are not advertised by the Tour Operator as forming part of the tour and the Tour Operator has not arranged them as part of the agreement. The Traveler understands that the hotel facilities used by the Tour Operator during the tour are owned by third-party entities and that the Tour Operator assumes no liability for the photographs and descriptions of rooms, room upgrades and other facilities provided by these entities. By booking a hotel or cruise ship upgrade through the Tour Operator, The Traveler accepts that the desired upgrade will be booked in accordance with the hotel's or cruise ship's policy and their upgrade categorization for which the Tour Operator is not responsible. The Tour Operator shall not be held responsible for any misrepresentation in the upgrade description and images as well as for any inconsistencies between the representation of the upgrade and the actual state of the upgrade and shall not provide the Traveler with any type of refund or voucher in connection to that. The Traveler agrees not to submit any claims with regard to the above.

COVID-19 Release of Liability: By contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk for your release, the Traveler traveling with you or other may be infected by or infected by COVID-19 by traveling and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death even if such injuries or losses occur in a manner that is not foreseeable at the time you book your tour. You acknowledge that exposure to such viruses or disease is an inherent risk of traveling, that cannot be controlled or eliminated by the Tour Operator. You acknowledge that – due to the uncertainty of travel at this time – your tour may be postponed or cancelled or changes may be made to itineraries due to closures of certain sites or activities, for which our COVID-19 Release of Liability shall be in effect. None of these modifications or changes listed in the „COVID-19 Release of Liability“ section shall affect the tour price or entitle the Traveler to any credit or refund. You may also be required to quarantine upon arrival in some locations. Some locations may require you to have a vaccination or proof of a negative test. You may have additional reentry requirements on your return home. You are responsible for understanding these requirements and must not rely on the Tour Operator to provide these details. You understand that you may become sick before, during, or after the tour and may not be able to travel and such cancellation or interruption will be subject to our cancellation terms, for which we will not be liable. If you test positive during the tour, you may be required to spend a certain period in isolation or quarantine at a hotel. The Tour Operator shall cover the cost of the Traveler's stay at the hotel until the last day of the Traveler's tour, including additional nights at hotels booked earlier through the Tour Operator. This applies only when the hotel used in the Traveler is the same as in the tour package offered by the Tour Operator. You, for yourself, and any minors traveling with you, and on behalf of you and their heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin (the Releasees), hereby release, and hold harmless the Tour Operator, its members, officers, agents, and/or employees, Suppliers, and other tour members (releasees), of from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, losses, and liability arising out of or related in any way, in whole or in part to any postponement, cancellation, changes, injury, disability, death or any other loss you may suffer due to exposure, infection, spread, closure, and travel restrictions related to COVID-19, whether arising from the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. The terms of this hold harmless and release of all liability paragraph shall survive any termination or cancellation of this Contract, whether by operation of law or otherwise.

Itineraries: The Traveler fully understands that the travel experience may differ depending on individual goals and expectations. The Tour Operator will not be bound by, or liable for, any description, photograph, representation, or warranty made by or provided by the Tour Operator's promotional materials. All elements connected to the tour presented in the promotional materials are subject to modification and change by the Tour Operator. Every effort will be made to operate the tour and its itinerary as planned, but alterations may still occur after the final itineraries have been prepared. The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary or tour features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and the Tour Operator shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. The Tour Operator reserves the right to substitute hotels or attractions. In the event of a change of accommodation, the Tour Operator guarantees the same or similar standard. In case of exclusion of a given attraction, visit, or meeting from the itinerary, the Tour Operator reserves the right to cancel such a visit and replace it with another site/attraction, or meeting. The Traveler shall acknowledge that during certain holidays and peak periods or due to repairs or renovations of sites, some activities may be disrupted or unavailable. Each group is limited to a given number of people as advertised in promotional materials; however, multiple groups of Archaeological Paths' guests, as well as other passengers, may be traveling aboard a cruise ship on the Nile simultaneously or participating in certain activities. The stated group maximum size may be marginally exceeded if necessary to accommodate a family or parties traveling together. None of these modifications or changes listed in the „Itineraries“ section shall affect the tour price or entitle the Traveler to any credit or refund. Please visit www.archaeologicalpaths.com for the most up-to-date itineraries, prices, accommodations, and other tour features.

Travel Concierge: Tours are attended by a Travel Concierge during the main tour itinerary. In the unlikely event, the Tour Operator reserves the right to organize the tour on an individual basis, without the presence of the Travel Concierge. Pre- or post-tour add-ons are organized on a locally hosted basis and are attended by English-speaking experts.

Photography: The Tour Operator reserves the right to take photographs or record videos during the tour or any part thereof and to use the resulting photography, videos, or recordings for promotional or commercial purposes. By making a reservation on the tour, the Traveler agrees to allow their likeness to be used by the Tour Operator or the Tour Operator's authorized third parties without compensation to the Traveler. If the Traveler prefers their likeness not to be used, the Traveler must notify the Tour Operator in writing prior to the tour. If such a notification is made during or after the tour, the Tour Operator shall be released from any responsibility related to any potential use of the Traveler's likeness.

Special Requests: Any health conditions, treatments, or dietary requests requiring special attention must be reported by the Traveler in writing at the time of registration. While every effort will be made to fulfill the Traveler's special requests, the Tour Operator cannot guarantee their fulfillment. Depending upon the nature of the Traveler's requirements, all extra costs for any potential arrangements shall be covered by the Traveler.

Air Transportation: International airfare (to the tour starting point and from the ending point) is not included in tour pricing. The Tour Operator can offer quotations from any gateway. By standard, all payments made by the Tour Operator for the Traveler's international airfare are non-refundable and we are not responsible for any air carrier's decision regarding refund unless separate agreements between the Traveler and the Tour Operator provide otherwise.

Behavior/Indemnification: The Tour Operator will not tolerate abusive or aggressive behavior from the Traveler. The Tour Operator will refuse to deal with and may terminate the tour of a traveler who assaults staff, Suppliers, or fellow travelers or who is abusive or aggressive to them and is generally affecting the enjoyment of others with their behavior. The Tour Operator reserves the right at any time and our discretion to terminate the travel arrangements with the Traveler and/or cease to deal with any party member(s) whose behavior in the reasonable opinion of the Tour Operator or our Suppliers, may cause danger, upset, disruption or distress to anyone else or damage to property. In such a case, the Traveler is responsible for the cost of travel back to their hometown and the Tour Operator shall not be liable for the Traveler's potential losses and no refund shall be provided. Traveler agrees to and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Tour Operator, and each of our officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively "Tour Operator"), from any expenses, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, settlements, and costs (collectively, "damages") involved with or incurred by the Tour Operator (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and the advancement of same) with respect to any claims, lawsuits, arbitrations, or other causes of action, which result, directly or indirectly, from: (i) the Traveler's breach or violation, or threatened breach or violation, of this Agreement and (ii) any damage caused

by the Traveler while participating on the tour. While the Tour Operator values opinions and points of view of each Traveler and appreciates every bit of feedback shared with the Tour Operator, or on the Tour Operator's website, or other platforms, the Traveler shall ensure that that their review of the tour or any other service provided by the Tour Operator is consistent with the facts and events that have taken place during the tour and concerns only those components of the tour in which the Traveler personally participated or used. The Traveler's review should relate to the entire tour and include all its aspects in an honest and complete manner. The Traveler agrees to avoid any form of blackmailing, bad publicity, or actions that aim to damage the Tour Operator's image. The Traveler accepts that failure to respect the above-mentioned provisions enables the Tour Operator to take legal actions against the Traveler and recover any costs, including attorney's fees, as well as seek compensation from the Traveler for any potential damages related to the Tour Operator's image and financial losses.

Roommates: Single Travelers may choose to share a room with another tour participant during the tour. In such a case, the Tour Operator will try to find a roommate for the single Traveler. If the Tour Operator is unable to find a roommate for the single Traveler, the single Traveler will not need to pay for the single supplement as the Tour Operator will cover the cost of the single supplement for the single Traveler. This policy applies only to reservations made 91 days and more prior to the tour and concerns only the main portion of the Traveler's tour. This policy does not apply to additional nights before and after the tour, tailor-made tours and pre- and post-tour add-ons, for which the single Traveler shall purchase the single supplement unless the Tour Operator is able to pair the single Traveler with another tour participant. The single Traveler who registers 90 days or less prior to the tour shall require the single supplement and will have to purchase it, providing that the Tour Operator is unable to find a roommate for the single Traveler. If the Traveler has already been assigned to a shared room with another participant before, during, or after a standard tour and then decides to purchase the single supplement for himself/herself, the Traveler shall also purchase the single supplement for the participant he/she was paired with to share the room initially. The cost of the single supplement shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions applying at the time of the requested change.

Additional Nights: The Traveler may purchase additional hotel nights through the Tour Operator. The additional hotel night includes meals (as stated in the individual offer sent to the Traveler via email before the tour), Travel Insurance, the assistance of the Tour Operator's representative, and airport transfer(s) on a non-standard arrival/departure day. If the Traveler purchases additional hotel night(s) on their own, the Tour Operator shall not provide the Traveler with airport transfers to/from the hotel on non-standard arrival and departure days, meals, Travel Insurance, and assistance of the Tour Operator's representative during the additional day(s) and the Traveler's extended stay at the hotel will be at their sole expense. If the Traveler participates in an add-on that ends a day before the standard arrival day of the main tour or in an add-on that starts a day after the standard departure day of the main tour, the Traveler shall purchase an additional hotel night(s).

Hotel Check-in: Check-ins at the hotels usually take place during the midafternoon. If the Traveler wishes to have a guaranteed room ready for their immediate check-in upon arrival, it requires an additional room night to be confirmed. Early check-in depends on hotel availability and, therefore, cannot be guaranteed.

Tailor-Made Tours: The Traveler may book a Tailor-Made Tour customized to their own specific needs. In such a case, the Tour Operator shall prepare an individual tour offer for the Traveler. The price per person included on the Registration Form for such Tailor-Made Tour is based specifically on the number of travelers booking the Tailor-Made Tour. In the event that the number of travelers decreases, the Tour Operator reserves the right to increase the price per person included previously on the Registration Form. The Tour Operator shall notify the Traveler about the increase of the price per person. The Traveler shall agree to pay the increased price for their Tailor-Made Tour prior to the tour.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Clause: The Tour Operator takes the privacy of the Traveler seriously and will only use their personal information (entered on the Registration Form and in email messages by the Traveler, or passed to the Tour Operator during telephone conversations with the Tour Operator's consultants) to administer the Traveler's tour and to provide the tour services the Traveler has requested from the Tour Operator. All personal data is processed by the Tour Operator's head office employees. The Traveler's details will only be passed on to parties directly connected with organizing the tour the Traveler has chosen. The Tour Operator is required under the European Union tax law to keep the Traveler's basic personal data (name, address, contact details) for a minimum of 5 years, after which time it will be destroyed. However, the Tour Operator would like to use the Traveler's name and address to inform the Traveler of the Tour Operator's future tours and similar services. This information is not shared with any other companies nor used for any other purposes. The Traveler can request access to, rectification, or erasure of their data at any time. The Tour Operator makes sure to keep the Traveler's personal information safe and ensures that it can only be accessed by the Tour Operator's approved personnel. If the Traveler wishes to complain about how the Tour Operator has handled their personal data, the Traveler can contact the Tour Operator's Data Protection Officer, Michał Zoltko at michal@archaeologicalpaths.com, who will investigate the matter. If the Traveler thinks that the provided information is not used in accordance with the GDPR, the Traveler can also contact the entity authorized to conduct proceedings in the matter of implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation: Biuro Generalnego Inspektora Danych Osobowych, ul. Stawki 2, 00-193 Warszawa, Poland.

Amendments: The Tour Operator reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions in its Terms and Conditions, amend the Terms and Conditions at any time, and amend all amended Terms and Conditions shall automatically be effective upon being posted by the Tour Operator on the website. The Tour Operator is exempt from the obligation to send updates on the amendments. Accordingly, the Traveler shall check the Tour Operator's website prior to travel to be aware of any changes. For any applicable latest Terms and Conditions, please see www.archaeologicalpaths.com/terms_and_conditions.

Choice of Law/Jurisdiction/Class Action Waiver/Limitation of Damages/Notice of Claim: Any disputes between the Tour Operator and the Traveler shall be settled by the court having jurisdiction over the Tour Operator. You agree that you will only bring claims against the Tour Operator in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. The Tour Operator shall not, in any case, be liable for anything other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a tour means that you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree that no claims will be considered and that you will not bring suit against the Tour Operator unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to the Tour Operator within 30 days after the tour or cancellation of the tour.

Travel Insurance: The Tour Operator shall purchase travel insurance for the Traveler from UNIQA Insurance Company. The insurance purchased by the Tour Operator shall cover the insured amounts as specified below, not including tour cancellation made by the Traveler, chronic diseases, or preexisting conditions. It is possible to extend the travel insurance, that is, increasing the insurance amounts and adding insurance covering chronic diseases and preexisting conditions, by contacting the Tour Operator. To download the General Terms and Conditions of Travel Insurance, please visit www.archaeologicalpaths.com/web/files/UNIQA_Terms_and_Conditions.pdf. By booking the tour the Traveler agrees to the statement below for insurance purposes.

Medical Expenses and Immediate Assistance	EUR 30,000
Consequences of Accidents	EUR 4,000
Travel Luggage	EUR 1,000
Rescue Costs	EUR 5,000
Civil Liability	EUR 50,000

"I declare that I and all tour participants for whose tour I will make payments have received General Terms and Conditions of KONTYNTENTY Travel Insurance before signing this agreement. The General Terms and Conditions of KONTYNTENTY Travel Insurance are approved by UNIQA's Board of Directors in resolution UTG/2021/01/12, and along with the other terms of the insurance contract will apply after the Tour Operator concludes the insurance contract on my and other tour participants' behalf. I also affirm that I and the mentioned participants accept all the travel insurance conditions. I and all tour participants for whose tour I will make payments agree to the processing of our personal data specified in the insurance application by UNIQA Insurance Company S.A. The data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, in order to conclude and execute the insurance contract on my and other tour participants' behalf. I affirm that I provide the personal data voluntarily and I know I have the right to check and modify it."

Tour Operator: This agreement (Contract) is concluded by AP Grzegorz Popławski, NIP: PL5871688611, Kasprowiczka 12, 81-198 Pogórze, Poland. Last updated on: December 8, 2022

REVIEWS



Reviews from our tour participants are extremely valuable to us, and we are honored to share them with you. To see real reactions from our guests in the form of short videos, and much more, please visit www.archaeologicalpaths.com and click on the **Reviews** tab.



If there is one recognition we are most proud of, it is our tour guests' satisfaction.

— Adriana Samluk,
Quality Assurance Manager
at Archaeological Paths

"Outstanding!" is the first word that comes to mind to describe our trip.

Peter and Narda T. (PA, USA)

It was the best tour ever. If you don't go with Archaeological Paths, you are going to miss a lot. It was just amazing from top to bottom. The tour was wonderful.

William S. (LA, USA)

This tour was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I have a lot of traveling experience, but this trip made me feel like I was living in a dream.

Helena Elisa P. (Brazil)

Having been a tour guide for 24 years, I am a tough critic, but I was very impressed by the patience and professionalism our guides displayed working with our group. This trip was everything a bucket-list trip should be.

Bill T. (CA, USA)

I've been on many tours around the world - China, Europe, Africa - and this tour was the most thorough, complete and warm-hearted I've ever had. We got into the tombs and places nobody else goes. We got there before anybody else. I saw other groups go their own way and their tours were so much more limited. Ours was so rich and deep. You cannot get that anywhere else. It was a fabulous trip.

Thomas W. (NJ, USA)

It was a very special tour. It was my fifth trip to Egypt and I have never seen so much. It is the best trip ever.

Gloria and Richard S. (NC, USA)

If you are planning to visit Egypt, the only way to do it is with Archaeological Paths. I've toured other countries, and this experience was by far the most amazing.

Stacey C. (NC, USA)

This was absolutely the trip of a lifetime! Every evening I would say to myself, "Today was the best day ever - no way they're going to top this." And you know what? The next day they did! It was an experience I'll never forget.

Sharon W. (PA, USA)

I've always been a fan of the archaeology of Egypt and I subscribe to a couple different magazines. There are millions of ads in there, so I came across the one with Dr. Zahi Hawass. It instantly stood out. He is the most famous archaeologist in the world. I read the advertisement and figured that if he was associated with this tour, it was something that I would want to experience.

Rod H. (IL, USA)

One of the greatest highlights of the tour had to be sitting at the Mena House Hotel, having a glass of wine and looking at the Great Pyramid and realizing that I was actually there. It was incredible.

Linda M. (NC, USA)

This was my second time in Egypt and it was the best trip of my life.

Bruno P. (Brazil)

I didn't think I could see Egypt and see all those tombs because I have limited physical abilities. I managed to do so, however, thanks to Archaeological Paths.

Nancy S. (FL, USA)

The highlight for me was being able to go and see some of the restoration that was being done in the Luxor Temple. Because we were part of this tour, we were able to go to an area that the public probably won't see for two or three more years.

Larry R. (IN, USA)

With Archaeological Paths you realize you are on a very special trip. This experience is something I can brag about at home now.

Stacey B. (NE, USA)

To have the entire Giza Plateau to yourself with a world-renowned archeologist explaining things to you in between the paws of the Sphinx is not an experience you will get elsewhere.

To be able to converse with the likes of Drs. Hawass and Waziri, asking questions about archaeology and antiquities, and to chat with Jehan Sadat, as she served us snacks in her home, about history and her view of the future of Egypt makes this not a "tour" of Egypt, but rather an immersion experience of Egypt. I doubt any other tour of Egypt can come close to providing such amazing opportunities.

Bill M. (NY, USA)

Your tour of Egypt far exceeded my expectations. I was a tour guide for 10 years and never had such an educational and thorough course in any country's history as I did with you.

Gene M. (MA, USA)

If you really want to come to Egypt and see all the highlights, this is definitely the trip to take!

Elizabeth C. (NY, USA)

This was really a fabulous adventure. I wish I had done it sooner.

Robert C. (FL, USA)

Coming to Egypt is something everybody needs to do, and Archaeological Paths is the best way to go.

Jay M. (TX, USA)



We went to some sites that one just can't go to. Incredible!
Louise T. (CA, USA)

The tour exceeded our expectations. We did some research and the program of Archaeological Paths really rose to the top and caught our eyes. It was the best trip ever.
Rayman & Belinda R. (NY, USA)

My wife, Kristi, and I recently returned from the most incredible journey of our lives! We saw an ad over a year ago and knew immediately that this was the trip for us. We thought, "If this trip is half of what it purports to be, it will be wonderful!" However, it was not that at all - it was twice the trip we hoped it would be!
Gary and Kristi M. (TX, USA)

This was the best trip we've ever been on. We've traveled extensively through seven countries and this was our best trip.
Duane M. (UT, USA)

We never ever do tours. But I just felt that it was important to be guided in Egypt, especially when it comes to the pyramids. Archaeological Paths' tour was a dream come true.
Sonia C. (CA, USA)

We've been to Egypt before on another tour, we went down into the pyramid with thousands of people and we didn't really get to see the pyramid. Whereas with Archaeological Paths, the places we saw were valuable and beautiful, places that you can only see in books. On other tours, they give you 5 minutes here, 10 minutes there, they hurry you up to the bus and you don't have time for pictures. It takes time, and with Archaeological Paths we always had time.
Sheena D. (UT, USA)

My father-in-law, who is 92, is the one that was instrumental in wanting to go. The trip was fantastic. I do honestly believe the accommodation, the sightseeing, the organizational part of the trip is a great value. It's an opportunity of a lifetime.
Linda F. (MT, USA)

We've traveled many times, and this was probably the best tour we've ever had. We were looking at other tours and, believe me, it makes a real difference coming to Egypt with Archaeological Paths.
Lisa B. (NJ, USA)

The tour greatly exceeded our expectations. The opportunity to meet Dr. Zahi Hawass, Madam Sadat and to go to venues that are not open to the public was thrilling.
Nancy and Peter R. (AZ, USA)

Having a tour guide who can read and explain the hieroglyphics for you was amazing. Instead of 15 minutes here or an hour there, we had two or three hours. I really do recommend this tour, because of the special access that you get and the way you're taken care of.
Deborah S. (NY, USA)

This was my second trip to Egypt. This one, however, was much more informative.
Howard P. (AZ, USA)

The tour in almost every aspect exceeded the expectations that we had. Visiting the Luxor Temple privately at night was one of the luckiest days of our lives.
Alan and Patricia S. (VA, USA)

The tour was magnificent. Everything was five-star quality. The cruise ship was really up-to-date and brand new. The food was like at a super-restaurant, first class.
Bryan F. (MD, USA)

I could not have imagined how much we have seen. I would highly recommend the tour to anybody, because the things you get to see with Archaeological Paths are amazing.
Mary P. (KY, USA)

Archaeological Paths exposes you more to ancient Egypt than any of the other tours we were able to find. Once we found out that Dr. Zahi Hawass was part of the tour, that sealed the deal. We booked it the next day.
Frank and Stacey L. (KS, USA)

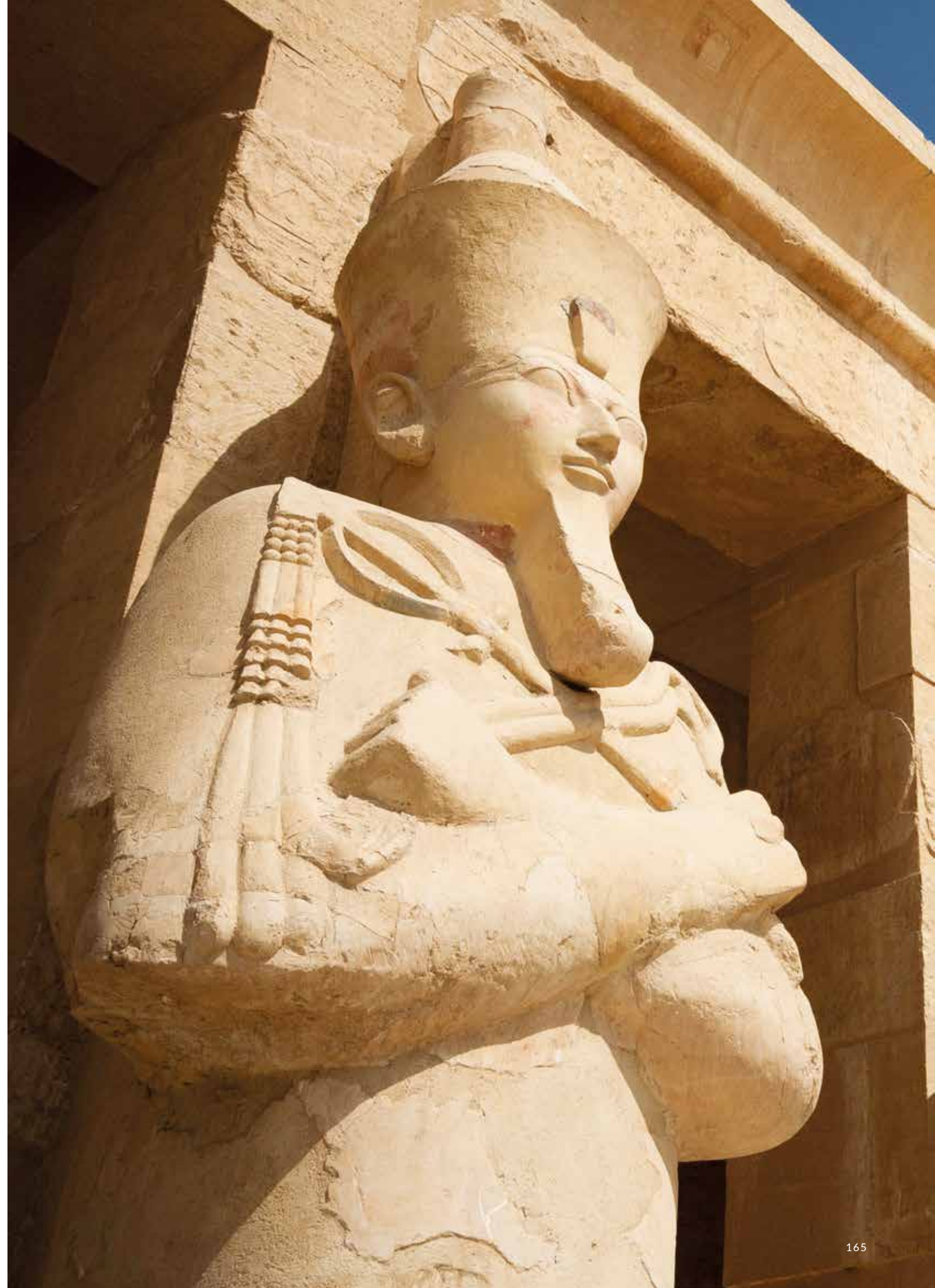
The tour was just amazing. Dr. Hawass gives you information you don't get from other people.
Sandra and Judith B. (WA, USA)

The tour was more than we could have ever expected. Standing in front of the Sphinx was totally awesome. I was given more information about Egypt than could ever possibly sink in.
Elizabeth C. (CO, USA)

Dr. Mostafa Waziri, Egypt's Head of Antiquities, took us on a tour and we got to see things that haven't been announced yet. It was a wonderful opportunity.
Ralph M. (MA, USA)

I had wanted to come to Egypt most of my life, so I researched many trips. Archaeological Paths just outshone all of. It wasn't flying to just two or three major sites - it had all that I wanted to see.
Barbara A. (TX, USA)

It was a privilege to meet Dr. Zahi Hawass in person. That makes it a 10-star tour.
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