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VISIT EGYPT WITH OUR EXPERTS!

Archaeological Paths company offers one-of-a-kind tour of undiscovered Egypt for travelers who would like to visit the Land of the Pharaohs again. Join us on a 14-day journey to the regions in Egypt that even savvy tourists do not see – a trip truly off the beaten path. Beyond the well-known Egypt of pyramids and the Nile Valley, the Land of the Pharaohs has much more to offer to the lovers of archaeology!

Visit Egypt again and see new sites with three leading Egyptologists – Dr. Zahi Hawass, Egypt's Former Minister of Antiquities and world's most famous archaeologist; Dr. Mostafa Waziri – Director General of Antiquities of Upper Egypt, and Dr. Tarek El-Awady – Director General of Egyptian Museum at Alexandria and former director of Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Our team of experts will introduce you to ancient Egypt and will give you archaeological insights that you cannot find anywhere else, they will show you the latest discoveries and new findings coming from Egypt! During meetings with our group, the special guests will answer all of your questions.





TOUR DESCRIPTION

MIDDLE EGYPT

During the tour you will visit all the highlights of Middle Egypt, located between Cairo and Luxor. Middle Egypt has a lot to offer – one of the ancient capitals of Egypt, Tell el-Amarna – the city created by Egypt's most controversial pharaoh Akhenaten in honor of Aten, the sun disc god. You will discover beautiful Egyptian rock-cut tombs in Beni Hasan, carved into the high limestone cliffs. We will continue the tour with the visit to Tuna el-Gebel, the necropolis of Khmun with an impressive complex of underground catacombs used to store thousands of animal mummies. It is the very spot where Dr. Zahi Hawass began his career as an Egyptologist.

You will see the temple of Seti I in Abydos, known as one of the most beautiful temples in Egypt, once the holiest site in the country and the burial place of the first kings of a unified Egypt. Later on we will travel to Dendera to visit the temple of Hathor, which will take your breath away with its monumental columns and spectacular ceilings with the most vibrant and colorful paintings dating from antiquity.





UNKNOWN PYRAMIDS

In proximity to the famous Giza Plateau, we will visit the ancient sites of the Forgotten Pyramids, starting with the pyramids of the Old Kingdom in Abu Rawash and Abu Sir, over 4,500 years old, built during the reign of the 4th and 5th Dynasty of Egyptian Pharaohs. Abu Rawash and Abu Sir are closed to the visitors, but *Archaeological Paths* received a special permission from the Minister of Antiquities to visit these unique monuments. We will later go south to visit Meidum with an enormous pyramid built by pharaoh Snefru and we will continue to the pyramids of the 12th Dynasty in Lisht and Hawara that will complete your full tour of Egypt's unknown pyramids.





TOUR DESCRIPTION

BAHARIYA OASIS

Our journey will then take us to the most magical sites in Egypt in the Oasis of Bahariya. We will visit the beautifully decorated Egyptian tombs from 500 BC and the Temple of Alexander the Great, where he is popularly believed to be buried.

The most spectacular highlight in Bahariya will be the Valley of the Golden Mummies – the biggest discovery made by Dr. Zahi Hawass over the course of his distinguished career. On the area of 2.3 square miles Dr. Hawass found a big valley that consists of 10,000 mummies completely covered with gold. It was one of the most sensational discoveries in Egypt since the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

The site of The Valley of the Golden Mummies is normally closed for visitors, but the guests of *Archaeological Paths* will have the privilege to be the only group to visit the Valley together with its discoverer Dr. Zahi Hawass!



TAPOSIRIS MAGNA (Alexandria)

We will continue our tour of Egyptian mysteries to the temple of Taposiris Magna near Alexandria, where archaeologists are excavating in search for the tomb of the last Queen of Egypt – Cleopatra.

Taposiris Magna was one of the most important temples built in the New Kingdom for the goddess Isis. The researchers believe it may hide the tomb of one of the most famous female rulers of Ancient Egypt, Cleopatra. The site is closed to all other tourist groups due to ongoing excavations, but our group received the permission to visit the temple and see the archaeologists at work.



TOUR DESCRIPTION

OLD CAIRO

Our tour will show you the real culture and customs of Egypt by taking you to the streets, churches and mosques of Coptic and Islamic Cairo, and also to enjoy the local cafes and restaurants. You will visit Al Muizz Street – the oldest street in Cairo with the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world! You will visit newly-renovated Synagogue of Moses, the great Textile Museum and the Coptic Museum with a collection of Egyptian Christian artifacts.

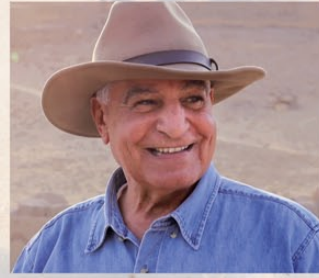
In order to create this unmatched and rich offer, *Archaeological Paths* team worked closely with our experts and received special permissions from the Minister of Antiquities and the Egyptian government to open up just for you a number of unique sites closed to the general public. Sites such as the **Valley of the Golden Mummies** at Bahariya Oasis; an active excavation site – **Taposiris Magna** temple near Alexandria and pyramids of the Old Kingdom in **Abu Rawash** and **Abu Sir** – all those sites are closed to all the other tourist groups and included only in the itinerary of this special tour: Egypt 2 – Undiscovered. *Archaeological Paths* prepared this in-depth itinerary for travelers who have seen the most popular highlights of Egypt and wish to complete their experience of this country with wonders that they haven't seen before.

Our tour offers unique experiences, hand-picked luxurious hotels and meals in the best restaurants. Thanks to its rich and unrivaled itinerary, one thing is certain - with *Archaeological Paths* you will experience Egypt like no one else.



SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Zahi Hawass, world's most famous Egyptologist. For over 20 years he held all the keys to the Egyptian antiquities – First as a Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, later as a Minister of State for Antiquities. Dr. Hawass will join us for the sightseeing of the highlights of our itinerary. Moreover, he will give us a private multimedia lecture to present the newest research and excavations in Egypt.



'I am glad that Archaeological Paths is doing this incredible tour. You can visit Egypt many times and every time you see something new. In this tour, Egypt 2, even if you have been to Egypt before, you are going to see major sites that you haven't seen before. You will have an exclusive access to wonderful pyramid sites – Abu Rawash and Abu Sir. I will accompany you to see the temple of Taposiris Magna near Alexandria where we are searching for the tombs of Cleopatra and Mark Antony. I will take you to Tuna el-Gebel, the place where I started my career as a young man at the age of 19. And also you'll go to Amarna, the horizon of Aton, the city of Echnaton to see beautiful tombs, temples and palaces of this great king who changed the religion in Egypt.

*I will bring the magic of Ancient Egypt to you. I will take you to the major, important discovery that I made at Bahariya Oasis, the Valley of the Golden Mummies. We found a big valley of 10 000 mummies covered with gold! They call it the Tutankhamun of the Greek-Roman period. Those are unique archaeological sites that you haven't seen before, but you will be able to see them now. It's something that happens only once in a lifetime. No one else can tour Egypt like this and this is why I invite you to join me on this great tour with Archaeological Paths'. – **Dr. Zahi Hawass***





Dr. Mostafa Waziri, one of Egypt's heads of antiquities today. Dr. Waziri is responsible for all the Upper Egypt's antiquities, including its most famous sites in Luxor like Karnak and Luxor temples and the famed Valley of the Kings. Dr. Waziri will meet our group to tell us about the recent archaeological discoveries in the Upper Egypt. He will also share with us the current research news and plans for the future.

"I know that you are different from everybody else. I'm going to call you the lovers of Egypt. Come and visit Egypt. No country in the entire world can compete with the culture and heritage that we have in Egypt. What you can see above the ground in Egypt does not represent even 40% of what may still lay hidden underneath the sands of Egypt."

"It will be my honor to give a lecture to explain recent work and discoveries in Luxor. I'm very proud that I have joined different archaeological missions in Luxor. We have a lot to discover every year. Some of our new discoveries are already published, and some are not. So it is going to be my turn to explain what we discovered in the last couple of years, last couple of months and even last couple of days. That's what I'm going to present during this tour. Come and visit Egypt and you will not forget this tour for the rest of your life. Come, the lovers of Egypt."



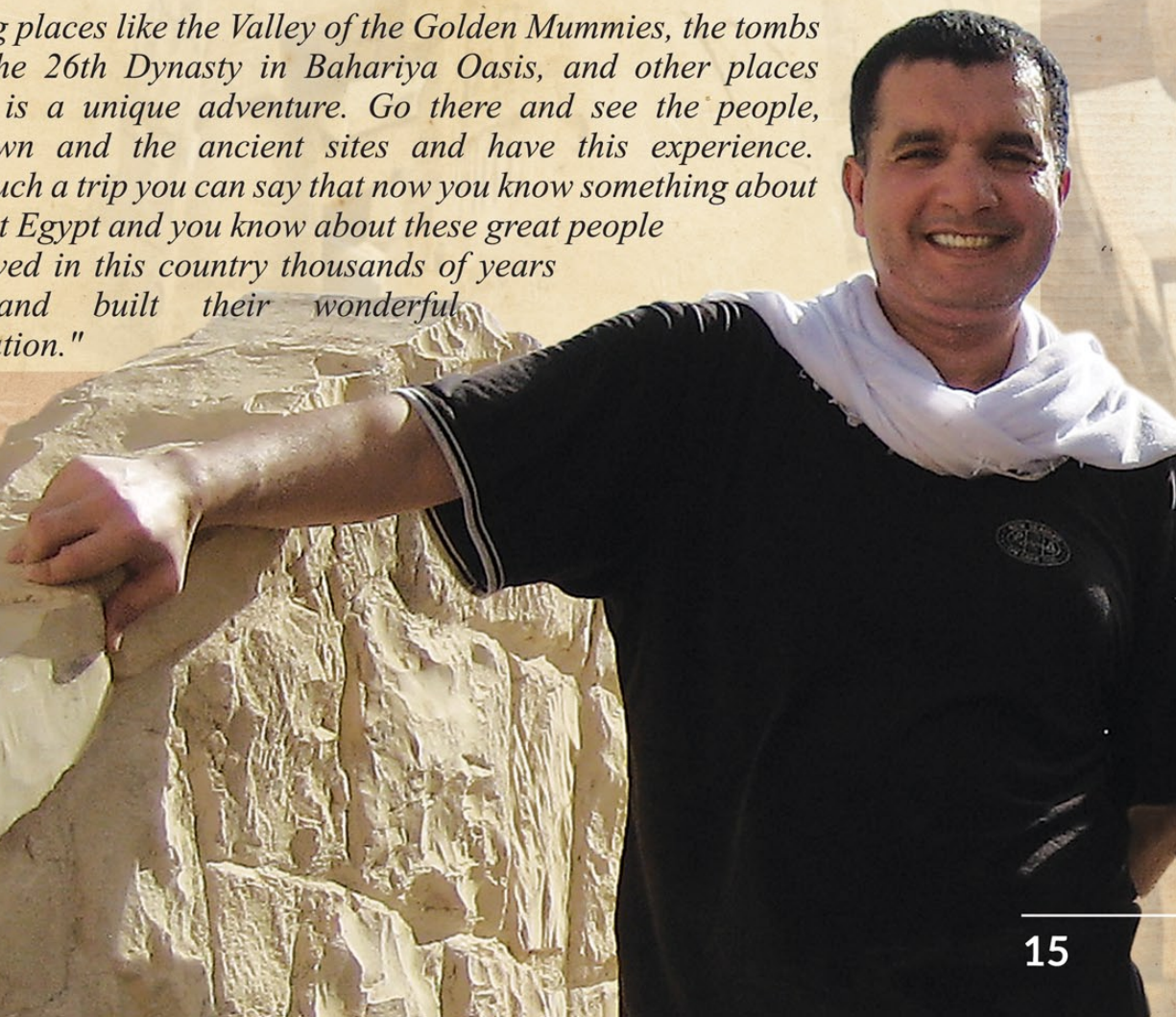
Dr. Tarek El-Awady, former Director of the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo, one of the leading Egyptologists and now the Director General of Egyptian Museum at Alexandria Library. He worked in excavations in Giza, Saqqara, Abu Sir and in the Valley of the Kings. Dr. Tarek El-Awady will join us for the Abu Sir complex sightseeing, where he conducted research as the director of excavations. For years he was also the main Egyptologist Inspector of this site. Dr. Tarek will guide us on the pyramid complex of Abu Sir and show us the important role this site played in the past.



"People should come and visit Egypt because this is the only country in which you will see the footprints of the pharaohs, the great civilization built by the Ancient Egyptians. You will enjoy not only the monuments, but also the nice weather, the welcoming people and the great atmosphere here in the country.

I am very happy that Archaeological Paths made it possible for people to come and visit closed sites which are not open for tourists – this is an adventure! When you visit a closed archaeological site, you feel that you are not in a tourist place, but you see it as it is and you enjoy the beauty and the magic of the site.

Visiting places like the Valley of the Golden Mummies, the tombs from the 26th Dynasty in Bahariya Oasis, and other places – this is a unique adventure. Go there and see the people, the town and the ancient sites and have this experience. After such a trip you can say that now you know something about Ancient Egypt and you know about these great people who lived in this country thousands of years ago and built their wonderful civilization."



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrivals

Arrival at Cairo International Airport. A representative of *Archaeological Paths* company will welcome our guests at the Cairo Airport and transport them to the luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza, situated in the shadow of the Great Pyramids. After the check-in process at the hotel, our guests will have time to rest and enjoy their dinner in the hotel's restaurant. Overnight stay at the hotel.



DAY 2: Old and Islamic Cairo

After breakfast we will have an organizational meeting with the *Archaeological Paths* staff. During our first day of sightseeing we are going to see the Islamic and Coptic monuments, starting from the oldest street in Cairo – Al Muizz Street, where you can see the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world. We will visit the 10th century Synagogue of Moses, one of the most important Jewish temples in Cairo. In June 2009, the Egyptian government began a year-long restoration project of this Synagogue, unveiled in August 2009 by the head of antiquities, Dr. Zahi Hawass.

We will continue the sightseeing with a visit to Textile Museum with a unique collection of Ancient Egyptian, Roman, Coptic and Islamic textiles. We will also visit the Coptic Museum which contains the world's largest collection of Coptic artifacts and rare manuscripts.

We will have lunch in one of the finest restaurants of Old Cairo, located close to Khan El-Khalili market, the most famous bazaar in Cairo. You will taste the delicious local cuisine and have some time to shop on the traditional Egyptian markets.



DAY 3: Abu Sir and Abu Rawash with Dr. Tarek El-Awady

Another day full of attractions, we will not only see the sites closed to the general public, but also we will have the unique opportunity to meet our special guest - Dr. Tarek El-Awady.

First, we will drive south from Giza, to the Sun Temple and the pyramids at Abu Sir. You will see the pyramids of the Fifth Dynasty Kings of Egypt (2400 BC), called the Kings of the Sun, because they were the first to build the Sun Temples. Next to the pyramids, you will see the biggest Old Kingdom non-royal tomb of a high official called Ptahshepses. The name Abu Sir came from the ancient word "Der Osir", meaning "the House of Osiris", the god of the underworld who was one of the most important gods in the Ancient Egypt. The name of Abu Sir allows us to understand how important this site was to the Ancient Egyptians.

There is no better person to present this site to our guests than Dr. Tarek El-Awady who worked as Chief Archaeologist Inspector of Abu Sir and conducted excavations at this site.

"I am Dr. Tarek El-Awady. I worked in Abu Sir as the Field Director of the excavation. We had many wonderful discoveries there. For the first time ever Archaeological Paths made it possible for you to come and visit Abu Sir, known as the site of the Forgotten Pyramids. I take this chance to invite all of you to come with me and feel the magic of the pyramids around you. Abu Sir is one of the most magnificent archaeological sites in Egypt. It is closed for tourists, but thanks to Archaeological Paths it is open with a special permission for you to visit and enjoy the magic of the pyramids. Actually I am very happy that I will accompany you when you visit Abu Sir. I will tell you the story of my excavation in the site and also we will talk about the story of the pyramids in Abu Sir and the Sun Temples."



After lunch we will drive 5 miles north of Giza, to **Abu Rawash** – it is the site of Egypt's most northerly pyramid, also known as the Lost Pyramid. Originally, it was thought that this pyramid had never been completed, but the current archaeological consensus is that not only was it completed, but that it was built about the same size as the Pyramid of Menkaure – the third largest of the Giza Great Pyramids.

When Djedefre, a son of the Khufu, who built the Great Pyramid, ascended the throne he moved 8 km north of the Giza Plateau for building a very different pyramid complex on an even higher plateau that looks down upon Giza. Did he rebel from the family line? Within a decade or two, Khafre brought the court back to Giza to build the Second Pyramid and, probably, the Great Sphinx. Together with *Archaeological Paths* we will explore the mysterious Abu Rawash pyramid and learn what 13 years of recent excavations by Swiss and French Institute teams have discovered.



DAY 4: Meidum, Lisht and Hawara

After breakfast we will start our journey along the Nile, south towards the Middle Egypt. On the way, we will visit the major pyramid sites, starting with Meidum, an enormous pyramid built by Snefru, father of Khufu who later built the Great Pyramid in Giza. In many ways, Meidum is the most mysterious of all the Great Pyramids. No sarcophagus was found inside the burial chamber and there is no evidence that Snefru was ever buried in this pyramid. Located nearby is a mastaba of an unknown noble, where you will see the first example of a red granite sarcophagus known in antiquity.

Next we will see the Pyramid of Amenemhet I built in Lisht by the founder of Egypt's 12th Dynasty. Amenemhet I was most likely the first ruler of the Middle Kingdom. He led Egypt into the new era called the Golden Age.

We will continue to the Hawara pyramid of Amenemhet III, the sixth pharaoh of the 12th Dynasty who lived around 1850 BC. Hawara is the largest Middle Kingdom funerary complex. The Greek traveler Herodotus claimed to have counted three thousand rooms in the pyramid's complex. Herodotus visited the pyramid during the 5th century BC and described it as follows: *12 main courts and the visitor was guided from courtyards into rooms into galleries into more rooms and from there into more courtyards.*

After completing our tour of the pyramids, we will continue on through the rural areas of Egypt to the town of Minya where we will stay in a hotel with a view on the Nile.



Day 5: Tuna el-Gebel with Dr. Zahi Hawass, Beni Hasan

After breakfast we will visit Tuna el-Gebel, the necropolis of Khmun. Here we will see the catacombs that used to store thousands of animal mummies, a Late Period temple, one of the boundary stelae of Tel el-Amarna and the tomb of Petosiris with exquisite paintings from 300 BC.

During the sightseeing we will be joined by Dr. Zahi Hawass, who will tell us about his work in Tuna el-Gebel. Dr. Hawass has begun his lifelong career in Egyptology on this site. He will tell us more about the history of Tel el-Amarna and the life of its founder, the pharaoh Akhenaten.

We will continue our tour to rock-cut tombs of the nobles in Beni Hasan, carved into the high limestone cliffs, a Middle Kingdom site (2040 – 1640 BC). It gives us a rare insight into the daily life of Ancient Egyptians, their customs and beliefs. These very well preserved scenes depict acrobatics, dancing and military sports. You can also spot the scenes of making flour, baking bread, and even a husband and wife on their wedding night.





DAY 6: Tel el-Amarna

In the morning we will visit Tel el-Amarna, one of the ancient capitals of Egypt, the city created by Egypt's most controversial pharaoh Akhenaten. It was here that Akhenaten pursued his vision of a society dedicated to the cult of one god, the power of the sun, Aten. We will visit the nobles' tombs with wall reliefs unequalled anywhere else in Egypt. The painted scenes appear alive and even as though they are moving. We will also visit the Royal Palaces and the tomb built for pharaoh Akhenaten.





DAY 7: Akhmim and Abydos

After breakfast we will drive along the Nile to the city of Akhmim. We will see a recently discovered colossal statue of Meryetamun (Beloved of the God Amun), the tallest statue of an ancient queen ever found – 36 feet tall. She was one of the consorts of Rameses II after the death of Nefertari.

Next we will drive to Abydos to see the temple of Seti I, once the holiest site in the country and the burial place for the first kings of unified Egypt. Its construction begun in the reign of Seti I and was finished by his son, Ramesses the Great. The temple built of fine white limestone represents an artistic revival of the Old Kingdom.





DAY 8: Dendera and Luxor

After breakfast we will travel to Dendera to see the temple dedicated to the goddess Hathor, with its colossal columns and spectacular ceilings with the most vibrant and colorful paintings dating from antiquity. It is one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. The whole complex extends to around 430,000 square feet. Dendera itself was a site for chapels and shrines from the beginning of Ancient Egypt's history.

After the sightseeing in Dendera we will drive to Luxor to check in at our luxurious 5-star hotel.

Day 9: Luxor – Ramesseum, Luxor Museum, The Valley of the Kings, Lecture with Dr. Mostafa Waziri

After breakfast we will visit the Ramesseum, the memorial temple of pharaoh Ramesses the Great, located in Luxor. The temple, famous for its 57-foot seated statue of Ramesses was dedicated to the god Amon and the deceased king. The walls of the Ramesseum are decorated with reliefs, including well-preserved paintings of battle scenes and the triumphs of wars with Asians.

We will also visit the most iconic site of Luxor – The Valley of the Kings. It was the royal cemetery for 62 Pharaohs. In the Valley we will have access to some of the well-known tombs. It is undeniably one of Egypt's most important treasures.

We will continue with a tour of Luxor Museum with new sections recently opened by Dr. Zahi Hawass. Highlights of the collection include masterpieces of pharaonic art as well as examples of everyday objects.

In the afternoon we will meet with today's chief of all antiquities in the Upper Egypt, including those in Luxor – Dr. Mostafa Waziri. He will introduce us to the most important recent archaeological discoveries in Luxor. Dr. Waziri will also talk about the ongoing excavations and the plans for the future.

Day 10: Flight to Cairo, multimedia lecture with Dr. Zahi Hawass

We will take a flight from Luxor to Cairo. We will arrive to our 5-star hotel to rest and in the afternoon we will take part in a multimedia lecture given by Dr. Zahi Hawass, who will share with us the news about archaeological research in Egypt.



DAY 11: Bahariya, The Valley of the Golden Mummies with Dr. Zahi Hawass

After breakfast we will head to Bahariya Oasis, once the richest region in Egypt thanks to the production of very expensive wine. We will check in at our hotel in the Oasis and have lunch to taste the local specialties. We will start the sightseeing with the greatest site in the Oasis – The Valley of the Golden Mummies, together with Dr. Zahi Hawass.

Dr. Hawass will guide us at the site that he discovered – the Valley of the Golden Mummies – which he calls the most important discovery of his entire career! During the first season of excavations, a total of 108 mummies were found in four tombs. Dr. Hawass said: *"When the first tomb was opened, the brilliance of gold shone in the sunlight among the piles of sand"*. The cemetery, which is thought to cover an area of approximately 2.3 square miles, has been estimated to contain more than 10,000 mummies!

Dr. Zahi Hawass: *When people ask me which of my discoveries has meant the most to me personally, I often think first of the Valley of the Golden Mummies at Bahariya Oasis. Introducing this amazing site to the world propelled me into an international spotlight. I feel privileged to have been a part of this story, which is my own personal history as well as the history of Egyptian archaeology.*

The Valley is normally closed to visitors, but the guests of *Archaeological Paths* will have the privilege to be the only tourist group to visit it. After the sightseeing in the Valley, we will go to the museum in Bahariya to see the most beautiful golden mummies.



DAY 12: Bahariya, drive to Alexandria

After breakfast we will drive to the temple of Ain el-Muftella, which consist of four chapels decorated with painted reliefs. The next stop in our itinerary are the Egyptian tombs from the 26th Dynasty, the last native dynasty to rule Egypt before the Persian conquest in 525 BC. We will visit two tombs made for wealthy merchants, containing amazing colored scenes that are perfectly preserved.

After lunch we will drive to the Temple of Alexander the Great. It is the only temple in Egypt built by and for Alexander. *“This is a unique temple, it came out of the sand of Bahariya Oasis to complete the Valley of the Golden Mummies. Actually people could be buried in the Valley of the Golden Mummies near the temple because they wanted to be near Alexander the Great. This temple is important because you can learn a lot about archaeology from visiting and studying it. This is a unique site where people can come and witness the beauty and the magic of archaeology”* – Dr. Zahi Hawass.

After lunch we will leave Bahariya Oasis to drive to Alexandria and check in at our 5-star hotel.



Day 13: Taposiris Magna with Dr. Zahi Hawass, Alexandria

After breakfast our group will have the opportunity to visit the temple of Taposiris Magna with Dr. Zahi Hawass. It is an active research site located west of Alexandria. In the last 11 years, Dr. Hawass and Dr. Kathleen Martínez have been excavating the temple in search for the tombs of Cleopatra and Mark Antony. Dr. Hawass will tell us more about the story behind the excavations. We will also meet the archaeologists working at the site and they will tell us about the progress of their work. It is another attraction open only to the guests of *Archaeological Paths* company and closed to the public.



I'm Dr. Kathleen Martínez and I'm inviting you to come to Taposiris Magna, the most exciting temple in Alexandria. Visit us with Archaeological Paths. We will take you around to see all our discoveries. There is so much we have to show you there. Once you enter the temple, you can breathe – there is mystery all over this site.

I studied Cleopatra as a historical character for fifteen years and I think I deciphered one of the greatest mysteries: where is the lost tomb of Cleopatra? I placed the tomb at Taposiris Magna. I will tell you why. Cleopatra was the human representation of the goddess Isis. Taposiris Magna was the most important temple dedicated to Isis during the Ptolemy period and we were able to prove that. If it's so, there is no other place in Egypt that could be the final resting place of Cleopatra than Taposiris Magna.

I came to Egypt in 2005 trying to visit the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Dr. Zahi Hawass, to explain my theory and ask him for the permission to visit Taposiris Magna. He understood the importance of searching for Cleopatra. At the beginning he said to me: "If there is one percent of probability that the last queen of Egypt could be buried in Taposiris Magna, she deserves to be found."

In the moment I entered this temple, immediately I knew I was in the right place. Now we have archaeological evidence that I was right. We found many artifacts that belong to Cleopatra's time. Every time we discover something, we feel we are closer to finding her. My theory has been proved in 80%, we are now on the path to discover her tomb. Dr. Hawass has been working with us since the beginning up till today. He has been a great partner and the experience that he had helped us achieve all that we have done at Taposiris Magna.

After the sightseeing with Dr. Hawass in Taposiris Magna and after lunch with a view on the Mediterranean Sea, we will visit the highlights of Alexandria. Being the second largest city in Egypt, Alexandria has an atmosphere that is more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern and is famous for its Roman remains. Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great in 332 BC, and was the capital of Greco-Roman Egypt. We will visit all the major sites there, including Alexandria Library, the catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa, the harbor of Alexandria and the place where the famous Pharos Lighthouse was standing. It was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. In the evening we will return to our 5-star hotel in Cairo.



Day 14: Departures

It is the last day of our tour and time to say goodbye to Egypt. After breakfast we will transfer you to the Cairo International Airport. We will leave Egypt with new experiences, memories and beautiful photographs. *Archaeological Paths* company will do everything to ensure that our guests will have the time of their lives during our exciting adventure.



TOUR MAP




Bahariya
Oasis


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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Price per person: 8985 USD in a double room (deposit is only 1200 USD during booking!)

If you are traveling single, you can share a room with another tour member. If you would like to have a single room, the single supplement costs an extra \$1985 USD.

Payment Schedule:

- \$1200 deposit during booking
- Full payment is due three months before the tour

Price Includes:

Participation of our experts; accommodation; domestic flight during the tour (Luxor-Cairo); 3 meals a day – breakfast, lunch and dinner; all sightseeing tours; entrance tickets; bottled water during the sightseeing; English speaking guide; English speaking tour leader; Transfers in air-conditioned buses; Reception at Cairo International Airport; Airport Arrival & Departure transfers; Government taxes; Basic Health Insurance.

Not Included:

International flights to/from Cairo in Egypt (we can help you with booking);
Visa cost (visa is only \$25 and issued on arrival at Cairo airport).



SAFETY IN EGYPT



Archaeological Paths is working hard for its reputation and good opinion. Safety of tourists is our top priority. We would not organize tours to any country that would give us safety concerns, and our experts and officials would not risk their authority by ensuring the public opinion about safety.

For the comfort of our guests we guarantee that if our company will cancel any tour in relation to safety or for any other reason all our clients will be entitled to 100% refund of all the money paid in advance for any of our tours.

What must be considered in relation to your safe travel? It goes without saying that if any traveler in any country is taking the necessary precautions and respects the safety rules of a given country, he or she may feel safe. Monitoring the situation and common sense are the best guarantees of our safety in every country around the world.

People from all over the world joined us to have the tours of their lifetime. We are proud to have received hundreds of great testimonials from our guests. They shared with us how safe and at home they felt in Egypt. The Egyptians are always hospitable and welcome us with a smile and a friendly greeting. Now it's your turn to join us to discover the mysteries of the Land of the Pharaohs with Dr. Zahi Hawass.

- Archaeological Paths staff



Archaeological Paths organizes Egypt tours in cooperation with leading experts from the world of archaeology and Egyptian authorities, so we can guarantee the safety of our guests.



Hisham Zazou, the Egyptian Minister of Tourism:

Tourists from all over the world visit Egypt every day. The tourism in Egypt is functioning normally in all the regions of the country – from the Giza pyramids to Luxor and Aswan. Security authorities are always present at all the sites and cities frequented by tourists. Every day thousands of tourists come to Egypt, adding up to 950,000 tourists each month. Tourism is one of the most important parts of Egyptian economy and provides jobs for millions of Egyptians. Egypt has a third of the world's ancient riches and probably another two-thirds not yet discovered.



Dr. Mostafa Waziri, General Director of Luxor Antiquities:

I'm the General Director of the Antiquities Office in Luxor, so I'm responsible for Karnak and Luxor temples, Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut temple – all the sites in Luxor. Egypt is safe and secure and you will see this when you come. You are going to meet a lot of tourists from all over the world. We have Americans, English, French, Germans, Chinese and others. They are enjoying all the sites and in fact the number of tourists is increasing nowadays. It's calm and you will enjoy great weather.

You can walk around with your camera and film anywhere you like. You can ask anybody: do you feel Egypt is safe? They will say, definitely – yes, Egypt is safe. We have cameras almost everywhere on the east side and the west side of the Nile. We have security police working 24 hours a day, they are taking good care of the tourists. I will give you an example: Luxor temple – one of the greatest temples in Egypt, especially by night it looks really amazing. Before we reach Luxor temple, we have to go through an X-Ray archway to make sure that we don't have any metals. The visitors have to leave everything outside and the security makes sure that they are OK to come inside.

We have also resident tourists – they live here in Luxor. More than seven thousand tourists from all over the world live in Luxor and they are very safe.



Mohamed Badr, the governor of Luxor:

I am the governor of Luxor and my first comment about safety in Egypt is that it is not an issue. All the sites in Egypt – Luxor, Aswan and Cairo are safe. You can walk all over the streets at any time of the day and night, you can enjoy your life, enjoy your time while over here. People are very hospitable and you will not find any place in the world like Egypt.

Dr. Zahi Hawass, world's most famous archaeologist:

I want to say to all of you – Egypt is completely safe. Come and see for yourself – you will be in good hands and all the Egyptians will welcome you. In the last years there was not one tourist hurt at any site in the country. The safety of Egypt is visible everywhere. All the archaeological sites and hotels are completely secured.

Thanks to *Archaeological Paths* I met hundreds of people from all over the world who stayed with us for 2 weeks and they had the best time in their life. And this is why I'm inviting you to visit Egypt with *Archaeological Paths* company and see the wonders of the pharaohs. I'm joining these tours. I will meet you at the sites and I will present to you my private lectures about the discoveries that I made in Egypt over the last 20 years. You'll see the magic of the pyramids and you will smell the mystery of the Sphinx. These are the visits that you will never forget in your life!

Dr. Mark Lehner, prominent American Egyptologist:

I've been working here for 42 years and I've never felt more safe than I have in Egypt. I've always felt safe in Egypt. I come from the Boston area, that's where I live, we had an incident in the Boston marathon. We still run the Boston marathon. We would do nothing but run the Boston marathon. And so here in Egypt, tours continue, tourists are coming, archaeology continues and you should come and share in this experience.

Ahmed Hassan, Egyptologist and tour guide:

Egyptians are very popular for their hospitality. Kids want to talk to tourists all the time when they are going from one place to the other. Everybody who has been to Egypt felt very safe. We have been to Luxor, Aswan, Cairo, being in downtown Cairo, when it's really busy, with families out in the streets, the kids going to school. It is safe and you should try to visit now, before it gets really, really busy and it will be easier to enjoy your trip now.

Mohamed Latif, Egyptologist and tour guide:

First, I always say the problem is that people are confusing geography, they think that what happened in Syria or Iraq must happen in Egypt. Egypt is totally different, Egypt is another country. A lot of people come from America and from other places and they feel Egypt is more safe than home. I am so proud that Egypt was always safe. The Egyptians in general love to live in peace and they love to bring peace to the people, especially those who come to visit our country. Wherever you go, wherever you meet people, it's the same idea. Egypt is safe and it's amazing to come.

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