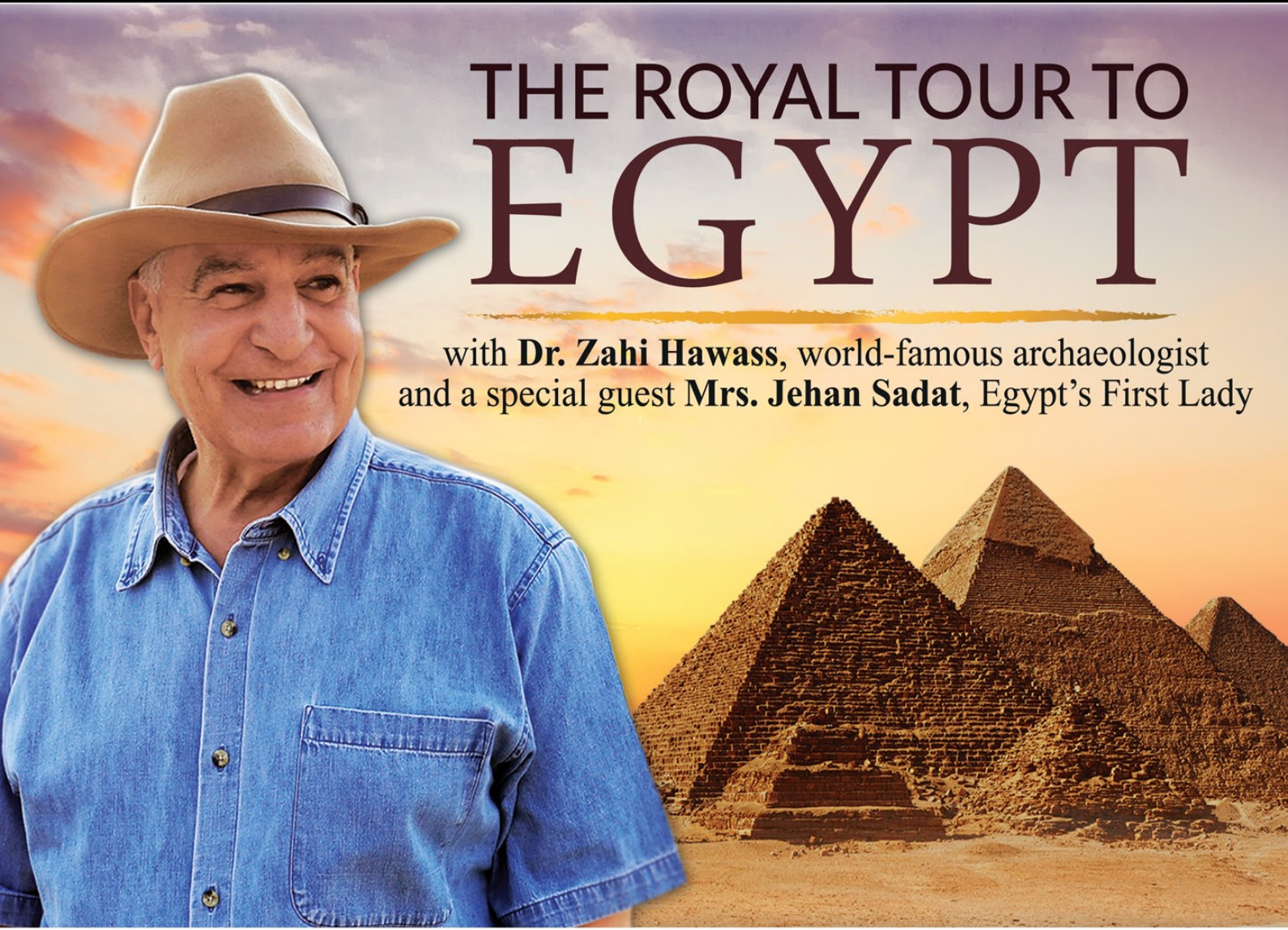


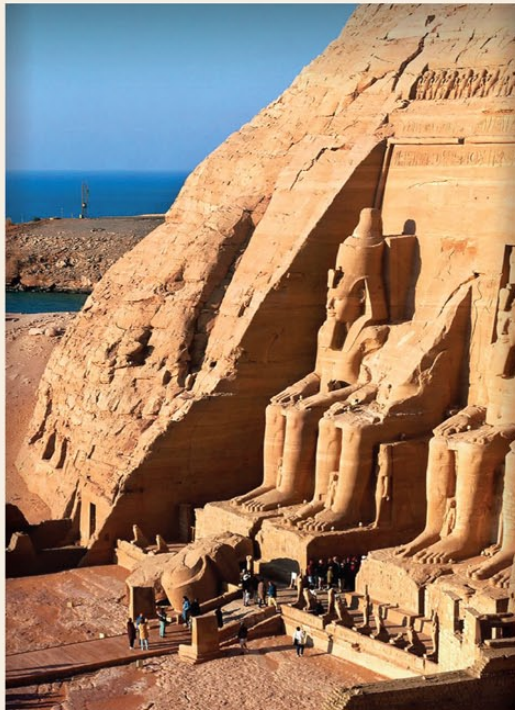
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with **Dr. Zahi Hawass**, world-famous archaeologist
and a special guest **Mrs. Jehan Sadat**, Egypt's First Lady

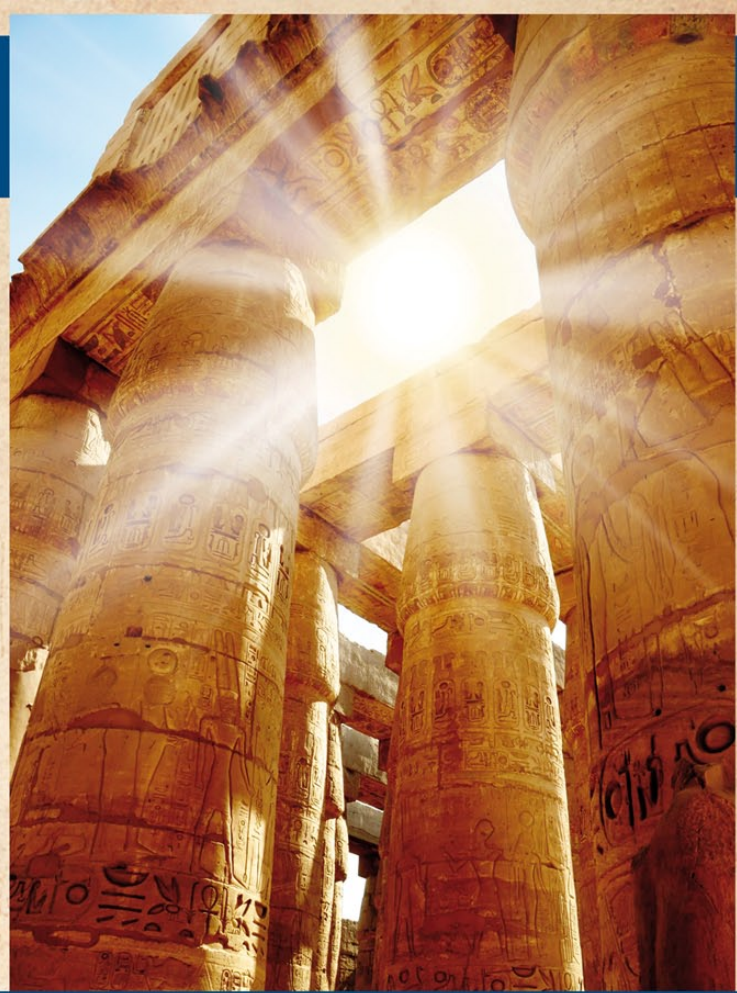
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DISCOVER EGYPT WITH DR. ZAHİ HAWASS!

This is the most exciting tour to Egypt ever offered. Visit the Land of the Pharaohs together with the most famous archaeologist in the world – Dr. Zahi Hawass. Meet the former First Lady of Egypt – Mrs. Jehan Sadat in the residence of Egypt's late president Anwar El-Sadat. With *Archaeological Paths* you will experience Egypt like no one else. You will stay in a 5-star hotel and on a luxury Nile Cruise ship, taste delicious local cuisine and embrace the unique Egyptian culture.

The Royal Tour offers private entrances to the entire Giza Plateau and Luxor Temple outside the opening hours. Only with us you will get exclusive access between the paws of the Great Sphinx, place closed to the public! Thanks to the special permission from the Minister of Antiquities you will discover the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders in Giza, an active excavation site.







ABOUT THE ROYAL TOUR



Our 14-day itinerary has been carefully designed by *Archaeological Paths'* team in cooperation with Egyptologists and Dr. Zahi Hawass himself to provide you with a comprehensive tour through Egypt's fascinating history. We begin with the oldest monuments of the ancient Memphis necropolis and the Great Pyramids of the Old Kingdom and we continue the tour chronologically on the Nile cruise to discover the monuments of the Middle and New Kingdoms.

Starting from the ancient Thebes, today known as Luxor, we will see Karnak and Luxor temples, the great mortuary temple of Hatchepsut and the tombs of the Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings; sailing down the Nile we will visit breathtaking Edfu and Kom Ombo temples, and reach Aswan to discover the Philae temple located beautifully on an island; finally we will see the huge temple of Abu Simbel – guarded by enormous statues of Ramses the Great at the entrance. The tour includes a visit to the modern Cairo and the sightseeing in the Great Egyptian Museum.



SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Thanks to very special arrangements with the Ministry of Antiquities *Archaeological Paths* offers private access to Egypt's greatest monuments and sites closed to the public:

- the private entrance to the Giza Plateau (outside opening hours)
- the private entrance to the Great Pyramid of Khufu (only our group)
- the Great Sphinx enclosure (entrance to the Sphinx area, closed to the public)
- the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza (closed to the public)
- the private entrance to the Luxor temple (outside opening hours)



The Royal Tour includes exclusive access to our special guests:

- private sightseeing with Dr. Zahi Hawass
- multimedia lectures with Dr. Zahi Hawass with Q&A sessions
- a visit to the residence of Egypt's former president Anwar El Sadat and a lecture with Jehan Sadat, the first lady



DR. ZAHI HAWASS



There is no better person to lead you through the fascinating history of ancient Egypt than Dr. Zahi Hawass. For over 20 years he held all the keys to the Egyptian antiquities - First as a Secretary General for the Supreme Council of Antiquities, later as a Minister of State for Antiquities. During our tour, Dr. Zahi Hawass will join our group for sightseeing of the most important sites in Egypt.

Thanks to Dr. Hawass' talks and expert observations, that he will share with us next to the world's greatest monuments, you will experience Egypt like no one else.

Moreover, you will take part in private multimedia lectures by Dr. Hawass who will show us the latest and most exciting discoveries coming out of Egypt! He will focus on his research, including the mysteries of Tutankhamun, the search for the grave of Queen Nefertiti, new findings in the Valley of the Kings and the search for the tombs of Cleopatra and Mark Antony. Dr. Hawass will also discuss his work on the pyramid complex at Giza and will include biographical anecdotes and personal experiences from many years of his scientific activities.





“I invite you to join me with *Archaeological Paths* company to tour Egypt and to see the wonders of the pharaohs. I'm joining these tours. I will tell you about the discoveries that I made in the last 20 years. You will be able to visit many unique sites that actually very few people can see. I will bring the magic of Ancient Egypt to you. I will take you to the Luxor temple at night while the temple is lit. We will enter between the two paws of the Sphinx alone and see the smile of the Sphinx. You will visit my great discovery, the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders. It is called the most important discovery of the 20th century, because for the first time we could learn about the people who built the Pyramids.

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.”



JEHAN SADAT



During the tour you will meet Mrs. Jehan Sadat, a world figure and widow of the late Egyptian President and Nobel peace prize winner Anwar El-Sadat. Mrs. Sadat was first lady of Egypt from 1970 until 1981. She has devoted her life to public service and supports many initiatives to improve the life of Egyptian citizens worldwide. She has promoted literacy and founded Egypt's Wafa Wal Amal (Faith and Hope) Society for handicapped war veterans and civilians, the first and largest rehabilitation center of its kind in the Middle East.

Today, Jehan Sadat's mission is to maintain her husband's legacy, keeping alive his memory so that future generations will know that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat was a "man of peace." At the same time, she continues to deliver her own views concerning the importance of the family and civil rights. She became an outspoken advocate for peace in the Middle East and worldwide. She is a recognized hero of anti-war initiatives globally and attacks issues of primary education for Muslim youth to empower generations now and in the future with economic opportunities.



JEHAN SADAT: “I would love to invite you to a Royal Tour with *Archaeological Paths*. They are really the best to come with to visit my country, Egypt. It’s a visit that you will never forget. We are the oldest country in the world. We have great monuments and great people who are generous and like foreigners.

I invite you to my home to see where president Sadat used to live and meet the leaders of the world. You will see a part of history. We lived here for more than forty years. I would love to speak to you about my life and our work for peace. It's a legacy which I'm very proud of.

When you go to Egypt, you have to take a tour with Dr. Zahi Hawass. He is the best in our country to have with you on your trip and to tell you about the history of Egypt. He will tell stories which are so interesting and you will enjoy every word he will say. Nobody can say it better than Zahi Hawass.

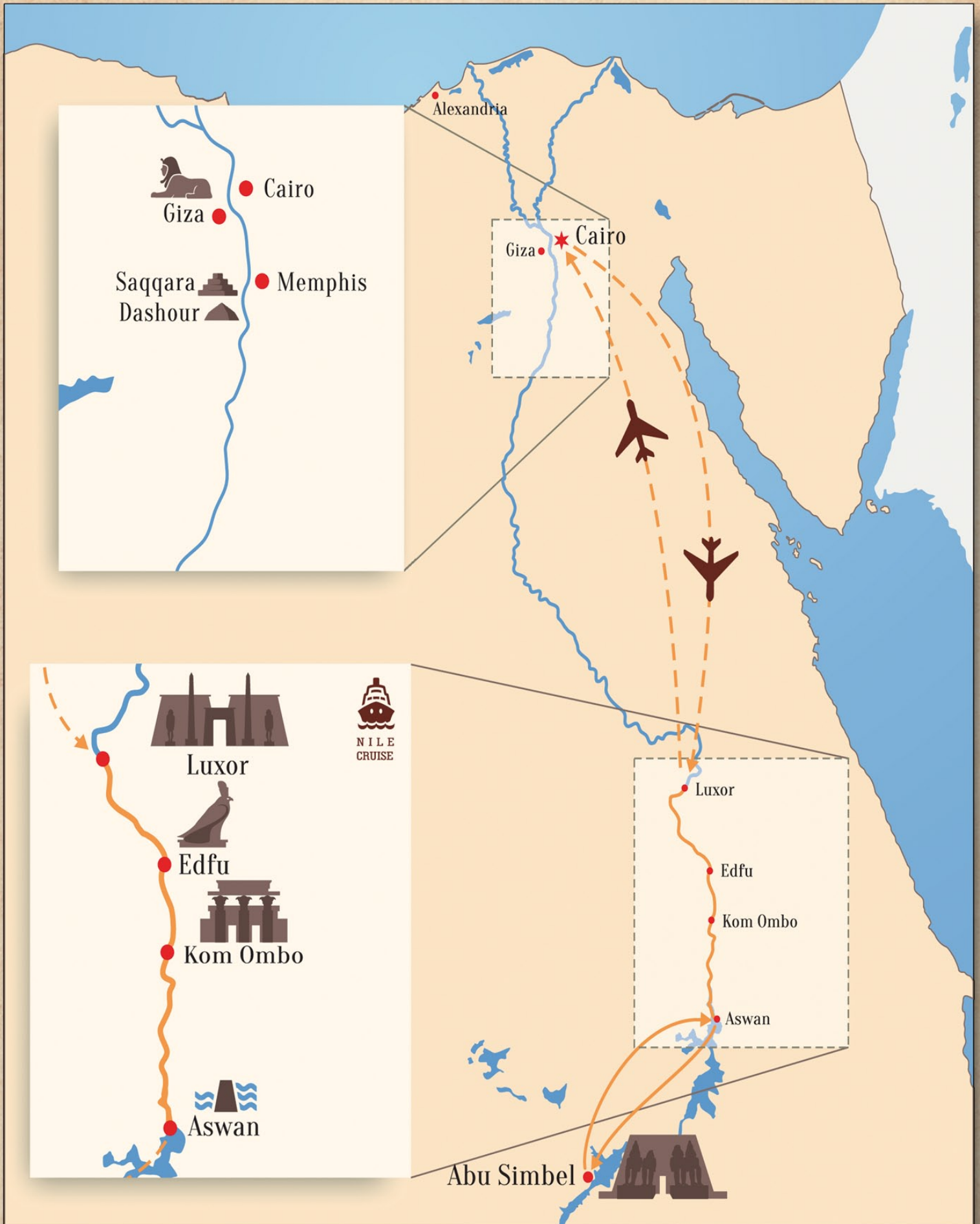
On this tour you will not miss the Nile cruise, because it is one of the best things to experience in Egypt. You will be on a ship sailing from Luxor to Aswan, floating on the Nile, and marvel at the views on both sides of the Nile river. You will see farmers tiling the land, children playing and green palm trees all the way, it is a lovely view. And the most important thing – you will enjoy a peaceful and relaxing cruise. I made this trip many times and I’m going to make it every year.

Egypt is safe and secure and you will see it yourself. You will enjoy your stay here and, believe me, you will come back again. You cannot miss visiting Egypt.”

Jehan Sadat



TOUR MAP





TOUR ITINERARY



Day 1 - Arrival

Arrival at Cairo International Airport. A representative of the *Archaeological Paths* will welcome our guests at the airport and transfer them to a luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza, situated near the pyramids. After the check-in at the hotel our guests will have time to relax and then enjoy their dinner in the hotel's restaurant. Overnight stay at the hotel.



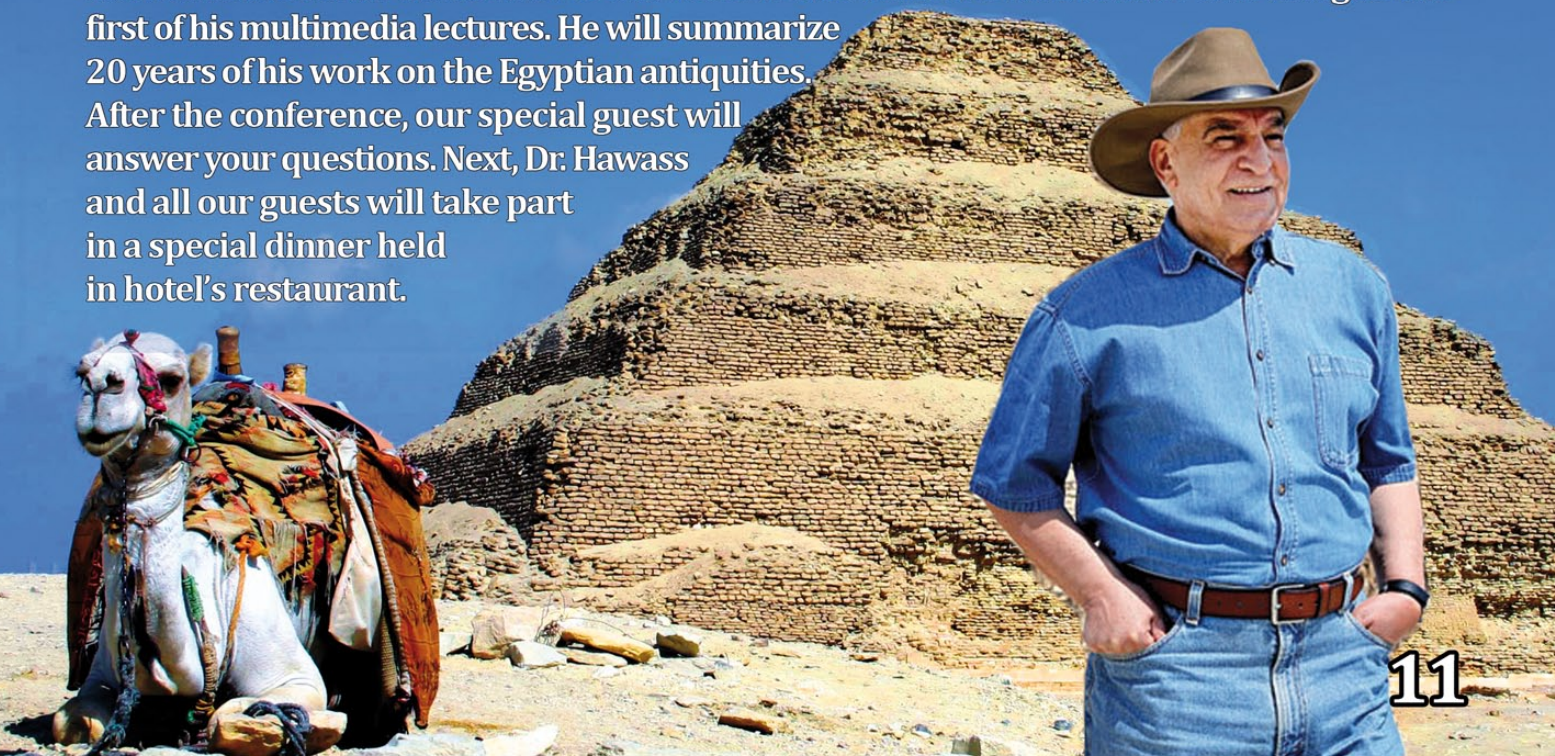
Day 2

Saqqara & multimedia lecture with Dr. Zahi Hawass

During our first day of sightseeing we will go to Saqqara to see the Step Pyramid of King Djoser. It was constructed 4700 years ago by the legendary architect Imhotep and was the first pyramid ever built by the Egyptians. *"Maybe this is the most impressive place on Earth. The birthplace of architecture"* – Dr. Zahi Hawass. This over 200 feet high monument is the oldest pyramid in the world! Nearby the pyramid we will visit the tombs decorated with impressive reliefs and paintings. Our sightseeing will end at Saqqara with a visit to the Pyramid of King Teti which boasts one of the oldest pyramid texts ever discovered.

In the afternoon we will return to our hotel to welcome Dr. Zahi Hawass who will give the first of his multimedia lectures. He will summarize 20 years of his work on the Egyptian antiquities.

After the conference, our special guest will answer your questions. Next, Dr. Hawass and all our guests will take part in a special dinner held in hotel's restaurant.





Day 3

Dashour and Memphis

Pyramid Builders Tombs with Dr. Zahi Hawass

After breakfast, we will go to Dashour to see two pyramids built for Pharaoh Snefru which belong to the oldest, largest, and best preserved in Egypt, built 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. During its construction Egyptians changed its angle. Perhaps because of the awkward angles in the Bent Pyramid, Snefru ordered to build another one nearby, and so the Red Pyramid that we will have a chance to enter is the elegant precursor to the Great Pyramids at Giza.

After visiting the pyramids, we will see the ruins of Memphis, the former capital of Egypt. In Memphis we will stop at the museum to admire a giant statue of Ramses II (about 35 feet in length) carved from monumental limestone.



After lunch you will visit another great attraction available just for our company's guests. **Together with Dr. Zahi Hawass we will visit the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza (2500 BC).** It is one of the most important discoveries made by Dr. Hawass over the course of his career. The Pyramid Builders Tombs are closed to tourists due to the ongoing archaeological excavations, however, our company has received a special permission to enter this area together with Dr. Zahi Hawass.

Dr. Hawass: I will take you to see my great discovery, the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders. It is called the most important discovery of the 20th century, because for the first time we could learn about the people who built the pyramids. Thanks to this visit you will know how the Ancient Egyptians built the pyramids.

It was my dream to discover the tombs of the workmen who built the pyramids at Giza. I always say that this discovery is even more important than the tomb of King Tutankhamun, because there we found mainly gold, but the tombs of the Pyramid Builders reconstructed our history. It is an extremely important discovery, because it shone a new light on the Ancient Egyptian civilization.





Day 4 – Giza Plateau with Dr. Hawass & meeting with Madam Jehan Sadat

In the morning, when the entire Giza Plateau remains closed to all other tourists, *Archaeological Paths*' guests will have an exclusive access to this iconic site. Thanks to a special permission from the Ministry of Antiquities you will see both the three Great Pyramids and the Great Sphinx privately. These monuments were built around 2500 BC by the pharaohs of the Old Kingdom.



Dr. Zahi Hawass will be waiting for us between the huge paws of the Great Sphinx. Other tourists can see the Sphinx from the observation terrace from the distance, but our special permission will let us enter the Sphinx enclosure which is always closed to the public. **Dr. Hawass will tell us about his research on the Great Sphinx and the mystery of the Pyramids.** We will also have a chance to learn about the newest project on scanning the Great Pyramids in search for hidden chambers which is run under the direction of Dr. Hawass.

Next, we will have a private access inside the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the only one of the seven wonders of the ancient world that is still standing today. What is more, the guards will open two additional chambers for us which are normally closed to the public – the Queen's chamber and the Subterranean chamber.

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Another highlight awaiting us on that day will be the meeting and lecture by Egypt's former First Lady Mrs. Jehan Sadat in her home located by the Nile River. It will be a unique opportunity to see the residence of Egypt's former president - Anwar El Sadat.

Madam Sadat who effortlessly advocates for her husband's ideals of peace will tell us about her life as a First Lady, the world's current situation, and about her lifelong goal – the world peace. After the lecture Madam Sadat will answer all of your questions. The meeting will allow you to understand Egypt's modern history better and to get to know the most distinguished Woman of Egypt in person. Madam Sadat will also invite you for a treat in her home.





Day 5 - Flight to Luxor Karnak temple

In the morning we will fly from Cairo to Luxor. In Luxor we will check-in on a luxury 5-star cruise ship, our floating hotel. This 8-day Nile Cruise features various stops and site visits including all the most impressive monuments from the time of the Pharaohs.



On that day we will visit the famous Karnak temple. It is the largest temple in the world. Located on the east bank of the Nile, in the neighborhood of a sacred lake, Karnak was not a single temple but a complex of temples, halls, enclosures, and obelisks. For over two thousand years from Middle Kingdom (ca. 2040–1780 BC) to Greco-Roman times (ca. 332 BC to 400 AD) it was continuously modified, expanded, and rebuilt.



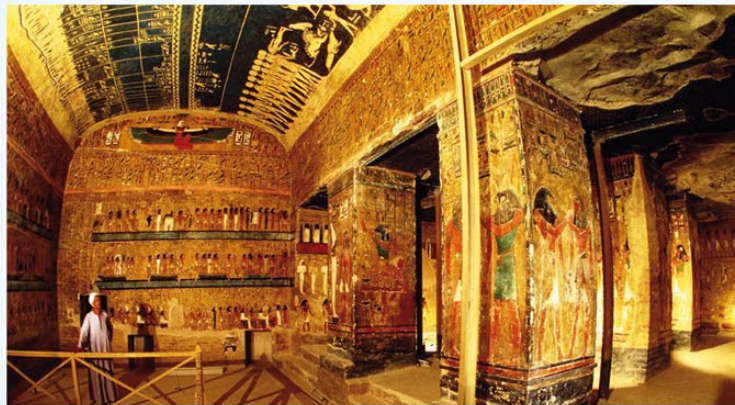


Day 6 - The Valley of the Kings.

After breakfast we will start sightseeing of the west bank of Luxor. Our tour will start with a motor boat ride across the Nile to see the highlight of Luxor - the Valley of the Kings.

The Valley of the Kings, located on the west bank of the Nile in Luxor, has been the royal cemetery for 62 Pharaohs. There, we will access some of the most renowned tombs. Our visit will also include the admission to the King Tutankhamun's tomb. Undeniably, the valley is one of Egypt's most important treasures. What is more, *Archaeological Paths* will provide its guests with a camera permit allowing them, at no extra cost, to take photos.

When we return to the ship the rest of the afternoon will be free for leisure. Our guests can enjoy the sundeck and the stunning views of the Nile landscape while sailing to Edfu.

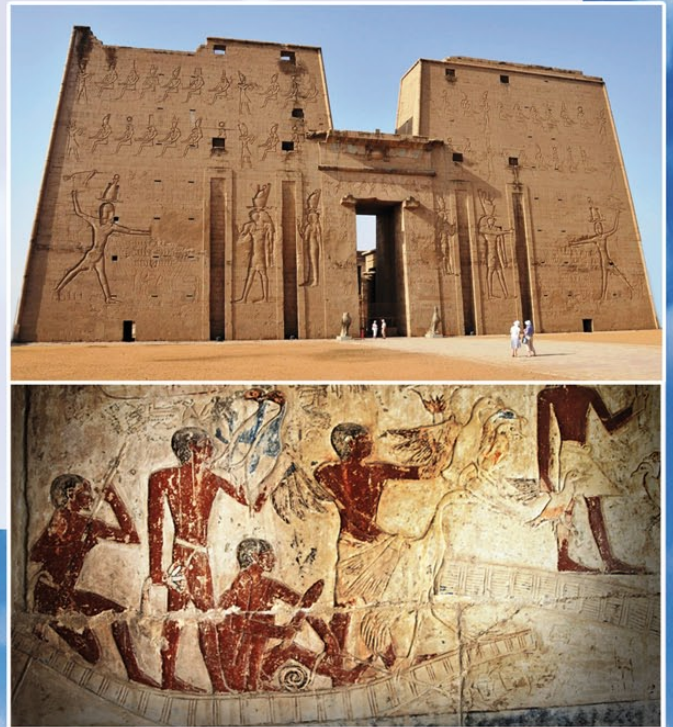




Day 7 - Edfu and Kom Ombo temples

In the morning, our cruise ship will take us to Edfu to see its marvelous temple. The Edfu Temple is the best preserved ancient temple in Egypt dedicated to the falcon god Horus. It was built in the Ptolemaic period between 237 and 57 BC. When we return to the ship we will cruise towards Kom Ombo.

There, we will visit the Ptolemaic Kom Ombo Temple. It was built during the reign of King Ptolemy V (ca. 205 to 180 BC). The Ptolemies constructed the Temple of Kom Ombo to worship the two gods, Sobek – the crocodile god and Horus – the falcon god. After visiting the site we will return to the ship for dinner and then we will start sailing south towards Aswan.





Day 8 - Aswan

After breakfast, we will start the sightseeing of Aswan. Our day will begin with a drive to the Unfinished Obelisk which is the largest known ancient obelisk and is located in the ancient stone quarry. It is nearly one third larger than any ancient Egyptian obelisk ever erected. If it were finished, it would have measured around 140 feet and weighed nearly 1200 tons.

Next we will take a motor boat ride to the Temple of Philae, located beautifully on an island and dedicated to Isis, the goddess of health, marriage and wisdom. Philae was considered one of the burial places of the god Osiris, so the island was a sacred place for Ancient Egyptians. The temple consists of monuments of various eras, extending from the Pharaohs to the Caesars.

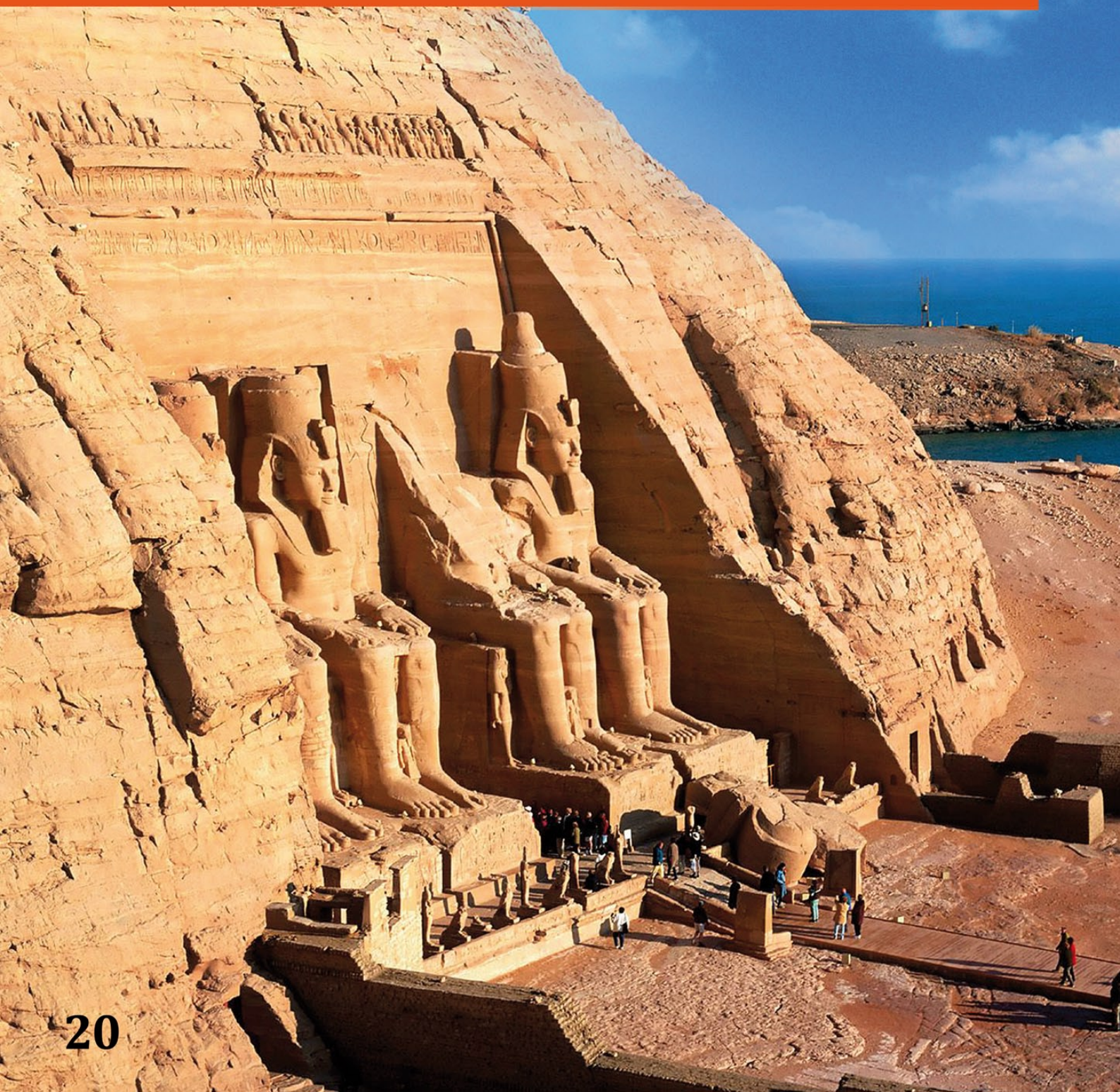
After our return to the ship and lunch we will relax while cruising the Nile by a motor boat to the Nubian village. Small boats will take us through the narrow passages of the Nile. Before we arrive to meet the local Nubians to visit their houses and experience their way of living, we will admire the beauty of Egyptian nature and stunning views on the Nile.





Day 9 - Abu Simbel

The second day in Aswan will start with a journey to the majestic Abu Simbel Temple. The temple is one of the most imposing, impressive, and iconic symbols of Ancient Egypt alongside the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx. Abu Simbel temple was originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century BC as a lasting monument to himself and his queen Nefertari.





Day 10 - Sailing back to Luxor & the temple of Luxor with Dr. Zahi Hawass

In the morning our cruise ship will leave Aswan and head back to Luxor. You will have a relaxing day to spend on the beautiful sundeck while sailing. You will admire and enjoy the views on the Nile: flourishing green areas, desert in the distance, farmers at work, and picturesque villages. Our guide will be available on the sundeck to answer all the additional questions you may have.

We will reach Luxor in the evening. **Dr. Zahi Hawass will come on board to welcome us. You will be able to share your impressions with Dr. Hawass during the dinner. Next, we will have the extraordinary privilege to visit Luxor temple privately with Dr. Zahi Hawass.** Thanks to a special permission from the Minister of Antiquities we will enter the temple outside its opening hours. The temple will be beautifully lit just for our group! Dr. Hawass will tell us more about his archaeological research and his discoveries in Luxor.





Day 11 - The Temple of Hatchepsut, Deir el-Medina

Another very exciting day will start with a visit to the temple of Queen Hatchepsut and Deir el-Medina with the tombs of the workers who built the Valley of the Kings.

Temple of Queen Hatchepsut, Deir el-Bahari

The Temple of Deir el-Bahari is one of the most characteristic temples in Egypt. It was built of limestone not sandstone like most of the other funerary temples of the New Kingdom. Hatshepsut was the first queen to rule over Egypt in ancient Egyptian history (ca. 1473 to 1458 BC) and became one of the most important rulers of Egypt.

Deir el-Medina

It is a worker's village, home to the artisans and craftsmen of Thebes who built the royal tombs in the nearby Valley of the Kings. Deir el-Medina, because of the wealth of information it provides, is one of the most important archaeological sites in Egypt.



Day 12 - Flight to Cairo, lecture by Dr. Zahi Hawass

We will fly back to Cairo. After lunch and free time we will take part in the second multimedia lecture by Dr. Zahi Hawass. He will take us again on a fascinating journey of research and excavations he has conducted in Egypt over the last 20 years. After the conference, there will be time for questions and discussion. Next, Dr. Hawass and all our guests will take part in a dinner held in the hotel's restaurant.





Day 13 - Tour of Cairo

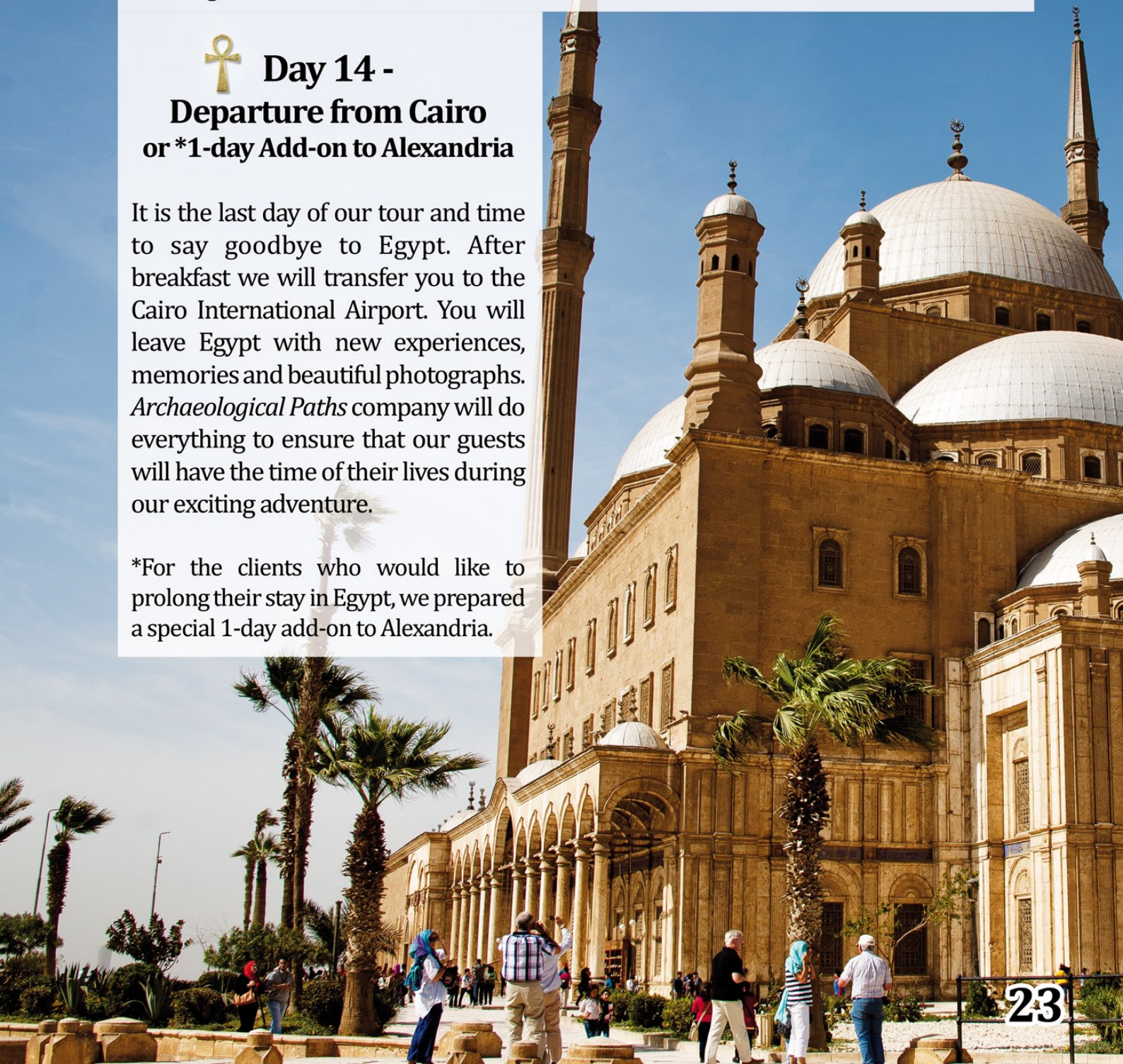
After breakfast, we will start the sightseeing of Cairo, the capital of Egypt. We will visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo - one of the most important museums in the world. It contains the world's largest collection of pharaonic antiquities. We will see the famous Tutankhamun exhibition with the golden mask of the boy king. After lunch we will drive to the Saladin Citadel and Mosque of Muhammad Ali. The Saladin Citadel which dates back to the twelfth century is an Islamic fortress built to unite the city and protect it from Christian crusaders. The Mosque of Muhammad Ali was built on the summit of the citadel in the first half of the nineteenth century. In the evening, during our farewell dinner, we will celebrate the two weeks of our exciting adventure.



Day 14 - Departure from Cairo or *1-day Add-on to Alexandria

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. You 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.

*For the clients who would like to prolong their stay in Egypt, we prepared a special 1-day add-on to Alexandria.





ACCOMMODATION

During our tours we book the best of carefully selected accommodation available in Egypt.

After the sightseeing, our guests have time to rest and relax. *Archaeological Paths* staff makes it a priority to choose the best accommodation for you. During the Egyptian Tour our guests spend 6 nights in a luxurious 5-star hotel in Giza and 7 nights on a specially selected 5-star Deluxe Cruise Ship. Our Hotel in Giza is situated just next to the pyramids!

We pay great attention to the selection of the restaurants and the high quality of the cuisine. The restaurants serve both international cuisine and the best regional dishes.



During the tour we include 8-day cruise on the Nile River. Out of the several hundred ships cruising the Nile, we select the best 5-star deluxe cruise ships. The rooms on the cruise ship are no different from normal hotel rooms in good hotels – every room has a TV, table with chairs, private bathroom with a shower or a bathtub. During the cruise, all meals will be served in the cruise ship's restaurant. In your free time you can go to the cruise ship's bar, to the gym or enjoy the beautiful sundeck. On the sundeck you will find tables and chairs, a drink bar, deckchairs to sunbathe and a swimming pool. Cruising the Nile on such a luxurious ship is always one of the best memories of our tour participants and offers the most convenient and most comfortable way to travel from one place to the other.





TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Royal Egypt Tour - PRIVATE EDITION

- **Price per person: 13 985 USD** in a double room - two people sharing (deposit is 1800 USD during booking!). If you travel alone you can share a room with another tour member. However, if you would like to stay in a single room then the supplement is 1985 USD.

Payment Schedule:

- 1800 USD deposit – during booking.
- Remaining balance – 90 days before the tour

Price Includes:

Dr. Zahi Hawass as our special guest; Five Star Accommodation - 6 nights in Five Star hotel in Giza, 7 nights onboard a Five Star Deluxe Nile Cruise Ship; Domestic flights during the tour (Cairo - Luxor; Luxor - Cairo); 3 meals a day – breakfast, lunch and dinner; All sightseeing tours; 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; Health Insurance; Private entrance to the Great Pyramid of Khufu; Private entrance to Luxor temple; Special entrance to the Sphinx Enclosure; Special entrance to the Pyramids Builders Tombs at Giza; Private Edition - group limited to 18 tour guests.

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).

**Please contact us for more
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Why travel with us?

Archaeological Paths company organizes tours and expeditions with outstanding experts in the field of Science and Archeology. Our company was founded in 2003 and since then we have organized tours to Egypt, Sahara desert, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Georgia, India, Cambodia, Peru and Bolivia. The participants of our tours come from all over the world – USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, South America, Poland, Germany, China and Japan.

We offer tours that cannot be found in any other tourist agency. While most tour operators specialize in a typical package group tours, our journeys always have a theme and are led by world-renowned explorers and archaeologists.

We offer a limited number of tours in order to ensure the highest standard of traveling, including the very best services, 5-star luxury hotels and all the comforts and attractions that our guests would like to experience. We are there for you 24/7 if you need any kind of assistance during our tour.

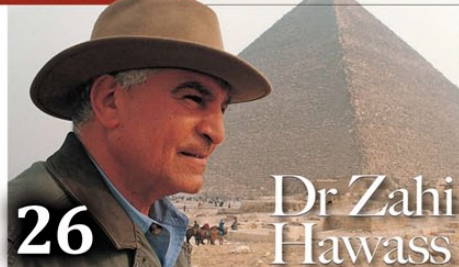
We cooperate with Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Antiquities when we organize our tours to Egypt. Our contacts with the Ministries enable us to give our participants the possibility to enter places that are normally closed or not available to other tourists.

Our company also organizes scientific and archeological conferences, produces documentary movies, interviews the experts and documents historical discoveries and archeological excavations.

We cooperate with major science and archaeological magazines such as National Geographic, Smithsonian, Scientific American, Archaeology, Current World Archaeology, Biblical Archeology, Ancient Egypt, and KMT magazine.



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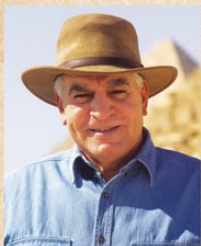
(the leading international archaeological journal, publication of the Archaeological Institute of America, a 133-year-old nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of human heritage)

*“Archaeological Paths is a valued advertising partner of ARCHAEOLOGY Magazine, having advertised their trips to Egypt in the magazine and on our website. We knew the magazine had landed in our subscribers’ mailboxes because we were flooded with phone calls about the company, their trip and the unique itinerary! We know that our readers booked a trip with *Archaeological Paths* and, upon their return, some even called to express their delight with the itinerary and the unprecedented access to Dr. Zahi Hawass, the world-famous Egyptologist. Some even described this trip as the “trip of a lifetime”. It was also reported to us by a US-based member of the Ministry of Tourism of Egypt that the trip itself was front page news in a Cairo newspaper. Based on the success of this trip, I would encourage those who are interested in checking Egypt off their “bucket list” to travel there with *Archaeological Paths* on one of their upcoming trips!”*



Jehan Sadat, Egypt's First Lady:

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

Egypt has magic. I could see it in the hearts of the people that I met during *Archaeological Paths* tours in the last few years. On the last day of their tour to Egypt, I could see that people were crying because they were leaving the magic of Ancient Egypt behind. This is why I'm inviting you on this beautiful tour with *Archaeological Paths*. It is a great tour company, because you will be able to see many unique sites that actually very few people can see. You'll be treated like royalty, this is why we call it the Royal Tour. Come and see for yourself – you will be in good hands and you will have a great time with *Archaeological Paths*.



Dr. Mark Lehner, prominent American Egyptologist:

If you join these in-depth tours offered by *Archaeological Paths*, you get a much richer experience of Egypt, pyramids and the Sphinx. This tour offers the benefits of really getting a deep, satisfying look at the archaeology of Ancient Egypt. You will see things that you have never seen before. This is not your standard tour of Egypt, but a very special in-depth experience of archaeology. Even if you've been to Egypt before, you will see it like very few people see it.

The background to it, as well, will enrich your understanding of the Egyptian pyramids. Religious reasons, what was happening in Egypt at that time? Where was the world in terms of world-wide archaeology? You'll get a sense of contact with the pyramids that just isn't offered in your standard tour where you have a few minutes at the pyramid, half an hour at the Sphinx and then you're off to the bazaars. This will give you deep archaeological understanding of Egypt.



Tarek El-Awady, leading Egyptian archaeologist:

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 alone the beauty and the magic of the site.

People used to come to Egypt and visit the Great Pyramids and they had many questions, still unanswered. How did the Ancient Egyptians build the Pyramids? Who built them? So they were leaving the site with these questions – but thanks to *Archaeological Paths* company, they will find the answers to all the questions by visiting major discoveries like Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza. It is closed for tourists, but *Archaeological Paths*, thanks to a special permission from the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities, made it possible for you to visit. When you will see the Pyramid Builders Tombs, you will know how the Ancient Egyptians built the Pyramids and who were these people.

After such a trip you can say that now you know something about Ancient Egypt and these great people who lived in this country thousands of years ago and built their wonderful civilization.



Mohamed Latif, Egyptologist and tour guide:

In Egypt we have many classic tours when you bring people to the most famous things we have, but with *Archaeological Paths* you go deeper than this, you go to the heart of history. They know how to make it more interesting than any other tour company, because they offer things that nobody can see and they open things that are closed for everybody, which is a great experience, not just for the people, but also for the guides and people who work for them.

For example when you go to Luxor temple at night and it's just for you – the light is for you, they open it just for you, that's a kind of magic. You feel that you went back in time three thousand years and see it just like it was when the ancient Egyptians were there. I don't believe that you can get this feeling except with *Archaeological Paths* when they give you that opportunity to be in the temple by yourself.

People come with us and they think that maybe this is going to be the trip of their life and they are waiting and expecting so much. The good thing is that when they come to me after a few days, they think what they found is way better than they even expected.



Ahmed Hassan, Egyptologist and tour guide:

The greatest highlight is having Dr. Zahi Hawass with us and doing special entrances, being inside the Great Pyramid of Giza by ourselves and having all the chambers inside the Great Pyramid of Giza opened for us. This is very special. Being able to go between the front paws of the Sphinx with Dr. Zahi Hawass himself giving us a lecture there, this is such a special thing. Everybody sees the Sphinx from far away, you normally can't go near the Sphinx. We are able to be there, between the front paws of the Sphinx, to walk around the Sphinx and to have Dr. Zahi Hawass himself pointing things out and talking about it – this is very special.



Jehan Hassan, Egyptologist and tour guide:

The great privilege of working with *Archaeological Paths* is being in places without anyone, like the special entries that we have – we have the special entry to the temple of Luxor at night, after the working hours, which is extremely inspiring. We have a chance to actually look in depth. People have more time to listen to the explanations that we give, then walk around and explore on their own. This is what I see as opening up new gates in terms of tourism. People will still enjoy their time, have time on their own on the Nile cruise ship, but also time on their own to explore and see things that not everybody else can get access to.

You have to come to Egypt. I cannot imagine that anyone would miss such a great civilization. There is really no place on Earth like it.



Gregory Poplawski, general manager of Archaeological Paths company:

When we established *Archaeological Paths* our goal was to create a company for people passionate about archaeology and not a standard tourist agency organizing classic tours. My personal goal was to offer in-depth tours that will be so amazing that each time even our staff will be excited about joining them.

My priority was always to create a team of people who are true archaeology lovers. It is the passion in the people we work with that ignites our creativity when we prepare our new projects and innovative tours. It is the passion that stands behind the friendly atmosphere and excitement that we all feel when we work together.

Now, years since the beginning of *Archaeological Paths* company I am proud of our achievements. When we are organizing our Egypt tours, we cooperate with world's leading Egyptologists and we have exclusive access to the greatest archaeologist in the world, Dr. Zahi Hawass who meets our guests during their Egypt tours.

Our clients also meet Mrs. Jehan Sadat, a world-figure and Egypt's former First Lady, they visit her in the residence where she lived with her husband, president Anwar El-Sadat. We give you an opportunity to not only learn about ancient Egyptian pharaohs, but also to experience the modern history of Egypt.

Thanks to our contacts that we have been building for years and our close cooperation with Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities and Ministry of Tourism, we can open up sites that are closed to all the other tourists. Our team can take you to the sites where nobody else gets to go and give you a deeper experience of ancient Egypt than on any other standard tour.

The rich itinerary we offer is completed by the highest quality of services and the best standards of accommodation. Our tours offer 5-star hotels and luxury cruises, so you will travel in comfort while meeting our world-class experts.

I believe transparency is key in travel business and for that reason we are continuing both our written and video-testimonials project for several years now. We go further than other tourist agencies which show only written reviews and we ask our guests to speak about their experience in their own words in the video reviews.

We can say with certainty that we have created an extraordinary tour that will open up a new world of possibilities to you, a tour full of attractions, including participation of special guests that will give you opportunities you cannot find anywhere else. We always make sure this will be a trip of a lifetime for all our guests. My personal priority is to have guests who come back and travel with us again, which is the best review we can receive and our big group of regular clients is our greatest satisfaction.

Gregory Poplawski



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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 tens of 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 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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TESTIMONIALS

The comments from the participants of previous tours are extremely valuable for every company. *Archaeological Paths* makes every effort to ensure that our tours will be the experience of a lifetime for all our guests.

Below you will find testimonials from our guests who gave us permission to publish their impressions. Our tour participants wrote so many comments that we could not possibly include them all in this brochure. If you would like to read more and see the video testimonials, please visit our website www.archaeologicalpaths.com and click on *Testimonials* section.

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for a most wonderful tour. It was the first I have ever done, and it was beyond my expectations. It was an adventure to treasure for a lifetime. I think your group went above and beyond to provide us with a look at Egypt's past. One member of our group, who I happen to sit next to on the bus a few times, had been a tour guide. He said that this was far better than any tour he has taken. So I think that says a lot right there. Thank you so much and I hope you continue to offer great tours in the future.

Jo Ann Knight - California, USA

I would like to thank you all at Archaeological Paths for organising such a wonderful trip to Egypt. Meeting Dr Hawass was a dream come true for me. His knowledge and passion for Egypt is contagious. Having special permission to enter certain sites was amazing and the experiences will be with us forever in our memories. Egypt is such a treasure trove of ancient sites and for those who want to go, this is the trip to be on.

Karen and Barry Thomas - Australia



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I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to Egypt and would not hesitate to go again. Everybody I talked to before this trip asked about security. There was never even a single moment during which I felt the least bit uneasy for my safety. Everyone welcomed us wherever we went. The overwhelming reactions to our presence were smiles, waving, and people flashing the peace sign.

The Mena House, our hotel in Cairo, has a fascinating history of it's own. In addition to being a world class hotel with staff to match, to be practically in the shadow of The Great Pyramid was otherworldly. Our ship for the Nile cruise and her crew were top notch, too.

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. Mohammed and Mustafa described the training they went through to become guides, and I suspect they each graduated near the top of their class. Their knowledge of Egyptian history and the details of the sites we visited was amazing. I especially appreciated their willingness to present differing theories, even when controversial. Together with the support staff, their attention to detail and the needs of the group was remarkable.

Like many of the group I signed up for this particular tour because of the chance to meet and talk to Dr. Hawass. Although Dr. Hawass is a rock star to anyone interested in Egyptology, there were plenty of one-on-one opportunities to talk to him and ask questions. His lectures at Mena House and his talks at sites during the tour were exclamations points in an all-star itinerary.

Archaeological Paths put together an outstanding tour and I would recommend them in a heartbeat! This trip was everything a "bucket list" trip should be.

Enthusiastically,
Bill Thomas - California, USA

I enjoyed every moment of our tour. The time with Dr Hawass was exceptional. The opportunities we were given will stay with me forever. I have already referred your company to many of my friends.

Shirley Williamson - California, USA

Thanks again for organizing such an amazing trip, and I am sure that I will be joining you again!

Maja Brkovic, Serbia

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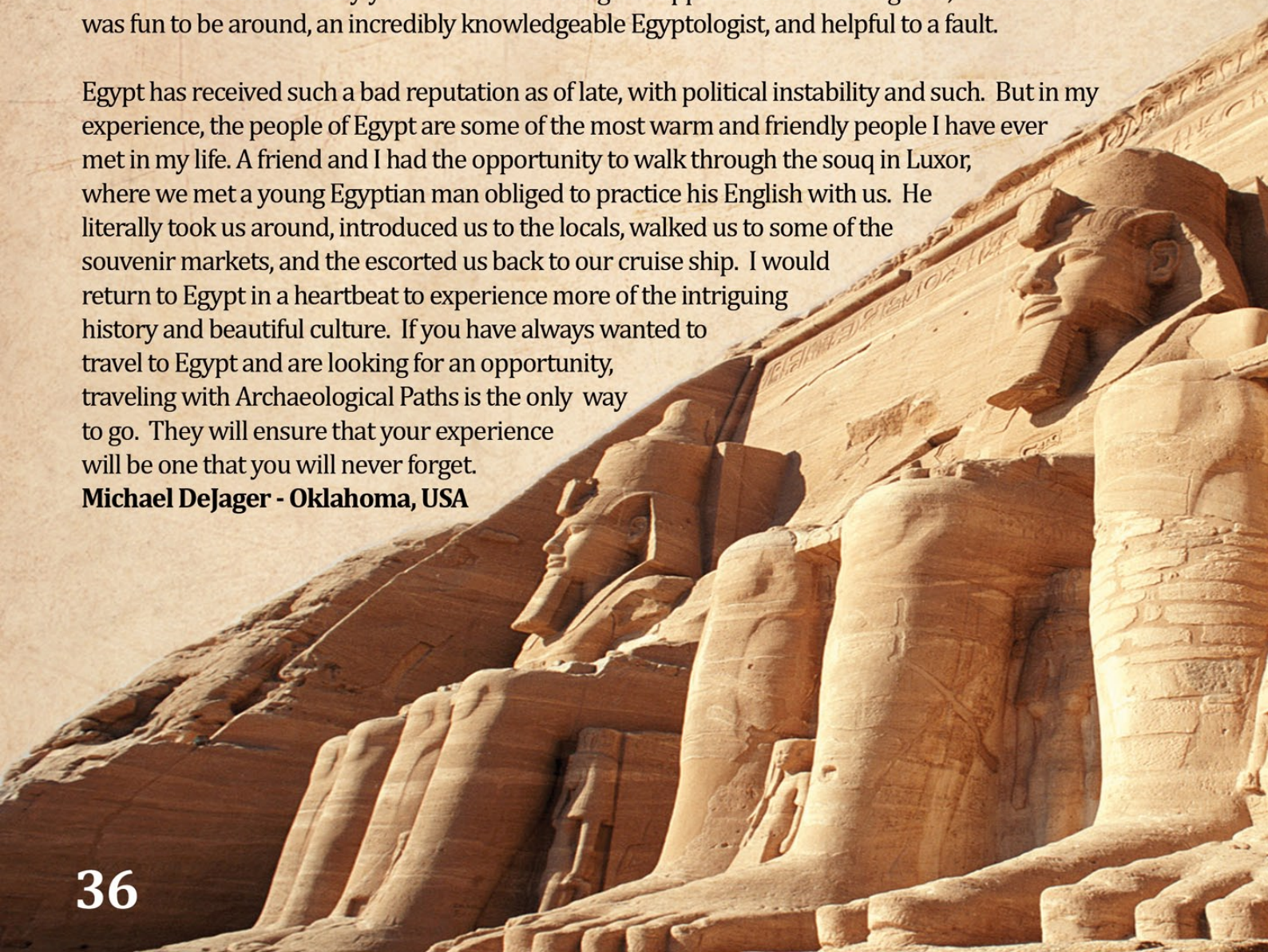
Egypt was an absolutely magical experience. I had always wanted to go to Egypt from the time I was a kid. In college, I did a project on Egyptian obelisks, and I had the opportunity to see a lecture by Dr. Hawass when he was traveling with the King Tut exhibit through the United States. Little did I know that only a few years later, I would have the opportunity to tour Egypt with featured tours and lectures from Zahi Hawass. When I learned about the Archaeological Paths tour, I couldn't believe that a trip with such an amazing lineup of activities, private entrances into so many high profile sites, and accompaniment by Dr. Zahi Hawass himself would be so reasonably priced.

Private entrance to the Giza Plateau was likely the most the most awe-inspiring piece of the trip for me personally. Seeing the Great Pyramids and Sphinx, some of the oldest antiquities in the world, was beyond inspiring. Archaeological Paths' private entrance to the plateau made the experience over the top. First we went to the Great Sphinx enclosure (between the paws of the Sphinx) for a private tour with Dr. Hawass with no one else around. Following the Sphinx, our group received private entrance to the Great Pyramid of Khufu. I had the opportunity to traverse the entire pyramid, exploring all three chambers, with the privacy of my fellow tour participants.

Around half of our trip was spent at the Mena House hotel, literally adjacent the Giza Pyramids (you can see the Great Pyramid of Khufu from the hotel). The other half was spent on the most fabulous Nile Cruise. Food was outstanding, sites were delightful, and most importantly, the people were wonderful. Greg and his staff at Archaeological Paths were all friendly, helpful, and I feel I will stay in touch with them for many years to come. I also great appreciated our tour guide, Mohammed. He was fun to be around, an incredibly knowledgeable Egyptologist, and helpful to a fault.

Egypt has received such a bad reputation as of late, with political instability and such. But in my experience, the people of Egypt are some of the most warm and friendly people I have ever met in my life. A friend and I had the opportunity to walk through the souq in Luxor, where we met a young Egyptian man obliged to practice his English with us. He literally took us around, introduced us to the locals, walked us to some of the souvenir markets, and the escorted us back to our cruise ship. I would return to Egypt in a heartbeat to experience more of the intriguing history and beautiful culture. If you have always wanted to travel to Egypt and are looking for an opportunity, traveling with Archaeological Paths is the only way to go. They will ensure that your experience will be one that you will never forget.

Michael DeJager - Oklahoma, USA



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It is hard to state just one thing that Ann and I enjoyed the most about the trip. Certainly, the time that Dr. Hawass spent with the group was beyond our expectations. The multiple lectures and his field comments were certainly a highlight. Our going inside of Kufu's pyramid was another highlight. The early morning wake up was certainly worth our being the ONLY group at Giza from 6-8 am!! We thought that our tour guide was excellent. He knew his history well and his English was excellent.

Ken and Ann Brown - Massachusetts, USA

The trip to Egypt with Dr Zahi Hawass was the trip of a lifetime. European based "Archaeological Paths" company is totally above board and they delivered everything they said they would in their power. The trip was jam packed with the most amazing tours and knowledgeable guides. The hotel was five star gorgeous. The riverboat was great and the food was fabulous. Our guide Mustafa (which we all loved) showed us the key points, not to be missed, then we had free time to wander alone with our thoughts in the grand museum. The time with Dr. Hawass were informative, entertaining and felt very special his knowledge and sense of humor kept our rapt attention. To be photographed at the feet of the sphinx with Dr. Hawass and hear his stories was something so special that I will never forget it .I thank the Egyptian government for the special permission we were granted, and to Archaeological Paths for arranging this for us! To say I had a great time is an understatement. My thanks again to all who worked so hard. I will tour with you again in the future. And recommend them wholeheartedly. Thanks Gregory, Sonja, Jack and Mustafa.

Nadya Troche - Miami Florida, USA

This was my second time in Egypt and it was the best trip of my life. Having the opportunity to meet Dr. Hawass and having some quality time with and all the autographs we got is something priceless for me. Thanks to this trip I will be able to sponsor the studies in Poland of one of Dr. Hawass' right hand person, Mr Amr El-Tebie. As such, this trip was the passport for me to enter in the distinguished world of Archaeology and Egyptology that I was dreamed about. I hope in the future to become an Archaeologist/Egyptologist myself and this trip will always be the first opened door in this field for me, which is something that I will never forget. I look forward to traveling with all of you again in the future! Thank you so much! **Bruno Pascon - Sao Paulo, Brazil**



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. It all started at Cairo's airport. Once I saw Artur holding up the Archeological Paths sign, I knew I was in for something really special. Others holding up signs looked tired and unhappy to be up so early in the morning. But Artur had a big smile on his face and was eager to greet all of us. He was really easy to talk with on the tour and we all benefited from the organization and planning that he did.

Our guide was more than a dispenser of information. He showed a passion for the culture and ancient history like no other tour guide I've ever met. We especially appreciated him reading the hieroglyphics for us. He is a walking encyclopedia of Egypt's past and did a thorough job of educating us. Only being a naive and very amateurish lover of archaeology, I was motivated to sign up for your tour because you were including the participation of Dr. Hawass. This was like a dream coming true!! I couldn't believe how lucky I was to not only meet, but to shake the hand of such a famous celebrity and Egyptologist. Dr. Hawass is known all over the world. And my most treasured souvenir of the trip is his autographed copy of the book he wrote: *Secrets From the Sand*.

There was a Cairo newspaper written in Arabic that mentioned our tour with you and Dr. Hawass. The paper gave you good publicity! Each one of us felt completely safe and I loved everything, honestly. The pyramids, the temples, the Mena House, the cruise ship, your very professional staff, the food, the history, in short: EVERYTHING!! I'll always remember my adventure with Archaeological Paths with the fondest of memories. **Gene Moulton - Massachusetts, USA**

Donna and I had a 1000% wonderful trip to Egypt with your company. We enjoyed every single minute and so appreciate all the care and concern you (you all) showed for our welfare and comfort. Thank you!! It was totally awesome and we will be recommending this tour to our friends. Yes, Egypt is safe and welcoming to visitors, especially with Archaeological Paths.

John and Donna Phillips - Washington, USA



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