

Mystical EGYPT: A Unique New Perspective

**Experience the trip of a lifetime in both
Lower and Upper Egypt including 5 days cruising the legendry Nile
(Cairo, Aswan & Luxor)**

**Customized Private Tour Program Prepared for Dr. ALAN KILPATRICK,
Clesson H. Harvey, and Friends**

April 1 – 11, 2010

**11 Days / 10 Nights (Air & land from New York (JFK)
Departure on Thursday and return on Sunday**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Cairo: April 2 - 6 Four (4) nights at the Meridien Pyramids Hotel (Pyramids View Rooms)
Nile Cruise: April 6 - 10 Four (4) nights on board Deluxe Movenpick Radamis Nile Cruise.
(Embarkation Luxor to Aswan or vice versa)
Cairo April 10 – 11: One (1) night at the Ramses Hilton hotel.

MEALS:

- Buffet breakfast daily in Cairo Hotels
- One (1) lunch in Cairo during tours
- Three (3) meals daily on cruise – starting with lunch or dinner and ending with breakfast or lunch.

TRANSFERS - AIRPORTS / HOTELS:

- Four (4) transfers in Cairo
- One (1) transfer in Aswan
- One (1) transfers in Luxor
- All transfers by A/C private coach with driver & English speaking HLO Tours representative.

TOURS:

- Two (2) full day tours in Cairo as per the enclosed itinerary
- Nile Cruise program includes visit to: Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna & Luxor (subject to change without notice)
- All entrance fees including fees to the Solar Boat Museum at the Pyramids, the Mummies room at the Egyptian Museum and King Tut's Tomb at the Valley of the Kings

- All tours by private A/C coach with driver and English speaking guide.

AIR TRANSPORTATION ON EGYPT AIR:

- April 1 New York (JFK) / Cairo Egypt Air # 986 6:30pm – 11:30AM
- April 6 Cairo / Aswan Egypt Air # 137 6:15AM – 7:30AM
- April 10 Luxor / Cairo Egypt Air # 136 11:30AM – 12:35PM
- April 11 Cairo / New York (JFK) Egypt Air # 985 10:15AM – 3:15pm

(Air schedule & flight number are subject to change without prior notice)

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

Day 01 **USA / CAIRO, EGYPT**

Thu **PM:** Depart the USA from New York (JFK) International Airport to connect
 April 1 with Egypt Air flight # 986 departs at 6:30PM non -stop to Cairo, Egypt.
 Overnight onboard. Dinner and breakfast served en-route.

**You need to be - at JFK airport international departure, East wing, Terminal 4E
 - at least three hours before Egypt Air flight time. Those who arrive early will
 have better opportunity for seats choices.**

Day 02 **CAIRO**

Fri **11:30AM:** On arrival at Cairo International Airport you will be met and
 April 2 transferred to the Meridien Pyramids hotel to spend the next three nights in
 Giza. **PM:** At leisure

7:00Eve: Welcome dinner at Chresto seafood local restaurant.

**(Please have your passport and the arrival card available to be handed to the
 immigration officer upon walking inside the terminal in Cairo airport)**

Cairo has been the largest city in Africa for centuries. Modern Cairo
 encompasses many former cities & their monuments. Five thousand years of
 culture are concentrated here in a city that is a living index to ancient
 civilization.

Day 03

Sat

April 3

CAIRO: Pyramids, Sphinx, Sakkara & Memphis (Full day tour)

9:00AM: After breakfast, **(Please meet – Mrs. RANIA NOSSAIR your tour
 guide - in hotel lobby)** to start your Egyptian adventure begins in Giza,
 where you will tour one of the seven and only remaining wonders of the
 ancient world, the famous Great Pyramids of Giza. Then proceed to visit the
 Solar Boat Museum: a cedar woodcraft boat, built to take the Pharaoh

through his journey to the afterworld. You will also visit the legendary Sphinx, a sacred symbol of the union of the strongest physical with the highest intellectual power on earth.

PM: After lunch at a countryside restaurant proceed to Sakkara, where you will see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, history's first stone building. You will continue next, to Memphis, the ancient capital city of Egypt. Return to hotel for overnight. **BB, L**

Day 04
Sun
April 4

HAPPY EASTER

CAIRO: Egyptian Museum, The Citadel & Khan El Khalili bazaar

9:00AM: (After your breakfast, please meet your guide in hotel lobby), your day begins with a guided tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, one of the world's most famous museums. The magnificent collections of antiquities include 27 Mummies, Sarcophagi, and 250,000 objects of art, and date as far back as 5000 years.

PM: At leisure to enjoy hotel amenities or just relax around the swimming pool.

Day 05
Mon
April 5

CAIRO: The Citadel & Khan El Khalili Bazaars

7:45AM: Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

8:30AM: (Meet in lobby) where you will meet your guide and board your private A/C coach where you will proceed to tour Saladin's Citadel Fortress, site of the magnificent Mohammed Ali Mosque and other Islamic architecture. Then continue to the exotic Khan El Khalili Bazaar for a taste of modern Egyptian artifacts. Khan El Khalili is one of the world's best-known oriental bazaars, a bazaar largely unchanged since the 14th century.

Spices, perfumes, Gold & Silver, carpets, brass & copperware, leatherwork, glass and mashrabia are still fashioned by craftsmen practicing skills passed down from generation to generation.

Eve: Farewell Dinner & belly dancing show on one of the floating Restaurants on the Nile including two hours sailing on the Nile. Overnight in Cairo.

BB, D

Day 06
Tue
April 6

CAIRO / ASWAN - MOVENPICK DELUXE RADAMIS NILE CRUISE

3:15AM: Wake-up call

4:00AM: Luggage outside the door and buffet breakfast.

4:30AM: Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your 6:15AM Egypt Air flight to Aswan. Arrive to Aswan where you will be met & transferred by private bus & driver to your Deluxe Radamis Nile Cruise to spend the next four nights / 5 days on board

Nile cruise program – Subject to change - will be as follows: Lunch upon boarding your cruise boat followed by an afternoon sail on the Nile by Felucca (small sailing Boats) around Kitchener’s Island. Afternoon Tea. Dinner & overnight in Aswan on board. **BB, L, D**

Day 07
Wed
April 7

NILE CRUISE (Aswan – Kom Ombo (Ancient Priests and Physicians) – Edfu.
AM: Visit the High Dam and the Granite Quarries & Philae Temple. Sail to Kom Ombo. Lunch on board. After lunch, you will get off the boat, walking on foot - for very short distance - to visit the twin Temple known as the shrine of ancient Priests and Physicians. Here, where in Kom Ombo honors the ancient deity with the head of crocodile, as well as Horus, God of daylight.

Return to the boat. Afternoon tea. Late afternoon sail to Edfu. Dinner. Overnight in Edfu on board. **BB, L, D**

Day 08
Thu
April 8

NILE CRUISE (Edfu – Esna – Luxor)
AM: After your buffet breakfast, you will get off the ship into your carriage 15 minutes ride through the city of Edfu, to visit the **Temple of Horus**. This is site where, HATHOR, the Goddess of love & Beauty, music and dance visit her husband HORUS, once a year where, sacred marriage took place. HORUS TEMPLE is one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Return to the ship. Sail to Esna in the afternoon. Lunch. Afternoon tea. Go through the Esna locks and then sail to Luxor. Overnight in Luxor on board. **BB, L, D**

Luxor: is the world’s greatest open-air museum, filled with awe-inspiring monuments of ancient civilization. As Weset it was the capital of Egypt during the New Kingdom; as Thebes it was described as “The hundred – gate city”. Later, it was named Al Oksor, meaning “City of the Palaces”. Testaments to a desire for immortality, built for eternity in sandstone and granite, the temples, tombs, and palaces still stand, surrounded by souks. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 09
Fri
April 9

NILE CRUISE (Luxor)
AM: After breakfast; then you will proceed to cross to the western bank of the Nile to visit the Valley of the Kings including King Tut’s Tomb and Valley of the Queens. (If it’s open) and the Tomb of the Nobles. This was where the fabulous treasure of Tutankhamen, which fascinated the world, was discovered. Also visit the Ramesuem at Medinet Habu, where Ramses 111’s mortuary temple. It said that Ramses 111 found himself alone in the Afterlife. By using the correct “Passwords” from the book of the dead he is able to proceed through the gates of the underworld and join OSIRIS in paradise. Finally, he is reborn and becomes one of the “imperishable stars”.

NOTE: Morning disembarkation - please settle your personal tabs on the cruise boat tonight before you retire. Overnight on board. **BB, L, D**

Day 10 **NILE CRUISE (Luxor) / Cairo**

Sat **AM:** Visit to Karnak Temple which consists of several temples of great
April 10 beauty. Luxor and Karnak were once linked by an avenue of ram headed
Sphinx. Your visit includes stop at temple of PTAH, the creator of Memphis,
and OSIRIS the King and Judge of the Underworld. Here at the Temple of
Man,

After your visit, you will be transferred to Luxor International airport for our
50-minute flight to Cairo. Arrive to Cairo where you will be met and
transferred to your hotel to spend the next one night in Cairo. **BB**

Day 11 **Cairo / USA**

Sun **4:45AM** - Wake Up Call

April 11 **5:30AM** - Luggage outside your room door & buffet breakfast at the coffee
shop.

6:15AM - Departure transfer to Cairo airport for your Egypt Air 10:10AM flight
to New York (JFK).

3:00PM – Arrive JFK where you will connect with your domestic flight home.
Welcome Home with a lifetime of memories from *Egypt!!!*

ABU SIMBEL OPTIONAL EXTENSION - \$290.00 per person

In April 06 or 07, we are offering an optional visit to (Ramses 11 and his beloved wife Nefertari's Temples in Abu Simbel area. Please review the optional visit information below and if you are interested in participating in that breathtaking extension, please so indicate on your tour reservation form (See pages following Abu Simbel description). Air reservation from and to Aswan to Abu Simbel are always booked, but we will do our best to secure seats as long as we know at least 6 month in advance.

Abu Simbel

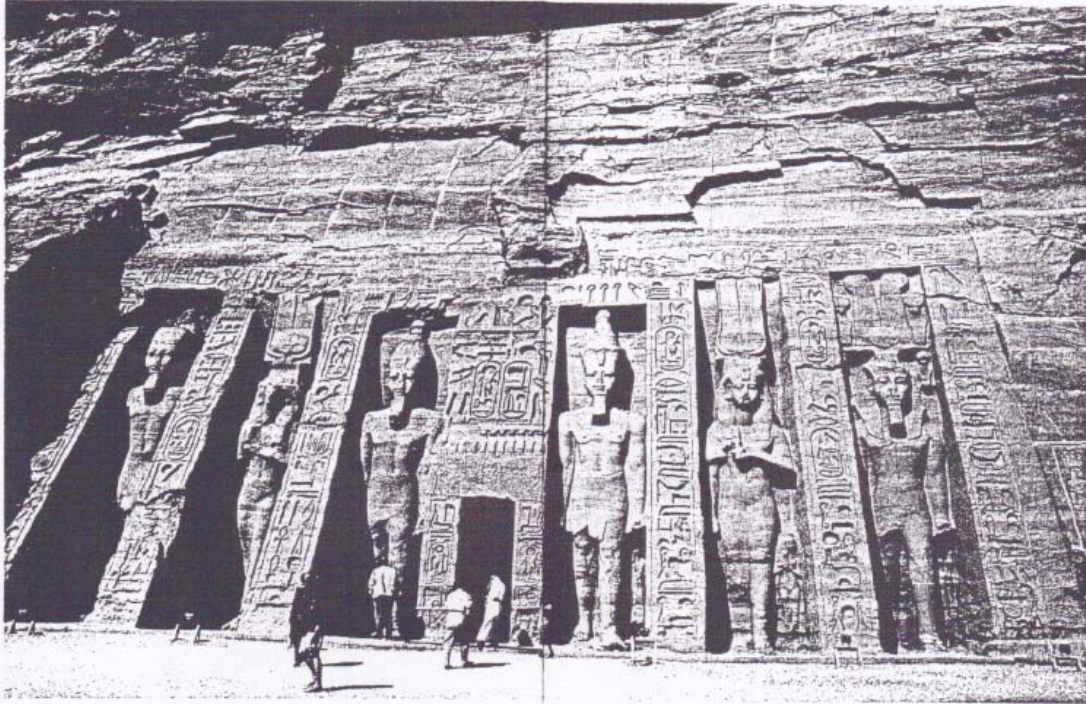
"... a witness turned to stone as evidence to posterity of the power of the divine Pharaoh".



The Great Temple of Ramses II

Not only are the two temples at Abu Simbel among the most magnificent monuments in the world but their removal and reconstruction were historic events in themselves. When the temples (280kms from Aswan) were threatened by submersion in Lake Nasser, due to the construction of the High Dam, the Egyptian Government secured the support of UNESCO and launched a world-wide appeal. During the salvage operation, which began in 1964 and continued until 1968, the two temples were dismantled and raised over 60m. up the sandstone

cliff where they had been built more than 3000 years ago. Here they were reassembled, in the same relationship to each other, and covered with an artificial mountain. Most of the joins in the stone have now been filled by antiquity experts, but inside the temples it is still possible to see where the blocks were cut. You can also go inside the man-made dome and see an exhibition of photographs showing the different stages of the massive removal project.



The smaller Temple of Nefertari

The design of Abu Simbel temples is unique. Rock-hewn "grotto" temples, although unusual in Egypt, are frequently found in Nubia, but there is no other example of twin sanctuaries, in this case dedicated to Ramses himself and to his wife Nefertari, which combine to form a single ensemble. Unlike all the other Nubian temples Abu Simbel was never transformed into a church but was left alone, untouched by later religions, until it was recovered from the sand in 1817. The image of the main temple facade, with its four colossi and row of grinning baboons, is well-known all over the world but its immense power and majesty are impossible to depict visually. Even today you

can still feel the full might of the pharaoh-god in this edifice dedicated to masculine prowess and military power and, equally, the love of his wife and children, symbolised in the flowers and femininity of the smaller temple. Superb reliefs detail the Battle of Kadesh; they also depict Ramses and Nefertari consorting with the deities and performing religious rituals. The rays of the sun still penetrate to the Holy of Holies deep in the rock of the main temple on the same two days of the year: the 22nd of February, the King's birthday and the 22nd of October, the date of his coronation. This timing is probably connected to the symbolic unification, via the rays of the sun, of the statue of Ra-Herakhty and the statue of Ramses II.