

LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

# Egypt & the Nile

10 days from \$7,595 | Limited to 18 guests

## Jordan

5-day Pre-Tour Extension from \$2,995

Bask in the timeless majesty of ancient Egypt on an immersive journey through the land of the pharaohs, exploring its quintessential archaeological treasures with an expert A&K Egyptologist, and cruise for four nights along the Nile aboard stylish 'Sanctuary Sun Boat IV.'

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Embark on a four-night Nile river cruise, gliding in comfort through stirring desert landscapes and going ashore to discover ancient Egypt's most awe-inspiring sites
- ▶ Explore the Grand Egyptian Museum to view a vast trove of artifacts, some never before displayed
- ▶ Venture inside one of the pyramids, go riding camel back and view the enigmatic Great Sphinx on the Giza Plateau
- ▶ Descend into the tomb of King Tut and the colorful tomb of Seti I, father of legendary Ramses II, in the Valley of the Kings
- ▶ Marvel at the colossal statues and towering colonnade of the sprawling Temple of Luxor, and listen as your expert A&K Egyptologist deciphers the hieroglyphs carved upon them
- ▶ Journey to Abu Simbel to set eyes upon the imposing twin temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari

### DAY 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

Arrive in Cairo, where you are met by your A&K representative and transferred to your historic hotel featuring views of the pyramids from your private balcony.  
**Marriott Mena House Hotel**

### DAY 2: Cairo | Ancient Treasures

This morning, join your expert A&K Egyptologist for an exploration of the Grand Egyptian Museum to view its huge collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a welcome dinner.  
**Marriott Mena House Hotel | Meals: B L D**



### DAY 3: Giza | The Pyramids & Sphinx

Today, roam the Giza Plateau, site of the pyramids of Mycerinus and Chephren as well as the Great Pyramid. Built in the Fourth Dynasty (approximately 2690 BC), it is the only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Revel in the opportunity to enter the interior of one of these legendary structures, and marvel at the massive stones used to construct them. Ride a camel across the sands of Giza, and then view the Great Sphinx backdropped by the pyramids, a setting that has captured the imaginations of adventurers for centuries.  
**Marriott Mena House Hotel | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 4: Luxor | Temple of Luxor & Valley of the Kings

Fly to Luxor, site of the ancient city of Thebes. Begin your full day of exploring by visiting the striking Temple of Luxor. View the three large statues of Ramses II along the front of the temple pylons, the Courtyard of Ramses II and the Colonnade of Amenhotep III, with its 50-foot-high columns. Walk in their shadows, as visitors have done since antiquity, and ponder the astonishing feats of engineering it took to create them. Then, step aboard 'Sanctuary Sun Boat IV,' an elegant river cruiser renowned for the warmth and attentiveness of its service staff. Enjoy lunch on board before disembarking to explore the west bank of the Nile river and the Necropolis of Thebes, and view the Colossi of Memnon. Next, arrive at the architecturally stunning Temple of Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt's first female pharaoh and regarded today as one of its most successful. Continue to the Valley of the Kings, burial ground of the pharaohs and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a period of 500 years beginning in the 16th century BC, tombs were built along this valley for pharaohs and nobles, including that of "the



Traverse Giza as locals have for millennia, riding camelback in sight of the pyramids

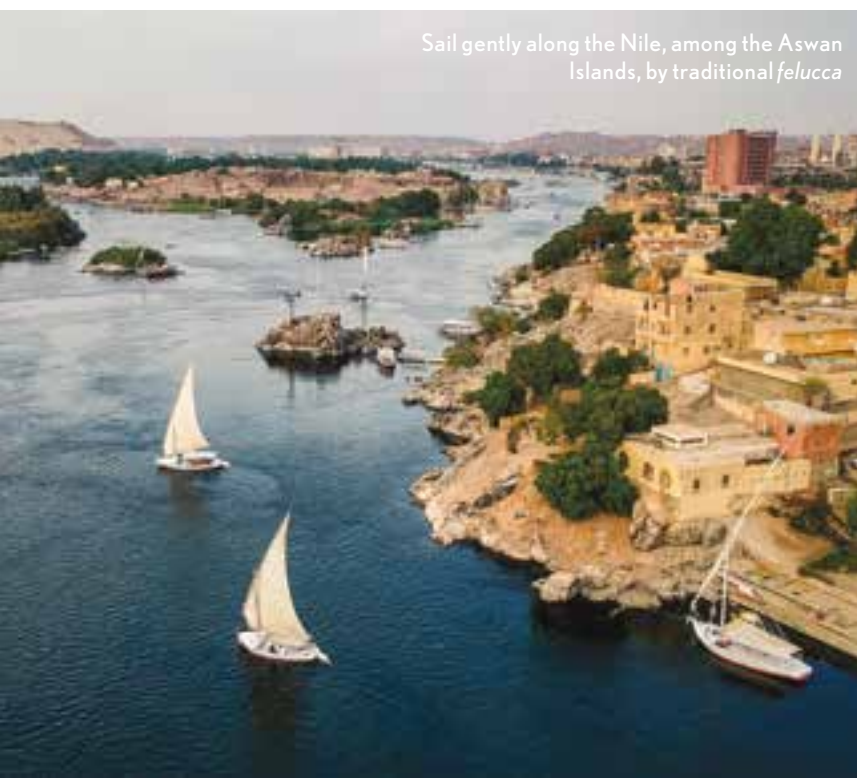
boy king,” Tutankhamun. Enter the tomb of Tutankhamun — found in 1922 by British archaeologist and Egyptologist Howard Carter — to discover the secrets of this storied chamber. Next, descend into the beautifully decorated tomb of Seti I, the father of Ramses II, one of the best-preserved tombs in the valley. ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 5: **Cruising The Nile** | Luxor to Esna

Journey once more to the east bank of the Nile, this time visiting the Temple of Karnak, where generations of pharaohs wished to record their names. Walk through the

Great Hypostyle Hall, strolling among its expertly aligned columns, which soar 80 feet high. This afternoon, cruise to Esna and visit the Temple of Khnum to marvel at its superb art and hieroglyphics. ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ | Meals: B L D

**DAY 6: Cruising The Nile** | Temple of Horus & Kom Ombo  
Today, view the Temple of Horus, falcon-headed god of the sky. Built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III, this amazingly well-preserved and colorful structure reveals what temple worship in ancient Egypt was like. Back on board, learn to prepare local dishes on an authentic Chef’s Table experience: a cooking lesson



Sail gently along the Nile, among the Aswan Islands, by traditional *felucca*



Enjoy the Design Your Day option to roam through Cairo’s vibrant Khan el-Khalili Bazaar





View the Great Sphinx in a setting that has inspired adventurers for centuries

with an onboard chef. Later this afternoon, enjoy a refreshing Scenic Sundowner as you cruise to Kom Ombo. Disembark at Kom Ombo (hill of gold) to visit the Greco-Roman temple dedicated to Haroeris (the sun god) and Sobek (the crocodile god), whom some ancient Egyptians considered the creator of the world. View the mummified remains of several crocodiles that once basked along the ancient Nile shore, just as their descendants do today. ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 7: **Aswan** | Majestic Philae

Cruise to Aswan and ride a motorized boat to Philae Temple on the island of Agilika. A sacred complex dedicated to the goddess Isis that reflects a fusion of three great civilizations, Egyptian, Greek and Roman, it was dismantled, moved and reassembled when the Aswan High Dam was constructed. Proceed to the granite quarries and site of the Unfinished Obelisk. Illustrating the skills of Egypt’s stonemasons, this monolith is taller than any other ancient Egyptian obelisk. Later, Ride Like a Local around the Aswan Islands in a *felucca* (traditional sailboat). ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ | Meals: B L D

“This was a spectacular trip. Every single thing was wonderful. I would recommend the journey and guide with all my heart.”

– Jennifer; Brookfield, IL; January 2019

**DAY 8: Abu Simbel** | Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari  
Today, bid farewell to ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV,’ disembarking to

fly to Abu Simbel and discover the commanding twin temples of Ramses II and his wife, Queen Nefertari. The former’s façade is dominated by four 70-foot-tall statues of the pharaoh. Perhaps even more impressive, this entire site was disassembled and moved here to save it from the floodwaters caused by the Aswan High Dam. Return to Cairo for an evening at leisure.

**Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza** | Meals: B

#### DAY 9: **Cairo** | Design Your Day

Drive to Sakkara, site of hundreds of tombs and 14 pyramids, including the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. After lunch, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- ▶ **Discover Coptic Cairo**, visiting a church built where the Holy Family stayed, as well as ancient Ben Ezra Synagogue.
- ▶ **Tour Islamic Cairo**, including a walk in El-Moaz Street, and the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar.
- ▶ **View the Royal Mummies**, and countless other artifacts, as you tour the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.

This evening, gather with your fellow guests to reflect on your journey through Egypt and along the Nile at a farewell dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza** | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 10: **Depart Cairo**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. Meals: B

### TRAVEL PRIVATELY WITH A&K

This itinerary is available as a private journey, **Signature Egypt & the Nile**. Priced from \$7,595.

## EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

**Jordan Pre-Tour Extension**

5 days from \$2,995 | Internal air from \$595

Available on all departures.

Arrive in Amman, Jordan, and transfer to your hotel downtown. Visit the White City of Amman and the Roman ruins in Jerash. Continue overland to Petra, visiting Mount Nebo en route, where the Bible says Moses beheld the Holy Land, and view the Byzantine mosaics in Madaba. Upon arrival, explore ancient, rock-cut Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its pillared Treasury. Relax on your last night at the Dead Sea, where you have the opportunity to take a refreshing dip.

## INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

**'Sanctuary Sun Boat IV'**

Award-winning luxury Nile cruiser, offering an Art Deco-inspired interior, 40 air-conditioned cabins, fine dining and impeccable service.



**Marriott Mena House Hotel**  
History-rich hotel conveniently situated near the pyramids of Giza, featuring unparalleled views of its epic surroundings.



**Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza**  
Luxury hotel located on Cairo's famed Corniche, boasting chic decor and offering spectacular views of the Nile River.

## DATES &amp; PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Nile Deck	Main Deck	Bridge Deck	Promenade Deck	Presidential Suite	Royal Suite
Jan 6-15, Jan 14-23, Jan 22-31, Jan 26-Feb 4, Jan 30-Feb 8, Feb 7-16, Feb 15-24, Feb 23-Mar 4, Feb 27-Mar 8, Mar 3-12, Mar 11-20, Mar 19-28, Mar 27-Apr 5, Apr 4-13, Apr 8-17	\$7,995	\$8,195	\$8,295	\$8,395	\$9,995	\$10,995
Single Supplement	\$2,595	\$2,695	\$2,795	\$2,895	\$4,395	\$5,195
Apr 12-21	\$8,995	\$9,295	\$9,395	\$9,495	\$11,995	\$13,495
Single Supplement	\$2,995	\$3,095	\$3,195	\$3,295	\$5,695	\$6,495
Apr 16-25, Apr 20-29, Apr 24-May 3	\$7,995	\$8,195	\$8,295	\$8,395	\$9,995	\$10,995
Single Supplement	\$2,595	\$2,695	\$2,795	\$2,895	\$4,395	\$5,195
Apr 28-May 7, May 2-11, Sep 3-12, Sep 7-16, Sep 11-20, Sep 15-24, Sep 19-28, Sep 23-Oct 2	\$7,595	\$7,795	\$7,895	\$7,995	\$9,595	\$10,595
Single Supplement	\$2,295	\$2,395	\$2,495	\$2,595	\$4,095	\$4,895
Sep 27-Oct 6, Oct 1-10, Oct 5-14, Oct 9-18, Oct 13-22, Oct 17-26, Oct 21-30, Oct 25-Nov 3, Oct 29-Nov 7, Nov 2-11, Nov 6-15, Nov 10-19, Nov 14-23, Nov 18-27, Nov 30-Dec 9, Dec 4-13, Dec 8-17, Dec 12-21, Dec 16-25	\$7,995	\$8,195	\$8,295	\$8,395	\$9,995	\$10,995
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Dec 20-29	\$8,995	\$9,295	\$9,395	\$9,495	\$11,995	\$13,495
Single Supplement	\$2,995	\$3,095	\$3,195	\$3,295	\$5,695	\$6,495

**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$685

Cairo/Luxor; Aswan/Abu Simbel/Cairo

**Journey Details**

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests. Please note that multiple groups of 18 A&K guests and other passengers may be travelling on board ship simultaneously. Routes may run in reverse on select departures (Aswan/Luxor instead of Luxor/Aswan).