



*Presents*

# Royal EGYPT Revealed

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!

April 20 - May 5, 2024

<http://www.directtravelci.com/egypt>





## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)\*
- The Great Pyramids of Giza & Necropolis of Sakkara
- Old Cairo and Islamic Cairo Including Khan El Khalili Bazaar
- Cruising the Nile for 4 nights on board Sanctuary Sun Boat III
- The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization
- Guest Lectures From Egyptologists
- Special Permission For Exclusive and or Private Access To Certain Sites

\*Slated to open late 2023

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Date	Destination	Accommodation	Meals
April 20, 2024	Bloomington to Chicago	Overnight Air	
April 21, 2024	Arrive Cairo	Marriott Mena House Cairo*	B-L
April 22, 2024	Giza	Marriott Mena House Cairo*	B-L
April 23, 2024	Giza	Marriott Mena House Cairo*	B-L
April 24, 2024	Cairo - Aswan - Abu Simbel - Aswan	Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan*	B –L
April 25, 2024	Aswan	Sanctuary Sun Boat III	B-L-D
April 26, 2024	Aswan to Kom Ombo	Sanctuary Sun Boat III	B-L-D
April 27, 2024	Edfu to Luxor	Sanctuary Sun Boat III	B-L-D
April 28, 2024	Luxor	Sanctuary Sun Boat III	B-L-D
April 29, 2024	Luxor	Hilton Luxor Resort & SPA*	B-L
April 30, 2024	Luxor to Cairo	Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza*	B
May 1, 2024	Cairo	Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza*	B-L
May 2, 2024	Cairo to Alexandria	Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria at San Stefano*	B –L
May 3, 2024	Alexandria to Cairo	Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza*	B –L
May 4, 2024	Cairo	Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza*	B –L
May 5, 2024	Depart Cairo		B

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

\*Hotels are subject to change based on availability and confirmation by supplier



PRICING INFORMATION

Double Occupancy Sharing Per Person \$12,999.00

Sanctuary Sun Boat III—Cabin Upgrade Supplements

Double Occupancy Sharing Per Person in Promenade Deck \$100

Double Occupancy Sharing Per Person in Presidential Suite \$1500

International Air Estimated At:

Economy from ORD to CAI \$1,800.00

Economy Plus/ Premium from ORD to CAI \$3,500.00

Business/First from ORD to CAI \$5,000.00

A \$2,000.00 per person non-refundable deposit is due upon reservation. A 2nd non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is due September 29, 2023. Therefore, we highly recommend purchasing Travel Protection Insurance which is usually 8% of the total cost of the trip. Insurance when purchased before final payment covers pre-existing conditions and pandemic coverage is also included.

We can provide you with both an air and insurance quote after you place your deposit of \$2,000.00. We do require that you provide us with a photo of your passport and vaccine card at the time of your reservation.

Final payment is due on or before January 10, 2024.



## **Inclusions:**

- Airport Transfer From Central Illinois to Chicago O'Hare Airport
- Entry visas to Egypt (currently US\$ 25.00 per person).
- Egypt Domestic flights in Economy Class.
- Accommodation as listed previously.
- Airport transfers in modern air-conditioned vehicle.
- All tours as described in the program with private English-speaking Egyptologists.
- All the admissions for the sightseeing stated in the program.
- Insider Access to Paws of Sphinx with lecture by Dr. Zahi Hawas (Subject to availability).
- Insider access to Abdeen Palace.
- Special access to the restoration labs at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.
- All meals as mentioned in the program including tea, coffee and mineral water.
- Portage at airports and hotels.
- Mineral water on vehicle.

## **Exclusions:**

- International Flights.
- Travel Protection.
- Any meal that is not mentioned within the program.
- Beverages other than what mentioned under inclusions.
- Gratuities for the guides and drivers or any other kind of tips.
- Camera ticket at sights where allowed

## **Please Note:**

- The flight times are subject to change
- Cruise sightseeing is subject to change for reasons beyond our control like weather conditions, water level, Locks' regulations, instructions by authorities or any other unforeseen reasons





## DETAILED ITINERARY

---

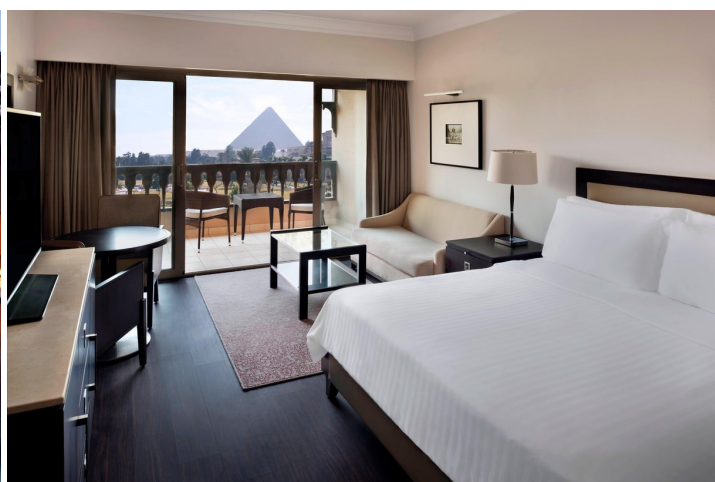
### Sunday, April 21, 2024 - Arrive Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you are met by a representative, who will be holding a sign with the name Direct Travel. You are then privately transferred to the Marriott Mena House Hotel.

Marriott Mena House Hotel is one of the most unique hotels in Cairo, located just moments away from the wonders of the ancient world offering unmatched views of the Pyramids with its own rich and colorful history. Surrounded by 40 acres of verdant green gardens, the royal history of the hotel is reflected in the lavish interiors that are embellished with exquisite antiques, handcrafted furniture, original works of art and magnificent antiques. Recreation options at the hotel include a heated swimming pool and a fully equipped Spa & Fitness center as well as seven restaurants & lounges.

The remainder of the evening is at leisure.

Lunch and dinner are under your own arrangements.





## Monday, April 22, 2024: Giza B - L

08:30 Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour.

The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)\* complex is a cultural hub that includes one of the largest museums in the world displaying the diverse heritage of a single civilization. The Museum contains over 100,000 artefacts, reflecting Egypt's past from prehistory up until the Greek and Roman periods. One of the most impressive exhibits is that of the boy-King Tutankhamun which displays over 5,000 artefacts that were recovered from his tomb, including his gold mask.

As you enter the museum, you can't miss the colossal statue of King Ramses II, nor the 87 huge royal artefacts exhibited at the grand stairs that lead up to an impressive 28-meter-high glass façade overlooking the pyramids of Giza.



Lunch today is served at 'Andrea' restaurant.

A favored dining spot with its renown heritage of atmosphere and succulent Middle Eastern cuisine. Andrea lies on a hilltop spot in New Giza, offering open-air and indoor seating while overlooking the city-sprawl. It's justly famous for its spit-roasted chicken & tasty mezze dishes.

16:00 At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel. To refresh for the day and make your plans to explore the city in the evening.

Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements.

\*Slated to open late 2023





## **Tuesday, April 23, 2024: Giza B - L**

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour.

Begin with Sakkara, the former necropolis (cemetery) for the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis and the place where the very first pyramids were built as tombs for kings. Instead of the smooth sides featured on other pyramids, the pyramids here feature six steps on the outside, representing the pharaoh's stepladder to heaven. Discover the famous Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the first pyramid ever built and the world's oldest freestanding stone structure. You could also admire the beautiful tomb art at Sakkara, which gives great insight into the lives of the ancient Egyptians.

Enjoy lunch at 9 Pyramids Lounge. A spectacular and unique restaurant venue by Orascom Pyramids Entertainment, featuring the most spectacular Great Pyramids view. Serving a la carte breakfast, lunch, & drinks in a remote, open-sided scenic location worthy of its name.

Included in your tour is entry to Cheops Pyramid.

The Great Pyramids of Giza are the only present-day survivors of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, built over 4,500 years ago as giant tombs for the mummies of the pharaohs Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure, who were father, son and grandson respectively. The pyramids are truly monumental in scale, with the largest - Khufu's - constructed from over two million blocks. Contrary to popular beliefs, the pyramids were not built by slaves but by Egyptian peasants, whose labor in building the pyramids paid their taxes to the Pharaoh, who also fed, clothed and housed them.







**Insider Access to the “Paws of the Sphinx” with special lecture by Dr. Hawass (subject to availability)**

Nearby sits the enigmatic Sphinx with the body of a lion and the face of a man wearing a royal head cloth, which workers may have based on King Khafre to guard his enormous funerary monument. About a thousand years after the Sphinx was built it was covered in sand until a young prince had a dream in which the Sphinx told him that if he cleared the sand away, he would become Pharaoh. This story is told on the 'Dream Stela' that was placed between the Sphinx's paws by King Tuthmose IV.



16:30 At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel.

The remainder of your evening is at leisure. Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements.



## Wednesday, April 24, 2023: Cairo –Aswan—Abu Simbel—Aswan B - L

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour.

Your Tour Coordinator will escort you to Cairo Domestic Airport by air-conditioned vehicle. The two temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel are each fronted by colossal statues up to 20 meters (66 feet) high and are famed as the most impressive monuments remaining of Ancient Egypt. Recently, the temples were threatened by the waters of Lake Nasser, and with the help of a UNESCO campaign they were cut into blocks, raised piece by piece and reassembled in a new position higher up the hillside. Snack bags are provided. After your visit, board your return flight to Aswan. Upon arrival to Aswan Airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel.



After an extensive renovation, redesigned by French interior designer Sybille de Margerie, Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan exudes its iconic heritage enriched with a contemporary design. Dive into the magnificent pool overlooking the Nile which links the two wings of the hotel. Indulge at the luxurious spa with a wide range of rejuvenating treatments. Embark on a voyage back to another century at the 1902 restaurant or relax at the terrace bar perched above the peaceful waters of the Nile. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements







### **Thursday, April 25, 2024: Aswan B—L—D**

Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to Sanctuary Sun Boat III. Adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’ - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and our luxury Nile Cruise Boat, Sanctuary Sun Boat III. The Sanctuary Sun Boat III is an intimate river yacht representing the ultimate in luxury Nile cruises. Style, comfort and refinement are reflected throughout, with white and ecru tones combined to create warmth and depth. This elegant Egypt cruise boat accommodates up to 32 guests. Modelled on the opulent era of the 20s and 30s, this graceful cruiser has exquisite facilities from delicious gourmet dining in the restaurant to sipping refreshing cocktails around the pool area on the sun deck or enjoying afternoon tea in the stunning lounge. The Sanctuary Sun Boat III has 16 beautifully designed unique cabins, including two royal and two presidential suites.



## **Entertainment on board the Sanctuary Sun Boat III**

Exact entertainment schedules during your cruise are adjusted according to the needs of each group and the sailing schedules of the boat are subject to change. However, every cruise will include:

- A welcome 'Zaffa' which is traditional music with Egyptian drums and flutes.
- Folkloric shows, including a 'Oud' trio during teatime as well as a belly-dancing and dervish show after dinner.
- An Egyptian cooking lesson with our on-board chefs.
- A movie night.
- A colorful 'Galabeyya' party which gives each guest the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian dress and dance to Arabic music.
- A gala dinner with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine.

## **Food & Beverage**

Menus are changed on a seasonal basis to enable the Chef to use the freshest ingredients at all times. However, the following is applicable to every cruise:

- Most meals are served in the restaurant. However, at least one barbecue lunch (while sailing) will be served on deck (weather permitting).
- Mineral water, tea and American coffee are included with every meal.

Please note that the strength of the WI-FI signals unavoidably varies depending on geographical location, especially whilst sailing in the more remote areas of Upper Egypt.

Board your 5-star deluxe Nile cruise boat, moored in a private dock in Aswan, where you will enjoy a welcome Zaffa, with drums and flutes.

Lunch will be served on board.

This afternoon you will have the chance to take a ride on a felucca (a typical Egyptian sail boat) around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens, and the Agha Khan Mausoleum (weather permitting, life jackets will be provided).

Afternoon tea will be served in the lounge while you enjoy the sounds of an Oud trio.

Tonight, you will be greeted by your Boat Manager as you enjoy a selection of canapés with some complimentary Egyptian wine and local beer.

A gourmet dinner will be served on board.





## **Friday, April 26, 2024: Aswan to Kom Ombo B—L—D**

A breakfast buffet will be served on board, followed by a short motorboat ride to visit the romantic and majestic Philae Temple on the Island of Agilika.

This will be followed by a visit to the Granite Quarries, which supplied the ancient Egyptians with most of the hard stone used in pyramids and temples, and still hold a huge unfinished obelisk.

Enjoy lunch, while you cruise to Kom Ombo .

Afternoon tea will be served on board before you visit the magnificent Temple of Kom Ombo - dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek.

Tonight, a delicious dinner is served followed by a movie night on board.



## **Saturday, April 27, 2024: Edfu to Luxor B—L—D**

A breakfast buffet will be served on board while the boat sails to Edfu. This morning, explore the extraordinary Temple of Horus . Following the morning's sightseeing, the boat will sail to Luxor. Lunch will be served on board which you will also have the chance to take part in an Egyptian cooking lesson. Following afternoon tea onboard, your Egyptologist will guide you around the strikingly graceful Temple of Luxor, dedicated to the god Amun. Tonight, will be an "Egyptian Night" costume party for all guests, with a chance to dress up in traditional Egyptian "galabeyya". Dinner will be a lavish buffet of Egyptian specialties, followed by oriental music and dancing for everyone.







### **Sunday, April 28, 2024: Luxor B - L - D**

Breakfast is served on board. This morning, visit the Valley of the Kings. You will have the chance to visit at least one tomb in the Valley of the Queens and visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. On the way back to the river Nile, you will pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in Ancient Greek times for their haunting voices at dawn. After lunch, your Egyptologist will guide you around Temple of Karnak. Return your boat where afternoon tea will be served in the lounge. Tonight's entertainment will be a gala dinner, with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine followed by a Dervish Show and belly dancer performance.

### **Monday, April 29, 2024: Luxor B - L**

**08:00** After check-out Meet your guide in the lobby of your cruise to start your tour.

**Luxor Museum:** This elegant modern museum boasts a fabulous collection of artifacts from ancient Thebes. The collection includes pottery, jewelry, furniture and other artifacts from the ancient city, as well as a group of magnificent New Kingdom statues, found in 1989 buried beneath Luxor Temple.

**Mummification Museum:** The ancient Egyptians believed in life after death and thought that their bodies must be preserved to enjoy it. This small museum, the only one of its kind in the world, takes you through the embalming process with drawings, materials and instruments used, and the finished products: several human and animal mummies, including a monkey, goose, and crocodile, along with funerary accessories.

**11:00** At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel.

Lunch will be served at Olives restaurant inside hotel.

Relax and cool down with an icy cold drink and a light meal as you gaze out over the stunning River Nile in Olives at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. Sit below ornate Egyptian fretwork as you savor delicious, flavorsome Mediterranean snacks and sizzling grills in this informal, light and airy setting.

(Hotel check-in time is at 14:00)







Hilton Luxor Resort is a wonderful escape to the banks of the Nile and is just 20 minutes from Luxor International Airport and 10 minutes from Luxor town center. This stylish Luxor spa resort is the ideal base from which to explore the region's historic attractions such as the Temple of Karnak, which is just moments away from the hotel. Expect outstanding service from the attentive, multilingual staff and feel at home in the spacious and bright guest rooms - many feature balconies with river, city or garden views. Or opt for a suite for extra space. Enjoy a choice of 4 restaurants and bars or indulge in fragrant Arabian-style teas and Turkish coffees with waterfront views in the Diwan Shisha Café. Other facilities include two infinity pools, a fitness center and a spa. The remainder of the day at leisure. Lunch and dinner are under your own arrangements.

## **Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Luxor—Cairo B**

Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to Luxor Airport. Board your Egypt-Air flight to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo Domestic Airport, you are met and transferred by air-conditioned vehicle to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza. Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza is a glamorous and stylish hotel located in the leafy quarter of Garden City, a modern retreat in an historic part of Cairo. With the Egyptian Museum close by, this is an excellent base to explore this ancient city. Many rooms offer views over the Nile or Citadel and are dressed in French Empire-style fabrics. The sumptuous bathrooms feature large bathtubs and a glass-walled separate shower complete with plump toweling bathrobes. Intimate shisha lounges decked out in low seating and soft lighting provide tranquil spaces to unwind and watch the sun set over the Nile. On the fifth floor there are three pools with sheltered poolside cabanas to allow you to escape the Cairo heat. There are also seven restaurants and bars to choose from, each serving its own unique menu. The hotel is also home to one of Cairo's largest spas offering a wide range of holistic therapies including its signature treatment 'The Nile Journey'. Other facilities include a whirlpool, sauna, steam room and gym. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. Lunch and dinner are under your own arrangements.





Photo Courtesy of ArabNews.com

### **Wednesday, May 1, 2024: Cairo B - L**

09:00 Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour. Insider Access to Abdeen Palace. A very special permission can be obtained to visit Abdeen Palace, constructed in 1863 on order of Khedive Ismail as part of the plan for a modern Cairo. Inspired by the architecture coming out of Paris at the time, the plan was to have the Palace finished by the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, but the 500 rooms weren't completed until 1874. The Palace acted as the royal residence until the monarchy was abolished in 1952.

Explore the numerous reception rooms which were used to receive delegates, Kings and senior visitors. The Palace has 500 rooms and royal suites, including the Belgian Suite, as well as five different halls for ceremonies. Admire the oriental design and frescoed ceiling in the Hall of Throne. Whilst walking your way around the Palace, you'll also see a large collection of items that used to belong to the Royal Family, such as plates, glassware, gold and silver.





Lunch is served at Le Pacha. Le Pacha 1901 is one of Cairo's landmark dining and entertainment venues. Originally a paddle boat from the turn of the century, Le Pacha was transformed into a nostalgic and magical location to reflect on Cairo's glorious history.

Next, visit the first veritable museum of civilization in Egypt, the newly inaugurated National Museum of Egyptian Civilization or NMEC. For more information visit <https://nmec.gov.eg/>

The NMEC is located on the archaeological site of El-Fustat in Old Cairo, overlooking the Ain El-Seera Lake. The museum showcases Egyptian civilization from prehistoric times to the present day, using a multidisciplinary approach that highlights the country's comprehensive heritage. The collections are displayed in a core permanent exhibition of the principal achievements of Egyptian civilization, with six thematic galleries covering the Dawn of Civilization, The Nile, Writing, State and Society, Material Culture, Beliefs and Thinking and the Gallery of Royal Mummies.

Special access to the restoration labs is included. 16:00 At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements.



## Thursday, May 2, 2024: Cairo - Alexandria B - L

06:30 Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle from Cairo to Alexandria. (Approximately 03 hours)

The city of Alexandria is known as "The Pearl of the Mediterranean" and has been a destination for travelers since its foundation by Alexander the Great in 331 BC. After declining into a sleepy fishing village, Alexandria was revived in the 19th century by Muhammad Ali as an important port, and immigrants from Europe and the Levant came to settle here, bringing a cosmopolitan flair and a heyday captured in Lawrence Durrell's Alexandria Quartet.

The Alexandria Library and Museum is a modern, disk-shaped building inclining towards the sea and built on the believed site of the Great Library of Alexandria, a seat of ancient learning which unfortunately burned to the ground in the fourth century AD. The new research library carries on that legacy of learning by including exhibition spaces, a planetarium and a conference center. At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel.

Lunch is served at White & Blue restaurant at the famous Greek Club.

Continue on to Qait Bay Fort. Set on the site of the famous Pharos Lighthouse of Alexandria and using some of its stone ruins, the fort was built by Sultan Al Ashraf Qaitbay in 1480 to guard Alexandria's Eastern harbor. One of the most important defensive strongholds on the Mediterranean coast in its day, this majestic sand-colored complex includes a castle and a mosque.

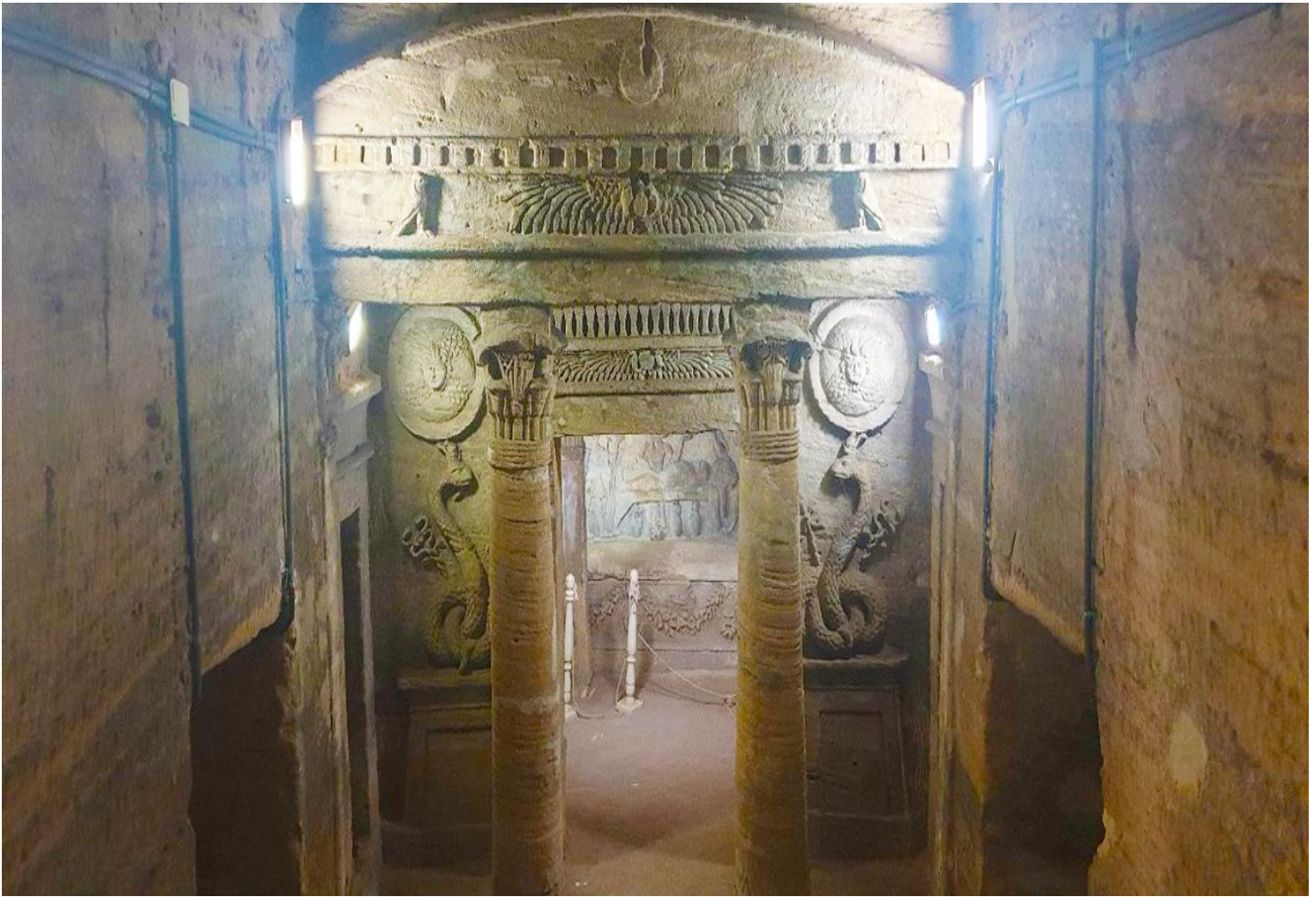
16:00 At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Four Seasons at San Stefano is located in the Grand Plaza tower overlooking the Mediterranean, providing a great base to explore ancient Alexandria. Styled in neoclassical French decor throughout, each bedroom features elegant interiors with a bath and separate walk-in shower. With its rugged coastal landscape and endless ocean views, the infinity pool with neighboring bar is a great place to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Just minutes from the coast a prime stretch of sandy beach is accessed via an underground walkway, exclusively for hotel clients. Share a traditional shisha or grab a cocktail in the alfresco lounge, whilst watching the sun go down over the sea.

The hotel has six restaurants serving everything from Lebanese to Oriental. Kick back and unwind in the award-winning spa, offering a wide-range of treatments including their signature Egyptian 80-minute body treatment, '1001 nights'. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements.







## **Friday, May 3, 2024: Alexandria - Cairo B - L**

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour.

The Catacombs of Kom El Shugafa is the largest Roman burial site in Egypt and the final resting place for 300 individuals, whose tombs are cut into the bedrock in massive tiers, descending 35 meters (115 feet) into the ground. There is even a banquet hall where grieving relatives paid their last respects at a funeral feast. The artisans who built the tombs in the second century AD combined ancient Egyptian and Greco-Roman motifs in a fascinating style. At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel.

Continue on to the Roman Amphitheater and imagine the crowds cheering at a musical performance or a wrestling match. The amphitheater is the only one of its kind in Egypt and has room for 800 spectators on white marble seats. The acoustics are such that if you stand on the stage and whisper, a person in the back row should be able to hear you.

Lunch today is served at "Sky View" Restaurant

14:00 At the end of your tour, you are transferred by air-conditioned vehicle from Alexandria to Cairo.  
(Approximately 03 hours)

17:00 Arrive Cairo and overnight at the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

The remainder of the evening is at leisure.

Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements.

## Saturday, May 4, 2024: Cairo B—L

**08:00** Meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour.

The Hanging Church is named so because it sits "suspended" on top of the Fortress of Babylon that the Romans built when they came to Egypt. Thought to originate in the seventh century, this church in basilica style was once the seat of the Coptic Patriarchate.

Visit the beautiful Coptic Museum, first completed in 1908 using property belonging to the Coptic Church in Egypt. It displays a wonderful collection of sculptures dating from Pre-Christian times up until the fifth Century AD, as well as bone carvings, frescoes, icons, relics, colorful textiles and more.

Tradition has it that the church of St. Sergius was built over a location in which Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus rested on their journey in Egypt. Located inside the Roman fortress in Old Cairo, it is believed to have been built by Roman soldiers in the third or fourth centuries and later turned into a Coptic church by the Egyptians. Dedicated to two soldier-saints, Sergius and Bacchus, the church has been rebuilt and restored since medieval times, but it is still considered to be a model of early Coptic churches.

Continue your tour to the Citadel, a medieval fortress perched high on limestone hills above Cairo, which was built in 1176 to protect the city from crusaders. Today, the citadel complex houses various mosques and museums, including the National Military Museum.

Enjoy lunch at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant

Named after the Nobel-prize-winning Egyptian author, Naguib Mahfouz restaurant lies in the very heart of the Khan El-Khalili Bazaar making it a convenient, air-conditioned place to take a break from shopping. The coffee shop at the entrance offers drinks, snacks and shisha (water pipes), while the restaurant section offers a selection of chicken, meats and mouth-watering Middle Eastern mezzas (small appetizers). Please note that alcohol is not served here.

Visit the fascinating Khan El-Khalili Bazaar, reputed to be the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Originally founded as a watering stop for caravanserai in the 14th century, the bazaar has now grown to vast proportions. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets to find workshops and stalls selling all manner of things, from woodwork and glassware to leather goods and perfumes.

With its grand, soaring architecture and rich decoration, the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, completed in 1363, is one of the finest in Egypt and also houses the mausoleum where Sultan Hassan's sons are buried.

A short walk across to the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, discover the much newer Refaie Mosque, completed in 1912 with well-preserved, colorful decoration. Buried in tombs there is a Muslim saint, a companion of the Prophet Mohamed, Egypt's last royal family and the last Shah of Iran.

**16:00** At the end of your tour, you are transferred to your hotel.

Dinner tonight is under your own arrangements.

## Sunday, May 5, 2024: Depart Cairo B

After breakfast your Tour Coordinator will escort you to Cairo International Airport by air-conditioned vehicle. You will fly home with many memories of an amazing tour of Egypt.







# Direct Travel<sup>®</sup>

*personalized experiences*



René Schneeberger

For more information, please  
contact the Direct Travel  
Group Department.

Phone: 309-834-3739  
Toll-Free: 866-592-0455  
Email: [reservations@directtravelgroups.com](mailto:reservations@directtravelgroups.com)

**Mail Your Reservation To:**  
Direct Travel  
2415 E Washington St.  
Bloomington, IL 61704

**BOOK NOW ONLINE**

