

Egypt

RETURN OF THE PHARAOHS

SEPTEMBER 5-16, 2022



WITH
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A CONNECTION

Connect with the people of Nubia and see yourself in the faces of the Pharaohs.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Touch the temples and monuments of Ancient Cairo, Luxor and Edfu.

A JOURNEY

The beauty of the land and the people will make this a journey for your soul.



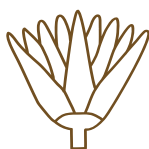
A message from Sonya

It's as if a missing piece of my history had been restored.

Travel Family,

Join me as we return to Egypt and relive one of our most memorable travel experiences. Our last visit was more than a walk through history, it was a connection with our ancestors - I just knew we had to go back. With a stay directly in the gaze of The Pyramids of Giza, and an upgraded sail along the Nile, we're going back, but with a more spiritual experience.

Once again we have secured Ahmed, our "guide to the stars," who will lead us on our connection with Egypt. We'll spend 3 nights cruising down the Nile River, stand in total awe and amazement at the ancient pyramids, and swim in the beautiful clear waters of the Red Sea. Join me on another breathtaking journey - World Next Door's RETURN OF THE PHARAOHS!



Welcome to the land of the Pharaohs and unbelievable monuments! On this exciting journey, we will touch one of the ancient Wonders of The World and so much more! Whether it's your first visit or your fifth, you'll discover things old and new and take a walk back in time. This is Ancient Egypt!

OUR TRIP:

- CAIRO
- ASWAN (NUBIA)
- NILE RIVER CRUISE
- KOM OMBO
- EDFU
- LUXOR
- RED SEA RESORT TOWN

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ABU SIMBEL
- SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

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We're Family So...

Some will be traveling solo, others have roommates. We'll be together on several tours, so it's important that you always let someone know if you'll be going off on your own or if you can't make an excursion. I consider everyone extended family so I expect that we look out for each other. I'll need everyone's help keeping us together during tours so that we can keep them running on time! When we need to be together, please respect the group's time by being ON TIME and ready to go!

HOTELS



CAIRO
Marriott Mena House



ASWAN
Movenpick Aswan



NILE CRUISE
M/S Farah Nile



HURGHADA
Premier Le Reve

FLIGHTS - TBD

EgyptAir is our chosen airline carrier for this trip. They have the most direct flights so we can use our vacation time efficiently! This tour was planned before the release of EgyptAir's flight schedule for September 2022. Once this schedule has been released, the flight details will be sent to you. Please note that this tour is subject to slight modifications if the final flight schedules do not align. We endeavor to avoid ANY changes. You will be informed of any necessary changes as soon as we receive information from the airlines about any changes on their end. The plan is to have the outbound flight to Egypt originate out of JFK on Sep 5, but when the trip is over, you will return to IAD instead of JFK on the morning of Sep 16. The reason for this is due to travel departure/arrival times, to maximize how much time we will have access to our rooms, and to minimize half asleep zombie walks through airports. This is what we are planning, but will send updates within a few months about the final air schedule.

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DAY 1 - Sep 5 - Depart USA

Depart JFK on your overnight flight for Cairo.

DAY 2 - Sep 6 - Arrive in Cairo

Marriott Mena House

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt's capital and its largest city! Upon arrival, we will be met and assisted through customs and formalities, obtain our visa, then transfer to our hotel located right at the Giza Pyramids.

We will meet Ahmed, our tour director, and be given some free time to relax and enjoy dinner at our leisure. Our hotel enjoys close up views of the pyramids. (Please note that lunch and dinner are not included today).

DAY 3 - Sep 7 - Cairo Highlights

Marriott Mena House

This morning visit the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Built during the Third and Fourth Dynasties, these monumental undertakings stand as a marvelous testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. Enjoy up-close views of the Great Pyramids and the Great Sphinx. Lunch will be on your own today before we venture to the NEW Grand Egyptian Museum, (set to open late 2021). Next is the Khan El-Khalili Bazaar, a colorful, loud, and crowded marketplace that is a sight to be seen even if you don't plan on shopping! Tonight is our "Welcome to Egypt" dinner on board a Dahabiya boat! Board a private boat and enjoy beer, wine, vodka, whisky, and soft drinks over dinner. Sail down the Nile River as the sun sets and your Egyptian adventure begins.



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DAY 4 - Sep 8 - Cairo to Aswan

Movenpick Aswan

Say goodbye to Cairo after an early breakfast for a flight from Cairo to Aswan. Please note this flight may be an early one! (Time TBD)

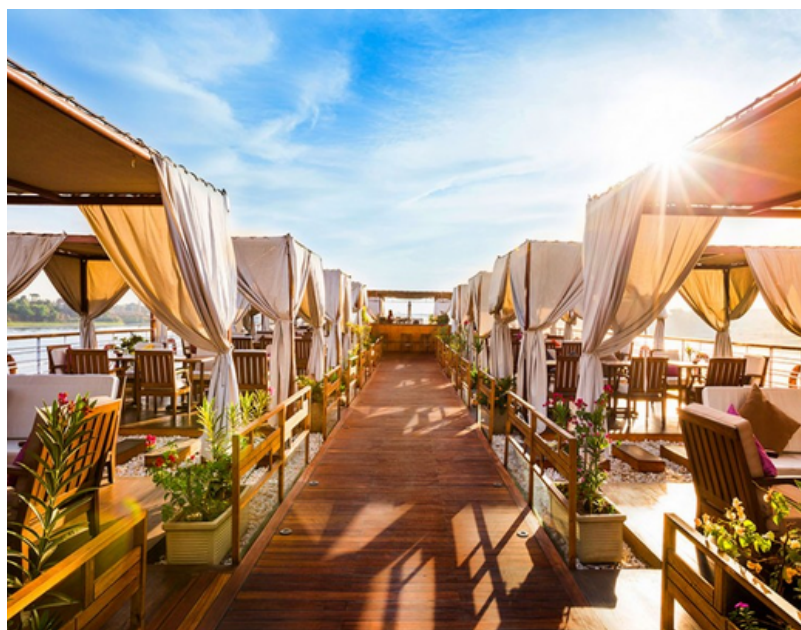
Upon arrival, you will visit a traditional Nubian Village to see how a local village exists. You will have lunch in the village, get a henna tattoo, and have some time to stroll around and explore this fascinating way of life. An optional excursion to Abu Simbel will be offered today. Dinner is on an independent basis this evening.



DAY 5 - Sep 9 - Nile Cruise Begins

M/S Farah Nile River Cruise Ship

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and transfer to your Nile cruise ship for your three-night cruise from Upper Egypt to Lower Egypt. The Nile river is one of the few rivers in the world which flows North, and this unique characteristic is why southern Egypt is called Upper Egypt, while the northern part of Egypt is called "Lower Egypt".



Visit the Aswan High Dam and Philae's Temple of Isis. This temple was almost lost to rising water in the 1960's until the Aswan High Dam was built.

Enjoy your first night aboard your floating hotel! All meals will be included and served aboard your ship for the duration of your Nile cruise experience. The cruise boat has all outside facing cabins, an upscale roof deck, and tonight there will be a performance aboard our ship (typically a Nubian performance).



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DAY 6 - Sep 10 - Nile Cruise

M/S Farah Nile River Cruise Ship

Today is your first full day on your Nile Cruise experience. Today you will sail to Kom Ombo to see the Ptolomaic Temple built for Horus the falcon god, and Sobek the crocodile god. The temple complex consists mainly of two temples running parallel with the traditional components of ancient Egyptian religious structures including a courtyard at the front of the complex, with halls following.

After exploring Kom Ombo, sail to Edfu, an Egyptian city on the west bank of the Nile River. Tonight on the cruise boat we will enjoy a Galabia party!

DAY 7 - Sep 11 - Valley of the Kings

M/S Farah Nile River Cruise Ship

Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride early this morning to watch the sunrise over Luxor!

Today you will visit the Horus Temple in Edfu, the largest and most completely preserved Pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, temple in Egypt. Sail onward to Luxor via Esna. The premier destination in Upper Egypt, Luxor features an array of ruins and monuments and is often considered the most extraordinary open-air museum in the world. The city is also known for its horse carriages, called caleches, which offer a charming way to enjoy the areas many sightseeing opportunities. This afternoon, explore the famous Valley of the Kings and tour the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. After dinner, there will be a belly dancing performance on the cruise boat.

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DAY 8 - Sep 12 - Luxor to Red Sea

Hotel Premier Le Reve Hurghada

Disembark the boat after breakfast and private transportation will bring you to Hurghada, the home of our beachfront resort. (Driving distance is appx 3.5 hours).

Upon arrival, your all-inclusive adult-only beach-front resort is in a prime location and all travelers' rooms will have a *partial* ocean view. The rest of your afternoon and night are on an independent basis.

DAY 9 - Sep 13 - Red Sea

Hotel Premier Le Reve Hurghada

Enjoy a free day at our **all-inclusive** beachfront resort.

DAY 10 - Sep 14- Red Sea Yacht Excursion

Hotel Premier Le Reve Hurghada

Today's full day excursion will bring you out onto the Red Sea! Join the group for a day of swimming and snorkeling, including lunch on our own private yacht! Tonight will be our final group dinner in Egypt!

DAY 11- Sep 15- Final Day at Red Sea

Return Flight in Evening

The flight schedules are TBD. The plan is to enjoy one final day at the resort, and take a late afternoon flight out of Hurghada to Cairo, and depart Cairo late in the evening tonight. *Please note that we will have to check out of our rooms in the morning, but can access bathrooms at the hotel in common areas before our flight*

DAY 12- Sep 16- Morning Arrival to IAD

Our flight is scheduled to return to Washington early this morning.





Passport & Visa

PASSPORTS are required for all US citizens traveling abroad and must be valid for at least 6 months after your date of return. Many countries will not allow you to enter their borders if you do not have at least 6 months of remaining validity on your present passport.

Airlines may apply penalties if it is necessary to make corrections to your name either in the air record or on your ticket. A visa is required for US Passport holders for entry into Egypt. Paid locally in Cairo airport for \$30 (subject to change). (A guide will help us at the airport.)

Weather & Packing

Average temperatures in Egypt in September range from the high 80s to low 90s during the day, and drop to the 70s in the evening.

Luggage

Each traveler will be limited to one large checked luggage (50 lbs or less) and one carry-on (ex: duffel or tote bag) and one personal item (ex: purse or backpack).

Travel Insurance

I highly recommend the purchase of travel insurance. There are lots of different kinds of travel insurance plans that you can purchase, ranging from "cancel for any reason" to "limited coverage". You must purchase travel insurance on your own. I have provided some companies below, but you can choose your own. You must initiate contact with these travel insurance providers.

Please know that many travel insurance companies require that you purchase insurance within a certain number of days of booking the trip here and paying a deposit. **Do not wait to look into travel insurance, if you do, it may be too late!**

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- travelexinsurance.com
- travelguard.com
- aeti.americanexpress.com/travel-insurance/home.do
- worldnomads.com/usa/travel-insurance

If you need more help, [this article](#) here may be helpful.



Meet in the Airport

Once we arrive at our destination, it is very important that we meet each other at the airport **Baggage Claim** in Cairo! I will be holding the World Next Door flag. Please retrieve your luggage and wait with me where I will check your name from the list and we will move together, **AS A GROUP**, to our awaiting transportation. Please don't wander off or make duty free purchases without telling me. I need everyone's help to keep things running smoothly and on time.

Our Hashtag

#WorldNextDoor is what we will use to keep up with each other's pictures and posts on social media. If you plan on sharing, please make sure to keep these posts public so we can all see them!

Keeping in Contact

Please download the GROUPME app, it is what our group will use to communicate with each other while on our trip. I will add you to the group chat by using your cell phone number. Please make sure you are connected with us before the flight leaves and have received messages from us. This chat is **ONLY FOR VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**. Please be aware that everyone in the group is receiving your messages every time you send one. Important matters only please! **Once we get home**, feel free to share pictures through the app. You will need WiFi to use this app.

Currency

The Egyptian Pound (EGP) is the official currency of the Arab Republic of Egypt

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ADDITIONAL INFO

TRANSFERS & TOURING are provided by modern, air-conditioned touring coaches. All entrance fees to places visited in the itinerary are included except those mentioned as optional. Arrangements for the itineraries, domestic transportation and flights are solely at the discretion of the local land operators and are subject to change without notice. If any changes are made, World Next Door has no liability.

UNUSED SERVICES cannot be refunded once the trip has begun. No refund can be made for absence by passengers from any part of the tour.

PERSONAL TIPS are not included in the tour price. We will provide each passenger with suggested tipping information for all of our tours. These suggestions will be part of the final tour documents. **DOCUMENTS** for all tours will be sent via email approximately 21 to 14 days prior to departure. This includes your e-ticket if applicable.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE passports and visa fees, foreign airport taxes and fees, US departure taxes, excess baggage charges, baggage and personal insurance, gratuities, optional tours, beverages, items not specifically mentioned in the itinerary or tour inclusions section, or any items of a personal nature.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing. Cancellation fees may change at any time, and your booking is subject to the fee schedule in effect at the time of booking. You are liable for the cancellation fees listed or any deposit(s) already paid, whichever is greater. If you have made payments in excess of your cancellation fee, we will refund you the difference.

*All cancellations must be sent in writing to travelwithworldnextdoor@gmail.com

The date of the cancellation will be noted as the date that cancellation email is received.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES: Cancel by:

Sep 30 or earlier: \$500 + \$300 = \$800 is nonrefundable

Oct 1 - Nov 30 = \$1,200 is nonrefundable

Dec 1 - Jan 31 = \$1,500 is nonrefundable

Feb 1 - Mar 31: = \$2,000 is nonrefundable

Apr 1 - Apr 31: = \$2,500 is nonrefundable

May 1 - May 14: = \$3,000 is nonrefundable

May 15 and later: all payments by this point are nonrefundable

If your roommate cancels and you are unwilling to share a room or we cannot match you with a roommate, you are required to pay the single supplement! However, we will always try to match you with a roommate whenever we can.

PRICE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

① Egypt Trip: \$3925 per person (Includes Air + Land) twin/double sharing room

PAYMENT SCHEDULE (*Excludes Insurance*):

1st deposit (non refundable):	\$500 per person	Due upon booking
2nd deposit:	\$489.26 per person	Due by October 15, 2021
3rd deposit:	\$489.26 per person	Due by November 15, 2021
4th deposit:	\$489.26 per person	Due by December 15, 2021
5th deposit:	\$489.26 per person	Due by February 15, 2022
6th deposit:	\$489.26 per person	Due by March 15, 2022
7th deposit:	\$489.26 per person	Due by April 15, 2022
Final payment:	\$489.26 per person	Due by May 15, 2022

Final payments MUST be completed by May 15, 2022. Payment extensions are not available.

Single Supplement: \$1020.00

② Optional Excursions:

Hot Air Balloon Ride: \$160

Abu Simbel: \$350

③ Included & Not Included

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Round-trip flights from USA (outbound flight from JFK, return flight to (IAD) and all Intra-Egypt flights, includes taxes & fees
- All ground transportation and transfers
- 9-nights accommodations in first-class hotels & Nile River cruise boat
- 22 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners
- English-speaking Egyptologist Tour Director
- Comprehensive tour program & entrance fees
- Advanced audio headset guided tour system

NOT INCLUDED:

- Excess baggage fees
- Advance seat reservations
- Entry visa fees
- Transportation to & from departure and arrival airports
- Personal, baggage & travel protection
- Gratuities
- Beverages on Nile Cruise
- Any items of a personal nature



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