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ANCIENT  
**EGYPT**

AND THE NILE RIVER

aboard *Nile Adventurer* • December 7–20, 2023





# Dear Princetonian,

**Join us on a timeless journey along the Nile River** for a 14-day exploration of Egypt's rich heritage, including privately chartered on-tour flights between Cairo and southern Egypt and seven nights aboard the lovely *Nile Adventurer*. Among the many highlights of this itinerary are the Great Pyramids and special private access to the paws of the Sphinx of Giza; the Valley of the Kings; the spectacular funerary boat of Cheops; the fabulous Temple of Karnak complex; the double temple dedicated to the gods Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo; and the colossal statues of Ramesses II and his favorite queen at Abu Simbel.

**The Nile River, upon whose waters we travel between Luxor and Aswan,** is the heart of Egyptian civilization, both ancient and contemporary. Most of the cultural and historical sites of ancient Egypt are found along its banks. As you enjoy the Art Deco elegance and modern amenities of the *Nile Adventurer*, cruise to the sites of millennia-old pyramids, monuments, and tombs, including exquisite reliefs and stylized paintings and carvings. Learn about the unparalleled architectural and engineering skills of master pyramid builders and enjoy unique behind-the-scenes access to archaeological sites. Ashore, explore Coptic Cairo's Hanging Church and the soon-to-open Grand Egyptian Museum.

Though this journey is a Princeton exclusive, space is limited. Register today by calling us at **(609) 258-8686** or emailing [journeys@princeton.edu](mailto:journeys@princeton.edu).

With kind regards,



Bridget St. Clair  
Director, Alumni Education and Travel  
Princeton University





# Highlights

- ◆ Marvel at the **Great Pyramids** and enjoy special private access to the paws of the **Sphinx of Giza**; most guests can only view them from a distance.
- ◆ See highlights of Cairo, including the Hanging Church and the highly anticipated new **Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- ◆ Explore the labyrinthine tombs in the **Valley of the Kings and Queens**, with specially arranged access to one of the most beautiful: Queen Nefertari's Tomb.
- ◆ Fly to **Abu Simbel** to view the colossal temples built to honor Pharaoh Ramesses II and his favorite wife Nefertari.
- ◆ **Dine at a private home in Cairo** and engage with Egyptian scholars to hear their thoughts about Egypt's present and future.





LUXOR TEMPLE



IBN TULUN



SPICES AT BAZAAR

## Itinerary

### Thursday–Friday, December 7–8 HOME / CAIRO, EGYPT

Depart home on overnight flights to Cairo. On arrival, transfer to the historic Mena House Hotel. From its early days as a royal hunting lodge and later transformation to a deluxe hotel, Mena House has hosted dignitaries and world leaders visiting the Egyptian capital. Spend the afternoon at leisure, then gather for a welcome orientation meeting and reception. Afterward, stroll the grounds and admire the pyramids lit in the evening shadows.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (R)

### Saturday, December 9 CAIRO

Marvel at the last standing monument of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid on the Giza Plateau. Then enjoy specially arranged access to the “paws” of the 4,500-year-old half-man, half-lion known as the Great Sphinx. Gather for a special welcome dinner at a private Cairene home.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B,L,D)

### Sunday, December 10 CAIRO

After a special guest lecture, see many of Islamic Cairo's significant monuments, including the Ibn Tulun Mosque, the oldest surviving Muslim place of worship. Have lunch

near the bustling Khan al-Khalili bazaar, then spend the afternoon at leisure for independent pursuits and dinner on your own.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B,L)

### Monday, December 11 CAIRO / LUXOR (EMBARK)

Enjoy a morning visit to the expansive Grand Egyptian Museum, described as the largest archaeological museum in the world and featuring the first exhibition of the full tomb collection of King Tutankhamun. Board a flight to Luxor to embark *Nile Adventurer*.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

### Tuesday, December 12 LUXOR / VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Enjoy special access to the evocative tombs in the Valley of the Kings—including that of the young pharaoh Tutankhamun—and across the Nile in the Valley of the Nobles, all hidden for thousands of years. Also visit Luxor Temple, constructed around 1,400 B.C.E. and known in ancient Egyptian times as the “Southern Sanctuary,” as well as the Abu Haggag Mosque, built in the 13th century atop the temple ruins, still in use today.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

### Wednesday, December 13 LUXOR / KARNAK

Explore the fabulous Karnak Temple complex, the largest ancient religious site in the

world. Wander among the enormous 134 stone columns, and marvel at the myriad well-preserved obelisks telling stories of the ancients. This evening, visit the Luxor Museum, on the cornice overlooking the west bank of the Nile.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

### Thursday, December 14 LUXOR / ESNA

Visit the remarkable (and rarely included) tomb of Queen Nefertari, widely regarded as one of the most beautifully preserved monuments in the country. Continue to the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III that have stood in the Theban necropolis since 1,350 B.C.E.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

### Friday, December 15 EDFU

Visit the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt, dedicated to Horus, the ubiquitous falcon-headed god of the Egyptians. The main building includes a great Hypostyle Hall and, just outside, an entrance colonnade that still has original, colored reliefs. An optional cooking class is offered by the boat's chef.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,L,D)





CAIRO



KARNAK TEMPLE



ABU SIMBEL



GIZA



ANCIENT HIEROGLYPHS

**Saturday, December 16**

**PHILAE / ASWAN**

Continue cruising to the island of Agilkia, where the Temple of Isis was relocated when the Aswan Dam project commenced in the 1960s. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the island has numerous ruins including the Kiosk of Trajan. Upon return, see the Aswan Dam and venture to a nearby quarry to view the “unfinished obelisk”— the largest known ancient obelisk. Weather permitting, enjoy a late afternoon sail on the Nile aboard a traditional *felucca*.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,I,L,D)

**Sunday, December 17**

**KOM OMBO**

While cruising this morning, the educational program continues with a final lecture. Explore the unusual double temple, half of which is dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek, the other half to the falcon god, Horus, at Kom Ombo. This evening gather for a special farewell dinner on board *Nile Adventurer*.

NILE ADVENTURER (B,I,L,D)

**Monday, December 18**

**LUXOR / ABU SIMBEL / CAIRO**

After breakfast, take a short flight to see the astounding monuments at Abu Simbel, located in former Nubian lands. At the twin temples built by Pharaoh Ramesses II, huge statues depict him and his favorite wife, Nefertari. Between 1964 and 1966, during

construction of the Aswan High Dam, both temples were dismantled and reconstructed 65 meters higher than their original site to protect them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. Fly to Cairo and spend the evening at leisure.

FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE (B,L)

**Tuesday, December 19**

**CAIRO**

Visit Coptic Cairo’s Hanging Church, one of the oldest churches in Egypt, dating back as far as the third century C.E. Then tour the recently opened National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, which highlights achievements from pre-historic times through pharaonic, Greco-Roman, and Islamic to modern-day Egypt. Not to be missed are the 20 Royal mummies. Gather at the hotel this evening for a farewell dinner.

FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, December 20**

**CAIRO / HOME**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home or to the extension in Jordan. (B)



**OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

December 20–24

**JORDAN**

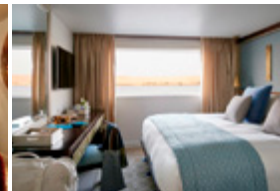
Extend your visit to this remarkable region with a four-night post-tour extension to enjoy Jordan’s archeology, history, desert culture, and rich cuisine. View the magnificent “rose-red” city of Petra, Jordan, where the 1,200-meter-long Siq, a narrow winding *wadi* (canyon), makes this site deservedly one of the modern world’s Seven Wonders; embark on a 4-wheel-drive adventure through Wadi Rum’s sweeping dun-colored expanses, otherworldly rock formations, and ancient hieroglyphs; and walk among soaring columns and arches on a guided tour of the ancient city of Jerash.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND PRICING WILL BE SENT TO CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS.



LUXOR

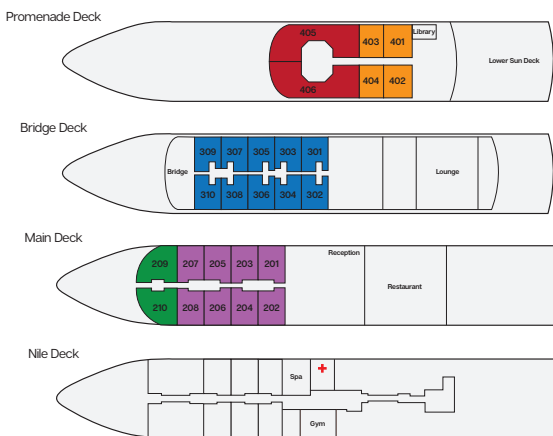
# Nile Adventurer



Fully renovated in 2019, the elegant *Nile Adventurer* has just 32 cabins, offering a luxurious yet relaxed cruise on the Nile. Gourmet cuisine prepared by award-winning chefs as well as sightseeing experiences with the country's most experienced Egyptologists offer a taste of genuine 5-star luxury on a timeless river. The extensive sun deck areas, with their elegant teak floors, include private cabanas around the pool area, the perfect spot for relaxing while taking in the scenery. All cabins and suites have Nile views and are fully air-conditioned with individual control. Each bathroom includes a bathtub, shower, and hairdryer, mini bar, and television with satellite. A library and game room include computer and internet access. Complimentary Wi-Fi (intermittent) is available in public areas.

## Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
<b>MAIN DECK STANDARD</b> 178 sq. ft., large picture windows	\$11,990	\$17,740
<b>BRIDGE DECK STANDARD</b> 163 sq. ft., large picture windows	\$12,490	\$18,740
<b>PROMENADE DECK STANDARD</b> 153 sq. ft., large picture windows	\$12,990	—
<b>JUNIOR SUITE</b> 229 sq. ft., large wraparound windows, sitting area	\$13,490	—
<b>PRESIDENTIAL SUITE</b> 456 sq. ft., large wraparound windows, private balcony	\$14,690	—



## General Information

### PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 9 dinners** • Comprehensive program of briefings, presentations, and discussions • **On-tour flights (Cairo/Luxor and Luxor/Abu Simbel/Cairo)** • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and ship personnel for all group activities** • Port charges and entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine and beer at all dinners** • Soft drinks with all meals • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager, Princeton host, and local Egyptologist.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily activities can involve one to three miles of walking in hot, dusty conditions, often on uneven terrain where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Princeton Journeys or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. As of publication, SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents.

### AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

### GROUP SIZE

This exclusive Princeton Journeys program is limited to 45 participants.

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**A NOTE ABOUT COSTS**

Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

**PROGRAM RATES**

**DO NOT INCLUDE**

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses, immunizations, and COVID-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS**

To reserve space, please call (609) 258-8686 or return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, P.O. Box 5256 Princeton, NJ 08543. You may also fax your credit card information to (609) 258-5561 or email [journeys@princeton.edu](mailto:journeys@princeton.edu). Balance of payment is due August 9, 2023. After August 9, 2023, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are

100% nonrefundable. After August 9, 2023 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate.

**NOTE:** Neither Princeton University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

**ITINERARY CHANGES**

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Princeton Journeys and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

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CARD # EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD DATE

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on **Ancient Egypt and the Nile River**

**SINGLE TRAVELERS**

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

I prefer to have single accommodations.  
or  I plan to share accommodations with:

or  I'd like to know about roommates

*I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of August 9, 2023, I will pay the single rate.*

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Preference (not guaranteed):  One bed  Two beds

*I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:*

SIGNATURE DATE

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