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## Vintage Egypt ~ The Centenary of King Tut A Classic 1922 African Adventure on the Nile River December 2022

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## Optional Day One, Friday, December 2, 2022: Cairo

If arriving on the Egypt Air flight from New York, meet your Goodspeed trip director at Cairo Airport. (*If arriving at a different time, an optional private transfer can be arranged.*) After transfering to the hotel and freshening up, join your fellow explorers in the gardens for an introductory chat about the upcoming days. In the evening, there are a number of a la carte dining options available in the hotel. **A la Carte: Lunch, Dinner O/N Cairo** 

**Note:** Accommodations on Zamalek Island in Cairo are strictly first-come-first-served. In the event capacity is reached, alternative accommodations in the same quality category are guaranteed.

## Optional Day Two, Saturday, December 3: Giza

After breakfast, visit the sole survivor of the traditional Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Great Pyramid stood almost 500 feet high when it was completed around 2550 BCE. Along the eastern and southern sides of the pyramid are five long pits that once contained the pharaoh's funerary boats. Our visit in Giza would not be complete without viewing the Sphinx, standing guard over the pyramids. After a break for an a la carte lunch overlooking the Great Pyramid, continue on to the Grand Egyptian Museum (pending access) where we will find artifacts of the Pharaonic era and treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. Return to the hotel to relax before dinner on your own. **Included Meals: Breakfast. A la Carte: Lunch, Dinner O/N Cairo** 

## Optional Day Three, Sunday, December 4: Cairo

After a sumptuous breakfast, visit the NMEC - National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. This was the final destination of the spectacular Parade of the Pharoahs in 2021. Afterwards, step back in time to visit Cairo's souq – the Khan el-Khalili - where the riches of North Africa and the Middle East can be found. Lunch awaits in Café Riche, the last remaining restaurant from Cairo's Golden Age of Literature and Arts. Opened in 1908 and only a stone's throw from Tahrir Square, the Riche was the literary haunt of the city's cognoscenti. After lunch, our aircraft will whisk us south to Luxor where we will check in to the Winter Palace Hotel. (For guests, beginning the program today, transfer to the Winter Palace upon arrival in Luxor.) You have the option to have a casual supper in the gardens (arguably the most beautiful in Egypt), or to formally dine at the 1886 Restaurant where royalty and academia rubbed elbows in the 1920s.

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## Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch. A la Carte: Dinner O/N Luxor - Winter Palace Hotel

## Monday, December 5: Luxor

After breakfast in the Winter Palace, visit the magnificent Temple of Karnak. Walking through the obelisks, pylons and sanctuaries, we will be astounded by the beautiful relief decoration and the thousands of hieroglyphic inscriptions. Afterwards, lunch awaits on-board the Steamship SUDAN. Take time to settle into your unique Edwardian stateroom or suite, and explore the vessel to find that perfect spot to relax. As the sun begins to set over the western desert, visit the Temple of Luxor where important scenes and inscriptions from the time of Tutankhamun record the festival of Opet, an annual rite renewing divine and royal power. A festive welcome dinner awaits, followed by cocktails in the salon. Dinner and overnight on board.

# Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, Dinner O/N: On board Steamship SUDAN

## Tuesday, December 6: The Valley of the Kings

Today, we will get an early start. Our focus will be the west bank of the Nile beginning with the Theban Necropolis. The Valley of the Kings was the burial site of the major rulers of imperial Egypt, and it was here in 1922, that the explorer Howard Carter uncovered the tomb of King Tut. Next, we visit the Temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu, one of the best preserved from the New Kingdom, which displays important military reliefs and religious compositions. Back on board, a well-deserved lunch awaits as the vessel weighs anchor. The afternoon will be at leisure as we steam up the Nile and sip chilled white wine on deck. Today, we have an opportunity to learn about the engineering of the steamship SUDAN. Built in the teens, she is the last authentic Belle Epoque paddle steamer in Africa. Her broad teak decks, brassware, and wood paneling are the stuff of romantic stories. The gangways exude a sweet aroma of beeswax; the woven palm furniture on the deck provides the perfect place to daydream as you watch the desert palms glide past. Dinner will be served before we pass through the night to Edfu.

## Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, Dinner O/N: On board Steamship SUDAN

## Wednesday, December 7: Edfu – Kom Ombo

After breakfast this morning, visit of the Temple of Edfu, one of the best-preserved buildings from ancient Egypt. Built in honor of the falcon-headed cosmic deity Horus, the temple lay partially buried under a protective covering of debris and sand until French Egyptologist Auguste Mariette cleared the structure in the 1860s. Back on board, lunch awaits. In the afternoon, take tea on the upper deck as we steam deeper into the heart of Upper Egypt. We will pass Gebel Silsila, one of the largest quarries of

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the ancient world and site of important shrines and stelae relating to the Nile flood and associated nautical festivals. Take in the relaxing rhythm of the voyage, as we continue our journey to the pillars of the temple at Kom Ombo on the banks of the Nile. Dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, the surviving temple dates back to circa 180 BCE during the Ptolemaic era with later Roman additions. Dinner is served onboard SUDAN.

## Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, Dinner O/N: On board Steamship SUDAN

## Thursday, December 8: Aswan

This morning, SUDAN steams to Aswan at the frontier of traditional Egypt, where ancient Nubia begins. The mighty desert slowly replaces cultivated land as we proceed up the Nile. It is easy to see that this is where pharaonic civilization once ended. The lands above the great cataracts nourished the Nile Valley with mineral-rich silt during the floods. Nubia also provided Egypt with gold, precious woods and ivory, as well as soldiers for its military machine. In the afternoon, sail to the temple of Isis, once located on the island of Philae, and moved in the 1960s to the island of Agilka when the Aswan High Dam was constructed. Enjoy some free time in Aswan before the last dinner on board SUDAN. This evening there is an option to visit the incredible Nubian Museum. **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, Dinner O/N: On board SUDAN** 

## Friday, December 9: Return Day or Aswan Option

For those travelers who must return home, transfer to the airport for the return flights to the United States.

For those who want to continue their adventure, in the morning, take a boat across the Nile to the spectacular necropolis of ancient Aswan, Qubbet el-Hawa. Then, cruise through the cataracts in a small vessel to the island of Sehel, where the impressive granite boulders and rocky pinnacles are covered with ancient rock inscriptions—a site almost never seen by tourists. In the afternoon, check in to the grand Old Cataract Hotel, home to famous travelers including Agatha Christie and her literary creation Hercule Poirot. This evening, enjoy a cocktail overlooking Elephantine Island, home of the temple of Khnum, site of continuous habitation from the First Dynasty through the Middle Ages, and the grotto of the ancient temple of Satis, the goddess of the Nile's cataracts. A sumptuous a la carte dinner is available in the 1902 restaurant. You will be transported back to the 1920's and the Golden Age of Archaeology. **Included Meals: Breakfast. A la Carte: Lunch, Dinner** 

O/N: Aswan

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#### Saturday, December 10: Aswan

For those who want to explore ancient Nubia further, take an optional (very) early morning flight to Abu Simbel, the site of monumental rock-cut temples of Ramesses II as Amun and his chief wife Nefertari as Hathor. Back in Aswan, sip cocktails on the terrace of the Old Cataract as the sun sets in the western horizon, descending into the Netherworld.

## Included Meal: Breakfast. A la Carte: Lunch, Dinner O/N: Aswan

#### Sunday, December 11: Return Day

This morning, bid the Nile River adieu and transfer to the Aswan airport for your flights home. Farewell!

## **VOYAGE COST**

Space is limited! The program is first come, first served:
\$3,333 per person based on double occupancy
\$2,222 single supplement (limited availability)
\$899 per suite upgrade (Steamship SUDAN – extremely limited)

## **OVERNIGHTS:**

December 4 - 5, 2022: Winter Palace Hotel December 5 – 11, 2022: On the Nile Steamship SUDAN

## INCLUDED:

- Voyage on the luxurious privately-chartered Steamship SUDAN
- Overnight accommodations in Luxor
- Transfers among airports and hotels and the steamship
- Porterage of bags in the hotel and on the Steamship SUDAN
- Sumptuous breakfasts, lunches, teas and dinners on Steamship SUDAN
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Philae
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Kom Ombo
- Shipboard viewing of the ancient quarries of Gebel Silsila
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Edfu
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Karnak
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Luxor
- Guided exploration of the Valley of the Kings
- Tour of the engine room of the Steamship SUDAN
- Meet & greet at the airport (based on 20 travelers)
- Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach

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## OPTIONAL ITEMS AND ITEMS ON YOUR OWN:

- Airfare
- Extension before or after the voyage
- Upgrades for any services or accommodations
- Any meal listed as "a la carte" or not specifically included
- Any beverages (cocktails, beer, wine, Champagne) not included with the meals
- Any gratuity to the ship crew, guides, or trip director
- Any item of a personal nature (i.e. binoculars, pith helmets, leg gaiters)
- Any item not mentioned in the itinerary

## **VOYAGE Deposit Schedule**

\$200 per person deposit due upon registration\$1000 per person payment due March 1, 2022Final payment due October 1, 2022

## Voyage Booking Conditions and Refunds

\$200 is non-refundable upon registration
Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$500 per traveler
120 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$750 per traveler.
65 days prior to departure: No refund.

## **CAIRO OPTION COST**

Space is limited. The option is first come, first served:\$599 per person based on double occupancy\$299 single supplement (limited availability)

## **OVERNIGHTS** (subject to change):

December 2 - 4 Cairo Marriott (based upon availability)

## INCLUDED:

- Overnight accommodations as listed above
- Breakfasts in the hotel
- Transfers as listed
- Porterage of bags in the hotels
- Guided tour of the Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza
- Visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum (pending access)
- Visit of the famous souq, Khan El-Khalili
- Visit of the last genuine fez maker in Egypt.
- Visit to the mummies in the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization
- Flight from Cairo to Luxor
- Meet & greet at Cairo Airport (based on 20 guests)
- Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach in Cairo

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## CAIRO - OPTIONAL ITEMS AND ITEMS ON YOUR OWN:

- Airfare to and from Egypt
- Upgrades for any services or accommodations
- Any meal listed as "a la carte" or not specifically included
- Any beverages (cocktails, beer, wine, Champagne) not included with the meal
- Any gratuity to the local guides, drivers, porters or trip director
- Any item of a personal nature (i.e. fez, fly whisk, compass)
- Any item not mentioned in the itinerary

## **CAIRO Option Deposit Schedule**

**\$300** per person deposit due upon registration **\$100** per person payment due March 1, 2022 Final payment due October 1, 2022

## **CAIRO Option Booking Conditions and Refunds**

- \$50 is non-refundable upon registration
- Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$200 per traveler
- 120 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$400 per traveler.
- 65 days prior to departure: No refund Travel protection is strongly recommended and available from Travelex Insurance.

## **ASWAN EXTENSION COST**

**Space is limited.** (First come, first serve): **\$599** per person based on double occupancy **\$259** single supplement (limited availability)

## **OVERNIGHTS:**

December 9 - 11, 2022: Aswan Old Cataract Hotel

## INCLUDED:

- Overnight accommodations as listed above
- Breakfasts in the hotel
- Transfers between hotel and airport
- Porterage of bags in the hotel
- Visit to Sehel Island
- Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach in Cairo

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#### ASWAN - OPTIONAL ITEMS AND ITEMS ON YOUR OWN:

- Flight and tour of Abu Simbel
- Airfare from Egypt after the extension
- Upgrades for any services or accommodations
- Any meal listed as "a la carte" or not specifically included
- Any beverages (cocktails, beer, wine, Champagne) not included with the meals
- Any gratuity to the local guides, drivers, porters or trip director
- Any item of a personal nature (i.e. sunblock, jodhpurs, parasol)
- Any item not mentioned in the itinerary

#### ASWAN Deposit Schedule

**\$100** per person deposit due upon registration **\$100** per person payment due March 1, 2022 Final payment due October 1, 2022

#### Land Booking Conditions and Refunds

- **\$50** is non-refundable upon registration
- Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$200 per traveler
- 120 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$500 per traveler.
- 65 days prior to departure: No refund

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