



VUITTON TRAVEL & EGYPT Tourism USA present the **OPENING OF THE GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM – CAIRO**

An 11-day fully escorted super-luxury, small-group journey in Egypt visiting
Cairo, Abu Simbel, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu and Luxor

Join us and be one of the very first visitors to experience GEM (the Grand Egyptian Museum) in Cairo and enjoy dinner with the Curator, glide over the West Bank of Luxor in a hot air balloon, sail the Nile in a felucca, stare in awe at the massive temples of Abu Simbel and immerse yourself in the chaos of a night time marketplace.

Vuitton Travel & Egypt Tourism USA Highlights

- Discover Egypt on this special inaugural departure series with a guided visit to **GEM**
- Gain special entry into several of the very best-preserved tombs in Luxor including **Seti I** and **Tutankhamun** in the Valley of the Kings and **Nefertari** in the Valley of the Queens
- Visit the massive temples of **Abu Simbel** in Nubia
- Visit the recently opened tomb of Mehu in Sakkara featuring well preserved wall art
- Look up in amazement at the **Sphinx from between the paws** – a rare private experience afforded only a select few including an informative lecture by a highly qualified Egyptologist
- Enjoy a private address and dinner with **Dr. Tarek Tawfik - former Director General of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project / Associate Prof. of Egyptology Cairo University**
- Overnights at the luxurious **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence**, the **Hotel Sofitel Legend Old Cataract** in Aswan, and the **Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa**

Limited to a maximum of 10 couples per departure

GEM001 - DATE TO BE ADVISED	\$8,995 p/p sharing
GEM002 - DATE TO BE ADVISED	\$8,995 p/p sharing
GEM003 - DATE TO BE ADVISED	\$8,995 p/p sharing

Excellent pre- or post-tour extension: **JORDAN (PETRA) - 5 days from \$2,995 p/p sharing**

Vuitton Travel & EGYPT Tourism USA Highlights

- An English-speaking Tour Director throughout the itinerary and where applicable in the itinerary, the professional services of local Field Coordinators and qualified Egyptologist guides
- All hand-selected luxury accommodation
- Airport VIP Meet and Greet including Visa processing and Luggage handling
- Private air-conditioned transfers in luxury vehicles
- Internet access
- All entrance fees, taxes, and gratuities (except Tour Director)
- 24/7 Vuitton Travel / EGYPT Tourism USA On-Call support and assistance
- Doctor on call

DAY ONE

DATE TO BE ADVISED

ARRIVE CAIRO (Welcome Dinner)

On arrival into Cairo International Airport today, you'll enjoy our signature VIP Meet & Greet which includes the processing of your visa and the retrieval of your luggage while you relax and refresh in the Airport VIP Arrival Lounge. (visa cost included)

Our Field Coordinator will escort you to your awaiting air-conditioned luxury vehicle and transfer you to your downtown hotel where accommodation has been arranged for a 5-night stay in Superior Nile- or City-view rooms including breakfast daily.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence

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Egypt

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Though the poolside views of the city and the smell of fresh bread baking in the brick oven are enticing, the real star of Aura is the modern Shami cuisine, a delightful mix of Lebanese and Syrian flavors, and it's here where we celebrate the beginning of our journey this evening at our Welcome Dinner.

DAY TWO

DATE TO BE ADVISED

CAIRO (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After an early breakfast this morning, we are joined by our local English-speaking qualified Egyptologist for our VIP private full-day tour of the step pyramid, serapeum and the newly opened 4,000-year old tomb of Mehu at Sakkara and the open-air museum of Memphis.



We head south to Sakkara. Built in the 27th century BC during the Third dynasty for the burial of Pharaoh Djoser by his vizier, Imhotep, we visit the Pyramid of Djoser (or step pyramid) in the Sakkara necropolis.

The Serapeum of Sakkara is located a short distance from the step pyramid. It was a burial place of Apis bulls, sacred bulls that were incarnations of the ancient Egyptian deity Ptah.

Also in the necropolis, we visit the Tomb of Mehu which features dozens of vibrant paintings from Egypt's sixth dynasty, dating back approximately four millennia. The Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities opened this tomb to the public on September 08, 2018. We will be some of the very first visitors to lay eyes on this very well-preserved tomb.

Finally, we have made special arrangements to visit the tomb of Nefer, the "Supervisor of Artisans" and the "Director of Choir Singers" during the 5th Dynasty.

After lunch at the famous Andrea Restaurant in the luxurious residential compound of New Giza (drinks excluded), we return to Memphis to continue our sightseeing.

In Memphis, the ancient capital, we see the Mit Rahina open-air museum with its jumble of ancient statues and an alabaster sphinx. Also on display there is the magnificent 33-foot limestone statue of the reclining Ramses II who reigned from 1279 to 1213.

After today's touring, it's time for a little relaxation and so we return to the dock on the Nile River right outside our hotel from where we board a felucca for a gentle two hour cruise around the Cairo basin enjoying light music, soft drinks and warm beverages with appetizers.

Dinner for tonight has been reserved for 8:30pm at U-Bistro & Bar in the upscale neighborhood of Zamalek.

DAY THREE
DATE TO BE ADVISED
CAIRO (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

It's an early but very exciting start this morning. We leave our hotel at 7:30am and travel to the Giza Plateau where we enjoy an al fresco breakfast in the "Sphinx Garden" catered by Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence.

Then – a unique experience enjoyed by very few. We walk through the garden and into the Sphinx enclosure for a private lecture "between the paws" for approximately one hour.

After that, it's pyramid time with a visit to the Great Pyramid of Cheops (and yes, you can climb into the pyramid if you like), a visit to the Solar Boat Museum, and a drive out to the famous Panorama Viewing Area where we take a camel ride.

Here, you experience the timeless majesty of the great pyramids and the Sphinx. The splendor of these timeless monoliths that have stood gloriously and witnessed over 7,000 years of civilization will inspire you to enjoy the tranquil and peaceful atmosphere that makes Giza an irresistible escape from the bustling city of Cairo, just 45 minutes away.



A professional photographer will join us this morning to capture each of us amid the magnificence of Giza with photographs we will most certainly treasure for years to come.

After lunch at 139 Restaurant at the luxurious Marriott Mena House Hotel, we head across to GEM (Grand Egyptian Museum) where we remain for the rest of the afternoon exploring the Treasures of King Tutankhamun, the Hall of Mummies, and everything else that we possibly can see given the time we have available before closing.

We'll all meet for an apéritif in the contemporary, sophisticated The First Bar at our hotel at 8:00pm before crossing the road to The First Nile Boat for a fantastic Brazilian Grill at XODÓ.

DAY FOUR
DATE TO BE ADVISED
CAIRO (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

We'll set out this morning after an early breakfast and head to Old Cairo for a day visiting the churches of Coptic Cairo including the Ben Ezra Synagogue, where the baby Moses was supposed to have been found in the bulrushes.

Next stop is a destination way off the tourist route—Garbage City. And it is exactly that. The place where the garbage of the city is dumped. Behind all the mess and daily activity, we'll visit a Coptic Cave Church which is quite frankly, unlike anything you might have seen before. We'll also visit the Samaan El Kharaz Monastery in the area before returning to the Nile River for lunch on Le Pacha 1901, a moored vessel featuring several restaurants.

Then we return to the Four Seasons Cairo for time at leisure.

May we recommend a spa treatment, or perhaps afternoon tea with macarons at La Gourmandise?

Next comes the highlight of our entire journey. In a private location on the pool deck at the hotel, we meet at 8:00pm this evening to welcome our guest, Dr. Tarek Tawfik, the Curator of GEM, who will give us an overall understanding of how GEM came to be up until and including its grand opening. A most charming man, Dr. Tewfik will join us for an al fresco dinner out on the pool deck.

Joining us this evening is a professional photographer who will make sure that each one of us is captured in these amazing moments in photos we will treasure forever.

DAY FIVE
DATE TO BE ADVISED
CAIRO (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

We have a slightly later departure this morning to Islamic Cairo.

The Saladin Citadel of Cairo is a medieval Islamic fortification located on Mokattam hill near the city center. Famous for its fresh breeze and grand views of the city, it is now a preserved historic site, with mosques and museums. The Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha or Alabaster Mosque is situated in the Citadel of Cairo. The mosque, along with the citadel, is one of the first features to be seen when approaching the city from any direction.

Afterward, we visit the former royal residence, Abdeen Palace on Abdeen Square, which has recently undergone extensive renovations. Now that the palace has been restored to its former glory, it is open only by advance appointments giving you an exclusive viewing opportunity. Not unlike Versailles in France, Abdeen Palace is currently the residence and office of the president of Egypt. Prior arrangements must (and have been) be made for a visit to this newly opened site.

We'll break for lunch.

Next, we head to Al Moez Ldin Allah Al Fatimi, a colorful vibrant (non-touristy) street in Old Cairo, accessible only through the Old Gates of the city. We'll walk the entire length of Al Moez Ldin Allah Al Fatimi before entering the souk of Khan El Khalili to sharpen our haggling skills as we weave through a myriad of streets and alleyways with merchandise in every direction all vying for our attention.

Here we'll have time at leisure before enjoying dinner in the souk at the Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant.

DAY SIX
DATE TO BE ADVISED
CAIRO / ABU SIMBEL / ASWAN (Breakfast/British Afternoon High Tea/Supper)

We head to Upper Egypt this morning after breakfast.

It's a short flight (included) to Abu Simbel on the banks of Lake Nasser via Aswan. There, our Egyptologist transfers us to the temples of Abu Simbel for a private, in-depth lecture on these magnificent monuments.

Afterward, we have time to explore on our own before our flight back to Aswan (included).

Since it was an early morning today, we're collected at the airport and transferred to our hotel where accommodation has been arranged for a 2-night stay in Nile Wing Luxury Rooms with a Nile view, including breakfast daily, and then left alone for time at leisure which we feel sure will be so very welcomed.

Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan
Abtal El Tahrir Street
Aswan Governorate
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Tel; 20 10 2222 9071

At 4:00pm this afternoon, we meet at the Victorian Palace Terrace for a perfect British Afternoon High Tea together before strolling down to the Nile and our awaiting felucca for a gentle two-hour cruise around the Aswan basin enjoying light music, soft drinks or warm beverages, and a light supper.

DAY SEVEN
DATE TO BE ADVISED
ASWAN (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

There's a lot to do and see in Aswan, and we'll get started after breakfast at our hotel this morning.



On the west bank of the Nile, we visit Deir Anba Sim'an—St. Simeon Monastery, a Christian stronghold in Southern Egypt. Then we'll go to the Unfinished Obelisk which is nearly one-third larger than any ancient Egyptian obelisk ever erected. If finished it would have measured around 137 feet and would have weighed nearly 1,200 tons, a weight equal to about 200 African elephants.

By motorboat, we set sail on the Nile toward Soheil Island and an authentic Nubian Village where we meet a Nubian family to learn more of their simple lifestyle, cultures, and traditions. We enjoy a home-prepared meal with a Nubian family for lunch today.

In the early evening, we are transferred to the High Dam Aswan for a short cruise to the Philae Temple, dedicated to the Goddess Isis to learn the legend of how Isis found the heart of Osiris here after he was murdered by his brother Seth, by way of the Sound & Light show.

We'll enjoy a late dinner back at our hotel at 1901, the hotels signature French restaurant.

DAY EIGHT

DATE TO BE ADVISED

ASWAN / KOM OMBO / EDFU / LUXOR (Breakfast/Lunch)

After breakfast and together with a boxed picnic lunch, we board our luxury air-conditioned vehicle for the day-long journey from Aswan to Luxor with several stops en-route.

The Temple of Kom Ombo is an unusual double temple in the town of Kom Ombo in Aswan Governorate. It was constructed during the Ptolemaic dynasty, 180–47 BC though some additions were made to it were later, during the Roman period.

The Temple of Edfu is located on the west bank of the Nile in Edfu, Upper Egypt. It is one of the best-preserved shrines in Egypt built in the Ptolemaic Kingdom between 237 and 57 BC. There are important scenes and inscriptions of the Sacred Drama which related the age-old conflict between Horus and Seth.

Later today, on arrival into Luxor, we are transferred to our hotel where accommodation has been arranged for a 3-night stay in Nile View Rooms and including breakfast.

The remainder of the day is at leisure and we recommend you take full advantage of the luxury spa and several refreshing pools at the hotel property on the Nile River.

Dinner will be on your own this evening at your choice of several restaurants at the hotel.

Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa

El-Karnak El-Gadid

Luxor

Luxor Governorate

Egypt

Tel – 20 100 600 1270

DAY NINE
DATE TO BE ADVISED
LUXOR (Breakfast/Lunch)

Very early this morning, we cross the Nile to the west bank and the balloon launch site to watch the inflation of the balloons. Once briefed by our captain, we rise gently over the Necropolis of Thebes and drift along watching the sun rise over the Nile River.

Upon landing, we meet our expert guide for a VIP private full-day, in-depth sightseeing **tour** of the Necropolis of Thebes.

We visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, also known as the Djoser-Djeseru. Built for the Eighteenth Dynasty pharaoh Hatshepsut, it is located beneath the cliffs at Deir el-Bahari near the Valley of the Kings.

At the Valley of the Kings, we visit the tombs of Tutankhamun, Seti I, Ramses V and Ramses VI. Then, while in the Valley of the Queens we have special entrance to the tomb of Nefertari.

At an appropriate time, we'll stop to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before continuing on our journey visiting other several important and majestic sites on the West Bank. We'll visit the Howard Carter residence and en route back to the hotel, we stop at the Colossi of Memnon.

Back at our hotel, there is free time to relax and enjoy the spa and other fine facilities at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. After a spa treatment (not included), refresh yourself with a freshly made fruit smoothie or a soothing cup of herbal tea in the tranquil spa courtyard area of Jannah Bar.

The remainder of the day is at leisure and we recommend you take full advantage of the luxury spa and several refreshing pools at the hotel property on the Nile River.

Dinner will be on your own this evening at your choice of several restaurants at the hotel.

DAY TEN
DATE TO BE ADVISED
LUXOR (Breakfast/British Afternoon High Tea/Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast this morning at leisure in your suite or in the dining area. There is no rush this morning at all as most of the day today (until early afternoon), we're at leisure. By now, we'll know the hotel property well enough to enjoy the pools, the spa, perhaps a felucca cruise, or tea at Jannah Bar.

We'll start in the afternoon with an in-depth visit to the Temple of Karnak and the Avenue of the Sphinxes. Enjoy every moment of this spectacle as our Egyptologist paints a colorful picture of the ancient kingdom.

Then we visit the Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor for a refreshment stop and British Afternoon High Tea in the garden.



Our intention is to leave from the Winter Palace for a short stroll to the grand Luxor Temple for another in-depth visit in the daylight and into the evening as the temple becomes illuminated. You'll quickly agree, day and night at the temple offers two distinct visions.

Now we return to the Temple of Karnak for the walk-through Sound & Light show which is indeed a befitting spectacular finale to an incredible journey.

Back at our hotel, we enjoy our Farewell Dinner in a private area on the bank of the mighty Nile River overlooking the illuminated Necropolis of Thebes in the distance.

DAY ELEVEN
DATE TO BE ADVISED
LUXOR / CAIRO (Breakfast)

We enjoy breakfast at our hotel this morning before checking out and being transferred to Luxor International Airport for our return flight to Cairo where, upon arrival, these arrangements terminate.

At this point, you're free to return home or to go on to alternate destinations. Since you're geographically located in the Middle East, you might like to visit Petra in Jordan, Jerusalem in Israel or the new emerging emirate Sharjah.

Let us know how we can assist you.

INCLUDED

- Ten nights' luxury accommodation in rooms with private en-suite bathroom facilities
- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence – Superior Nile View Rooms (5-nights)
- Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan – Nile Wing Luxury Rooms with a Nile view (2-nights)
- Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa – Nile view rooms (3-nights)
- Vuitton Travel VIP Meet & Greet on arrival at Cairo International Airport
- Including visa processing and luggage retrieval
- Visa cost
- Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily (10), 7-Lunches, 7-Dinners, 2-Suppers and 2 Afternoon British High Teas
- Total 28 meals
- An English-speaking Tour Director throughout and where applicable, local Field Coordinators and qualified Egyptologist guides
- All transfers in a luxury air-conditioned vehicle including water, soft drinks, and snacks
- All sightseeing as shown in the itinerary with a local English-speaking qualified Egyptologist
- All entrance fees, where required, throughout the itinerary
- Economy class airline tickets routed CAIRO / ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL / ASWAN – LUXOR / CAIRO
- Airline taxes
- VIP private entrance to the Sphinx enclosure for a lecture between the paws
- A private address and dinner with Dr. Tarek Tewfik, the Curator of GEM
- Balloon flight over the West Bank in Luxor
- Internet access
- All entrance fees and taxes
- The professional services of a Flytographer to capture images at the Sphinx and the Pyramids as well as the private evening function with Dr. Tarek Tawfik
- All gratuities except Tour Director
- 24/7 Vuitton Travel On-Call Support
- Doctor on Call