

An Enrichment Journey Presented by Atelier South
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ETERNAL EGYPT

Arts, Architecture & Sacred Mysteries

February 5 - 20, 2020



Join us for a 15-night custom-designed exploration of the mystical land that laid foundations for all the Noble Arts. Nearly 5,000 years ago the earliest pyramid-builders along the Nile were sowing the intellectual seeds that flowered over centuries into the most momentous artistic, scientific and philosophical movements of Western Civilization.

Our itinerary will introduce you to jawdropping antiquities, to magnificent temples of the gods and tombs of the pharaohs, to the charms and curiosities of village life along the Nile in Upper Egypt, and to unparalleled collections in the country's most significant museums. In addition to special events, we've also included must-see visits to atmospheric historic districts with ancient mosques and churches, to memorable landmarks, great and small, and to bustling markets and recommended shops for local arts and handicrafts.

nasties influenced every aspect of life —and death— in early Egypt. At this UNESCO World Heritage Site you will be witness to the incomparable scale and grandeur of the planet's greatest open-air museum. The wealth of monuments, some more than four thousand years old, extends along the Nile from the resplendent temples on the east bank to the west bank necropolis and beyond. Excursion highlights include Luxor Temple, the massive temple complex of Karnak, wondrously decorated tombs in Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatsheput's iconic funerary temple, the towering Colossi of Memnon, and the captivating but lesser known Osirion (Temple of Osiris, god of the underworld) at Abydos and the cult center of Hathor, goddess of love, at Dendera.



At Esna, on the west bank, board our dahabiya, a reproduction of the traditional wind-powered, two-masted river craft that gave passage to visitors in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Rendered obsolete in favor of high-capacity multi-deck river ships, dahabiyas disappeared from the waters of the Nile for nearly 100 years but are being built by hand once again to deliver an evocative, authentic sailing experience to a fortunate few.

This thoughtfully orchestrated journey will be conducted at a luxe level of creature comforts, offering premier 5-star hotels and dining choices, certain to please discerning travelers of all cultural interests.

Fly into Cairo for a welcomed overnight rest stop before continuing to Luxor, once the Upper Egypt capital of Thebes, dating from 3200 BC. Here, a pantheon of gods and goddesses and powerful pharaonic dy-

Our charming 12-passenger vessel with an Agatha Christy-era vibe provides four cabins at 183 square

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- 1 nt Cairo
- 4 nts Luxor
- 4 nts Nile Cruise
- 3 nts Aswan
- 3 nts Cairo



feet and two 280-square-foot terrace suites, all with ensuite bathrooms and air conditioning. The canopy-covered top deck with its inviting furnishings serves as the vessel's open-air living and dining room.

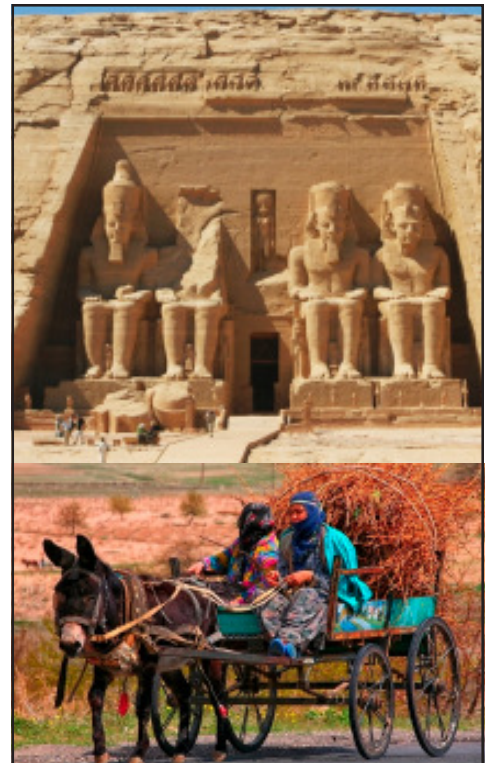
Our leisurely meander on the Nile stops at the rock-hewn tombs of El Kab, the beautifully preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, the sandstone quarries and funerary chapels of Gebel Silsila, and at Kom Ombo the unique dual temple of the crocodile god Sobek and of falcon-headed Horus. Anticipate the roisterous, centuries-old camel market at Daraw, a stroll through the colorful Nubian village of El Koubania, and riveting riverside distractions.

Disembark at Aswan. Excursions here will focus on the World Heritage Site of Nubian Monuments that encompasses Ramses II's colossal Abu Simbel Temple Complex and the exquisite Temple of Isis on Philae Island. Also on our sightseeing menu are Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk, the first-rate Nubian Museum, Aswan Botanical Garden on Kitchener's Island, and off-the-tourist-circuit Kalabsha Temple.

Fly to Cairo, the clamorous, mesmerizing capital of Egypt. Here you'll investigate the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Islamic and Coptic Cairo historic districts with their labyrinthine lanes, majestic mosques and churches, Khan El Khalili Grand Bazaar and the commanding Citadel of Salah el Din. At Giza admire the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, and Solar Boat Museum. Then at Saqqara Necropolis view King Djoser's photogenic Step Pyramid and the curious Sarapeum for mummified bulls. Marvel at the stunning treasures on exhibit in the Egyptian Antiquities Museum and browse for bargains on prized local handicrafts.

Cap your unforgettable Egypt adventure with a festive Farewell Dinner, then depart early AM on flights homeward bound.

Look forward on this one-of-a-kind Enrichment Journey not only to the sensory and cerebral pleasures of discovery but also to the exceptional arrangements and uncommon extras that will be a hallmark — and highlight!— of travels around the globe with Director George Morton and members and friends of Atelier South.

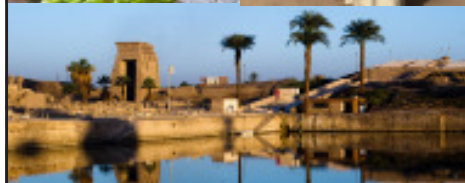
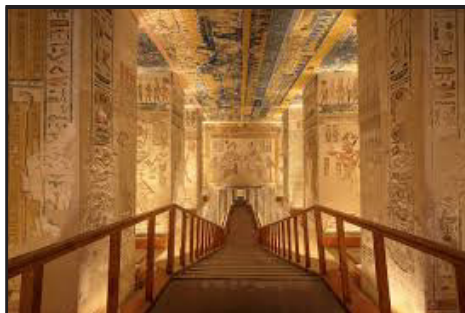


ENRICHMENT JOURNEYS

Atelier South is Atlanta's only painter's studio providing classical training modeled after techniques perfected by master artists of the Renaissance. Eternal Egypt: Arts, Architecture & Sacred Mysteries is offered as the first in a projected series of Enrichment Journeys to be led by Atelier South Director George Morton. Our programs —intelligent, compelling overseas itineraries offered at an all-inclusive luxe level— will be meticulously designed to appeal to wide-ranging cultural interests of AS members and friends.

For this journey, limited to only 12 participants, exclusive features and benefits have been negotiated at rates that simply cannot be matched on your own. In order to secure these substantial advantages for Atelier South participants, firm commitments are made to travel providers guaranteeing our group's minimum numbers as well as compliance with any imposed restrictions. Payments for this debut Enrichment Journey — with final balance due by August 9, 2019— are accepted by check or bank wire.

Costed into your trip fare is the premium for TII's invaluable Group Deluxe Protection Plan. Major benefits while traveling include up to \$250,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation and \$50,000 Medical Expense, plus 24/7 Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services. We encourage the purchase of your choice of optional Trip Cancellation & Interruption (TC&I) insurance to protect your substantial travel investment and will offer economical group coverage for your consideration.



INCLUSIONS

- ❑ 15-night journey with 11 nights in premium rooms at 5-star hotels in Luxor, Aswan and Cairo, plus 4 nights on the Nile aboard a delightful privately chartered 1920s-style dahabiya
- ❑ 3 meals daily from dinner in Luxor, featuring regional and international offerings: all breakfasts and lunches with beverages + a generous nightly allowance to cover a la carte dinners of your choice in hotel restaurants
- ❑ Comprehensive excursions with entry fees to preeminent sites and hidden gems, conducted throughout by knowledgeable Egyptologist guides
- ❑ Special events like a caleche (buggy) ride in Luxor, a dazzling Sound & Light Show at Karnak Temple, and a horse-back gallop across the documented energy fields of Giza Plateau
- ❑ All group airport transfers, internal flights, and vehicle transportation
- ❑ Insurance premium for covered medical/emergency assistance on tour

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