



EGYPT EXPLORATIONS TOUR WITH 4-DAY NILE CRUISE

April 17-28, 2027

Join us with a unique opportunity to follow the footsteps of Moses, Elijah, the children of Israel, and Jesus Christ in the very lands of their sojourns. Our scriptural and historic journey will traverse Lower and Upper Egypt. We will sail on the Nile, walk through magnificent temples and tombs, explore Wonders of the Ancient World, and traverse sandstone and granite monuments. Step into a land where history whispers through ancient temples, golden sands, the Nile's gentle flow, and vibrant bazaars awaken your senses. Egypt is more than a destination — it's a timeless journey through the wonders of the Pharaohs, the warmth of its people, and the magic of its landscapes. From the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza to the Mediterranean Sea — every moment here is a story waiting to be lived.

Day 1 (Saturday, April 17) Depart home city to Cairo, Egypt. (Meals on flights.)

Day 2 (Sunday, April 18) Arrive Cairo. Transfer to Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza. (Dinner upon arrival.)

Day 3 (Monday, April 19) Cairo, Memphis, Saqqara, Giza.

After breakfast our first visit is to **Memphis** (capital of the Pyramid Age) and **Saqqara** (Djoser's famous step pyramid); we'll then transfer to **Giza**. We begin with the world-famous **Pyramids of Giza**, classified among **the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**. Here we'll stand in awe of their size and magnificent engineering. Then we will come face to face with **the 5,000-year-old Sphinx**. Some may choose to ride a camel with the Great Pyramids and Sphinx as a background. As time permits, we will include visits to a carpet factory, the Papyri Institute, and some may choose an optional evening light and sound show at Giza. A short distance away is our **hotel near the Pyramids and the GEM** (B, D)



*Sphinx & Great Pyramids of Giza,
Egypt*

Day 4 (Tuesday, April 20) Egyptian Museum, Old Cairo, Citadel, Alabaster Mosque, Khan Khalili Bazaar

After breakfast, our first stop today is the famous **Cairo Egyptian Museum**. Here discoveries from the tombs and cities throughout Egypt are exhibited. The **treasures of Tanis** that rival the "King Tut" collections, the Narmer Pallet (earliest unification of Upper and Lower Egypt about 5,000 years ago), as well as many other interesting exhibits from the various periods of ancient Egyptian history are on display. After lunch we will transfer to the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC)** in Old Cairo which is a sweeping, multi-civilization complex exploring Egyptian heritage from prehistoric times to the modern era. It is world-



Khan Khalili Bazaar, Cairo

renowned for housing **the official Royal Mummies Hall** featuring the **mummies of 18 kings and 4 queens** (such as Queen Ahmose Nefertari, Hatshepsut, Ramses II, and Thutmose III) resting in climate-controlled chambers. We will tour **Old Cairo Coptic and Jewish communities**, the **Citadel**, **Mohammed Ali Alabaster Mosque**, and pay a visit to the world-famous **Khan Khalili Bazaar** for shopping. After a farewell dinner at the **Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza**, we spend our last night in Egypt having explored the wonders of this ancient land of the scriptures. (B, D)

Day 5 (Wednesday, April 21) Cairo flight to Aswan.

After breakfast we will transfer to Cairo Airport for our flight to **Aswan City**. After checking in to our **Nile Cruise Ship**, we will have lunch onboard and then visit the **Philae Temple**, the **Aswan High Dam**, and the **Unfinished Obelisk**. In the late afternoon, we will sail on a **Felucca** (Nile sailboat) to the **Nubian Village of Hessa**. Our dinner and overnight will be back onboard our cruise ship. Evenings and prior to shore excursions some **lectures on ancient Egyptian cultures and temple ceremonies** will occur throughout the cruise. (B, L, D)



Felucca (Nile sailboat) ride to the Nubian Village of Hessa

Day 6 (Thursday, April 22) Nile Cruise Day – Kom Ombo Temple



Dual Temple of Kom Ombo, Egypt

Today we will first visit the **Graeco-Roman Temple at Kom Ombo**. The temple at Kom Ombo is about 30 miles north of Aswan and was built during the Graeco-Roman period (332 BC-AD 395). The temple is unique because it is a double temple, dedicated to **Sobek the crocodile god**, and **Horus the falcon-headed god**. The layout combines **two temples in one** with each side having its own gateways and chapels. Here we will also learn some of the early **Egyptian temple ceremonies** and translate some of **the significant hieroglyphic symbols** associated with those ceremonies. After lunch, we continue down the **Nile River** (north) to **Edfu** and its magnificent temple. Dinner and shipboard entertainment will highlight our evening. (B, L, D)

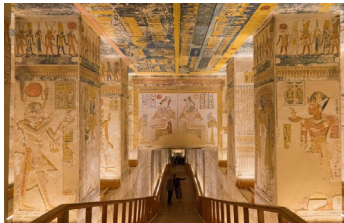
Day 7 (Friday, April 23) Nile Cruise Day – Temple of Horus at Edfu, Pass through Locks of Esna.

Our first visit this morning is to **the Temple of Horus in Edfu**, the **second largest temple in Egypt**. The Egyptian god Horus was also portrayed as the falcon-headed god. Returning to our ship, we have lunch as we continue down the Nile passing through the **Esna Lock**. Passing through the Esna Lock is a thrilling experience for Nile cruise passengers. The lock is an engineering marvel, and watching the gates open and close is a sight to behold. At this point we are about 485 miles south of Cairo. We will participate with the many rowboat merchants that toss their wares from their boats to the passengers on our cruise vessel as we sail. We will continue to sail down the Nile **through the Esna lock** and on to **Luxor**. (B, L, D)



Esna Lock on the Nile

Day 8 (Saturday, April 24) West Bank of Nile, Valleys of the Kings and Nobles, Hatshepsut's Funerary Temple, Colossi of Memnon, Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple



*Ramses IV Tomb
Valley of the Kings, Egypt*

Arriving in **Luxor**, some may choose to take an **optional hot-air balloon ride** over the Nile West Bank. Others will disembark our cruise ship and visit the fabulous **tombs and funerary temples on the West Bank**, including the elaborate tombs of Ramses V & VI and the famous Tomb of King Tutankhamen. Crossing the Nile once again we will tour the famous **temples of Luxor and Karnak** (the largest religious building ever constructed). We will also walk the newly opened **"Avenue of the Sphinx."** After dinner at the **Luxor Steigenberger Hotel** some may choose to have

a **carriage ride through the streets of Luxor**, do some shopping, and see the night markets before retiring overnight at our hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 9 (Sunday, April 25) Temple of Dendera, Life along the Nile, Flight to Cairo.



Temple of Dandara

Our stay in upper Egypt is completed with a visit to **the Temple of Dendera**, where worship of the gods of Egypt is found as early as 3,000 B.C. The Temple of Dendera was one of the last completed temples and has **the son of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra VII** (famous Cleopatra of Shakespeare) and **Pompeii** carved on wall reliefs. It is considered one of the best preserved and beautiful temples of Egyptian antiquity. Here we will review the ancient temple ceremonies before returning to Luxor for some shopping and our **return flight to Cairo**. We will return to the **Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza** for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 10 (Monday, April 26) The Grand Egyptian Museum (Gem) in Giza



*The Golden Funerary
Mask of King
Tutankhamun*

The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) is the finest and most extensive collection of ancient Egyptian civilization in the world. We will explore the over **30,000 treasures of Egyptian antiquity**, including the famous **King Tutankhamen (“King Tut”)** exhibits housing over 5,398 pieces from King Tut’s Tomb. Here also we visit the **Solar Boat Museum** to see the funerary barge used 4500 years ago by Pharaoh Khufu (also known as Cheops, the second pharaoh of the Fourth Dynasty of the Old Kingdom of Egypt), Our visit to **the GEM** will help us review the history and see life as it existed at the time of the pharaonic dynasties. After dinner at the **Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza**, we spend our last night in Egypt having explored the wonders of this ancient land of the scriptures. (B, D)

Day 11 (Tuesday, April 27) Cairo/ (Nile Delta) Alexandria.

Today we travel north on **the Alexandria Desert Road** to the famous port **city of Alexandria**, named after Alexander the Great. Here we will visit the **Mediterranean port**, the **Graeco-Roman Museum**, **Pompey’s Pillar**, **the Catacombs**, the **Roman Amphitheater**, **Quarry Bay Citadel**, the **Alexandria Bibliotheca** and other fascinating sites before heading through the Nile Delta south to Cairo for a Farewell Dinner. Tonight some individuals whose airflight arrangements have them depart after 11pm will transfer to the Cairo International Airport at about 8:00 pm, while others who depart early morning April 28, may arrange a short stay at an airport hotel (additional fee required). (B, D)

Days 11-12 (Wednesday, April 27-28) Departure Days Late night or early morning departures, transfer to the **Cairo International Airport** for flights to their chosen destinations.



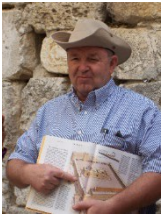
Scenes of Egypt



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Faculty & Tour Hosts:



Dann W Hone will serve as your tour host and faculty on this travel adventure. Dann, with nearly 54 years of travel and living in the Near East, is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies and served in numerous positions at the Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures. His studies include 13 modern and ancient languages and scripts. Dann lived in Israel for many years and received his graduate degree in Biblical History from the Jerusalem University College. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East and recently has published volume one *The Foundations of Scriptural Understanding*, part of an eight volume *Scriptural Reference and Exploration Series*. He is one of the founders of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies and taught in the Department of Ancient Scripture at BYU. After over thirty years at BYU, he entered back into teaching as an adjunct faculty in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He currently serves as the Managing Director and faculty member for The School of International Studies. Dann and his wife, Shirley Stokes Hone, have been married for over 53 years. They are the parents of four sons, two daughters, 24 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. The family resided in Jerusalem for seven years. For this tour experience, Dann will prepare both pre-departure orientation materials, daily travel guides and LDS insight lectures on recorded Zoom presentations.



Jason Dann Hone, has traveled to Egypt and Jordan since his teenage years, lived in Israel with his family for seven years and studied at the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies while also assisting his father in guiding tours and university field studies. As an adult and assistant tour host with his father, he has accompanied him on several tours to the Middle East (recently he was the assistant director of the 2026 March Egypt Explorations with a 4-Day Nile Cruise as an assistant Tour Director). He has more than 30 years teaching wilderness survival skills and assists numerous encampments each year as the medical staff director. Mr. Hone (MSN, APRN, C-FNP) is a respected Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Medicine, dedicated to providing exceptional care to patients in Provo, UT. He owns and manages Whole Health Team Holistic Family Clinic in Provo, Utah. Jason is the father of 7 children and two grandchildren. Jason's wife, Kristina Sippert Hone, is the founder and manager of the Cask Gene Foundation to provide parents with better information, diagnostic processes, and a network of immediate support.

Land Tour Price:

- \$TBA per person based upon double occupancy with 20 paying participants
- Single supplement: + \$TBA

What is Included with the Egypt Explorations land tour:

- Four-day/three-night Nile River cruise
- Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
- Expert guide services with local English-speaking guide
- Tour Hosts and Director Dann W Hone
- Meals as per itinerary (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- All group airport/hotel transfers with group flight itinerary
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- First Class hotels as listed or similar:
 - Cairo: Cairo Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel
 - Cruise Accommodations (Aswan to Luxor)
 - Luxor: Steigenberger Luxor Hotel
- Group tips and gratuities
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Daily travel guides
- LDS insight lectures
- All applicable taxes and fees

What is not included:

- International airfare home city to Cairo and return. Please consult with Dann Hone before purchasing or finalizing your flights to ensure the times and dates match the group itinerary.
- Egypt tourist visa (currently about \$30 for USA citizens)
- Meals and drinks not listed in the itinerary
- Travel protection/insurance is mandatory per the Egypt government for all international visitors
- Anything purely of a personal nature

Deposit, Payment, Cancellation, & Refund:

- \$200 per person at the time of reservation
- Final payment date: January 5, 2027

Land Tour Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be in writing and received by Dann Hone. Participants will be subject to any cancellation fees charged by the tour operators. Every reasonable effort will be made by Dann W Hone to refund cancellation fees, but he will not be responsible for those monies not refunded by the land tour operators.

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