

## **Mystical Egypt Tour, January 11-26, 2020**

US passengers: Departure date for your international flights is Saturday afternoon, January 11. Cairo is 7 hours ahead of New York, 10 hours ahead of California. Your flights will arrive in Cairo on the following day (Sunday, January 12).

The only nonstop flights from the USA to Egypt are JFK/Cairo and Dulles-Dulles/CAI on Egypt Air, departing in the evening from the US and arriving in Cairo around noon the next day. International flights are not included in your tour.

Internal Flights – Cairo/Luxor and Aswan/Cairo are included.

Your passport must be valid for is 6 months from your departure. US, UK, and Canadian citizens do not need to obtain a visa for Egypt in advance. Tourist visas are issued upon arrival in Cairo airport and cost \$25USD cash or the equivalent in foreign currency.

Please have this on hand upon arrival in Cairo.

Your American Tour director Katrina Valenzuela has hosted more than 40 tours of Egypt and surrounding areas since forming Transformations Tours, Inc. in 1987. Her personal relationships with people in Egypt help our tours run smoothly. At the same time, Katrina's understanding of the cultural differences and language offers our travelers a more relaxing experience.

Your local Egyptologist Guide, Ehab Mahmoud, is highly educated, multilingual, and will be with our tour throughout. His commentary and enthusiasm for his work will keep you enthralled.

Both Katrina and Ehab will be on the cruise as well as available at the hotel and at sites.

# **INCLUDED**

## **14 nights**

Giza: 3 nights

Luxor: 3 nights

Nile: Dahabeya: 5 nights

Cairo: Steinberger Tahrir: 3 nights

(Hotel details and contact information will be sent closer to departure date)

## **MEALS**

14 Buffet Breakfast at the hotels and on the dahabeya, 12 Lunches, 13 Dinners.

## **DRINKS**

Bottled water is provided at all meals and during sightseeing.

Tea & Coffee are provided with breakfast.

Note that any other drinks are not included.

## **FLIGHTS**

Cairo/Luxor

Aswan/Cairo

All internal flights are on Egypt Air. This airline is owned by the government.

Note that your international flights to/from Egypt are not included.

## **BUSES**

All land transportation is by private A/C buses.

If you are arriving on your own, you will be met at the Cairo Airport by a professional representative who will escort you to our hotel by private van.

## **PORTERS**

There will be porters who will move your bags from place to place, both inside and outside the hotels. These tips are included.

## **TIPPING**

Tipping is an integral part of the Egyptian culture. This can be confusing for travelers. For this reason, we have included almost all the tips in your tour cost.

### **TIPS INCLUDED:**

-bus drivers

-airport rep/transfer agent

-porters

-waiters at meals

-hotel staff: baggage, waiters, kitchen, housekeeping, reception desk

-boat staff: sailors, porters, cooks, maintenance, hosts

-antiquities guards at the sites, ticket sellers

- any escorts we may have

## **SIGHTSEEING**

All entrance fees are included unless otherwise noted.

### **FEES INCLUDED:**

-**Special Permit** for a private visit for our group in the Great Pyramid

-**Tomb of Queen Nefertari** in the Valley of the Queens

-**Tomb of Ramesses VI** at the Valley of the Kings (extra ticket)

-**Abydos Temples** (Seti I Temple, Osirion & Ramesses II Temple)

-**Dendera Hathor Temple**

-**Unas Pyramid**

-**Dahshur Pyramids**

-**Memphis**

-**Giza Plateau**

-**Great Pyramid**

-**Solar Boat Museum**

-**Sphinx & Valley Temple**

-**Saqqara**

-**Kagemni Tomb at Saqqara**

-**Teti Pyramid**

-**Imhotep Museum**

-**Ramesseum**

-**Deir El Bahari**

- **Tombs in the Valley of the Kings**

-**Tomb of Ramesses VI**

-**Luxor Temple**

-**Karnak Temples**

-**Karnak Open Air Museum**

-**Luxor Museum**

- Esna Temple
- Edfu Temple
- Silsila Quarries & Horemheb Temple
- Kom Ombo Temple
- Unfinished Obelisk
- Philae Temple
- Cairo Egyptian Museum

## **NOT INCLUDED**

**EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS**-If you arrive before the tour begins or depart after the tour ends.

-Day 1, Arrival Day: Meals before dinner are not included.

-2 lunches during full-day bus trips to Abydos and Abu Simbel (you can purchase a boxed lunch from the hotel or bring your own snacks).

-1 Dinner on the afternoon/evening we fly Aswan/Cairo.

### **DRINKS**

Drinks, other than water, are not included (coffee and tea are included at breakfast).

### **FLIGHTS**

Your international flights to/from Egypt are not included.

### **SERVICES PERFORMED FOR YOU PERSONALLY**

Any services you require that are not part of the group tour, Ex: laundry, phone calls, internet fees, room service, spa treatments

WC/restroom attendants will expect a small tip equivalent of .25

### **TIPPING**

-Airport rep and van driver upon your arrival in Egypt and departure (if we are not with you)

-Waiters, if you go to the lounge for a drink

-Hotel staff: anything you ask to have brought to your hotel room (room service, laundry, mail, etc.)

-Antiquities guards who take your picture for you or if you take a photo of them

-A tip for our Egyptologist/Guide. This is given at the end of the tour.

### **SIGHTSEEING TIPS**

-Balloon Ride over the West Bank of Luxor

-Special entrance to the Mummy Room at Cairo Museum

-King Tut tomb in the Valley of the Kings

### **CAMERA PASS**

-Photography at some sites is only allowed when you purchase a camera pass for that site.

Prices range 4-10 USD

### **SHOPPING**

You will have opportunities to shop under the care of our Egyptian guide, as well as in the souks and bazaars with other group members.

### **DANCE AND NIGHTLIFE**

There will be an optional night out in Cairo to attend a music and dance show at a major nightclub. Clubs stay open until sunrise, and the featured dancer comes on around 3AM, so please plan accordingly and take a nap mid-day before the show.