



# Egypt – Yesterday & Today

## October 14 – 26, 2008



Step back in time as you enter the ancient world of Egypt. Walk in the steps of the Pharaohs themselves as you visit the temples of Luxor, Karnak, Edfu, and Denderah. View up close one of the Seven Great Wonders of the World, the Pyramids of Giza, and their ever-vigilant guardian, the Sphinx. In Cairo, see the vast treasures of King Tut at the Egypt Museum of Antiquities and experience the spiritual side of Egypt when you tour the mosques and hear first hand the Muslim's call to Prayer. See the day-to-day life of the Nile as you float lazily along on a deluxe Amarco Cruise Ship.



### Escorted by Lee Sandstead:

Your small group of curious travelers will be escorted by Lee Sandstead. Art Historian Lee Sandstead is host of “Art Attack” on the Travel Channel. He has studied Egyptology at the Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology in the University of Memphis’ Art-History graduate program. Widely known for his knowledge and passion, he has lead numerous tours through the priceless collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. His Egyptian tours not only develop a deep visual understanding of Egyptian art and hieroglyphs, but they also discuss in-depth the cultural forces that produced this very distinctive art. His lectures on art history and art appreciation have been heard nationally and internationally at over 30 universities and institutions. His art-historical photography has been published in numerous books and publications, including: The New York Times, Fortune, Ms., Preservation Magazine, Style 1900, The New York Post, and American Cemetery Magazine.

Experience and learn not only about Egypt's ancient traditions and culture, but also gain insights into the contemporary local customs and the current social, economic and political situation of Today's Egypt.

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Memphis and its Necropolis, Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel

**People to People Experiences:** Meet the Egyptian people as you wander through the fabulous Khan El Khalili bazaar and barter for local goods, antiques and crafts.

**Sample Lectures:** “Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs,” “Ancient Egyptian Mythology,” “Religions of Ancient Egypt,” “The Old Kingdom and the Pyramid Age,” “Contemporary Egyptian Art,” “Pharaonic Egypt.”

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**Day 1 – October 14<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday**

**USA / Cairo**

Depart on a regularly scheduled flight to Cairo, Egypt.

**Day 2 - October 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday**

**Cairo**

Arrival at Cairo Airport and transfer to hotel.  
Deluxe Ramses Hilton Hotel

**Day 3 - October 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday (B, L)**

**Cairo**

After breakfast, explore the world-famous Egypt Museum of Antiquities. With its relics dating back to 4,000 B.C., this museum experience will provide you with an excellent background in the various periods of Egyptian history. Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit some of Cairo's finest mosques (Muhammed Ali and Sultan Hassan), the Medieval Citadel of Salah El Din, and the colorful bazaars of Khan El Khalili. The narrow picturesque lanes are lined with items such as copperware, gold and silver, jewelry, gems, spices, and silks.

Deluxe Ramses Hilton Hotel

*"Mohammed Shata - what a great guide and teacher! He taught us everything about the deities of ancient Egypt in a way we could understand, and challenged us to think about how the temples, tombs and pyramids were built. He also gave us valuable insight into life in Egypt today, especially the Islam religion and its influence. Everything from the time we landed in Cairo was taken care of in a 1st Class manner."*

*Egypt - R. & J. Lund, IL*

**Day 4 - October 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday (B, L)**

**Cairo / Memphis / Sakkara**

Breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy a pleasant drive across typical Egyptian countryside to Memphis, the capital of the old Kingdom of Egypt. Stop at the colossal statue of Ramses II, then proceed to the Necropolis Sakkara to visit the world's first great stone structure, the Step Pyramid of King Zoser. A late lunch will be provided and the afternoon will be at leisure. Lecture / seminar on "Contemporary Egypt."

Deluxe Ramses Hilton Hotel

**Day 5 - October 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday (B, L, D)**

**Cairo / Luxor**

Board your flight in Cairo to Luxor. Take a tour of two of Egypt's finest temples, the Temples of Luxor and Karnak. The Temple of Luxor was built by Amenophis III and extended by Ramses II. Travel along the Sharia El Bahr to Karnak Temple with its Hypostyle hall covering 50,000 square feet and containing 134 columns that once supported an enormous roof. Check-in to your hotel.

Deluxe Le Meridien Luxor Hotel

**Day 6 - October 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday (B, L, D)**

**Luxor - Denderah**

This full-day program will start with a visit to the Temple of Denderah, constructed during the time of the Roman emperors. In front are six dramatic columns with capitals in the shape of the cow-headed goddess, Hathor. Reliefs on the walls show the empress Cleopatra, and there are sculptures of the gnomelike, Bes. Return from Denderah. After lunch you may wish to pay a visit to the new Luxor Museum on your own. In the evening attend the Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple.

Deluxe Le Meridien Luxor Hotel

**Day 7 – October 20<sup>th</sup> - Monday (B, L, D)**

**Luxor**

In the morning you will cross the Nile to the west bank to visit the Necropolis of Thebes, burial ground of the great pharaohs. Visit the Colossi of Memnon, the twin statues of Amenhotep III; the Valley of the Nobles; the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, one of the most handsome monuments in Egypt; and the fabulous Valley of the Kings, including the tomb of King Tutankhamun. Afternoon at leisure for shopping or relax on the ship.

Deluxe Amarco Cruise Ship

**Day 8 - October 21<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday (B, L, D)**

**Luxor / Esna**

Full day sail to Esna. The ship will proceed through a lock and continue sailing while enjoying the view of every day life along the Nile. Farms and villages are on both sides of the Nile River.

Deluxe Amarco Cruise Ship

**Day 9 - October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday (B, L, D)  
Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan**

In the morning you will visit Edfu Temple, one of the Egypt's best-preserved temples dedicated to Horus, the god of sun and planets. The falcon is a prominent decoration. It is one of the last Ptolemaic temples, finished only a few decades before the rise of Anthony and Cleopatra. Continue your sail to Kom Ombo. Arrive at Kom Ombo, where you will visit the Temple of the crocodile-headed god Horus.  
Deluxe Amarco Cruise Ship

**Day 10 - October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday (B, L, D)  
Aswan**

Visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries and Unfinished Obelisk, and the Temple of Philae. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon Felucca sail around the granite islands.  
Deluxe Amarco Cruise Ship

**Day 11 - October 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday (B)  
Aswan / Abu Simbel / Cairo**

After breakfast, transfer to Aswan airport for your flight to Abu Simbel. Visit the famous rock temples of Abu Simbel, built 3,500 years ago by Ramses II, which rank among the most colossal monuments of Ancient Egypt. Both temples at Abu Simbel, weighing more than 40,000 tons, were moved 90 feet higher to prevent them from being inundated when the Aswan High Dam created Lake Nassar. Fly back to Cairo and transfer to your hotel.  
Deluxe Meridien Pyramids Hotel

*"Everything was superb. The guide's explanations made one feel as though you were living at the time of the ancient Egyptians (especially) and the other eras. The felucca sail was tremendous...hearing the call to prayer while peering at the granite quarry in Aswan. Being awed by the size of the Temples of Ramses II and wonderful Horus."  
Egypt - E. Conzett, OH*

**Day 12 - October 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday (B, D)  
Cairo**

Lecture/seminar on "Pharaonic Egypt." Visit the famous pyramids of the pharaohs at Giza and the mysterious guardian, the Sphinx. You will also view one of the greatest finds in the history of Egyptology - the 142-foot Solar Boat of the Pharaoh Cheops, nearly 4,600 years old.

Afternoon will be at leisure. Special farewell dinner is planned for the evening.  
Deluxe Meridien Pyramids Hotel

**Day 13 - October 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday (B)  
Cairo / USA**

Early morning transfer with assistance to Cairo Airport for your flight to the USA.

**B - Breakfast**

**L - Lunch**

**D - Dinner**

**Drinks are not included.**

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

\* In Cairo, Deluxe hotels - Meridien Pyramids, Le Meridien Luxor Hotel and Ramses Hilton - including meals as indicated, and service charges.

\* Deluxe Nile river cruise featuring outside air-conditioned cabin and private bathroom on the deluxe Amarco cruise ship. Three meals each day on the cruise.

\* Air excursion to Abu Simbel.

\* Specially selected Egyptologists for sightseeing excursions. Lecture/seminars on ancient and contemporary Egypt.

\* All sightseeing and entrance fees, and tips and taxes normally added to your hotel bills.

**PROGRAM PRICE**

**\$2,795** p. p. double occupancy Land Only - Plus Airfare

(does not include international airfare, giving you the flexibility to use frequent flyer miles or search the internet for the best airfares available.)

**\$595** single-room supplement

NOTE: Visas are required for all U.S. citizens. We can process these visas for a \$25 fee per person (subject to change).

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS

Early reservations are essential. A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at the time of registration. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure with an additional deposit due 90 days prior to departure. All pricing is in \$US dollars.

## SINGLE TRAVELERS

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are sometimes difficult to obtain but should a request be made, TraveLearn, Inc. will do its best to secure these accommodations.

## AIR FARE / FLIGHT ITINERARY

We can assist you with getting airfare. There is a \$50 per person air ticket fee for this service. Tickets are express mailed to you with your final documents approximately two weeks prior to your departure.

## BAGGAGE

Airline baggage restrictions vary greatly from airline to airline. The most common, on regularly scheduled flights to and from the U.S. is two checked piece, the total dimensions (Width+Height+Length) of which do not exceed 107 inches provided neither piece exceeds 62 inches. One unchecked piece of carry-on luggage, the total dimensions of which do not exceed 45 inches. Please note that some destinations have not approved the piece count rules, and the international weight rule of a maximum of 44 lbs. still applies.

## ELIGIBILITY / HEALTH

Information on health requirements for this program will be mailed to you upon registration. We recommend that all travelers check with their personal physician about medications and inoculations. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing when the reservation is made. By forwarding a signed registration form and trip deposit, you certify that you do not knowingly have any physical or other conditions of disability that would create a risk for you or other trip participants. We assume no responsibility for medical care or for special dietary requirements. Hospital facilities for serious problems are often unavailable and evacuation can be prolonged, difficult, and expensive. A parent or guardian for the entire journey must accompany individuals under the age of 18. There is no maximum age limit, but all participants must be in good health and physically fit. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of a program or to require any participant to withdraw from a program at any time when such action is determined to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the group or individual.

## NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

Cost of obtaining passport or visa; expenses on the U.S. mainland; personal expenses such as beverages; laundry; phone calls; faxes; cables; travel insurance; excess baggage fees; items not on regular menus; expenses of guides, buses, or cars for sightseeing not included in the itinerary; gratuities to guides; airport taxes and other items not mentioned as being included. Transfers to / from the airport unless schedule is sent to TraveLearn.

## CANCELLATION / INSURANCE

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withdrawn from the travel program and cancellation fees will be charged accordingly. Cost increases may occur unexpectedly. Rates are based on group tariffs; if the trip does not have sufficient registration, a small party supplement may have to be charged. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. may be compelled to amend prices, and we reserve the right to do so without prior notice. An increase in trip prices shall not be sufficient grounds for any refund of funds paid for the trip other than our normal cancellation policy terms. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Insurance is a personal matter, the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. encourages each participant to consider the purchase of trip cancellation, baggage, and all other forms of travel insurance to provide the level of protection deemed necessary. TraveLearn, Inc will provide information on insurance options for this program after the receipt of your registration. The right is reserved to cancel any trip prior to departure, in which case full refund of the paid trip funds to the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. will be given, but the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. are not responsible for any other trip preparation expenses, such as penalized or non-refundable air tickets, insurance fees, visa fees, and medical expenses.

## DOCUMENTS / RESPONSIBILITY

Most destinations require a current passport, which has at least 6 months validity left from your intended return date. It is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure that he is in possession of a valid passport and travel documents, visas, and health certificates as required by countries visited. Any delays or cancellations created by clients doing their own visa processing is the sole responsibility of the client. Final documents will be express mailed to you approximately two weeks prior to your departure. Services in connection with this itinerary are rendered by suppliers acting as independent contractors and not as agents or employees of the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. TraveLearn, Inc., its Owners, Outfitters, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and assume no responsibility whatsoever caused by injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service resulting directly from: acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays, expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pillage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services over which it has no control. Costs for each Learning Vacation were based on air fares and international exchange rates as of June 2007. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. has tried to prevent any additional charges and they do not anticipate that any increase will need to be made on the ground portion of these programs. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. reserves the right to make changes or substitutions in the dates, itinerary, speakers/lecturers, or costs as it becomes necessary or desirable without liability to itself or its co-sponsoring or affiliated associations and organizations or their agents. In the event of the tour being cancelled by the operator, we shall have no responsibility other than the refund of all deposits and monies paid to him by tour participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. All cooperating airlines and steamship companies are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are on board; the limit of their liability is that of a common carrier and the passage contract in use by such carriers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between companies and the purchaser of this tour and/or passenger. Acceptance of the services of TraveLearn, Inc. by institutions and/or travelers constitutes acceptance by them of all of the above noted terms and conditions. The aforementioned conditions apply equally to the institutions cosponsoring this tour that assume no responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage to participants or their property in connection with any aspect of this tour.

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# Learning Vacation



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