

SCWDC Presents ...

Explore in a group of 20-25 (average 22) aboard our privately chartered 75-passenger ship

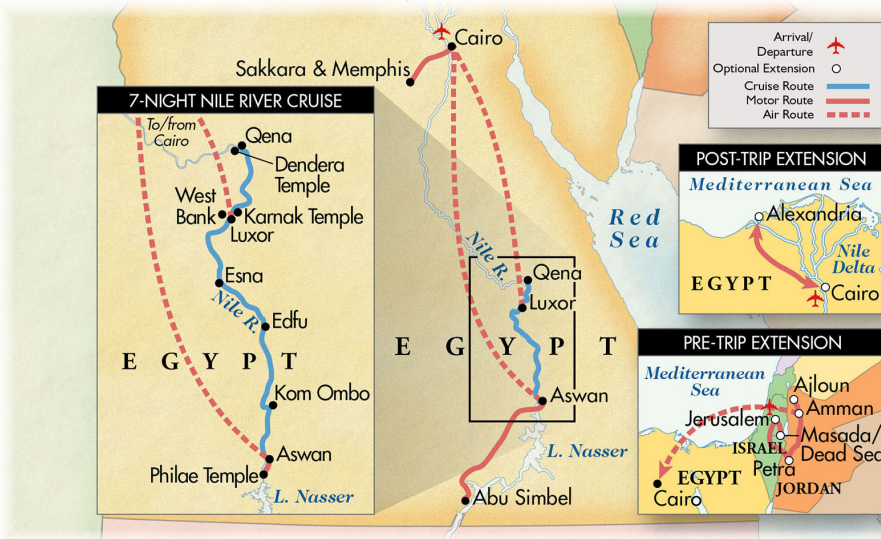
New! Ancient Egypt & the Nile River

Small Ship Adventure

Egypt: Cairo, Sakkara, Memphis, Luxor, Qena, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Abu Simbel

16 days from **\$5825** Includes international airfare from Dulles

15 days from **\$4625** Without international airfare



It's Included

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- Accommodations for 7 nights in Cairo and 7 nights aboard O.A.T.'s privately chartered river ship, the *Nefertiti*
- 35 meals: 14 daily breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 10 dinners—includes 2 Home-Hosted Meals
- 23 guided tours (with personal headsets) and cultural experiences
- Services of our local Trip Experience Leader with your group of 20-25 travelers (average of 22) throughout your adventure
- Gratuities for local motorcoach drivers
- All port charges
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- Visa fees for entrance to Egypt (if you have an airport transfer with us in Cairo)
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

DEPARTURE DATE:
October 12, 2023

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Depart U.S.
2-5	Cairo, Egypt INCLUDED TOURS Cairo • Egyptian Museum • Fatimid Cairo • Sakkara & Memphis
6	Luxor Embark ship PORT Luxor INCLUDED TOUR Luxor Temple
7-12	Nile Cruise PORTS Luxor (west bank) • Qena • Luxor (east bank) • Edfu • Aswan INCLUDED TOURS Valley of the Kings • Colossi of Memnon • Temple of Dendera • Karnak Temple • Temple of Edfu • Temple of Kom Ombo • Philae Temple • High Dam • Abu Simbel OPTIONAL TOUR Luxor Hot-Air Balloon Ride
13-15	Cairo Disembark ship PORT Aswan INCLUDED TOURS Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx • Old Cairo
16	Cairo • Depart for U.S.

Maximize Your Discoveries & Value

Optional extensions:

Jerusalem, Petra & Amman
8 nights pre-trip fro **\$2595**

Overseas Adventure Travel®

Reservations & Information **1-800-955-1925**

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

G3-29494

www.oattravel.com/egy2023



Itinerary

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on your flight to Cairo, Egypt. Please refer to your individual air itinerary for exact departure and arrival times.

DAY 2 • Arrive in Cairo, Egypt

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met at the airport and assisted with your transfer to your hotel, where our Trip Experience Leader will be waiting to greet you. After settling in and meeting up with travelers who took the pre-trip extension, we'll take part in an orientation walk around the hotel with our Trip Experience Leader. Dinner is on your own tonight.

InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 3 • Cairo • Ancient Egypt conversation • Explore Egyptian Museum • Welcome Dinner

After breakfast, gather for a briefing on your upcoming trip. We'll also attend a cultural conversation featuring an introduction to ancient Egypt, which will help prepare us for our first museum visit today.

After lunch on your own, visit the world-renowned Egyptian Museum. Accompanied by our Trip Experience Leader we'll stroll through the halls highlighting each historical period of this ancient land. During free time, you may also wish to enter the Royal Mummies room for an additional fee and view the "sleeping" Kings of ancient Egypt.

This evening, enjoy some leisure time—perhaps to muse over the day's discoveries—before sitting down to cocktails and a Welcome Dinner at your hotel.

B,D—InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 4 • Cairo • Explore Fatimid Cairo • Modern Egypt conversation with a local

After breakfast we'll discover Fatimid Cairo, or Medieval Cairo. Our first stop will be visits to two nearby mosques—the Sultan Hassan and Al-Rifa'i Mosques. Then we'll depart via bus to Moez Street—one of the oldest streets in Egypt—to stroll past the ancient minarets, domes, and bazaars of this densely-packed neighborhood. Our walk will conclude at the fabled Khan el-Khalili, a maze of narrow

alleys teeming with shops of glittering gold, colorful silks, and exotic spices. Lunch today is in a nearby restaurant.

This afternoon is yours for exploring Cairo further. Later, reconvene with our group for a conversation with a local, where we'll engage in a candid discussion about modern-day Egypt.

Dinner tonight is on your own.

B,L—InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 5 • Cairo • Explore Sakkara & Memphis • Home-Hosted Dinner

This morning, we'll discover Sakkara and Memphis on a half-day tour. These regions are home to some of Egypt's most famed relics. Our tour starts in Sakkara, a vast and ancient burial ground. We'll see the world's oldest major stone structure and visit the Imhotep Museum, which contains a real mummy among other precious artifacts. Then we'll stop for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Next, we'll head to Memphis, where you'll visit the Statue of Ramses II created 3,200 years ago. We'll also see the alabaster Sphinx, a mysterious stone figure that was carved between 1400 and 1700 B.C. We'll return to Cairo late this afternoon where you'll have some leisure time.

In the evening, we'll experience authentic regional cuisine at a Home-Hosted Dinner with a local Egyptian family.

B,L,D—InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 6 • Cairo • Fly to Luxor • Explore Luxor Temple • Embark ship

After breakfast this morning, we'll depart for our flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, we'll set off for Luxor Temple. Rising from the east bank of the Nile, this sprawling ancient complex was a center of power for Egypt's mighty pharaohs over a nearly 1,500-year period. We'll explore here with our Trip Experience Leader, walking in the footsteps of ancient kings.

Then we'll transfer to the dock where our Nile river ship awaits. For the next seven nights, the *Nefertiti* will carry us from one memorable site to the next and give us an intimate look of life along the Nile. After savoring our first meal onboard, we'll have the afternoon at leisure to get better

acquainted with our ship, the crew, and the Nile River cruise experience itself.

Early this evening, gather with your fellow travelers for the first of a nightly series of Port Talks, followed by a Welcome Dinner in the ship's dining room.

B,L,D—*Nefertiti*

DAY 7 • Luxor • Explore Valley of the Kings • Hieroglyphic & Arabic language conversation

After an early breakfast, we'll ride to the west bank of the Nile for the day's first discovery: the Valley of the Kings. Several pharaohs are buried in the cliff-side tombs here, including the boy-king, Tutankhamun, whose tomb we will have the opportunity to discover for ourselves. We'll also visit the nearby Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the monument of one of Egypt's greatest rulers, and one of its only female pharaohs. As we leave the fabled valley, we'll stop at the pair of massive statues known as the Colossi of Memnon.

Next, we'll stop at a working farm house on the West Bank for lunch with a local family. Get a true appreciation for daily country life along the Nile, in contrast to the urban lifestyle of our family visit in Cairo. Afterwards, we'll return to the ship via motorboat.

Relax and enjoy dinner onboard as we sail toward historic Qena. We'll also attend an in-depth conversation on hieroglyphics and the Arabic language.

Please note: As it did for the ancient Egyptians, high water makes for a smoother sail. As such, from the beginning of December to the end of January when tides are low, your ship will stay in Luxor for the evening. Water levels may also affect transportation to the Temple of Dendera on Day 8.

B,L,D—*Nefertiti*

DAY 8 • Qena • Explore Dendera Temple • Luxor • Life on the Nile conversation

Early this morning, you will awake in Qena—a destination most other travel companies do not include. From here we are ideally positioned to visit nearby Temple of Dendera, built by Romans and Greeks and dedicated to Hathor, goddess of maternal and family love. One of the celebrated features of the temple is an astronomical



ceiling beautifully decorated with vultures, winged disks, and the union between Hathor and Horus.

We'll return to the ship in time for lunch. Afterwards, you may choose to relax onboard or take part in a cooking lesson. Later in the afternoon, enjoy a conversation about *Life on the Nile*, followed by a Port Talk and dinner. After dinner, a belly dancer will come onboard to perform.

Please note: During low-water season, from the beginning of December to the end of January, we will travel to the Dendra Temple complex via bus.

B,L,D—Nefertiti

DAY 9 • Luxor • Optional Luxor Hot-Air Balloon Ride • Explore Karnak Temple • Esna

As the sun rises over Luxor, so can you—aboard an early morning optional hot-air balloon ride (weather permitting) departing around 5am. Travelers who opt to stay behind can relax onboard.

After breakfast, we'll travel on to explore Karnak Temple's huge complex of shrines, built and enlarged over a period of 1,300 years. Witness the massive Hypostyle Hall, an architectural marvel large enough to enclose the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Walk through the Hall of Pillars, and see the tallest obelisk in Egypt.

After lunch aboard ship, we'll set sail for Esna. Our vessel will pass through the locks of Esna early this evening. Dinner will be in the ship's dining room. Enjoy onboard entertainment this evening or, if time allows, you may choose to explore Esna's outdoor market—a short walk from the ship.

Please note: Limitations on how many ships per hour can pass through the Esna locks could affect the order in which you visit sites during your cruise.

B,L,D—Nefertiti

DAY 10 • Edfu • Explore Kom Ombo

Set sail for Edfu this morning, arriving after breakfast. Upon disembarking, we'll head to Edfu's Temple of Horus, Egypt's best-preserved temple, by horse and carriage. Thirty-eight columns surround the court, and a fine statue of Horus stands guard over



the entry. Every available surface is carved with hieroglyphs describing offerings to the god. The large, sunny courtyard is a Chapel of the New Year, a sun court similar to the one at Dendera.

We will have lunch aboard ship as we cruise toward the Temple of Kom Ombo, disembarking to visit upon arrival. This Greco-Roman style temple is unique, as it is Egypt's only double temple, dedicated to two deities instead of one. Everything here is doubled and perfectly symmetrical along a central axis.

This evening, enjoy an Egyptian dinner buffet, followed by a *galabeya* party featuring traditional Egyptian dress. You'll have the opportunity to try on one of the traditional embellished robes yourself.

B,L,D—Nefertiti

DAY 11 • Explore Aswan • Philae Temple • Aswan High Dam • Felucca ride • Spice market visit • Local café visit

Upon arrival in Aswan this morning, we'll visit Philae Temple. Pilgrims would come from all over the Mediterranean to worship the goddess Isis here, and it was one of the last places where the ancient Egyptian religions flourished. Next, enjoy an included tour of the Aswan High Dam, which was built in 1960, creating Lake Nasser (the world's largest artificial lake at the time).

Return to our ship for lunch, after which we'll board a traditional *felucca* boat for a different Nile cruise experience. Return to our small ship this evening. After dinner onboard, our experience of local life continues with a visit to a vibrant spice market. We'll also stop into a local café, perhaps sampling Aswan's hibiscus tea, and interact with the café's regular customers.

B,L,D—Nefertiti

DAY 12 • Aswan • Explore Abu Simbel

Today we'll take part in a full-day excursion to Abu Simbel. After an early breakfast, spend the morning traveling four hours south by motorcoach. We'll then spend time exploring the magnificent monuments carved into solid rock 3,000 years ago as a tribute to the deities and Pharaoh Ramses II's favorite wife, Nefertari. In an epic feat of modern engineering, these massive temples were moved to their present location when construction of the Aswan High Dam in 1960 created Lake Nasser and flooded their original location.

If you would like a more relaxed day, you may choose to remain in Aswan and explore on your own. Perhaps you'll opt for a *felucca* ride around the botanical island, or delve into Nubian culture at the Nubian Museum.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Cocktail and Farewell Dinner as you prepare to say goodbye to your ship



and its friendly crew. After dinner, enjoy a live Nubian show onboard, featuring a *tanura* dancer.

B,L,D—Nefertiti

DAY 13 • Aswan • Disembark ship • Fly to Cairo • Sunset motorboat ride

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Cairo. After checking into our hotel, enjoy lunch on your own. The balance of the afternoon is yours.

This evening, join us for a sunset motorboat ride which gives you the chance to view Cairo from the Nile as the sun dips low towards the horizon. Then, return to dry land and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. Dinner tonight is on your own.

B—InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 14 • Cairo • Explore Pyramids & Sphinx

This morning we'll drive to the Giza Plateau, home of the Pyramids of Giza, proclaimed by the Greeks to be among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The largest of these three structures is the Great Pyramid of Khufu, probably built more than 2,600 years B.C.

We'll also see the inscrutable and mysterious Sphinx. Greek mythology holds the sphinx as an enigmatic creature—given to killing those who could not answer her riddles.

Little is known for sure about the real purpose of the monument.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch at the legendary Mena House Hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure, and dinner tonight is on your own.

B,L—InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 15 • Cairo • Explore Old Cairo • Citadel

After breakfast, we'll visit Old Cairo, the section of the city characterized by its far-reaching history. Begin with a visit to the Cairo Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This structure was used during the medieval period as a means of protection from Crusaders. It remained the hub of Egyptian government into the 19th century.

Next, we'll depart for Coptic Old Cairo, which served as the Christian bastion of Egypt prior to Islamic rule. We'll visit the Hanging Church and the Church of St. Sergius, as well

as the Ben Ezra Synagogue. This, according to ancient folklore, is where baby Moses was discovered. For lunch, we'll head to a local restaurant.

Return to your hotel in the early afternoon and have the chance to fit in any last-minute discoveries in the city.

In the evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our group.

B,L,D—InterContinental Cairo Semiramis or similar

DAY 16 • Cairo • Depart for U.S.

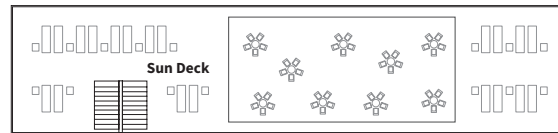
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the U.S. Or begin your optional *Alexandria & Cairo, Egypt* post-trip extension.

B

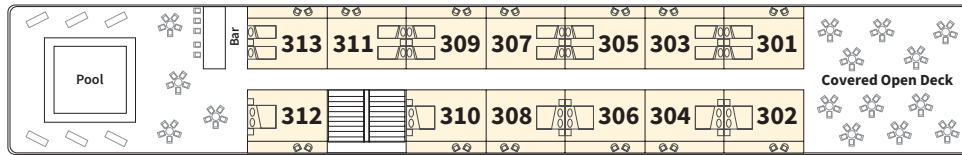
Enrich your understanding of this trip by visiting us online, where you'll find videos and films, Traveler Reviews, articles, Destination Pages, and more: www.oattravel.com/egy2023



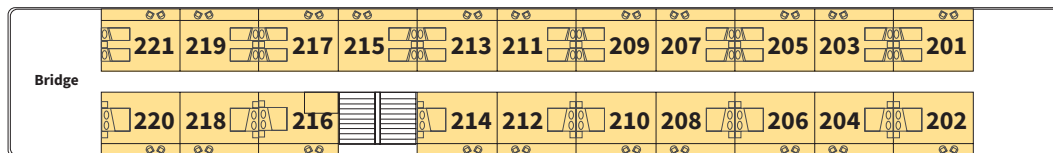
NEFERTITI



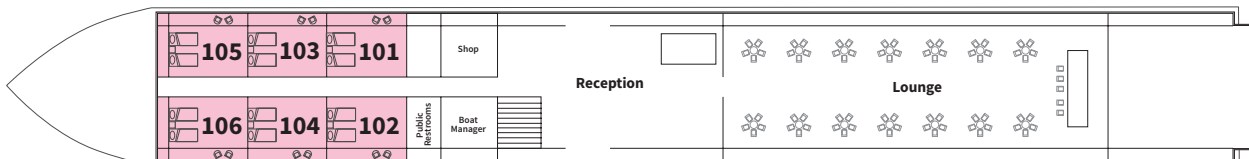
ATEN DECK



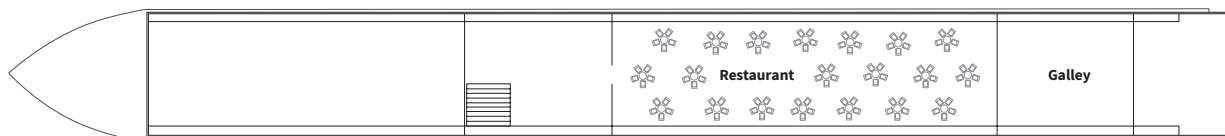
AKHENATEN DECK



MERITATEN DECK



TUTANKHAMUN DECK



AMARNA DECK

CABIN FEATURES

- **Every cabin includes a private balcony** with seating for two (a feature not found on most Nile River ships)
- Main Deck cabins feature two twin beds, upper-deck views, and closer proximity to the ship's lounge and bar. **Please note: This ship features either two twin beds or one double bed per cabin. Twin beds cannot be pushed together.**
- Average cabin size is 74-78 sq. ft.
- Private shower, hair dryer, shampoo, and soap
- In-room mini-refrigerator
- In-room safe
- All non-smoking cabins



Uncover the ancient wonders of Egypt ...

Cairo

Cairo, whose name means "Triumphant City," is the capital of Egypt, the practical intersection of the Middle East and Africa, and the largest city of both regions. The bazaars of the city still echo centuries of tradition, with some market streets roots' dating back to the 14th century. A visit to Cairo is a perfect blend of modern life and ancient history that defines Egypt. Our small group of 20-25 travelers will discover the treasures of Tutankhamen at the Egyptian Museum, wander the twisting alleyways of Old Cairo, and drive out to Giza to behold the 4,500-year-old Great Pyramid of Cheops.

Abu Simbel

Abu Simbel, a Nubian village in Upper Egypt, lays claim to two towering rock temples built by Egypt's great Pharaoh Ramses II as a tribute to the deities and his favorite wife Nefertari. In a monumental feat of modern engineering, these massive temples were moved to their present location when construction of the Aswan High Dam in 1960 created Lake Nasser and flooded their original location. This extraordinary operation to save one of the world's greatest treasures took years, and the efforts of an international team of engineers and archaeologists. The temple is now backed by an artificial mountain built to resemble its original setting.

Qena

The historic city of Qena—a docking destination few other travel companies offer—beckons from the east bank of the Nile. Here, we'll visit the Temple of Dendera, built by Romans and Greeks and dedicated to Hathor—goddess of maternal and family love. The temple complex contains birth houses, a Coptic church, the Hathor Temple, and Hypostyle Hall. One of the celebrated features of the temple is an astronomical ceiling beautifully decorated with vultures, winged disks, and the union between Hathor and Horus. Paintings on the ceiling also represent the two halves of the sky with its northern and southern constellation.

2023 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

DECK		October 12, 2023
U	UDBL	\$5025
B	BTWN	\$4825
M	MWTN	\$4625

AIR ADD-ON

Dulles	\$1200
--------	--------

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 per person.

Single Supplement: \$895. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. **Government and other authority taxes and fees:** **September 11th Security Fee** of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. **Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)** of up to \$18 per passenger. **Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee** of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). **U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges** of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at www.gct.com/tc.

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

1-800-955-1925

***Dates, Prices and Itinerary may be subject to change.**

Here's how you'll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan:
based on a trip price of \$6500 per person

Months That You Pay in Full Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Good Buy Plan Savings Per Person:	Good Buy Savings Per Couple:
12 months or more	10% off	\$650	\$1300
11 months	9% off	\$585	\$1170
10 months	8% off	\$520	\$1040
9 months	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
8 months	6% off	\$390	\$780
7 months	5% off	\$325	\$650
6 months	4% off	\$260	\$520
5 months	3% off	\$195	\$390
Make your final payment by check within 120 days	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings are calculated based on total reservation cost.

For more information, visit www.oattravel.com/gbd

Overseas Adventure Travel®

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

G3-29494