

ARCE MEMBER TOUR GRAND TOUR OF EGYPT

MARCH 2 -19, 2023

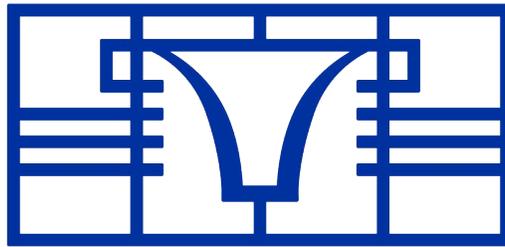
Led by Dr. Emily Teeter

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The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) leads an exclusive annual tour to Egypt for its members, typically between March and November every year. A pre-set itinerary has been curated featuring the best of Egypt's historic sites, previous ARCE projects, and direct access to 'movers and shakers' in the fields of Egyptology, Archaeology and Egyptian cultural heritage.

This trip will be led by Dr. Emily Teeter.



Emily Teeter, PhD, is an Egyptologist who specializes in religion, social history, art, and the history of Egyptology. She is the author of many books including *Religion and Ritual in Ancient Egypt*; *Baked Clay Figurines and Votive Beds from Medinet Habu*; and *The Presentation of Maat: Ritual and Legitimacy in Ancient Egypt*, as well as numerous academic and popular articles.

Emily has been associated with ARCE for many years: she is a past President, served on the Board of Governors, and is

currently the editor of the *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt (JARCE)*. She has curated many permanent and temporary exhibits of Egyptian artifacts at the Oriental Institute Museum at the University of Chicago and in major museums in the United States. Emily has led many tours to Egypt and the Middle East.

She is currently writing a book about the history of the University of Chicago's Epigraphic Survey. She lives in Chicago.

ARCE Member Tour to Egypt

March 02 – March 19, 2023

Thursday, March 02| Arrive in Cairo.

Meals Included: Dinner.

Meet and greet at Cairo Airport.

To ensure your journey is seamless from the start, our representative will meet you before passport control to assist with acquiring your visa stamps, moving through passport control, and collecting your luggage.

Later you will be transferred to the **Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Cairo.

Friday, March 03| Sakkara / Coptic Cairo

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Sakkara**. Sakkara is the ancient burial site of numerous kings of the Old Kingdom, including the first stone construction ever built: the Step Pyramid of King Djoser, which was constructed by Imhotep in the 27th century BC. Visit to the Serapeum is included.

Noon Lunch at Sakkara Palm Club.

After lunch, head to Coptic Cairo, where you will visit the **Hanging Church**, dating to the late 4th and early 5th century. The name of the basilica is "Al-Mu'allaqah" because it was built on top of the south gate of the Roman Fortress of Babylon. Then to the **Church of St. Sergius**, dating to the 5th century, which is built over the cave in which the Holy Family stayed and is regarded by visitors as a source of blessing.

Then to the **Coptic Museum**. The Coptic Museum was founded in 1908 and houses Coptic art from the earliest days of Christianity in Egypt through to early Islamic times. Artifacts include sculptures that show continuity from the Ptolemaic period, rich textiles, monastery frescoes, and the famous Nag Hammadi Codices. Allow at least a couple of hours to explore the 1,200 or so pieces on display.

Heading to the recently restored **Synagogue of Ben Ezra**– the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt.

07:30 PM Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner in Felfela Restaurant.

Overnight in Cairo.

Saturday, March 04| Pyramids of Giza

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

07:00 Meet your guide and head to the Giza Plateau.

08:00 Private visit to **the Paws of the Sphinx**. The Sphinx is the largest monolithic statue in the world and the oldest known monumental sculpture.

Proceed to the famous Giza Pyramid Complex, which is the site of the three pyramids of the pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure.

Entry to the Great Pyramid of Khufu included.

Lecture at the Paws of the Sphinx.

Noon Lunch at Andrea Restaurant.

Grand Egyptian Museum (if its open), if not will visit **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**.

18:30 Lecture/Reception at ARCE.
Dinner in Tabula Restaurant.
Return to hotel.
Overnight in Cairo.

Sunday, March 05| Historic Cairo / Citadel / Egyptian Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 After breakfast, meet your guide and head to **the Bab Zuwayla**.

Start the day with visiting the **Zawiya-Sabil Farag Ibn Barquq**, then begin our walk from Bab Zuwayla, the southern entrance to the original Fatimid settlement of Cairo that was founded in 969 A.D. It was later reconstructed in stone in the late 11th century A.D. by Badr al-Gamali, then-ruler of Egypt. Bab Zuwayla remained famous into the 19th century as a setting for the public execution of criminals. At times the severed heads of the criminals would be displayed along the tops of the walls, the most famous of which were the Mamluks killed in the Citadel massacre of 1811.

Continue to **Sabil Mohammed Ali**. This elegant Sabil (public fountain) built in 1820 was the first in Cairo to have gilded window grilles and calligraphic panels in Ottoman Turkish. It has been meticulously restored by ARCE, with interesting displays about Muhammed Ali, who built the Sabil to honor his son Tusun after his passing. It is also possible to visit the cistern below the Sabil and school rooms in the kuttab (Quranic School) upstairs, which welcomed students until 1992.

Ending with **Al Azhar mosques, El Moez Street**, and spending the remainder of the day at **Khan El Khalili Market**.

Lunch at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant.

Drive to Mokattam Hill where the medieval fortress built by Salah El Din Al Ayoubi is located. **The Citadel** encompasses the Ottoman period Mosque of Mohamed Ali.

Visit to the famous **Egyptian Museum** to see its world-renowned collection of Pharaonic art, spanning the Predynastic period through the Greco-Roman. The museum contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities and no visit to Egypt is complete without a trip through its galleries.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Monday, March 06| Drive to Minya.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide in the lobby and drive to Minya. Visit **Meidum Pyramid**. About 30 km northeast of Medinat Al Fayoum is the ruin of the first true pyramid attempted by the ancient Egyptians. It began as an eight-stepped structure, with the steps later filled in and an outer casing added to form the first pyramid shell. There were design flaws and sometime after completion the pyramid's own weight caused the sides to collapse. Today, only the core stands, although it is still an impressive sight.

Drive to **Hawara Pyramid** (Pyramid of Amenemhat III). Hawara is about 8 km southeast of Medinat Al Fayoum, on the north side of the Bahr Yusuf canal (the canal that connects Al Fayoum to the Nile). This second pyramid of Amenemhat III was built at a gentler angle than his first one (the tower-like Black Pyramid at Dahshur). Herodotus described the adjacent mortuary temple (300m by 250m) as a 3,000-room labyrinth that surpassed even the Pyramids of Giza. Strabo claimed it had as many rooms as there were provinces.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Drive to **Lahun pyramid** (pyramid of Senusret II of the Middle Kingdom). The builders of this 48-meter-high pyramid reduced the amount of work necessary to construct it by ingeniously using an already existing 12-meter-high limestone hill as its foundation and core.

Later you will be transferred to **Grand Aton Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Minya.

Tuesday, March 07| Beni Hassan Tombs / Tel Amarna.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Beni Hassan**. The necropolis of Beni Hasan occupies a range of east-bank limestone cliffs, some 20 km south of Minya. Most tombs date to the 11th and 12th dynasties (2125–1795 BC), with the 39 upper tombs belonging to nomarchs (local governors). Many remain unfinished and only four are currently open to visitors, but they are well worth the trouble of visiting for the fascinating glimpse they provide into the daily life and political tensions of the period.

Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Head to **Tell el-Amarna**, where you can see the northern nobles tombs including those of Ahmose and Huya. Tell el-Amarna is the site of the remains of the capital city established in 1346 BC and built by the Pharaoh Akhenaten of the late Eighteenth Dynasty. It was abandoned shortly after his death (1332 BC). The name for the city employed by the ancient Egyptians was Akhetaten, meaning "Horizon of the Aten."

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Minya.

Wednesday, March 08| Tuna El Gebel/EI-Ashmunein

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby. En-route to Sohag, visit **Tuna El Gebel**.

At Tuna El Gebel you will see the tombs of Petosiris (4th century BC) and Isadora (2nd century AD), along with the Ibis Catacombs that contain millions of ibis mummies given as votive offerings to the god Thoth.

Before arriving at Tuna el-Gebel, you will visit the western-most of Akhenaten's boundary stelae. A steep flight of stone steps leads to a tiny shrine cut into the escarpment and the large boundary stela which is cut into the face of the cliff, and dates to year 6 of Akhenaten's reign. At the top of the stela, the king and queen offer to the Aten in a typical Amarna pose, while the text below records Akhenaten's oath not to extend the limits of his city. The royal statues on the left are now headless and support tall offering tables depicting the couple's three eldest daughters.

Proceed to the city of **El-Ashmunein**

El-Ashmunein, ancient Egyptian *Khmun* (“8-town”), named for the group of eight deities (ogdoad) who represented the world before creation, was called in Greek Hermopolis after Hermes (Egyptian Thoth). It was the capital of the 15TH Upper Egyptian nome and the main cult center of Thoth, the god of healing and of wisdom, and the patron of scribes.

Free time for lunch “Lunch box included”.

Later you will be transferred to **Sohag Hotel** for check-in.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Sohag.

Thursday, March 09| Athribis / White Monastery/ Red Monastery

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Athribis**. Athribis (ancient Hut-Repty) is the site of a temple dedicated to the goddess Reptyt (Triphis) constructed under the reign of Ptolemy XV Caesarian and subsequent Roman Emperors. South of this temple was an earlier temple of Ptolemy IX Soter II. The next visit will be to **the Red Monastery** (Deir al-Ahmar). Built in the 5th century AD by Shenouda’s disciple Bishoy. Since 2003, ARCE has undertaken a massive conservation project of the sanctuary and the nave of the church. Lecture with Dr. Nicholas Warner.

Lunch will be served at the Red Monastery.

Short drive west of Sohag, **the White Monastery** (Deir al-Abyad) dates from the early 5th century AD. Named for the color of its masonry, the monastery was built by the Coptic saint Shenouda using chunks of white limestone taken from local Pharaonic temples.

Drive to Abydos “South of Sohag”, check in at **House of Life Hotel**

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Abydos.

Friday, March 10| Abydos/ Dendera

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and drive to **Abydos**.

Lecture by Project Director at site. Considered one of the most important archaeological sites of ancient Egypt, the site of Abydos dates back to the Early Dynastic period (and earlier) where the Kings of the first and second dynasties are buried. The site later became associated with the burial site of the god Osiris, leading to the growth of the town's importance as a cult center.

Today, Abydos is notable for the cult temple of Seti I dedicated to the god Osiris. The temple contains an inscription from the Nineteenth Dynasty known as the Abydos King List. It is a chronological list showing cartouches of most kings of Egypt from Menes until Ramses I, Seti's father.

Free time for lunch “Lunch box included”.

Head to **Dendera**. The town of Dendera is located on the west bank of the Nile, about 60 km to the north of Luxor, in the 6th Nome of Upper Egypt. The Dendera Temple Complex is situated around 2.5 km to the southeast of this city. The earliest evidence of the site

dates to the Old Kingdom and it has also the remains of a temple built during the New Kingdom. Most of what can be seen at the site today is the Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the goddess Hathor.

Later you will be transferred to **Steigenberger Hotel** for check-in.
Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Luxor.

Saturday, March 11| Medinat Habu Temple / Valley of the Queens / Valley of the Kings.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby for your private tour to the West Bank including the **Medinet Habu Temple**, Valleys of the Kings and Queens. This is the vast Necropolis of Thebes, the city of the dead.

Begin with Medinet Habu Temple, the site that is dominated by the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III (1194 – 1163 B.C.), the largest on the west bank and one of the best preserved. Lecture with Project Director.

Continue to the **Valley of the Queens**, a gorge in the hills along the western bank of the Nile River in Upper Egypt. It served as the burial site of the queens and some royal children of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Dynasties (1292–1075 BC). The queens' necropolis is located about 2.5 km west of the mortuary temple of Ramses III.

Entry to the **tomb of Queen Nefertari**.

Lunch at Al Marsam Restaurant.

Head to **Valley of the Kings**. Here you will visit the tombs of Egypt's New Kingdom Pharaohs. Cut deep into the rocky mountainside are the magnificent tombs of spellbinding construction and decoration. **Entry to the tombs of Kings Tutankhamun and Ramses VI.**

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner on your own. Overnight in Luxor.

Sunday, March 12| Qurna, Draa El Naga and Menna (Ramose).

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Qurna, Draa El Naga and Menna (Ramose)**.

ARCE's Qurna Site Improvement project (QSI) ran between 2011 and 2014 and was funded by USAID. The project was developed in response to both the demolition of the hamlets in Sheikh Abd el Qurna and el Khokha, and the economic crisis that followed the 2011 Egyptian Revolution.

The destruction of the hamlets left large portions of the UNESCO World Heritage site in visual disarray, with debris piles and the remains of partially demolished buildings in and around tombs open to visitors. At the same time, employment estimates suggested that 70% of Luxor locals were either directly or indirectly economically tied to aspects of the tourism industry. With the collapse of this industry after the revolution, local populations, particularly those on the West Bank, faced hardship. Funding provided through USAID enabled the creation of a large program of work that, in part, addressed both of these concerns.

From 1921-1923, Clarence Fisher excavated at the site of Dra Abu El Naga, an important non-royal cemetery near Deir el Bahri in western Thebes. Fisher's excavations included work in the tombs of New Kingdom officials and the mortuary complex of the Eighteenth Dynasty king Amenhotep I and his wife Nefertari (1525-1504 B.C.) Beginning in 1967, Lanny Bell continued work at this site concentrating on the epigraphic recording and conservation of the decorated rock-cut tombs of Dynasty 19 (1292-1190 B.C.). The work at the site provided significant artifacts for the Museum including statuary, pottery funerary furnishings and painted reliefs.

Finishing the tour with **Menna (Ramose) Tomb** at the Valley of Nobles.

Lunch at hotel.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Luxor.

Monday, March 13| Karnak Temple / Luxor Temple / Luxor Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.
Checkout after breakfast.

Khonsu Temple and **ARCE lab at Karnak Temple**. Meet your guide in the lobby and head to Karnak Temple. Walk along the 2 km long Avenue of Sphinxes to enter the complex as your guide explains how the massive facade was constructed. On entering Karnak, you will see each legacy left by the various pharaohs as the complex grew even larger. The deeper you go into the complex, the further back in time you will travel, with the oldest ruins dating back over 3,000 years.

12:00 noon Embarkation.
Noon Lunch on board.

Meet your guide in the lobby to then head to **Luxor Museum**. This wonderful museum has a well-chosen, brilliantly displayed and explained collection of antiquities dating from the end of the Old Kingdom right through to the Mamluk period, mostly gathered from the Theban temples and necropolis.

Visit **Luxor Temple**, which was once joined to the Temples of Karnak by the Avenue of Sphinxes, a portion of which marks the entrance to the temple. Dominated by statues of pharaoh Ramses II, Luxor Temple has survived Nile floods, foreign invasion, and thousands of years of exposure to the elements.

Early Evening Tea at club lounge.
Late Evening cocktail reception.
Dinner on board.

Overnight in Luxor.

Tuesday, March 14| Dier El Madinah / Hatshepsut Temple / Ramesseum Temple.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby for your tour of the West Bank of Luxor.

Drive to **Deir El Medina**, where the workers and craftsmen who built the tombs in the Valleys of the Kings and Queens lived. Most of the information we have on daily life in ancient Egypt comes from this incredible site. You will also be able to visit some of their beautifully decorated tombs.

Continue to visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, the most significant of Egypt's female rulers. She came to power early in Dynasty 18, at the beginning of the New Kingdom. The Temple is not only a memorial temple that honors Queen Hatshepsut, it is also one of the greatest Egyptian architectural achievements. Designed by Senenmut, Hatshepsut's steward and architect, this mortuary temple closely resembles the classical Greek architecture that became popular 1,000 years later.

Head to the **Ramesseum**, the Mortuary Temple of Ramses II. Although half in ruin, it still has a romantic appeal due to the remains of a colossal statue of the king lying shattered in the first court. Reputed as the inspiration for Shelley's well-known poem "Ozymandias," it is as much a tribute to the superb work of the sculptors as to the king himself.

Noon Sail to Edfu via Esna.
Lunch on board.
Early Evening Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party.
Dinner on board. Overnight in Edfu.

Wednesday, March 15 | Temple of Edfu / Temples of Kom Ombo.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board.
08:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and transfer to the **Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to the falcon-headed god, Horus. It is one of the finest examples of Ptolemaic art in Egypt. You will then be transferred to the temple by Caleche. The city of Edfu lies half way between Luxor and Aswan on the site of the ancient city of Djeba. It is located 100 km south of Luxor, and 53 km south of Esna.
11:00 Sail to Kom Ombo.
Noon Lunch on board.
Afternoon Visit the Twin **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It is dedicated to the hawk-headed god, Harwar, and the crocodile god, Sobek. The Ptolemaic temple lies 40 km north of Aswan and 70 km south of Edfu.
PM Sail to Aswan.
PM Dinner on board
Late Evening Galabeya Party. Overnight in Aswan.

Thursday, March 16 | Philae Temple / High Dam / Unfinished Obelisk.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board.
08:00 Visit **Philae Temple** and **High Dam**. Leave the cruise with your guide and drive over the Old Aswan Barrage, constructed in the 1920s over the Nile's first cataract. You will arrive at the site of the Aswan High Dam, one of the largest rock-filled dams in the world and considered as a great achievement of modern construction. From the top of the dam you will look out at Lake Nasser, the largest artificial lake in the world.

Proceed to the docks on Lake Nasser for a short boat ride to the island of Philae where you will visit the beautiful Temple of Isis.

Continue to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, which is the largest known ancient obelisk and is located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan.

Noon Lunch on board.
Afternoon Sail on the Nile by **Felucca around Kitchener's Island & Agha Khan.**

Then to **Qubbet Al Hawa**; On the hilltop above the Tombs of the Nobles lies this small domed tomb, constructed for a local sheikh or holy man. The steep climb up is rewarded with stunning views of the Nile and the surrounding area.

Late Evening Dinner on board.
Nubian Folkloric show. Overnight in Aswan.

Friday, March 17| Disembarkation / Kalabsha Temple / Nubian Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast on board.
Disembarkation after breakfast.

08:00 Meet your guide and head to **Kalabsha Temple**, an impressive Roman temple built around 30 BC under the reign of Emperor Augustus. The temple was dedicated to the Nubian sungod Mandulis. You will also visit a number of smaller monuments moved to the site of New Kalabsha after the Nubian salvage campaign, including the small rock-cut temple of Beit el-Wali dating to the reign of Ramses II (dedicated to the gods Amun and Anukis), the Kiosk of Qertassi, and Gerf Hussein.

Lunch at hotel.

PM Head to the **Nubian Museum**, which is the first museum to showcase the rich Nubian culture. The museum features Nubian artifacts, weapons, pottery, utensils, paintings, and sculptures.

Dinner at 1902 Restaurant – Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel.
Overnight in Aswan.

Saturday, March 18| Abu Simbel Excursion / Fly to Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

00:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

00:00 Meet our representative for your private transfer to Aswan airport for your short flight to Abu Simbel. Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Aswan and arrival procedures in Abu Simbel.

Upon arrival at Abu Simbel airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to visit the great rock-cut temple with the four colossal seated status of Ramses II on the facade. It was dedicated to Amun-Ra, Ra-Horakhty, Ptah, and Ramses II. Then you will visit the smaller temple of the king's wife, Nefertari. These temples were threatened by flooding upon the completion of the Aswan High Dam and were preserved by international action organized by UNESCO. All parts of these temples were rebuilt on a plateau above the former site.

Return to Abu Simbel Airport for your domestic flight to Cairo via Aswan. Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Abu Simbel and arrival procedures in Cairo.

Upon arrive Cairo airport; you will meet our representative for your private transfer to your hotel for check-in.

Light lunch at Abu Simbel airport.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

Sunday, March 19| Final Departure.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel or breakfast box. (Depends on your flight time)

Check out after breakfast.

Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Cairo Airport

Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures and formalities.

End of our services, wish you a nice trip

Payment Information

City	Hotel/Cruise	Dates	Nights	Category
Cairo	Marriott Omar Khayyam	March 02 - March 06	4	Nile view rooms
Minya	Grand Aton	March 06 - March 08	2	Nile view rooms
Sohag	Coral Cruise	March 08 - March 09	1	Standard rooms
Abydos	House of Life	March 09 - March 10	1	Standard rooms
Luxor	Steignberger	March 10 - March 13	3	Nile view rooms
Cruise	Farah	March 13 - March 17	4	Deluxe Cabins
Aswan	Old Cataract	March 17 - March 18	1	Luxury Nile view rooms
Cairo	Intercontinental City Stars	March 18 - March 19	1	Deluxe rooms

fRates:

	20 paying passengers
Per person in double	USD 8,630.00
Single Supplement	USD 1,325.00

In case you booked an early flight on March 02, arriving Cairo before the check in time, you are requested to book an extra night at the Marriott Omar Khayyam so you can check in upon arrival (check in time at hotel 02:00PM):

Extra night at Marriott Omar Khayyam from March 01 - 02

Nile view room	\$ 105.00	Per person per night in twin
	\$ 180.00	Per person per night in single

Rate includes:

- All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily
- All meals as shown in itinerary (B, L, D)
- Vehicle for group arrival and departure transfers on the first and last days of the program
- Land transportation per program by private coach
- All sightseeing and excursions, including entrance fees per program
- Private English-speaking guide throughout program
- Services of a professional Egitalloyd Tour Manager throughout the land tour program
- Flights within Egypt (Aswan/Abu Simbel/Aswan-Aswan/Cairo) on Economy class
- Water provided in bus during all visits transfers and all included meals
- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available
- **Contribution to ARCE**
- **Tipping for Guide, Egitalloyd Tour Manager, hotels, Nile cruise, restaurants, drivers**

Rate excludes:

- International airfare between the U.S and the start and the end point of the trip
- Individual arrival and departure airport transfers
- Pre- or post-tour services
- Egypt entry visa fees

- Medical and trip interruption insurance; evacuation costs.
- Food or beverages not included in group meals.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, excess package fees, photo/video expenses inside sightseeing or museums (where allowed)
- Other items not expressly listed as included
- **Visit permissions for ARCE expeditions or any expenses related the visit**
- **Travel insurance for medical AND political reasons**

Important Notes:

- Prices are based on a minimum group size of **twenty paying passengers** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is fewer than twenty

Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

Payment Schedule

- \$750 Deposit Per person Due on Confirmation
- Final Payment Per person Due 16 weeks before departure

Cancellation Policy

- 0% Cancellation fees From 16 weeks to 12 weeks before departure
 - **(Less \$300.00 Per person handling fee)**
- 35% Cancellation fees From 12 weeks to 8 weeks before departure
- 55% Cancellation fees From 8 weeks to 6 weeks before departure
- 75% Cancellation fees From 6 weeks to 3 weeks before departure
- 100% Cancellation fees Any cancelation from 21 days before departure

A full refund will apply in case of "Force Majeure"

Force Majeure is identified as acts of God, war and revolution, acts of terrorism preventing travel to Egypt, natural disasters happening within Egypt and not outside the country.

Payment through bank wire transfer for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

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Payment by Credit card for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS (Visa & Mastercard ONLY)

- 3% to be added to the per person rate (Credit card fees)
- Needed:
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 - Cell phone number

➤ Email address

For inquiries and to reserve your place on this tour, please call **(703) 721-3470** or email Rebekah Atol at ratol@arce.org, **Hisham El-Sebai** at hisham@egitalloyd.com
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