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King Tutankhamun Centennial Anniversary Tour

October 25th–November 11th, 2022

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Tuesday, October 25| Arrive 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.

07:30 PM Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Cairo

Wednesday, October 26| Sakkara / Memphis

Meals Included: Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at hotel

08:00 Introductory lecture at hotel

09:00 Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Sakkara**. Sakkara is the most important link in a chain of cemeteries belonging to the ancient city of Memphis. It was 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. You will also visit a number of tombs dating to the New Kingdom (dynasty 18) including the tomb of Maya, the wet nurse of Tutankhamun, and the unfinished tomb of Horemheb, Tutankhamun's commander in chief of the army, who later became King. Visit to the Serapeum is included.

Noon Lunch at Sakkara Palm Club

Continue to **Memphis**, the capital and location of the royal residence dating to the Early Dynastic Period and the Old Kingdom, and central administrative center throughout the rest of Dynastic Egypt.

07:30 PM Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

Thursday, October 27| Pyramids of Giza/Dashur

Meals Included: Breakfast/ Lunch

06:00 AM Buffet breakfast at hotel.

07:00 **Private visit to the Paws of the Sphinx** and the Dream Stela. The Sphinx is the largest monolithic statue in the world and the oldest known monumental sculpture.

Proceed to the famous **Giza Pyramid Complex**. Dominating the plateau and running in a southwest diagonal through the site are the three pyramids of the pharaohs Khufu, Khafra, and Menkaura. The northernmost and the largest belongs to Khufu. Khafra's pyramid is built precisely on a southwest diagonal to his father's pyramid on higher ground to create the illusion of being bigger. The pyramid of Menkaura is much smaller and is not aligned

on the same diagonal axis as the other two pyramids. **Entry to the Great Pyramid of Khufu included.**

Lecture at the Paws of the Sphinx.

Lunch at a local restaurant

Proceed to Dahsur, which marks the southernmost extension of the Memphite necropolis. There you will visit the two pyramids of King Senefru, the Bent and Red Pyramid.

Dinner on your own. Overnight in Cairo.

Friday, October 28| Basatin Cemetery / National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC)

Meals Included: Breakfast/ Lunch

07:00 AM

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet your guide in the lobby and head to **Basatin Cemetery**. The cemetery is believed to be the second oldest Jewish cemetery in the world, with its original foundation deed dating to the 9th century, with separate burial grounds for Rabbanite and Karaite Jews. Beginning in 2019, with support from the US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, ARCE in partnership with the Drop of Milk Association undertook conservation work to make the site accessible and informative for visitors.

Lecture by Nicholas Warner and Samy Ibrahim at Basatin

Proceed to the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NEMC)**. NEMC is the first museum in the Arab world to present a comprehensive view of Egyptian civilization from the prehistory to the present day, taking visitors on a journey through Egyptian history and culture. There you will also get to visit the new gallery of all the royal mummies.

Lunch at Naguib Mahfouz restaurant

Walking tour at Moez Street

Dinner on your own. Overnight in Cairo

Saturday, October 29|Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)

Meals Included: Breakfast/ Lunch/Dinner

07:00 AM

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

08:00

The Grand Egyptian Museum, is located at the edge of the desert plateau between the pyramids and Cairo. The museum is envisaged as a cultural complex of activities devoted to Egyptology and will contain 24,000m² of permanent exhibition space, a children's museum, conference and education facilities, a large conservation center and extensive gardens on the 50hA site. The collections of the museum include the Tutankhamen collection, and the Solar Boats.

Lunch at Andrea restaurant in New Giza

Return to the hotel

6:00PM Reception and lecture at ARCE office

07:30 PM Dinner at Taboula restaurant. Overnight in Cairo.

Sunday, October 30| Drive to Minya/Visit Maidum/Tuna el Gebel/Ashmonein

Meals Included: Breakfast/ Lunch /Dinner

06:00AM Breakfast buffet at hotel. Checkout after breakfast

07:00 Meet your guide and drive to Minya; visit **Maidum, Tuna el Gebel,** and **Ashmonein** enroute.

The pyramid of Maidum presents the unmistakable appearance of a huge tower-shaped structure appearing above a hill formed by stone debris. These are the remains of one of the earliest true pyramids ever attempted in Egypt dating to the reign of King Senefru of the 4th dynasty.

Proceed to Tuna El Gebel. The monuments of the site are scattered for about 3km along the desert, 7km west of Ashmounein. A boundary stela of Akhenaten is the earliest monument at the site. One of the most famous are the Greco-Roman animal mummy catacombs of votive ibis and baboon offerings to the god Thoth. The site also contains the unique tomb of Petosiris, dating to the Ptolemaic period. The tomb is in the form of a temple, with an entrance portico and cult chapel behind.

After Tuna El Gebel, the final site of the day will be Ashmounein (Hermopolis Magna in Greek or Khmun in ancient Egyptian). Ashmounein was capital of the 15th nome of Upper Egypt, and the main cult center of the ancient Egyptian god of wisdom, Thoth. The central sacred area of the town was surrounded by a massive mudbrick enclosure wall dating to the Ramesside period as well as the 30th dynasty. The temple of Thoth was rebuilt on many occasions, with very little remaining. Several colossal statues of baboons were erected by Amenhotep III and two have been restored at the site.

Aside from what remains of the temple dedicated to Thoth, very little of the site is preserved from later periods except for the Roman period agora and the nearby restored basilica dating to the 5th century, which included the sanctuary and baptismal font. Ashmounein is a place of importance with regards to the Holy Family tradition as it was the first Egyptian city to be associated with this tradition going back to more than 2000 years ago where the town claims to have sheltered them. Jesus is also said to have carried out many miracles in this town.

Free time for lunch. Lunch box is included.

Arrive Minya, head to Grand Aton Hotel for check-in.

Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Minya.

Monday, October 31|Tel el Amarna

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel
08:00 Meet your guide and head to **Tell el-Amarna**. Tell el-Amarna or Akhetaten (The Horizon of the Aten) was the short-lived capital of Egypt during the reign of King Akhenaten and the center of a new state religion that he introduced at the time (c. 1350 BC). At the site, you will visit the northern tombs including those of Ahmose & Huyu and the central city including the Great and Small Aten Temples.

Free time for lunch. Lunch box is included.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
07:00 PM Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Minya.

Tuesday, November 01|Sohag / Akhmim

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel
08:00 Drive to Sohag. En route, visit **Akhmim** (ancient *Ipu*), site of the 9th Nome of Upper Egypt. At the site you will visit the colossal statue of Merytamun. Akhmim is also city from which Yuya and Thuya (grandparents of Akhenaten) are from.

Next visit 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 by Dr. Nicholas Warner

Free time for lunch. Lunch box is included

Drive to Abydos, and head to House of life Hotel for check in
07:00 PM Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Abydos.

Wednesday, November 02|Abydos / Dendera/ Luxor.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 AM Breakfast at hotel.
08:00 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.

Thursday, November 03|Dra Abu El Naga / Nobles Tombs / Karnak Temple / Luxor Museum

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

06:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

07:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Qurna, Draa Abu 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.

01:30 PM **Visit Karnak Temple & Luxor Museum**

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.

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

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Luxor

Friday, November 04|Malqata / West Bank / Luxor Temple

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Visit **Colossi of Memnon/Mortuary Temple of Amenhotep III**

Drive to Malqata. Malqata is the remains of the festival city of Amenhotep III (father of Akhenaten). In the 30th year of his reign, Amenhotep III celebrated his heb-seb festival (royal jubilee) to which he also undertook an ambitious building project of a new festival city including ceremonial structures, royal palaces, and administrative buildings. The ancient name for this city was "The House of Rejoicing".

Continue to visit the **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**.

Lunch in Al Marsam at the West bank

Final visit of the day is the **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.

07:30 PM Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Luxor.

Saturday, November 05|Valley of Queens / Deir El Medina / Drive to Dahabiya

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel

08:00 Begin the day with 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 **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**.

Drive to Dahabiya, Sail to El Hegez Island
Lunch & dinner on board. Overnight in El Hegez Island.

Sunday, November 06|Edfu

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Sailing to Edfu
Buffet breakfast on board
Meet your guide and transfer to the **Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to the falcon-headed god, Horus. It is one of the finest examples of Ptolemaic architecture in Egypt. You will be transferred to the temple by caleche.
Lunch on board
Sail to Gebel el-Silsila
Dinner on board. Overnight in Gebel el-Silsila.

Monday, November 07|Gebel el-Silsila

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Buffet breakfast on board
Visit **Gebel el-Sisila**. About 65 kilometers north of Aswan is the site of Gebel el-Sisila or ancient *Kheny* translated as "the Place of Rowing". The site is famous for the local sandstone quarries which were exploited from the 18th dynasty through the Ptolemaic-Roman period. The site was particularly utilized for the *talatat* blocks that were quarried and shipped to Tell el-Amarna to construct Akhenaten's new city.

Sail to Kom Ombo
Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Kom Ombo.

Tuesday, November 08|Kom Ombo

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Buffet breakfast on board

Visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**. It is dedicated to the hawk-headed god, Harwar and the crocodile god, Sobek. 40 km north of Aswan and 70 km south of Edfu is the Temple of Kom Ombo, also known as the duel temple of Sobek and Haroeris. "Duel" because everything is doubled in this perfectly symmetrical temple. Twin entrances, twin halls, twin colonnades, etc. The Greco-Roman temple is directly on the banks of the Nile.

Sail to Aswan. Lunch on board.
Dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan.

Wednesday, November 09| Philae Temple / Elephantine Island

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

07:00 AM Buffet breakfast on board followed by check-out

08:00 Visit of **Philae Temple** where you will visit the beautiful **Temple of Isis**. Dedicated for the world's most Famous Goddess Isis and also represents three great civilizations – Egyptian, Greek and Roman.

You will then visit **Elephantine Island**, the capital of the 1st Nome of Upper Egypt and a significant frontier post. The site was inhabited from at least the late Predynastic Period and continued throughout the rest of dynastic Egypt and has been systematically excavated since 1969. The core of the island consisted of an Early Dynastic fortress next to a temple dedicated to the goddess Sateh. The temple was later replaced with another temple built on top also dedicated to Sateh dating to the reign of Hatshepsut/18th dynasty.

Proceed to Old Cataract for check in
Lunch at hotel

Farewell dinner at hotel. Overnight in Aswan.

Thursday, November 10 | Aswan /Abu Simbel /Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch

Buffet breakfast at hotel and check out

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 statues 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 arrival at 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
Free dinner. Overnight in Cairo.

Friday, November 11 | Final Departure

Meals Included: 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 name	Dates	Nts	Room Category
Cairo	Marriott Omar Al Khayam	Oct. 25 – Oct. 30	5	Nile view Room
Minya	Grand Aton	Oct. 30 – Nov. 01	2	Standard Room
Abydos	House of Life	Nov. 01 – Nov. 02	1	Standard Room
Luxor	Steignberger	Nov. 02 – Nov. 05	3	Nile view Room
Dahabiya	Dahabiya	Nov. 05 – Nov. 09	4	Standard Cabin
Aswan	Old Cataract	Nov. 09 – Nov. 10	1	Nile view Room
Cairo	Intercontinental City Stars	Nov. 10 – Nov. 11	1	Standard Room

Rates:

	20 paying passengers
Per person in double	USD 8,250.00
Single Supplement	USD 1,645.00

In case you booked an early flight on October 25, 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 October 24 – 25:

<u>Nile view room</u>	\$ 95.00	Per person per night in twin
	\$ 160.00	Per person per night in single

Private transfer airport/hotel each way when arriving/departing with a separate flight from the group:

	1	2	3
Per person	USD 60.00	USD 45.00	USD 40.00

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
- Tipping for Guide, Egitalloyd Tour Manager, hotels, Dahabiya, 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 fee
- 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
- Travel insurance for medical AND political reasons

Important Note:

- Prices are based on a minimum group size of **twenty paying passengers** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is less 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 but not outside the country.

Payment through bank wire transfer for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

Please find below Egitalloyd bank details and contact information:

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

- 3% to be added per person rate (Credit card fees)
- Needed:
 - Credit Card holder name
 - Cell phone number
 - Email address

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