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December 29, 2022– January 9, 2023

Egypt & the Nile: A Journey into Antiquity
Aboard Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
with Joan Aruz, Curator Emerita, Ancient Near Eastern Art



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Surrounded by ancient Egypt's immortal treasures, please join me to celebrate 2023 on a ten-night program featuring travel by private plane and a luxurious Nile River cruise. As a scholar of Near Eastern art and interconnections across the Mediterranean, I am eager to offer you a comprehensive perspective on Egypt in its international context, with a focus on its earliest dynasties through Graeco-Roman antiquity. Even if you've traveled to Egypt before, our program presents a particularly special opportunity to savor its diverse splendors. On this year's adventure, you will witness some of Egypt's most exciting archaeological discoveries and museum collections for the first time.

Our journey includes unparalleled behind-the-scenes access to many of Egypt's most legendary sites. We will begin in Cairo and Giza, where we'll admire the Great Pyramids and have exclusive up-close access to the Great Sphinx, away from the crowds. We will be among the first to enjoy inside looks at two exceptional, recently opened museums unprecedented in their scope: the Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest archaeological museum, with its complete collection of Tutankhamun treasures, some unveiled for the first time; and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, the new home of Egypt's royal mummy collection, with private access to its restoration center.

In Sakkara, we will see the recently opened underground apartments of Egypt's oldest pyramid. Nearby, in 2018, Egyptologists uncovered a lavishly decorated tomb dating to the 25th century B.C. belonging to the priest Wahtye, and we will have a specially arranged tour of its four chambers adorned with hieroglyphics, statues, and reliefs. A private plane will transfer us to Luxor and the UNESCO-listed necropolis at Thebes. In the Valley of the Queens, a spectacular highlight will be rare access to Queen Nefertari's tomb, where entry is limited to preserve its brilliantly colorful wall paintings. We will then board the elegant *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* for our four-night Nile River voyage, stepping off to encounter sublime Graeco-Roman tombs and temples in Edfu, Kom Ombo, and Aswan. We will continue by private flight to Abu Simbel, where we will behold the massive temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari, before returning to Cairo to conclude the program.

The New Year always promises discovery and renewal, and, as we celebrate 2023, I hope you join me to discover the richness and beauty of one of the world's most awe-inspiring civilizations.

Sincerely,

Joan Aruz

Curator Emerita, Ancient Near Eastern Art



Traveling with You

Joan Aruz

Joan Aruz is Curator Emerita, formerly Curator in Charge of the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art at The Met. She began her career at The Met as a curatorial fellow in 1978, joined the staff as a curator in 1989, and served as department head from 2002 to her retirement in 2017. She has organized numerous landmark exhibitions at The Met, including Art of the First Cities: The Third Millennium B.C. from the Mediterranean to the Indus (2003), Beyond Babylon: Art, Trade and Diplomacy in the Second Millennium B.C. (2008), and Assyria to Iberia at the Dawn of the Classical Age (2014), all with extensive illustrated catalogs. Dr. Aruz received her Ph.D. from the Institute of Fine Arts, with a cross-cultural study of Aegean, Near Eastern, and Egyptian seals.

Trip Highlights

- Enjoy up-close access to the Great Sphinx, venturing beyond the crowd barriers to fully appreciate this colossal ancient statue
- Venture behind the scenes of Cairo's highly anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum, home to an unprecedented complete collection of Tutankhamun artifacts, and the National Museum of Egypt Civilization, the new permanent home of the royal mummy collection
- Experience special inside looks at the recently discovered tomb of Wahtye in Sakkara, as well as the Step Pyramid of King Djoser, Egypt's oldest pyramid, whose impressive underground apartments have been opened for the first time in many decades
- Delight in the rare opportunity to explore Nefertari's magnificent,
 3,000-year-old tomb, where entrance is strictly limited to preserve the integrity of its colorful wall paintings
- Discover the vast, UNESCO-recognized area of Thebes, with its exquisite array of temples and tombs

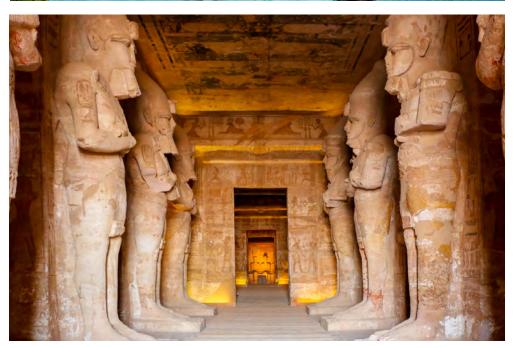


Depiction of Syrians bringing presents , Tomb of Rekhmire, circa 1400 BCE (detail), West Bank









Photos clockwise from top right: Ibn Tulun Mosque, Cairo; Map of the Region; Statue of Queen Hatshepsut in the Temple of Karnak, Luxor; Interior of the Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel; Felucca on the Nile; and Temple of Hatshepsut, Luxor. Front cover: Pyramids at Giza. Back cover: Luxor (top); and the Temple of Philae (bottom).





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Karnak Temple, Luxor

Departure

Thursday, December 29

Depart on an overnight flight to Cairo.

Cairo, Egypt

Friday, December 30

Arrive in Cairo this afternoon, and transfer to the elegant Nile Ritz-Carlton, our home for the next four nights. Gather this evening for introductory remarks by your lecturer, and toast the beginning of the program at a festive welcome reception.

Cairo / Giza

Saturday, December 31

Begin the day in nearby Giza with a tour of the Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Then, enjoy exclusive, up-close access to the Great Sphinx, going beyond the protective crowd barriers to inspect the paws of this marvelous ancient statue. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers to ring in the New Year during a festive dinner. B,L,D

Cairo / Sakkara

Sunday, January 1

Today, we plan to visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, scheduled to open in late 2022. After lunch, head to the remarkable Step Pyramid of King Djoser, built in the 27th century B.C. at nearby Sakkara. Stop to visit the tomb of Mereruka, and enjoy special access to the recently discovered tomb of Wahtye.

B,L,D

Cairo

Monday, January 2

This morning, tour the new National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, the permanent home of the nation's famous royal mummy collection, and gain special access to the restoration center. After lunch, head to Ibn Tulun Square for a tour of Islamic Cairo. Two must-see sites here are the Gayer-Anderson Museum and the ninth-century Ibn Tulun Mosque. Dinner is at leisure.

Cairo / Luxor

Tuesday, January 3

Board a privately chartered flight to Luxor, and check in at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. This afternoon, walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes at the Karnak Temple complex, and see the Great Hypostyle Hall, with its massive columns, dating to the 13th century B.C. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a group dinner.

B,L,D

Luxor / Embark Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

Wednesday, January 4

Spend the morning exploring the treasures of the West Bank, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes. Start in the Valley of the Queens. Visit Nefertari's awe-inspiring tomb, where access is limited to protect its vividly colorful wall paintings, which depict the Queen's journey into the afterlife. Stop to see the famed Colossi of Memnon, two massive statues of King Amenhotep III seated on a throne, both dating to 1350 B.C. Embark the privately chartered Sanctuary Nile Adventurer, and enjoy lunch aboard. This afternoon, enjoy the outstanding collection at the Luxor Museum, which exhibits treasures from the necropolis of Thebes. Dinner is on board. B.L.D

Luxor

Thursday, January 5

Early this morning, return to the West Bank. Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, and the temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari. Return to the ship for lunch, and enjoy a leisurely afternoon. At twilight, visit the sprawling Luxor Temple.

B,L,D

Edfu / Kom Ombo

Friday, January 6

Arrive in Edfu this morning. Visit the Temple of Horus, one of the best-preserved temples in the world, with its massive gateways, fully intact roof, and imposing sandstone walls adorned with hieroglyphs and ritual scenes. Lunch is on board as we sail towards Kom Ombo to view the Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to the ancient crocodile god Sobek and decorated with a series of beautiful reliefs. Enjoy a festive Egyptian dinner this evening.

Aswan

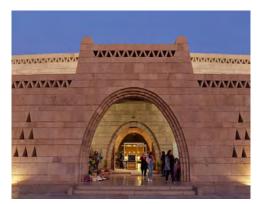
Saturday, January 7

In Aswan, take local boats to reach the Temple of Philae, built for the goddess Isis and relocated due to the rising flood waters of the Nile. See the unfinished obelisk at the ancient stone quarries. After lunch onboard, you may wish to relax onboard or visit the Nubian Museum, which showcases more than 3,000 objects from the civilization of Nubia. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner on board.

B,L,D



Ptolemaic Temple, Kom Ombo



Nubian Museum, Aswan

Aswan / Disembark / Abu Simbel / Cairo

Sunday, January 8

Depart for the airport this morning to board a privately chartered flight to Abu Simbel. See the massive, rock-cut temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari. Constructed in the 13th century B.C., the temples were relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam. After lunch, continue by private plane to Cairo, and check in at the St. Regis Cairo. Dinner is at leisure.

Cairo / Return

Monday, January 9

Depart the hotel early this morning for the flight home.

An optional postlude in Jordan is offered January 9-13, 2023

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

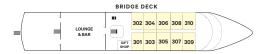
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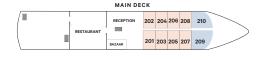
Cabin Categories	Cabin	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates			
Standard Cabins	106 to 111	Nile Deck	\$13,199	\$15,999			
177.6 sq. ft., cabins 106 & 110 have king beds, all others have twin beds							
Standard Cabins	201 to 208	Main Deck	\$13,999	Inquire			
177.6 sq. ft., cabins 203 & 204 have king beds, all others have twin beds							
Standard Cabins	301 to 310	Bridge Deck	\$14,499	Inquire			
163.4 sq. ft., cabins 305 & 309 have king beds, all others have twin beds							
Standard Cabins	401 to 404	Promenade Deck	\$14,999	Inquire			
153.4 sq. ft., cabin 401 has a king bed, all others have twin beds							
Deluxe Cabins	209 & 210	Main Deck	\$16,499	Inquire			
230 sq. ft., circular windows, cabin 209 has twin beds, 210 has a king bed							

456.8 sq. ft., private balconies, cabin 405 has twin beds, 406 has a king bed

SUN DECK SWIMMING POOL









Rates Include

- Six nights hotel accommodations
- Four nights accommodation aboard
 Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
 (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception,
 D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Internal flights by privately chartered aircraft (Cairo/Luxor, Aswan/Abu Simbel, Abu Simbel/Cairo)
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges

Not included in rates

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



The elegant Sanctuary Nile Adventurer has just 32 cabins. Decorated in a contemporary style, the ship's design combines modern Egyptian culture with 7,000 years of heritage.







Accommodations



The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo

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The Nile Ritz-Carlton carries a rich legacy of tradition and luxury. Overlooking the Nile River lies the iconic luxury hotel, offering travelers an opulent retreat in the heart of Cairo.



Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa

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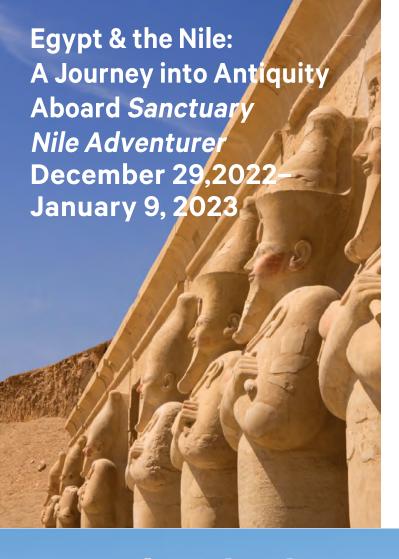
Nestled on the banks of the Nile, Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa offers stylish rooms with uninterrupted views from the water's edge, luxurious spa facilities, and stunning infinity pools.



The St. Regis Cairo

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This 36-story landmark delights with its lavishly appointed rooms and suites, state-of-the-art facilities, and seven thoughtfully crafted restaurants and bars.



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