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

December 29, 2022– January 9, 2023
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

**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
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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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.

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.

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.

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.

Cairo / Sakkara
Sunday, January 1
Today, we plan to visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, 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.

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.
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#### Reservation Form

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### 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.

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### Cairo / Return

#### Monday, January 9

Depart the hotel early this morning for the flight home.

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**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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### 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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**Nubian Museum, Aswan**

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**Aswan Museum**

Established in 1902, the Aswan Museum features a rich collection of artifacts from the surroundings of the temple of Abu Simbel. The museum houses items ranging from ancient Egyptian art to more recent works, offering a comprehensive view of the region's cultural heritage. Visitors can explore collections dedicated to various aspects, including mummies, funerary art, and everyday life.
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

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

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

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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