

# Splendors of the Nile

November 3 - 14, 2010 • 12 Days, 21 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 7 Dinners

Per person rates\*...Double \$4,749 • Single \$5,349 • Triple \$4,719

Deposit due date is 4/30/2010. Please call for availability after that date.

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Kansas City Intl Airport- MO, Hotel Transfers and Departure Taxes and fees of \$130 (subject to increase until paid in full), luggage handling, most meals, complimentary parking while on tour and a post trip reunion luncheon. There is always a Collette Tour Director as well as a 50 Plus Program escort when there are 15 or more travelers.

**Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$235 per person, gratuities for Collette Tour Director, local guides and drivers, Egypt entry visa of approximately \$20 per person, & shipboard personnel.

## Highlights...

Cairo • Pyramids • Memphis • Sakkara • Luxor • Valley of the Kings and Queens  
Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise • Aswan



### Day 1: Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Overnight Flight Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of the ancient Egyptians as you visit the incomparable sites of the pharaohs - Memphis and Sakkara, the Pyramids of Giza, Luxor and Karnak temples and the tombs on the West Bank of ancient Thebes. Cruise along the legendary Nile River, pass colonnaded temples and stop at the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo, situated at the crossroads of ancient caravan routes. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land.

### Day 2: Thursday, November 4, 2010

#### Cairo, Egypt

Gather for a special welcome reception and dinner this evening.  
*Today dinner will be included.*

### Day 3: Friday, November 5, 2010

#### Cairo - Giza - Memphis - Sakkara - Cairo

This morning travel to nearby Giza to visit one of the seven ancient wonders of the world – the Pyramids of Giza. This afternoon, travel south to visit the site of ancient Memphis, with its 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and Sakkara, where you will see the oldest of all the pyramids, the Step Pyramid. Return to the pyramids this evening for a captivating sound and light show. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 4: Saturday, November 6, 2010

#### Cairo - Luxor

Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, including statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures of the tomb of Tutankhamen. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 5: Sunday, November 7, 2010

#### Luxor

Begin your tour of ancient Thebes as you cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to visit the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of the massive complex of the Temple of Karnak. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 6: Monday, November 8, 2010

#### Luxor

Board Cruise Ship Return to the West Bank to visit the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. Embark on your Nile cruise this afternoon. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

### Day 7: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

#### Luxor

Your ship sails in the early hours of the morning. Begin sailing down the mighty Nile, arriving in Esna. Continue sailing this afternoon toward Edfu. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

## Day 8: Wednesday, November 10, 2010

### Edfu - Kom Ombo

This morning visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Following lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo, where you will tour the famous double sanctuary. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

## Day 9: Thursday, November 11, 2010

### Aswan

Arrive in the Nubian city of Aswan this morning and visit the ancient Philae Temple of Isis. Later, explore Nubian history and its environment with a visit to the Nubian Museum, known for its rich collection of artifacts showing the material culture of Nubia, from prehistory to present times. Your ship remains in Aswan overnight. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

## Day 10: Friday, November 12, 2010

### Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship

Disembark your ship this morning. You may choose an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples built by Pharaoh Ramses II, which were moved to their present site during construction of the Aswan High Dam. Later, sail by traditional felucca to Kitchener Island for a stroll through the botanical gardens. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

## Day 11: Saturday, November 13, 2010

### Aswan - Heliopolis

Fly from Aswan to Cairo\* and check into your hotel in Heliopolis. Tonight enjoy a delightful farewell dinner and share your experiences with your fellow travelers! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

## Day 12: Sunday, November 14, 2010

### Heliopolis - Tour Concludes *Today breakfast will be included.*

### **Educational Highlights in Egypt**

Learn about ancient Egyptian history during lectures in Cairo and on board the cruise by your Egyptologist/National Guide, who will accompany you throughout your journey. With their guidance, you will:

- Discover the roles of the pharaoh, religion, and art and architecture in ancient Egypt, from the pre-dynastic "Old Kingdom" through the achievements of the "New Kingdom" to the end of the dynastic period and the rule of the Greek Ptolemaic period, ending with the rule of Cleopatra.
- Explore the mystique behind the empire of the great builder and pharaoh, Ramses II and his wife Nefertari.
- Learn about the exciting recent archaeological finds in Egypt.
- Gain insight into the many differing tombs of the Valley of the Kings and hear about their site selection, tomb construction, rituals and symbolism.

### Your Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3	Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel, Cairo or Moevenpick Pyramids Resort, Giza, Cairo
Day 4, 5	Sheraton Luxor Hotel, Luxor
Day 6 - 9	<i>m/s Mirage I</i> Cruise Ship
Day 10	Moevenpick Resort, Aswan
Day 11	Le Meridien Hotel, Heliopolis

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used*

#### Please Note:

- Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing airfare with your Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
- The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.
- \*The internal flights on this program (from Cairo to Luxor, and Aswan to Cairo) are not included in the land price and must be purchased with the air portion of your vacation. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.
- Arrival and departure transfers to/from the airports in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor for the tour and/or one pre night are included when purchasing Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures air.
- Each client is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

### **Abu Simbel Optional Day Excursion**

Visit the great sun temples of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II at the height of his New Kingdom reign. In one of the world's greatest cooperative preservation efforts, these temples were dismantled and moved in 1968 to save them from the flooding of the Aswan Dam. The Temple of Ramses II was constructed so that the sun's rays would illuminate four statues of Egyptian deities within the sanctuary on his birthday and on the anniversary of his coronation, October 20 and February 20. The temple is fronted by four colossal figures of Ramses II seated with the gods and attended by his Queen and daughters. The smaller temple is dedicated to Queen Nefertari, who appears as Hathor, the goddess of love, joy and fertility.

This option includes transportation by air from Aswan, round trip transfers, guide and entrance fee. A soft drink will be served on the airplane, lunch is not included. Duration: approximately 6.0 hours. Transportation is included. Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. This option must be booked when booking the tour and passport number is required at time of booking; this option is non-refundable within 45 days of departure and is not covered by the Waiver if cancelled within 45 days of departure. \$ 400.00 USD per person.

- Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures prides itself on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes. In addition, temperatures on this tour can be very high, so bring adequate sun protection.
- Many days will have early departures for excursions to avoid the mid-day high temperatures.
- \*\*You must reserve the optional excursion to Abu Simbel when you book your tour. Museum visits and shopping may be affected with observance of religious or local holidays. The cost of this option is \$400 per person.
- An entry Visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for this Egypt visa is \$20 USD and can be obtained at the airport upon arrival. Your Tour Manager will help you with the visa purchase.
- This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

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## Important Reservation Information

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### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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The waiver insurance fees are fully refundable up to 4/30/2010. Waiver insurance is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. Waiver Insurance must be purchased at time of first deposit.

Collette Vacations can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Vacations itself, and its own employees.

The waiver insurance fees do not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. The waiver covers cancellation of your trip and does not cover cancellation of the airline portion only.

The waiver insurance fees cover lost, damaged or delayed baggage as well as medical expenses, emergency medical attention and worldwide travelers' assistance. See your booking agent for details.

### Do I need to be a member of Smithsonian to take a tour?

Yes, all Smithsonian Associates are invited to join our tours. If you are not currently an Associate you will be mailed the Smithsonian membership form with your pre-departure information packet. The membership fee is \$29.00 USD per family. In addition to unique travel opportunities, Associates also receive the following benefits:

- 12 issues of Smithsonian Magazine.
- Discount of 10% at Museum shops and on catalog purchases.
- Personalized membership card.
- Advance notice for seminars and events in your area.
- Free admission to The Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in NY.

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