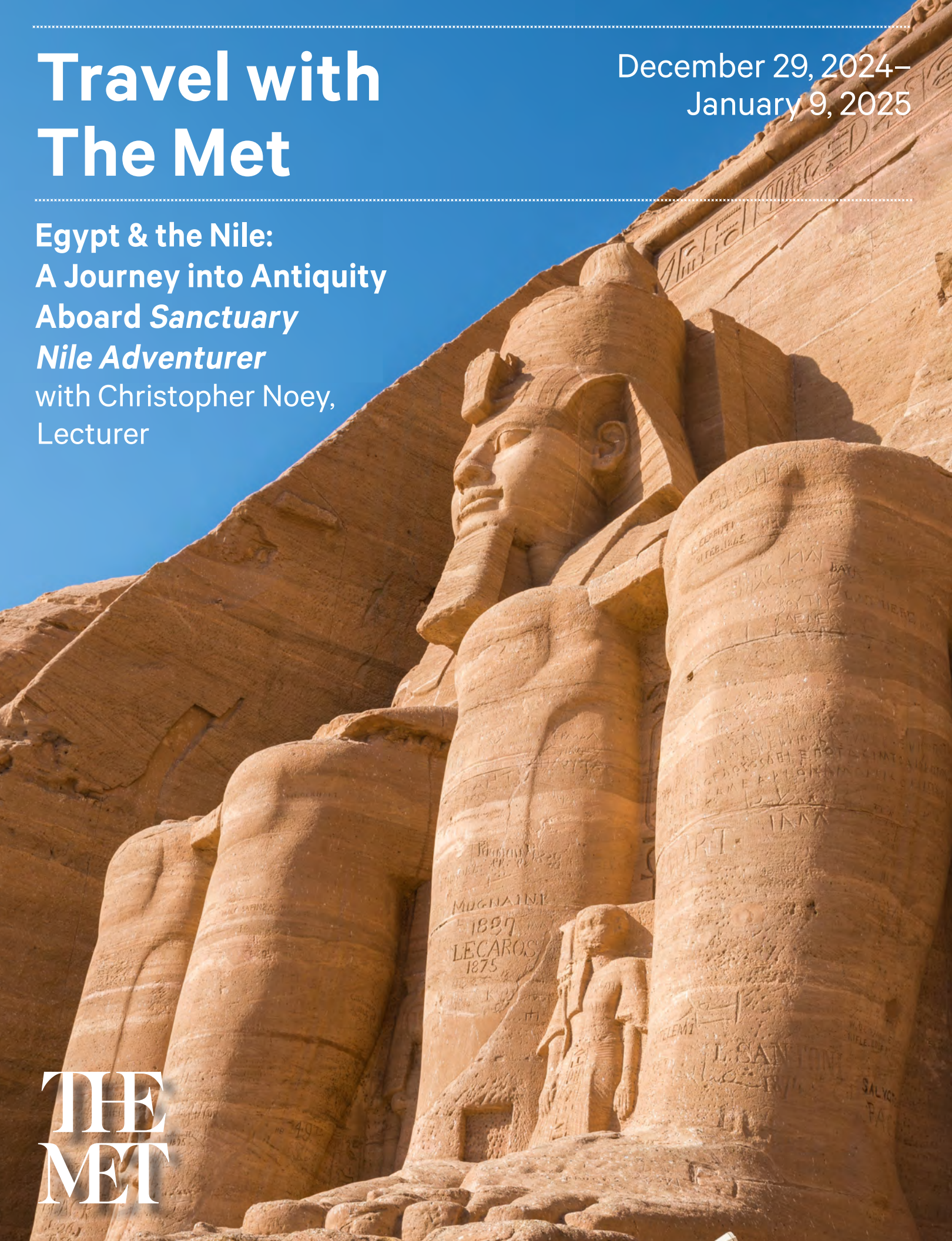


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January 9, 2025

**Egypt & the Nile:
A Journey into Antiquity
Aboard *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*
with Christopher Noey,
Lecturer**

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Photos from top: Detail of a column from the Temple of Philae, Aswan; Charles K. Wilkinson, *Queen Nefertari being led by Isis (detail)*, ca. 1279–1213 B.C. Facsimile by Charles K. Wilkinson, Tempera on paper. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Rogers Fund, 1930 (30.4.142)

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Aboard *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*

Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

The ancient land of Egypt has enthralled travelers for centuries. No one can fail to be moved by the Great Pyramids, the tombs and temples of Luxor, or the majestic Nile River. Add the dynamic city of Cairo, special entrée to archaeological sites, and a wonderful, four-night Nile River expedition aboard the deluxe *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*, and you have an unforgettable experience.

Cairo's luxurious St. Regis Hotel will provide a wonderful home base from which to explore the Egyptian capital and surrounding cities. Of course, we will see the magnificent Great Pyramids up close and venture beyond the crowd barriers for exclusive access to the Great Sphinx. I'm excited to introduce you to Cairo's National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, which opened in 2021 as the new permanent home of Egypt's ancient kings. We'll enjoy private access to the museum's restoration center.

In nearby Sakkara, we will enjoy special access to the reopened underground apartments of Egypt's oldest pyramid, followed by a private visit to the 4,400-year-old tomb of the priest Wahtye, newly uncovered in 2018, with its beautiful hieroglyphs, statues, and reliefs.

We will fly by private jet to Luxor for an overnight stay at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. Amidst Luxor's ancient temples gleaming in the sunlight, we'll feel the majesty of ancient Egypt at its height. We'll cross the Nile to explore the tombs of the Valley of the Kings, and we have arranged exclusive access to Queen Nefertari's strikingly adorned tomb, whose vividly colorful wall paintings have been meticulously preserved.

Our four-night Nile River voyage awaits aboard the elegant *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*. The ancient world comes to life as we cruise down this legendary river. Highlights include visits to the miraculously preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, the Ptolemaic temple at Kom Ombo, and the enchanting island Temple of Philae. In Aswan, we will disembark *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* and fly by private jet to Abu Simbel, where we'll see the colossal statues of Ramesses II, which tower seven stories high and were painstakingly moved during the construction of the Aswan High Dam. We will conclude the journey with a return to Cairo.

I hope you will join me for this in-depth adventure into the world's most fabled ancient civilization.

Sincerely,
Christopher Noey
Lecturer
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Traveling with You

Christopher Noey

Christopher Noey is an art historian, author, and an Emmy award-winning producer of films on art and culture who has been traveling to Egypt for 40 years. An expert in Asian and Islamic art, Mr. Noey has taught at Williams College and the City College of New York. At The Metropolitan Museum of Art, he created video installations for a diverse array of exhibitions, including *Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty* and *Jerusalem 1000-1400: Every People Under Heaven*, and he was series director of the innovative online features *82nd & Fifth* and *The Artist Project*.

Trip Highlights

- Enjoy intimate access to the **Great Sphinx**, venturing beyond the crowd barriers to fully appreciate this colossal ancient statue
- Take a special inside look at the **tomb of Wahtye** in Sakkara, discovered in 2018, as well as the **Step Pyramid of King Djoser**, Egypt's oldest pyramid
- Board the elegant ***Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*** for a four-night Nile River voyage and explore the monuments at Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo, and Aswan
- Explore the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**, the new permanent home of Egypt's ancient kings that opened in 2021, and gain special access to the restoration center
- 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 World Heritage Site of Thebes**, with its exquisite array of temples in Luxor and tombs, including the Valley of the Kings



Ceremonial Implement in the Shape of an Ankh, ca. 1400–1390 B.C. Faience. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915 (30.8.30)



Photos clockwise from top right: Interior, Gayer-Anderson Museum, Cairo; Map of the region; Interior, Temple of Ramesses II, Abu Simbel; Ibn Tulun Mosque, Cairo; Camel and The Great Pyramids, Giza; Temple of Philae, Aswan. Front cover: The Great Temple of Abu Simbel. Back cover: *Felucca* on the Nile at Aswan (top); Karnak Temple, Abu Simbel, photo by Brynn Hyland (bottom).

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National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, Cairo

Departure

Sunday, December 29

Depart on an overnight flight to Cairo.

Cairo, Egypt

Monday, December 30

Arrive in Cairo this afternoon and transfer to the elegant St. Regis, our home for the next four nights. After introductory remarks from Christopher Noey, mingle at the welcome reception. R

Cairo / Giza

Tuesday, December 31

On New Year's Eve, start with an exclusive guided tour of the legendary Great Pyramids. At the Great Sphinx, venture beyond the protective crowd barriers for exclusive access to this colossal masterpiece, which stands 66 feet tall and extends more than 240 feet long. This evening, celebrate the arrival of 2025 in style at a joyous dinner. B,L,D

Cairo

Wednesday, January 1

Enjoy a guided morning tour of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, the permanent home of Egypt's famous ancient kings, which opened in 2021. Marvel at its vast collection spanning 7,000 years of Egyptian history. Gain special access to the museum's restoration

center to witness the meticulous care that goes into preserving ancient artifacts. After lunch, head to Ibn Tulun Square for an expert-led tour of Islamic Cairo, including stops at the Gayer-Anderson Museum, which houses a collection of treasures from ancient Egypt, the Islamic world, and China; the ninth-century Ibn Tulun Mosque, one of Egypt's best-preserved mosques; and/or the splendid Sultan Hassan Mosque, a Mamluk-era wonder known for its intricate calligraphy and tranquil courtyard. B,L,D

Cairo / Sakkara

Thursday, January 2

Discover the eagerly anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum with an expert guide (*pending opening*). Here, admire the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, including many never exhibited before, and the complete collection of Tutankhamun treasures, featuring more than 7,000 pieces. After lunch, continue to Sakkara and the Step Pyramid of King Djoser, Egypt's oldest pyramid. Designed by Imhotep, the world's first recorded architect, in the 27th century B.C., this structure stands nearly 200 feet tall. Gain exclusive access to the labyrinthine burial chambers beneath the pyramid's base.

Enjoy special access to the tomb of Wahtye, a prominent priest from the Old Kingdom's Fifth Dynasty around 2450 B.C. Discovered in 2018, the complex boasts an ornate, above-ground chapel adorned with painted reliefs, inscriptions, and statues. Richly colored hieroglyphs and an assembly of 55 statues populate the tomb, giving insights into the beliefs and aspirations of the elite class during this era. Dinner is at your leisure. B,L

Cairo / Luxor

Friday, January 3

Board a privately chartered flight to Luxor, known as the "World's Largest Outdoor Museum." Check into the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa for an overnight stay. This afternoon, walk along the recently reopened Avenue of Sphinxes, connecting the elegant Luxor Temple to the great Karnak Temple, and gaze upon the massive columns of its Hypostyle Hall. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for dinner. B,L,D

Luxor / Embark Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

Saturday, January 4

Join experts for an exclusive tour of the West Bank's archaeological wonders, including the expansive ancient Thebes necropolis and the Valley of the Queens, the eternal resting place of pharaohs' wives. Delight in rare private access to Queen Nefertari's tomb, the "Sistine Chapel of Ancient Egypt," where entry has been limited to preserve its vividly colorful paintings. Afterwards, marvel at the twin Colossi of Memnon, 70-foot-tall statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III dating back to 1350 B.C. Step aboard the privately chartered *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* and enjoy lunch. This afternoon, explore the outstanding collection at the Luxor Museum, which exhibits treasures from the Thebes necropolis, including exceptionally well-preserved statues unearthed in the late 20th century. Savor dinner on the ship this evening. B,L,D

Luxor

Sunday, January 5

Early this morning, return to the West Bank. Explore the tomb of Tutankhamun, the famous boy pharaoh, in the Valley of the Kings, the prestigious burial site of pharaohs, queens, and high-ranking officials during the New Kingdom. Take an inside look at the beautiful temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari, whose walls are covered with lovely painted reliefs depicting temple rituals and religious festivals. Return to the ship for lunch, and enjoy a leisurely afternoon. Delight in an inside look at the sprawling Luxor Temple as the sun's fading light illuminates its sandstone columns and carved hieroglyphs. B,L,D

Edfu / Kom Ombo

Monday, January 6

Go behind the scenes of Egypt's Greco-Roman marvels, beginning in Edfu. Explore the monumental Temple of Horus, its intact walls covered in hieroglyphs and scenes depicting the revered falcon god. After lunch on board, arrive at the one-of-a-kind double Temple of Kom Ombo. Admire its perfectly symmetrical Greco-Roman design and its beautifully carved reliefs fusing Egyptian, Greek, and Roman styles. Partake in a festive Egyptian dinner this evening. B,L,D

Aswan

Tuesday, January 7

In Aswan, take local boats to reach the Temple of Philae, built for the great goddess Isis and relocated due to the rising flood waters of the Nile. Then see an unfinished obelisk at the ancient stone quarries. After lunch, you may wish to relax on board. Alternatively, visit the Nubian Museum, which features landscaped gardens, artificial lakes, and more than 3,000 objects going as far back as 3500 B.C. that tell the full story of Nubian culture. Tonight, enjoy a festive farewell aboard the ship. B,L,D

Aswan / Disembark / Abu Simbel / Cairo

Wednesday, January 8

Depart for the airport this morning to board a privately chartered flight to Abu Simbel. See the massive, rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari. Constructed in the 13th century B.C., the temples were buried in the sand for centuries and rediscovered at the start of the 19th century. They were relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam. Continue by private plane to Cairo and check back in at the St. Regis for a final night. Gather this evening for dinner at the hotel. B,L,D

Cairo / Return

Thursday, January 9

Depart the hotel early this morning and transfer to the airport for your flights home. B

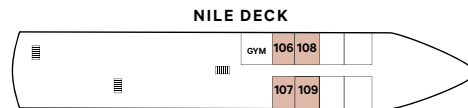
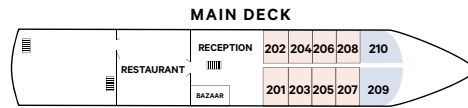
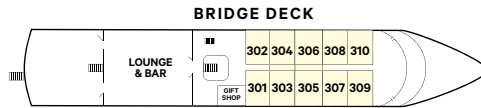
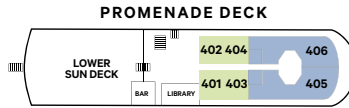
An optional postlude in Jordan is offered January 9–13, 2025.

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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Cruise Rates

Cabin Categories	Cabin	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
Standard Cabins	106 to 109	Nile Deck	\$13,999	\$17,999
177.6 sq. ft., cabins 106 & 110 have king beds, all others have twin beds				
Standard Cabins	201 to 208	Main Deck	\$14,999	Inquire
177.6 sq. ft., cabins 203 & 204 have king beds, all others have twin beds				
Standard Cabins	301 to 310	Bridge Deck	\$15,499	Inquire
163.4 sq. ft., cabins 305 & 309 have king beds, all others have twin beds				
Standard Cabins	401 to 404	Promenade Deck	\$15,999	Inquire
153.4 sq. ft., cabin 401 has a king bed, all others have twin beds				
Deluxe Cabins	209 & 210	Main Deck	\$17,999	Inquire
230 sq. ft., circular windows, cabin 209 has twin beds, 210 has a king bed				
Presidential Suites	405 & 406	Promenade Deck	\$18,999	Inquire
456.8 sq. ft., private balconies, cabin 405 has twin beds, 406 has a king bed				



Rates Include

- Five nights hotel accommodations at the St. Regis Cairo; one night hotel accommodations at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa; and four nights cabin accommodations 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
- Internal flights by privately chartered aircraft (Cairo-Luxor / Aswan-Abu Simbel / Abu Simbel-Cairo)
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not included in rates

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

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); email: met@arrangementsabroad.com; or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

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Accommodations

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a room/cabin with _____

Optional Postlude

I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Jordan
 Hotel room preference One bed Two beds Single

Form of payment

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Signature (required) _____ Date _____

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Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Photos clockwise from top: Sun Deck, Lounge, and breakfast on board

The elegant *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* has just 30 cabins. Decorated in a contemporary style, the ship's design combines modern Egyptian culture with 7,000 years of heritage.

Accommodations



The St. Regis Cairo



Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa

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.

Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa

Nestled on the banks of the Nile, this resort offers stylish rooms with uninterrupted views from the water's edge, luxurious spa facilities, and stunning infinity pools.

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