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A Journey into Antiquity: Egypt & The Nile with Christopher Noey Lecturer

December 29, 2019–January 9, 2020
A Journey into Antiquity: Egypt & The Nile

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 romantic Nile River. Add marvelous Greco-Roman ruins, special entrée to many of these timeless treasures, and a luxury Nile cruise, and you have an experience that is unforgettable.

From its founding in 1870, The Metropolitan Museum of Art has been engaged with the art of Ancient Egypt with a rich history of excavations, exhibitions, and important discoveries. Travel back in time with us this December to explore this fascinating country. Spend four nights in Cairo at the Four Seasons at the First Residence, overlooking the pyramids. Our morning exploring these legendary monuments will include up-close access to the paws of the Sphinx nearby. We will also ring in the New Year with a celebratory dinner at our hotel, discover Islamic Cairo, and take a behind-the-ropes tour of the conservation labs at the new Grand Egyptian Museum.

Then we board a privately chartered flight to Abu Simbel to see the colossal statues of Ramses II and Nefertari, which tower seven stories high and were painstakingly moved during construction of the Aswan High Dam. Continue by air to Aswan to visit the lesser-known Nubian Museum before our four-night Nile cruise aboard the privately chartered Sanctuary Nile Adventurer. Along the way, step off to meet Sobek, the crocodile god; and take a twilight tour of graceful Luxor Temple, when the setting sun makes the stones gleam. Marvel at the magnificence of Nefertari’s tomb in the Valley of the Queens, and lose yourself amid the redwood-sized columns of Karnak Temple’s Hypostyle Hall before returning to Cairo for flights home.

An optional postlude to Jordan, with visits to Petra and other sites, is also offered.

Egypt is like no other country on Earth. Even if you have visited before, this program will uncover much that is new. I hope you will join me for this exceptional opportunity.

Sincerely,
Christopher Noey
Lecturer
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Trip Highlights

— Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Great Sphinx of Giza
— Be among the first to visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, with special access to the artifacts in the conservation labs
— Fly by private plane to Abu Simbel to marvel at the colossal temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Nefertari
— Sail the Nile aboard Sanctuary Nile Adventurer, a privately chartered vessel known for its air of intimate luxury
— Experience the treasures of the West Bank of Luxor, including Nefertari’s tomb, which has been called “the Sistine Chapel of Ancient Egypt”
— Discover the lesser-known Nubian Museum in Aswan, housing priceless artifacts of the place known to ancient Egyptians as “the land of gold”
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**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 hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome reception with introductory remarks by lecturer, Christopher Noey.

**Giza**  
Tuesday, December 31  
This morning, tour the legendary Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Explore the Solar Boat Museum, housing the exceptionally preserved cedar boat found near the Pyramid of Khufu, then enjoy special access to the Sphinx. Following a late lunch, return to the hotel. Gather for a lecture in the evening before our early New Year’s celebration dinner.

**Cairo**  
Wednesday, January 1  
Begin the day with a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, housing the world’s greatest collection of ancient treasures, including objects from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Following a light lunch, explore the Museum of Islamic Art and view the splendid Sultan Hassan Mosque. Dinner is at leisure.

**Sakkara / Giza**  
Thursday, January 2  
See the site of the remarkable Step Pyramid of King Zoser, built in the 27th century B.C.E., at nearby Sakkara. After lunch, we plan to visit the impressive new Grand Egyptian Museum. Tour the conservation labs and see artifacts up close. The evening is free.

**Cairo / Abu Simbel / Aswan**  
Friday, January 3  
Depart for the airport early this morning to board a privately chartered flight to Abu Simbel. See the monumental temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari. Constructed in the 13th century B.C.E., the temples were relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam. Experience a Nubian lunch before we continue by air to Aswan and check in at the historic Sofitel Legend Old Cataract. Dine together this evening. B, L, D

**Aswan / Embark Sanctuary Nile Adventurer**  
Saturday, January 4  
This morning, visit 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 before we board the privately chartered Sanctuary Nile Adventurer. Lunch will be served on the ship in the afternoon. Choose between a sail on a Nile felucca (traditional sailboat) or a visit to the Nubian Museum, designed by Egyptian architect Mahmoud El-Hakim. Toast the beginning of our Nile River voyage during dinner.

**Kom Ombo / Edfu**  
Sunday, January 5  
During breakfast, Sanctuary Nile Adventurer begins her cruise down the river. Step ashore in Kom Ombo in the late morning to view the picturesque Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to the ancient crocodile god Sobek and decorated with a series of beautiful reliefs. Attend a lecture as we continue sailing towards Edfu for an afternoon visit to the impressive Temple of Horus, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Enjoy a festive Egyptian dinner and celebration tonight.

**Luxor**  
Monday, January 6  
This morning, Sanctuary Nile Adventurer arrives in Luxor. Discover the outstanding collection at the Luxor Museum. Following lunch on board, enjoy free time to shop and walk along the Corniche before a twilight visit to Luxor Temple, remarkable for its exceptional state of preservation. Dinner is onboard tonight.

**Luxor / Disembar / Cairo**  
Wednesday, January 8  
This morning, walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes at Karnak Temple and see the Great Hypostyle Hall, with its intricately carved columns. Following lunch, fly back to Cairo to overnight at a hotel near the airport. Alternatively, continue to Amman, Jordan, for the optional extension to Petra. Dinner and the evening are at leisure.

**Cairo / Return**  
Thursday, January 9  
Depart Cairo on a return flight home.

An optional postlude in Jordan is offered January 8-13, 2020

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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For details and more trip information, please go to metmuseum.org/travel
Accommodations

**Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence**
Stay in the heart of Cairo, with views of the Great Pyramids to enchant you. The hotel's spacious rooms look out on a range of lovely vistas. Enjoy authentic dining and elegant facilities.

**Sofitel Legend Old Cataract**
This stylish property blends Pharaonic treasures with French style. Travel back in time to a more elegant era, as you enter a world of Moorish domes, Byzantine arches, and exquisite Persian carpets.

**Sanctuary Nile Adventurer**
Sanctuary Nile Adventurer has just 32 cabins, offering a luxurious yet relaxed cruise on the Nile. Decorated in a contemporary style, the ship’s design combines modern Egyptian culture with 7,000 years of heritage. This is a taste of five-star luxury on a timeless river.

**Heliopolis Towers Hotel**
This iconic hotel is just a short drive from the city center. Amenities include a wellness spa, beauty salon, two outdoor pools, a fitness center and sport courts, and 15 restaurants and bars with cuisines from all over the world.

Rate Includes

- Ten nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine/beer at dinners
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Internal flights by private charter: Cairo/Abu Simbel/Aswan; Luxor/Cairo
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach; entrance fees for included visits
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; custom shipboard gratuities

Not included in rate
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; optional postlude in Jordan; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included

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**Sanctuary Nile Adventurer**

**Cruise Rates**

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**Reservation Form**

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); 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, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full. Please print.

Address

City    State    Zip

Telephone (home)    (business)

Fax    Email

Accommodations

- Hotel room preference □ One bed □ Two beds □ Single
- I wish to share a room with

Optional Postlude

□ I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Jordan

Hotel room preference □ One bed □ Two beds □ Single

Form of Payment

□ Check (payable to Arrangements Abroad) □ Debit card □ Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

Each participant must sign below. I/We have read, understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms and detailed in program documents. I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure.

Signature (required) Date

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