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A Journey into Antiquity: Egypt & The Nile
Aboard Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
with Isabel Stünkel
Associate Curator, Department of Egyptian Art

December 27, 2021– January 7, 2022
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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Join me to celebrate 2021 with special access to the timeless treasures of Egypt. As an Egyptologist, I have been extremely fortunate to have spent significant time excavating for The Met in this awe-inspiring land. I am thrilled to share my insights with you on this 12-day program combining travel by private plane and deluxe riverboat. Even if you’ve traveled to Egypt before, you won’t want to miss this exciting exploration of its ancient splendors.

We will begin in Giza and Cairo with a fascinating look at the Great Pyramids and the enigmatic Great Sphinx, admiring its details up close, away from the crowds. A highlight will be a special, full-day tour of the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest archaeological museum. Nearby, we will visit Sakkara, where we will see the just-opened underground apartments of Egypt’s oldest pyramid. A private plane will take us to Abu Simbel, where we marvel at the massive temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari, carved out of a mountain in the 13th century B.C. These exceptional structures were remarkably relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam.

We will continue by air to Aswan, where we will visit the temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis and romantically situated on an island. We will then board the lavishly appointed Sanctuary Nile Adventurer for our four-night Nile River voyage. Our first stop will be Kom Ombo, where we will encounter the crocodile god Sobek at the Ptolemaic temple. In Edfu, we will behold the imposing Temple of Horus, with its enormous gateways. Over two days in Luxor, we will explore ancient Thebes, the UNESCO-recognized area with many famous temples and tombs. A phenomenal highlight will be rare access to Queen Nefertari’s exquisitely preserved tomb, adorned with strikingly colorful wall paintings. We will disembark and fly back to Cairo to visit its spectacular museums.

Egypt is an extraordinary destination that has inspired my life’s work, and I hope to ring in the New Year with you there next winter.

Sincerely,
Isabel Stünkel
Associate Curator, Department of Egyptian Art
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Trip Highlights

— Enjoy up-close access to the paws of the Great Sphinx, venturing beyond the crowd barriers to fully appreciate this colossal ancient statue

— 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

— Marvel at the Step Pyramid of King Djoser, Egypt’s oldest pyramid, and take a special inside look at its impressive underground apartments, opened for the first time in many decades

— Sail the Nile aboard Sanctuary Nile Adventurer, a privately chartered deluxe riverboat, and stay at lavish hotels including the illustrious Sofitel Old Winter Palace Hotel, the 19th-century palace that once housed Agatha Christie

— Behold the massive temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari, carved out of a mountainside and remarkably relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam

— Discover the vast, UNESCO-recognized area of Thebes, a spectacular snapshot of ancient Egyptian civilization at its peak, with its exquisite array of temples and tombs
Photos clockwise from top right: Regional map; Mosque of Ibn Tulun, Cairo, photo by Ryan Kilpatrick; Sanctuary Nile Adventurer on the Nile, Temple of Hatshepsut, Luxor, photo by qdmphoto; Feluccas on the Nile, lounge, Sanctuary Nile Adventurer; Luxor Temple, photo by Alex Saberi. Front cover: The Great Sphinx, Giza. Back cover: Cartonnage fragment, 100–300 A.D. Linen, stucco, paint. Metropolitan Museum of Art. Rogers Fund, 1913 [13.182.42] (top); Karnak Temple (bottom).
**A Journey into Antiquity: Egypt & The Nile**
*December 27, 2021–January 7, 2022*

**Cairo, Egypt**

**Tuesday, December 28**

Arrive in Cairo this afternoon and transfer to the elegant Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence, our home for the next three nights. Gather this evening for introductory remarks by your lecturer, and toast the beginning of the program at a festive welcome reception. 

**Cairo / Giza / Sakkara**

**Wednesday, December 29**

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. After lunch, explore the Solar Boat Museum, housing the exceptionally preserved cedar boat found near the Pyramid of Khufu. Continue to the remarkable Step Pyramid of Djoser, built in the 27th century B.C. at nearby Sakkara, and take a rare look at its impressive burial chamber reopened in March 2020 for the first time since the 1930s. Stop to visit the tomb of Mereruka. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. 

**Cairo**

**Thursday, December 30**

Today, discover the new Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest archaeological museum, scheduled to open in 2021. In the afternoon, return to the hotel for a lecture, followed by dinner together.

**Cairo / Luxor**

**Friday, December 31**

Board a privately chartered flight to Luxor and continue to the Sofitel Old Winter Palace Hotel. This afternoon, walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes at the Karnak temple complex, and see the Hypostyle Hall, with its massive columns. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers to ring in the New Year during a festive dinner.

**Luxor / Embark**

**Sanctuary Nile Adventurer**

**Saturday, January 1**

Spend the morning exploring the treasures of the West Bank, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes. Visit 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 and then venture to the less-visited tombs of the nobles. 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.

**Luxor**

**Sunday, January 2**

Early this morning, return to the West Bank to view the famed Colossi of Memnon, 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.

**Edfu / Kom Ombo**

**Monday, January 3**

Arrive this morning in Edfu for a visit to 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**

**Tuesday, January 4**

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, 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.

**Aswan / Disembark / Abu Simbel / Cairo**

**Wednesday, January 5**

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. Continue by private plane to Cairo, and check in at your hotel. Dinner is at leisure.

**Cairo**

**Thursday, January 6**

Admire the Coptic Museum’s fine collection of textiles and artifacts from around the country. Continue to the 4th-century Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus as well as the Ben Ezra Synagogue, where the Geniza Documents were discovered. After lunch, tour the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, housing one of the world’s greatest collections of ancient treasures. Gather for a celebratory dinner this evening as we conclude an unforgettable journey.

**Cairo / Return**

**Friday, January 7**

Depart the hotel early this morning for flights home.

**An optional postlude in Jordan is offered January 7-11, 2022.**

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.
Accommodations

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence, Cairo
Savor classical grandeur in the heart of ancient Cairo, with zoological gardens on one side and the western bank of the Nile on the other.

 Sofitel Old Winter Palace Hotel, Luxor
This Luxor hotel blends rich colonial design with the glory of Pharaonic times. In this 19th-century palace, once a winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family, Agatha Christie wrote her famed 1937 novel Death on the Nile. From presidents and politicians to artists and celebrities, distinguished guests have stayed in this Luxor hotel’s sumptuous suites overlooking the Valley of the Kings.

The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo
This Cairo icon overlooks the ancient waterway of the world’s most legendary civilization.

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.

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Rate Includes
— Six nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
— Four nights cabin accommodations aboard Sanctuary Nile Adventurer as per itinerary
— 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; local wine and beer with dinners
— Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
— Internal flights by privately chartered aircraft: Cairo/Luxor, Aswan/Abu Simbel/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, customary shipboard gratuities

Not included in rate
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses (e.g. laundry services); airport transfers other than for those on departure and return dates; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional Jordan postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

Cruise Rates

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Optional Postlude
- I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Jordan

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 60 days prior to departure.

Signature (required) Date

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