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OCTOBER 18-30, 2026

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Alexandria Pre-Tour and
Jordan Post-Tour

DISCOVER EGYPT AND THE NILE VALLEY

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Dear Texas Ex,

We cordially invite you to join us for a historical and cultural immersion into Egypt's ancient treasures and timeless wonders. From iconic landmarks to architectural marvels, this land of pharaohs and pyramids is undeniably a crucial part of human history.

Stand in awe before the Great Pyramid of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx before delving deep into the annals of history at the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum, where treasures from Egypt's rich past come to life. In Luxor, venture into the hallowed grounds of the Valley of the Kings. The Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut will transport you to a bygone era of grandeur and opulence.

Mid-journey embark upon your private dahabiya—a traditional Egyptian sailing vessel—for four relaxing days and nights along the Nile River, granting rare access to ruins and temples during less occupied times. On land stay at five-star hotels, each a sanctuary of comfort and luxury.

This well-paced journey reveals Egypt's monumental history, staggering technological achievements and compelling human stories.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just $50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org with questions or to make a reservation.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team
Margaret, Janice, and Catherine

Discover Egypt and the Nile Valley | Itinerary Highlights

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day 2 ARRIVE IN CAIRO, EGYPT Upon arrival to Cairo International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Settle into your luxurious accommodations with time to refresh and unwind—the remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. Cairo itself is bustling with vibrant energy, as locals move about their daily lives.
Overnight: Marriott Mena House, Cairo

Day 3 CAIRO | GIZA (B,L,D) Awake to extraordinary views of pyramids and palm trees situated against Cairo's expansive horizon. Following breakfast view the iconic Great Pyramid—the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—and the Great Sphinx, impressively carved from a single mass of limestone atop the Giza Plateau. Step over to the Grand Egyptian Museum, a newly opened complex described as the largest archaeological museum in the world and host to more than 100,000 artifacts.
Overnight: Marriott Mena House, Cairo

Day 4 CAIRO | FLIGHT TO LUXOR (B,L,D) Visit the vast necropolis of Sakkara, the 14th century Mosque of Sultan Hassan and some of Cairo's ancient Coptic churches. Early this evening transfer to Cairo International Airport for the group flight to Luxor. Check into your hotel then gather for dinner.
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 5 LUXOR (B,L) Take a guided tour through the Karnak Temple Complex— a principal religious center in the New Kingdom—with its massive statues, towering obelisks, intricate hieroglyphics and the Avenue of Sphinxes. Tonight explore the magnificent Luxor Temple and enjoy its illuminated beauty. Dinner is at leisure at the hotel.
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 6 LUXOR | ESNA – EMBARKATION | NILE RIVER (B,L,D) Venture to the hallowed grounds of the Valley of the Kings, an ancient burial site of many influential Egyptian pharaohs and other prominent figures. Admire the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, a multi-story structure built to honor one of the few female pharaohs of the New Kingdom.
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 7 EDFU | NILE (B,L,D) Join your Egyptologist for a guided tour to the necropolis at El Kab. Continue to Edfu to tour the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus—the most complete and best-preserved temple in Egypt. The remainder of the day is at leisure to rejuvenate aboard the dahabiya. The elegantly appointed staterooms are a tranquil oasis after full days of exploration.
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 8 EDFU | NILE | KOM OMBO (B,L,D) Visit Gebel el-Silsila, an ancient quarry where pharaohs excavated sandstone and limestone blocks to build their temples and monuments. Return to the dahabiya to unwind during an afternoon of sailing. Join a discussion with one of the Egyptologists or kick back on a plush lounger gazing at the scenery passing by. Tonight enjoy a special barbecue dinner on a nearby island.
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 9 KOM OMBO | NILE (B,L,D) Explore the fascinating temple of Kom Ombo. Return to the dahabiya for a final night of sailing, and partake in a special gala dinner on board.
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 10 NILE – DISEMBARKATION | ASWAN (B,L) Tour Aswan High Dam. Later, take a motorboat ride to Agilkia, site of the temples of Philae dedicated to the goddess Isis. Enjoy time at the hotel before exploring Aswan's famous market, Sharia as-Souq.
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan

Day 11 ASWAN (B,D) Visit Elephantine Island to explore its UNESCO World Heritage archaeological sites. The remainder of today is at leisure.
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan

Day 12 ASWAN | OPTIONAL ABU SIMBEL EXCURSION | FLIGHT TO CAIRO (B,L,D) Optional excursion guests fly round-trip between Aswan and Abu Simbel. Other guests enjoy a morning at leisure before the afternoon return flight to Cairo. Gather for a special farewell dinner.
Overnight: Le Méridien Cairo Airport

Day 13 CAIRO | DEPART FOR U.S. (B) Use the skybridge conveniently connecting the hotel to Terminal 3 of Cairo International Airport for flights home.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

What's Included

- 7 nights luxury hotel accommodations plus 4 nights aboard a stately dahabiya
- 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners
- All excursions listed on the 13-day itinerary including admission to sites and venues
- Excursion transportation
- Internal airfare from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
- Gratuities to hotels, drivers, dahabiya staff, porters and guides
- Group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Activity Level: Guests should be able to climb stairs, stand for long periods of time, and be able to walk 1.5 miles over uneven surfaces, sometimes on gravel, sand or stone.

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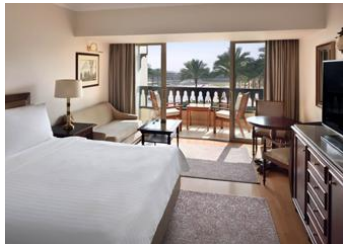
Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE, CAIRO

Originally built as a hunting lodge in 1869, Mena House served as a private residence until 1886, when it was opened to the public as a hotel. The property features 40 acres of lavish gardens, four restaurants and lounges, outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, health club and full service spa (additional fees for services).



SOFITEL WINTER PALACE LUXOR

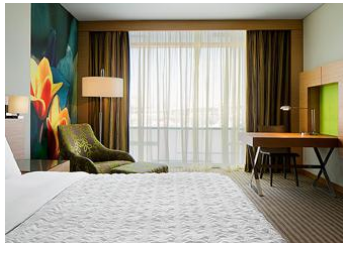
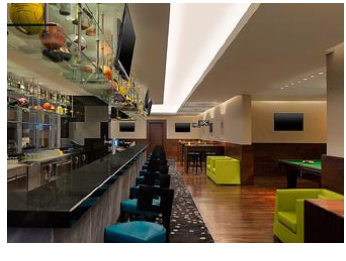
Perched peacefully on the bank of the Nile River, Winter Palace's five-star accommodations provide an alluring atmosphere for a regal respite. Once the winter residence of King Farouk, this property also housed 19th-century explorers in search of Egyptian antiquities and artifacts.

SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT ASWAN

Step back to the time of the pharaohs, surrounded by grandeur and opulence of this 5-star property. Walk the ravishing grounds, and feel a part of royalty that once frequented the hotel.

LE MÉRIDIEN CAIRO AIRPORT

This fully soundproofed luxury hotel is conveniently linked to Terminal 3 of Cairo International Airport by a pedestrian bridge. The property features an impressive sports bar, three restaurants serving Chinese, Lebanese or Mediterranean cuisine, a fitness center and a heated outdoor pool.

Onboard the dahabiya

With a capacity of just 14 guests per boat, our 155-foot dahabiyas are designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure while sailing the Nile River.

Each stateroom provides spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with en suite facilities. Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Egyptian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy the large sun deck, dining and lounge areas, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES

Standard: One king or two twin beds, view window, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 205 sq.ft.

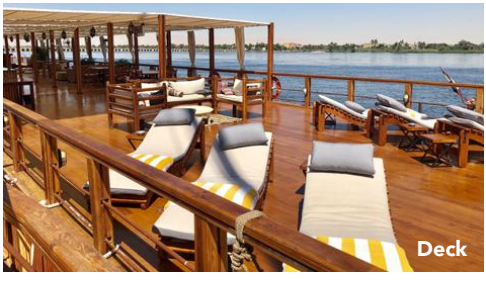
Suite: One queen bed, private balcony, view windows, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 250 sq.ft.

Standard

Suite

Lounge

Dining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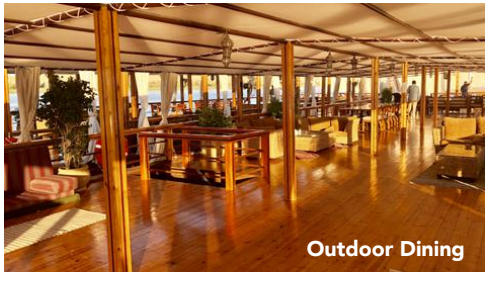
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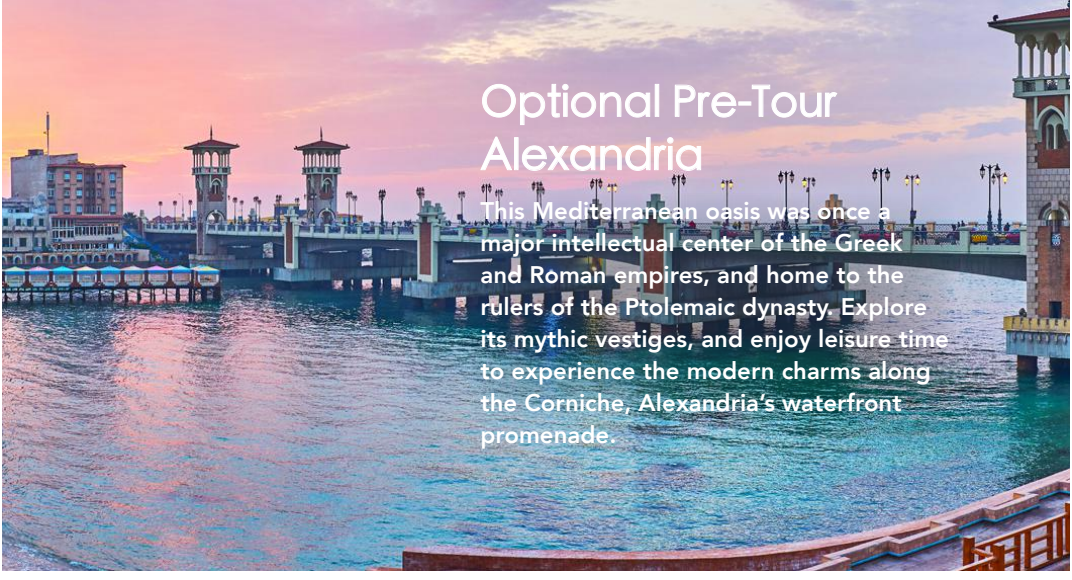


Optional Pre-Tour Alexandria

This Mediterranean oasis was once a major intellectual center of the Greek and Roman empires, and home to the rulers of the Ptolemaic dynasty. Explore its mythic vestiges, and enjoy leisure time to experience the modern charms along the Corniche, Alexandria's waterfront promenade.

Day +1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day +2 ARRIVE IN CAIRO, EGYPT Upon arrival to Cairo International Airport transfer to your five-star accommodations and enjoy the first evening at leisure.
Overnight: Marriott Mena House, Cairo

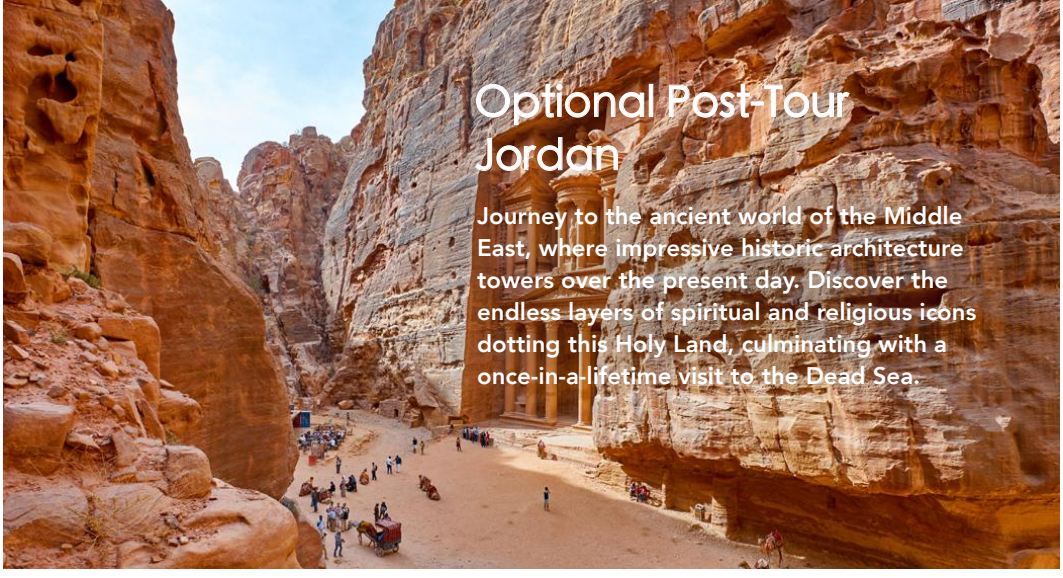
Day +3 CAIRO | ALEXANDRIA After breakfast take a pleasant three-hour drive to Alexandria. Built under the reign of Alexander the Great, Alexandria is the playground for Egypt's elite, enriched with a spirit that is more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern. During a guided tour visit the Roman Amphitheatre, the famous Catacombs, and the Citadel of Qaitbay. The remainder of the day is free to explore the city.
Overnight: Steigenberger Cecil Hotel (B,L)

Day +4 ALEXANDRIA This morning visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, featuring exhibits spanning from prehistoric times to the present, a vast archaeological display and a royal mummies gallery. Afterward explore the architecturally stunning Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a recently constructed, modern interpretation of its ancient predecessor. This structure features four museums, a planetarium and can accommodate up to eight million books. The afternoon and evening are free to relax at the property or venture into town.
Overnight: Steigenberger Cecil Hotel (B,L)

Day +5 ALEXANDRIA | CAIRO | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS After breakfast return to Cairo to join fellow travelers on the main program. (B)

What's Included

- 3 nights luxury hotel accommodations
- 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- Admission to all sites listed in the itinerary
- Guided Alexandria city tour including the Roman Amphitheatre
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers



Optional Post-Tour Jordan

Journey to the ancient world of the Middle East, where impressive historic architecture towers over the present day. Discover the endless layers of spiritual and religious icons dotting this Holy Land, culminating with a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Dead Sea.

Day 13 CAIRO | FLIGHT TO AMMAN Explore the region's history at the Jordan Museum, then ascend to the Amman Citadel for a spectacular view of the city, including the 6,000-seat 2nd-century Roman theatre. Overnight: InterContinental Amman (L,D)

Day 14 AMMAN | JERASH Travel to Jerash, the city of 1,000 Pillars. Visit the Triple Arched Gate, the Hippodrome, and the Roman Amphitheatre. Overnight: InterContinental Amman (B,L,D)

Day 15 AMMAN | MABADA | MOUNT NEBO | PETRA During guided church tours view ancient floor mosaics and religious relics. Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra (B,L,D)

Day 16 PETRA Spend today touring the archaeological wonders of this UNESCO World Heritage Site carved from the surrounding red rock cliffs— it's also the location of on-going excavation missions. Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra (B,L,D)

Day 17 PETRA | LITTLE PETRA | DANA | DEAD SEA Visit Siq al-Barid, known as *Little Petra*, thought to have been an important "suburb" of Petra. Continue to the 15th-century stone village of Dana. Stroll through the pomegranate grove then enjoy lunch with the special treat of spectacular vistas over the rugged landscape. Overnight: Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea (B,L,D)

Day 18 DEAD SEA Spend a leisurely day at the Dead Sea. Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast and lunch and perhaps take time for a mud mask and dip. Overnight: Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea (B,L)

Day 19 DEAD SEA | AMMAN | DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast take the complimentary group transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

What's Included

- Internal airfare from Cairo to Amman
- 6 nights luxury accommodations
- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the itinerary
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- All gratuities and porterage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

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Jordan Post-Tour: October 30 - November 5, 2026

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Optional Abu Simbel Excursion: $795 Per Person

Alexandria Pre-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	~~$2,199~~	$1,995
Single	~~$3,499~~	$3,295

Jordan Post-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	~~$5,199~~	$4,995
Single	~~$7,199~~	$6,995

DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON

$500 pre-tour • $850 main tour • $500 post-tour

*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included.

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~Margo C., Roanoke, VA

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, that is, on or before, July 20, 2026.

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