

Discovering EGYPT

Including the Newly Opened Grand Egyptian Museum

November 1-13, 2027

A Special Expedition
for Members and Friends of
AAAS, Sigma Xi & ACS

Dear Travelers:

Join us!... as we discover the extraordinary antiquities and colossal monuments of Egypt, November 1-13, 2027.

Exploring Egypt is an unparalleled adventure. It is simply not to be missed.

This program will include exciting recent discoveries in Egypt in addition to the wonders of the pyramids and ancient Egypt. We will also include two outstanding sites in Upper Egypt, Dendara and Abydos.



The expedition offers an excellent introduction from the land and life of ancient Egypt to the ultimate monuments of the Old Kingdom, the Great Pyramids and Sphinx!



*Discover the great stone ramparts of the Temple of Ramses II at **Abu Simbel**, built during the New Kingdom, on the Abu Simbel excursion.*

Led by an excellent Egyptologist guide, learn about the history of ancient Egypt, including a 4-night cruise on the Nile. Explore the Valley of the Kings at Thebes, where tombs of more than 60 pharaohs have been discovered. On the opposite bank of the Nile at Luxor and Karnak, see the splendor and glory of Egypt during the finest hour of the New Kingdom.

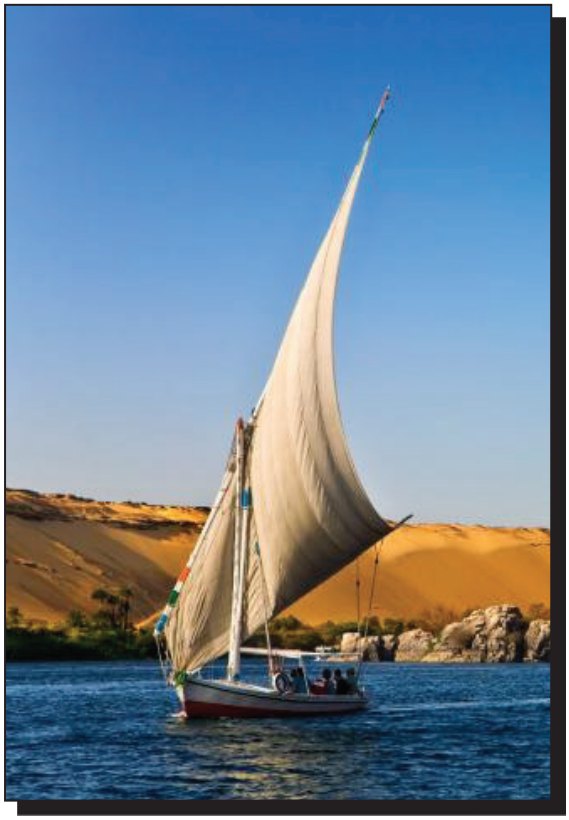
There will also be opportunities to learn about contemporary Egyptian life, to marvel at the grace and beauty of feluccas at sail on the Nile, and to discover the Nile's desert shores.

Join us!... for a treasured holiday in Egypt!

Sincerely,

Terri Stevens

Expedition Manager





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Days 1/2 Home to Cairo

Fly from home to Cairo. Arrive in Cairo on Day 2. Transfer to the *Cairo Sheraton Hotel (4 nights),* situated in a wonderful location right by one of the superb museums. Afternoon for rest and leisure. Welcome social and trip orientation.

Day 3 – Ancient Sakkara, the Pyramids, & the Sphinx

This morning, we will explore ancient Sakkara, the necropolis of the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis. See the dramatic Step Pyramid and explore this fascinating site. Then return to Cairo to explore the most famous of the Egyptian sites: the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. The Great Pyramids were built during the Old Kingdom's 4th dynasty, about 2600 BC. The Sphinx guards the pyramidal tomb of Pharaoh Chephren. B,L,D



Days 4/5 – Grand Egyptian Museum & El Khalili

We will explore the recently opened Grand Egyptian Museum, where a magnificent collection of artifacts from the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms, which flourished from 3000 to 1100 BC, is displayed. The ancient statues, sarcophagi, engraved stonework, paintings, jewelry, and treasures give an excellent introduction to the glory and life in ancient Egypt. Of special interest will be the exhibit of King Tutankhamun's treasures, found intact in 1922 by archaeologist Howard Carter. Also see the Citadel and Old Cairo. B,L,D

Day 6 – Cairo to Luxor

Today, we will fly to Luxor in Upper Egypt. Arrive Luxor. Luxor and Karnak were the center of Egyptian power and glory from 2100 to 750 BC. Drive to Esna and visit one of the best preserved temples, the Temple of Esna (Khnum). Return to Luxor for lunch then check into Hilton Luxor (2 nights). B,L,D

Day 7 – The Temples of Abydos & Dendara

This morning we will depart north along the Nile to see the Dendara Temple which is dedicated to the goddess Hathor. Its construction began in the reign of Nectanebo I and continued into the Roman period. The temple has two decorated crypts, halls with ceilings supported by columns, and two funeral chapels. This is where the famous "zodiac" from the Louvre has come.

At Abydos you will see the famous temple constructed by Seti I in honor of Osiris. In this temple you can find important scenes from the life of Seti I and Ramses II, and also the famous Royal Lists with the names of the 77 kings of Egypt from Menes to Seti I himself.

Abydos was the most important religious center and site of pilgrimage in ancient Egypt. Here can be found representations of the Mysteries of Osiris, a ceremony





which reproduced the death and resurrection of the God Osiris. B,L,D

Day 8 – Valley of the Kings & Esna

Our journey this morning will be to the Valley of the Kings on the opposite bank of the Nile from Luxor. We will see 3 tombs, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir-el-Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. Board our Nile cruise vessel (4 nights), and have lunch. Afternoon at leisure or visit the Papyrus Institute to learn how papyrus paper was made, and discover Luxor. B,L,D

Day 9 – Karnak & Edfu

This morning, we will explore the awe-inspiring Great Temple in Karnak, an immense complex of temples, sacred lakes, and sphinx-lined walkways which extend nearly two miles along the Nile, from Karnak to Luxor. The Great Hall includes 134 enormous columns, with original paint and decoration near the tops. Just south of the Great Temple is the sacred lake where barques were set afloat to symbolize the daily celestial journey of Amon-Ra, the sun god. Sail to Edfu via the Esna Lock. This will be a wonderful opportunity to relax on the top deck and enjoy the sunshine, desert landscape, and village life. B,L,D

Day 10 – Horus Temple at Edfu & Kom Ombo

This morning we will visit the Temple of Horus, the god of the sun and planets. Intricate hieroglyphics cover the 38 immense columns, describing offerings to the god. Here we will again see the parade of souvenir vendors which will be a common sight during our Egyptian travels. This afternoon, we will cruise to Kom Ombo to visit the imposing Ptolemaic Temple shared by two gods, Sobek (the crocodile god of fertility) and Haroeris, the great winged solar disc. We will enjoy afternoon tea as we sail to Aswan. B,L,D

Day 11 – Aswan

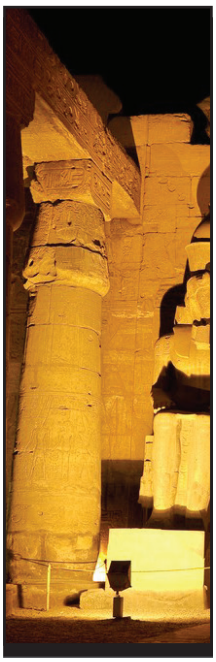
This morning, we will visit the Aswan High Dam, built by a team of Soviet engineers and 35,000 Egyptian workers in the 1960's and completed in 1972, changing the local economy and way of life forever. Now curbing the annual floods which have nourished the floodplain of the Nile for millennia, the Aswan High Dam has created a lake which extends more than 500 kilometers to the south into Sudan. Our morning tour will continue to the famous



Abydos







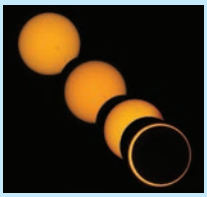
Temples of Philae, which were partially submerged when the first Aswan Dam was built around 1900, then rescued from oblivion under Lake Nasser and reassembled on the island of Agilka, just 300 yards away. In the afternoon, we will visit the extraordinary Nubian Museum. The museum is dedicated to the Nubian culture of Upper Egypt and Sudan and was awarded the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 2001. Ancient Egyptian antiquities representing various ages from prehistoric to Pharaonic, Coptic, Islamic, and Nubian are found in the museum. B,L,D

Day 12 – Aswan to Cairo

This morning, we will disembark our Nile cruise ship, and have time at leisure in Aswan **or join the optional Abu Simbel Excursion**. In the afternoon we will fly to Cairo and the *Sonesta Cairo Hotel*. Farewell dinner. B,D

Day 13 – Cairo to Home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. B



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ANNULAR ECLIPSE EXPEDITION

January 23 - February 1, 2028

We invite you to embark on a 7-night voyage in the Galapagos Islands, and experience the Annular Eclipse as the sun rises over South Plaza Island on January 26, 2028, with almost 4 1/2 minutes of annularity.

Explore the islands on foot or by bus to the tortoise reserves, with frequent panga rides to discover wildlife and scenic locations from the water. Enjoy snorkeling and swimming with penguins or other wildlife.



Discover the eclipse, night sky and constellations in this remote wilderness, with leadership by a popular Galapagos biologist, Mike Jackson, this will be an exceptional experience!

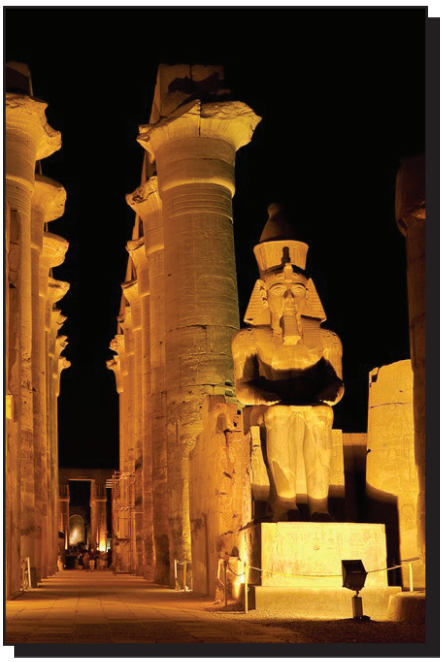


Join us on board the comfortable, 100-passenger M/V Galapagos Legend for a memorable adventure!

Optional Abu Simbel Excursion

Early in the morning we will transfer to the Aswan Airport and fly to Abu Simbel. Here are some of the grandest monuments of ancient Egypt, built by Ramses II during his long reign (1279-1213 BC) during the New Kingdom when Egypt was at the pinnacle of its splendor. The colossal figures of Ramses II received great international attention in the late 1960's when they were moved from a spot now beneath the waters of Lake Nasser to the present location. We will visit the Ramses II and Queen Nefertari temples. As you enter the temple of Ramses II, bas-reliefs describe the monarch's offerings to the gods and his triumphant military campaigns. Ramses II sits in state with gods to whom the temple is dedicated. An afternoon flight will take us back to Cairo to rejoin the group.

Fee: $795 per person includes flights Aswan/Abu Simbel roundtrip and tour.







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Yes! I/we want to join the **Discover Egypt Expedition, November 1-13, 2027,** offered by **AAAS Travels, Sigma Xi & ACS Expeditions.** Please reserve ____ space(s) on the expedition _____ spaces on the **Abu Simbel Excursion**. As a deposit, I/we enclose a check for $_____ ($1,500 per person for Egypt, $250 per person for the Abu Simbel Excursion) payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

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Accommodations Preference:

___ Twin ___ Single ___ Share (with a friend)

___ Share (assign a roommate)

___ Nonsmoker ___ Smoker

Signature _____ Date _____

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Discover Egypt!

November 2-14, 2026

Costs & Conditions

Trip Fee: $6,495 per person for 13 days (+ international air fare of appx $1,395 from New York to Egypt, round trip). In-tour flights Cairo to Luxor, Aswan to Cairo $795. *(Minimum 8 participants to opperate.)*

What to Expect: This Expedition is planned for the travel enthusiast who would enjoy discovering the spectacular antiquities and history of ancient Egypt and learning about modern Egyptian life today, led by an excellent Egyptologist guide. Travel by motorcoach, ship, and in tour flights with optional Abu Simbel Extension. There will be daily outings on foot of one-half to two miles at archaeological sites, museums, and cities at a pace suitable for seeing the wonders of Egypt. Typically, it will be in the 70s to 80s with temperatures at night dropping to the 50s. This expedition is a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for adventure who enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and who have a keen interest in learning about ancient Egypt. (No smoking in vehicles, during lectures, or meals, please.)

Expedition Fee Includes: Land transport; group airport transfers, accommodations in first class hotels, and comfortable Nile cruise ship twin share; welcome social and most meals; entrance fees; tips for group activities and local guides; leadership, administration.

Expedition Fee Does Not Include: Air Fare (quoted separately); Abu Simbel flights and tour (optional extra); some meals; tips on board ship, to your leader, and for personal activities; Egyptian visa fee; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, laundry, phone calls, snacks, or other items.

Air Fare & Airline Ticketing: Air fare quoted is based on current published fare with Egypt Air. All in-tour air bookings and ticketing will be handled by Betchart Expeditions Inc., (800) 252-4910. AIR FARES AND SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Accommodations: Singles are available for an additional cost of $1,795. If you do not have a roommate or we cannot assign one, you must pay the extra cost of a single.

Reservations, Deposits, & Payments: Please mail a deposit of $1,500 per person plus $250 per person for the Abu Simbel Excursion with the completed reservation form to:

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The balance is due 120 days before departure. (July 1, 2027)

Cancellations & Refunds: The initial deposit is refundable up to 120 days before departure less a handling fee of $500 per person. There is no refund after the 120-day period. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features. Trip cancellation insurance will be available.

Questions: Please contact Terri Stevens at:

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