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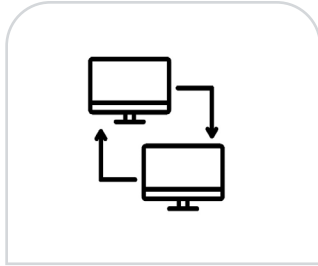


# SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT NOVEMBER 2022



# CAIRO

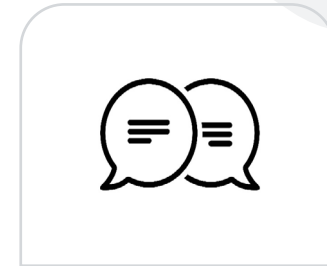
# Housekeeping



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the Q&A box below

# THINGS TO NOTE...

- ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS TO EGYPT & JORDAN
  - At the present time, no negative COVID tests are required to enter either country. We will require a certified negative Antigen test done at least 48 hours prior to arrival.
  - Additional testing will be conducted on arrival at the Ritz Carlton and before boarding MS Farah.
- COVID VACCINATION
  - COVID Vaccinations and Boosters are required for all guests.
  - As well as all of our staff and all points of contact in Egypt
- BEVERAGES
  - LAND PROGRAMS
    - Non-alcoholic beverages included with all meals on the land program
    - Limited alcoholic beverages will be included with some evening meals on the land program
  - CRUISE PROGRAM
    - Non-alcoholic beverages included throughout the voyage
    - Local wine & beer included with lunch & dinner

# THINGS TO NOTE...

- DIETARY
  - We have received a limited number of submissions regarding dietary restrictions. This is important, as we will not be able to change or customize menus at the time of the event.
  - We can't fix it on the 'fly'!
- MOBILITY
  - Egypt is an ancient country, and has many have uneven surfaces. The Egyptians were marvellous architects but they did not invent elevators! Sensible walking shoes are a must throughout the program.
- EARLY STARTS
  - Many of the days have early starts in order to accommodate private access, charter flights and avoiding the crowds.

# CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

- CAIRO

ADDED

- Museum of Civilization – private access

- LUXOR

CHANGES

- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Following the Hot Air Balloon ride, you will visit the Valley of the Queens and Habu Medinet Temple prior to embarking on the MS Farah
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – This morning will be a visit to the Valley of the Kings followed by lunch and then in the afternoon, you will visit the Luxor Temple

- ASWAN

REMOVED

- November 11<sup>th</sup> - the Nubian Village

ADDED

- November 11<sup>th</sup> - optional spice, cotton & linen shopping

- GIZA

REMOVED

- November 16<sup>th</sup> – The Grand Egyptian Museum – unfortunately the GEM will not open until 2023

# WEATHER...

CITY	HIGH	LOW
CAIRO	25 / 77	15 / 59
LUXOR	29 / 84	12 / 54
ASWAN	30 / 86	16 / 61

# PACKING

- Bring a light jacket or sweater for the evenings as it can be cooler on the Nile and we will have some outdoor evening events/dinners
- Shoes
  - Closed toed shoes (Example – running shoes)
  - It can be slippery on the various surfaces – shoes with a slip resistant sole is best
- Evening dress
  - Smart casual in the evenings
  - We have one Gala Evening
- Ladies
  - Conservative dress
  - Best to have your shoulders/knees covered
  - Longer Shorts (Bermuda) or Capris are fine
  - Carry a scarf with you as a head covering for entering religious sites
  - Heels are not appropriate for this program
- Gentlemen
  - Conservative dress
  - Longer Shorts are fine





# LUGGAGE

- HOW TO PACK

- For the charter flight program, your luggage will be sent in advance to and from Luxor. This will mean that on the morning of departure to and from Luxor (Nov 6 / Nov 14), everyone will need to bring an overnight bag. This bag should contain up to two days worth of your needs. Don't forget your swimsuit!

- LUGGAGE SECURITY

- Your larger luggage will be transported by secure truck to and from Luxor. We advise you to further secure your luggage through the use of luggage locks.

- OVERNIGHT BAG

- Your overnight bag should not exceed 8kg / 18 lbs
  - All liquids, aerosols, gels or pastes such as water, drinks, creams, perfumes, sprays, gels, toothpaste, lip gloss and mascaras must be in individual containers not greater than 100ml in volume
  - All containers must be carried in a re-sealable transparent plastic bag no larger than one liter (approximately 20cm x 20cm or 8 inches x 8 inches)
  - Only one bag is permitted per passenger
  - The plastic bag must be sealed and presented separately from all other carry-on baggage at the screening point

- CHARTER FLIGHT

- In addition to your overnight bag, you are allowed:
  - 1 personal item (purse, backpack, laptop bag)

# CURRENCY

- USD Currency is universally accepted
- Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted (Amex is not as widely accepted)
- Carry some local currency – especially in lower denominations for Baksheesh
- There are no restrictions on the amount of foreign currency carried upon arrival into Egypt under \$10,000 USD. You also allowed up to 5000 EGP (approx. \$260 USD)

EXCHANGE RATE (Aug 17, 2022 from XE.com)

CANADIAN	\$ CAD = 14.84 EGP
USD	\$1 USD = 19.13 EGP
AUSTRALIAN	\$1 AUD = 13.29 EGP

# BAKSHEESH – *tips!*

- We have included the basic gratuities for the overall program
- *Gratuities are a way of life in Egypt*
  - *Here are some people that you might want to include for extras*
    - *Hotels*
      - *Housekeeping*
      - *Breakfast waiter*
      - *Porter*

# CUSTOMS

- **PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

- Any prescription medications brought into Egypt must be accompanied by a prescription and an official letter from a doctor specifying that the medication is for personal use only.
- Any medication containing methadone, even with a prescription, is strictly prohibited.

- **REGULATED ITEMS FOR ENTRY INTO EGYPT**

- Passengers may carry the following quantities of items and substances regulated by Egyptian law without incurring in customs fees, regardless of their age:
  - 200 cigarettes, 25 cigars, or 200 grams of tobacco
  - 1 liter of alcoholic beverages
  - 1 liter of perfume or eau de cologne
  - Non-commercial articles with a total value under USD \$200
  - Goods for personal use

# SAFETY

- **BE AWARE**

- Your safety is our first priority. We are confident that as long as you stay with the group, you will be perfectly fine.
- We would advise against wearing any flashy jewelry or watches
- Be mindful of your personal belongings at all times

- **CROSS-BODY BAG**

- We recommend a cross-body type of bag for you to carry on a daily basis for your personal items as well as water etc.

# WATER

- Don't drink the tap water
- Stay hydrated – it is very warm and we will be busy throughout the trip!
- We will be providing bottled water throughout the trip and additional bottles for the hotels and the ship for you to use while brushing your teeth, making coffee/tea etc.

# TOURIST POLICE

- Who are they
  - They are a branch of law enforcement specifically assigned to protecting tourists and visitors to Egypt
- What is their role
  - We are required to submit all of our itinerary planning and movements well in advance so that appropriate steps can be taken to ensure our safety and safe passage throughout the journey.
  - They will be with us throughout the journey.
- What does it mean
  - We have to stick to the schedule
  - We have to travel together
  - We can't innovate on the fly

# CAMERAS

- Phone Cameras are accepted almost everywhere
  - Sometimes when it says 'no photos', the guards will let you take photos for Baksheesh! (i.e. tombs etc.)
- DSLR Cameras
  - Big lenses can be an issue as the security teams presume you are part of the press
- Tripods
  - Not allowed
- Flash
  - Most sites/museums do not allow Flash
- Please note:
  - Museum of Civilization
    - Only Phone Cameras allowed
    - No Phone Cameras allowed in the Mummy hall
  - Original Egyptian Museum
    - Only Phone Cameras allowed
  - Queen Nefertari's Tomb
    - No Cameras allowed
  - King Tutankhamen's Tomb
    - No Cameras allowed



# TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Cancellation/Interruption Insurance
  - Included for all guests\*
- Medical Insurance
  - You must have proof of sufficient medical insurance in order to enter Egypt. You may be required to show proof of it at the Immigration point of entry.
  - Our Customer Care team will be reaching out to everyone

# TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- We will be sending out the pre trip documents by courier in early October
- Included will be:
  - Flight schedules (if booked with Cruise Connections)
  - Hotel details
  - Detailed Itinerary Handbook
  - Insurance Policy
  - Emergency contacts
  - Transfer information

# INBOUND AIR SCHEDULE

- If booked through Cruise Connections:
  - We will be closely monitoring your itinerary for schedule changes prior to arrival and adjusting transfer arrangements accordingly
- If you booked your air independently:
  - It is important for you to advise us of any such schedule changes 72 or more in advance so that we can adjust your transfer arrangements accordingly

# DOCUMENTS WE NEED

- PHOTO OF PASSPORT PHOTO PAGE
  - this is the requirement for the Egypt Visa
  - We require a clear photo of your passport photo page
  - Must be in JPG or PNG format only. File size should not exceed 500 KB and the file name must be in Latin Language (characters or numbers) without any special characters or spaces.
  - Please make sure that the photo of the passport is clear and there are no fingers or other items in the photo
  - PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
    - Photocopies
    - Scanned copies
    - Black & white photos
- COVID PROOF OF VACCINE WITH BOOSTER
  - Government Health Canada Certificate with QR code or equivalent from USA / Australia
- CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATON FORM
  - To ensure a fast and easy check-in at the hotels, we will be guaranteeing all of the hotel rooms to Cruise Connections Canada. Judy will be sending out a credit card authorization form for all guests to sign agreeing that if you have any incidental room charges, you will register your credit card during the stay and finalize check-out prior to our hotel/ship departures. If you don't, we will charge your credit card on file for the amount of the room bill.

# ENTRY VISAS

- Visas are required for both Egypt & Jordan and our team will be doing the Egypt Visa prior to departure and our partner in Jordan will be doing them prior to arrival into Jordan
- **EGYPT VISAS**
  - These visas for Egypt will be processed in October and emailed to you. You will need to print the Visa and have it with you upon entry.
  - You will be receiving a revised registration form with additional requirements for the Egypt Entry Visa. This will include:
    - Country of Birth
    - Current Nationality
    - Original Nationality
    - Other Nationalities
    - Profession
    - Have you Visited Egypt before
      - Last Visit Date                      From (Month, day, year)      To (Month, day, year)
      - Where did you stay during this period (full address required)
    - Have you ever been deport from Egypt or any other Country
      - Deported From
      - Deportation Date
      - Reason
- **JORDAN VISAS**
  - The visas for Jordan will be processed by our partner and the airport team will have them upon arrival into Jordan

# November 3, 2022

## Cairo

### D\*

- Arrive into Cairo
- Meet / Greet & transfer to the Ritz Carlton
- \*For those guests arriving into Cairo prior to 6pm, a dinner credit will be provided



# November 4, 2022

## Cairo

### B, D

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- 3 CME Hours
- Afternoon Coptic Tour (Hanging Church, Church of Abu Serga, Old Cairo)
- National Museum of Egyptian Civilization – Private Visit
- Dinner at a local restaurant





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# National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (Private)

- New home of 22 mummies including:
  - King Seqenenre Taa II
  - Queen Ahmose Nefertari
  - King Amenhotep I
  - King Thutmose I
  - King Thutmose II
  - Queen Hatshepsut
  - King Thutmose II
  - King Amenhotep II
  - Thutmose IV



# November 5, 2022

## Cairo

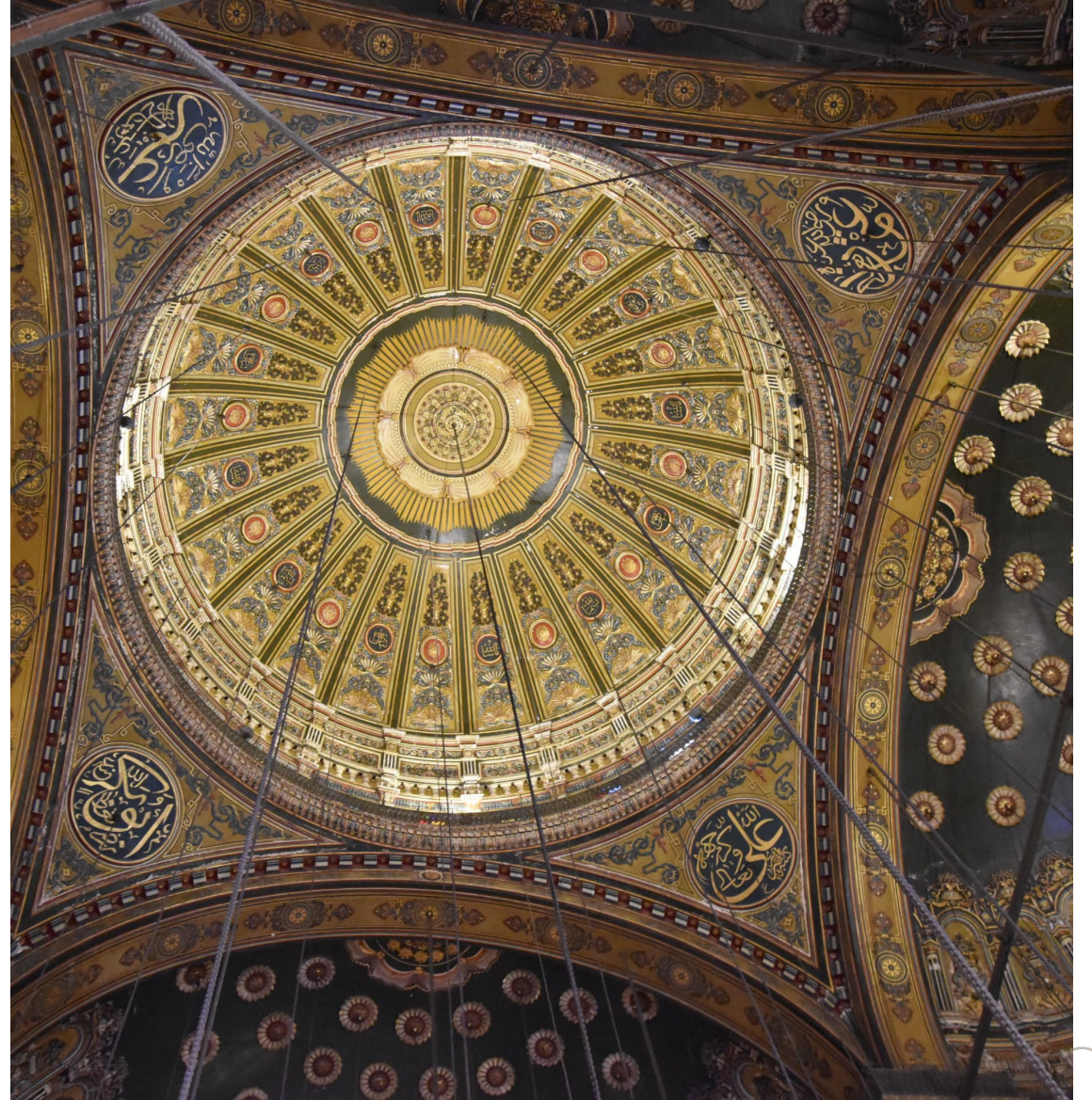
### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Morning tour of the Citadel & Mohamed Ali Mosque
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- **Private After Hours tour of the Original Egyptian Museum**
- Reception at the Ritz Carlton
- Luggage Collection



Egyptian Museum





# November 6, 2022

## Cairo

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport
- Charter Flight to Luxor – 7am
- Tour of Karnak Temple
- Transfer to Hilton Luxor Nile Hotel and lunch
- Check-in and afternoon free
- CME – 2 hours Global Medicine
- Evening Dinner by the Nile



Hilton Luxor at Night



**Temple of Karnak**



# Dinner on the Nile





# November 7, 2022

## Luxor

## Qena

## B, L, D

- Check out of the Hilton Luxor & Breakfast boxes
- Hot Air Balloon over the Luxor Valley at Dawn
- Valley of the Queens
- Privilege Access to Queen Nefertari's tomb
- Habu Medinet Temple
- Transfer to the M/S Farah River Ship
- Lunch
- CME – 2 hours
- Sail Away Cocktail Party
- What to know for tomorrow
- Dinner
- Entertainment in the Lounge



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## Hot Air Balloon Over the Luxor Valley

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# Queen Nefertari's Tomb



# Habu Medinet Temple

# MS FARAH



# MS FARAH

## Ship Amenities

- 56 Staterooms
- Pillow menu included: you will be able to choose from a range of soft, water pillow, orthopedic, sponge pillows
- Free use of gym - sauna and steam
- Wide TV LED Screen with free cable
- Free Wi-fi internet connection throughout the ship
- Gourmet Meals
- All non-alcoholic beverages included throughout the voyage
- Local wine & Beer included with Lunch & Dinner

## Deluxe Stateroom Features

- 239 SQ FT
- LCD TV
- Mini bar
- Private safe box
- Internet connection
- Private bathroom
- Bathtub
- French balcony
- Hairdryer
- Individually controlled air-conditioned system
- Tea & Coffee making facility













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# November 8, 2022

## Qena - Esna

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Temple of Hathor at Dendera
- Cruising the Nile
- CME – 1.5 hours
- Lunch
- CME – 2 hours
- Afternoon Tea
- What to know for tomorrow
- Dinner
- Entertainment



# Temple of Hathor at Dendera

# November 9, 2022

## Esna - Aswan

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Temple of Khum
- Lunch
- Cruising the Nile
- CME – 3.5 hours
- Afternoon Tea
- What to know for tomorrow
- Dinner
- Entertainment



**Esna Temple**



# November 10, 2022

## Aswan

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Temple of Philae
- Aswan High Dam
- Monument of Friendship – Egyptian & Soviet
- Lunch at the Old Cataract Hotel
- Felucca Ride back to the MS Farah
- What to know for tomorrow
- Dinner
- Entertainment



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# PHILAE TEMPLE

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**Egypt's ancient center for the cult of Isis, the Temples of Philae were venerated from the Pharaonic era through the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine periods with each ruler making their own additions to the stones here.**

**This sacred site is one of Nubia's most important monument sites.**

**Saved from a watery grave by UNESCO's rescue project during the building of the Aswan High Dam, the temples were transferred block by block from their original place on Philae Island to Agilika Island, 12 kilometers south of Aswan between 1977 and 1980.**



## Monument of Friendship Egyptian Soviet





# November 11, 2022

## Aswan – Kom Ombo

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Charter flights from Aswan – Abu Simbel
- Abu Simbel Temple
- Lunch
- Afternoon free – optional shopping tour for Spices, Cotton & Linen
- What to know for tomorrow
- Dinner
- Entertainment





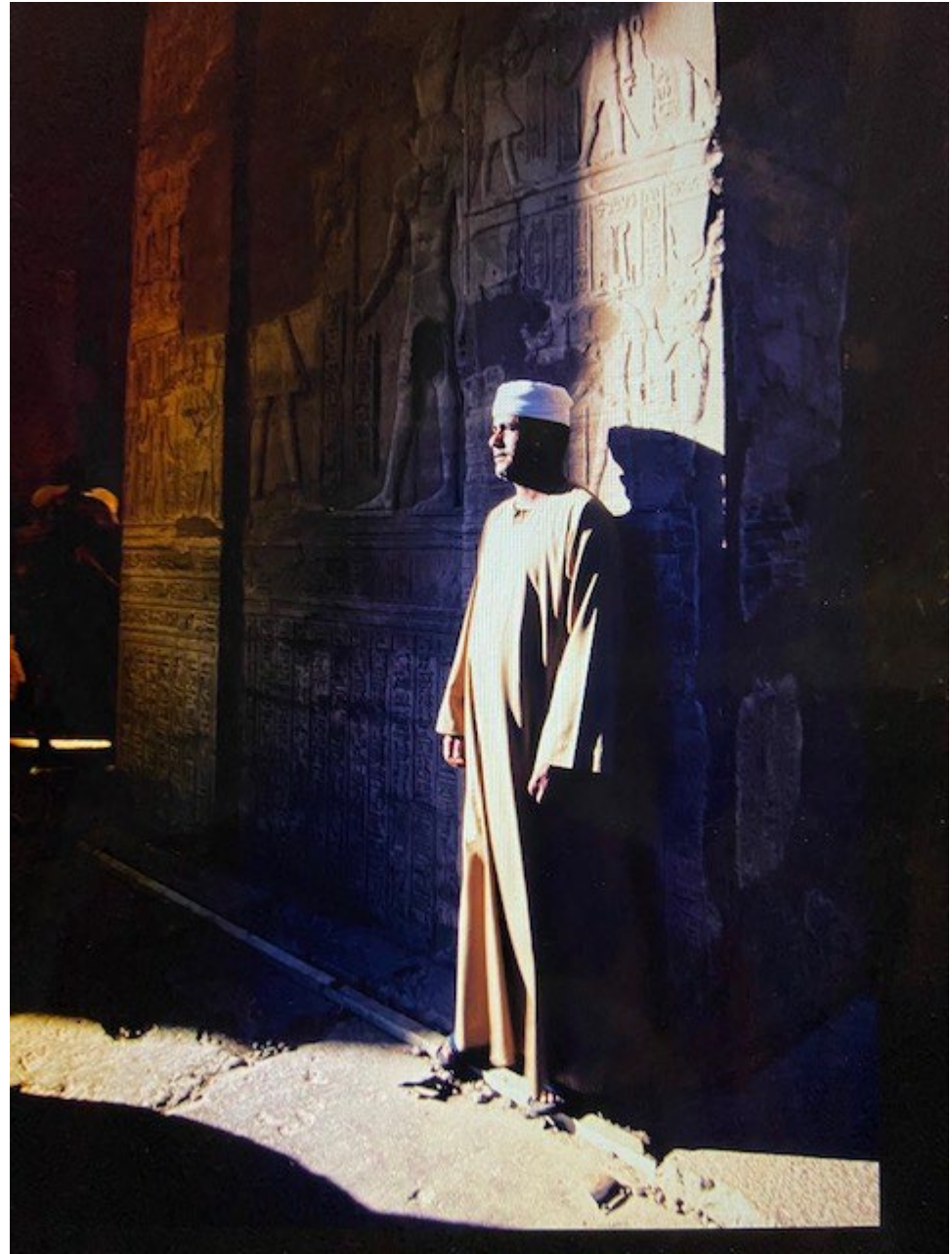
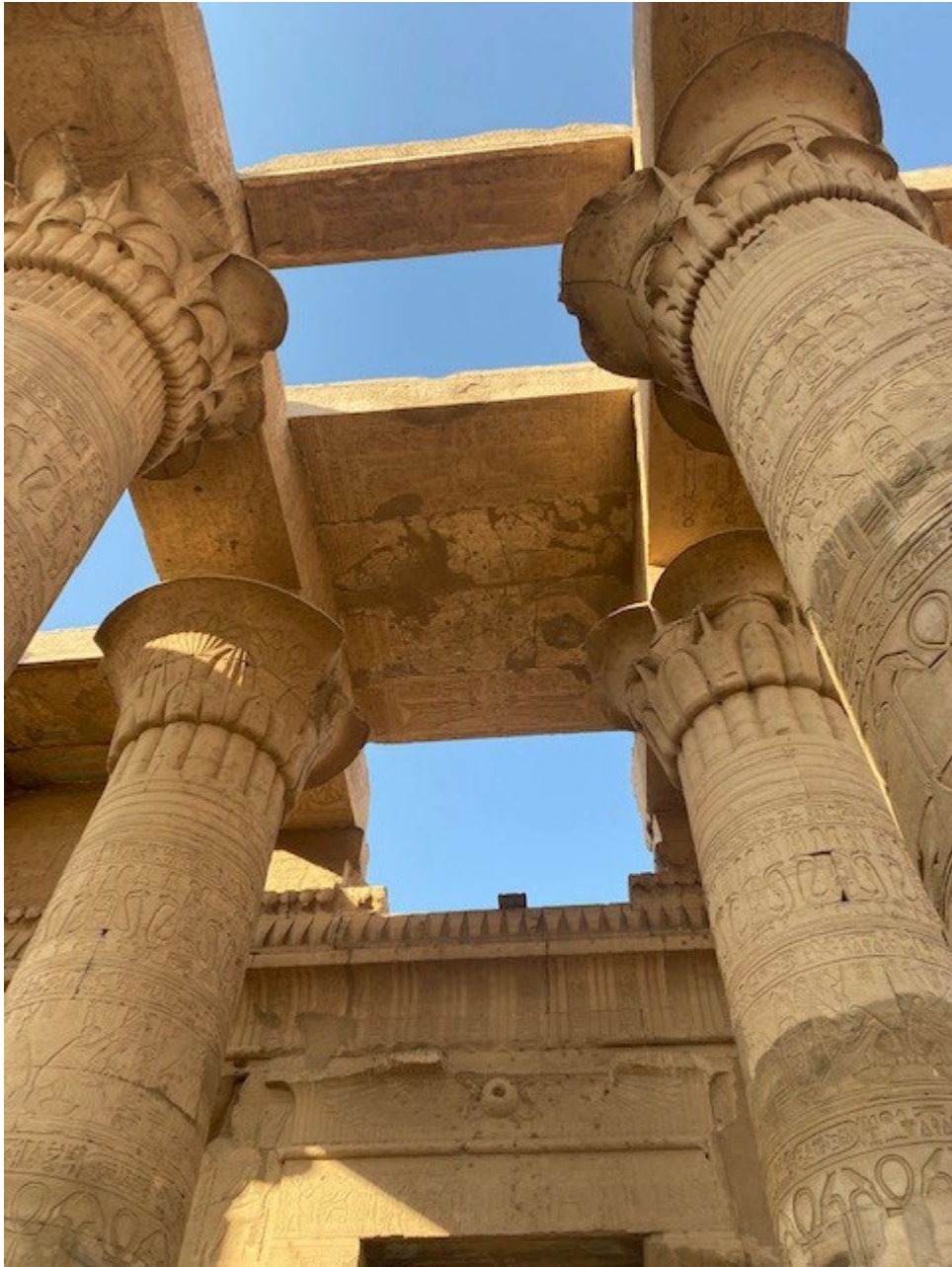
# November 12, 2022

## Kom Ombo - Luxor

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Kom Ombo Temple
- Lunch
- Cruising the Nile
- CME 3 hours
- Afternoon Tea
- What to know for tomorrow
- Dinner
- Entertainment





# November 13, 2022

## Luxor

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Valley of the Kings
- Privilege Access to King Tutankhamen's Tomb
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Temple of Luxor
- Farewell to the MS Farah cocktail party & What to know for tomorrow
- Farewell to the MS Farah Dinner
- Entertainment
- Luggage collection



# Tomb of King Tutankhamun



**November 14, 2022**  
**Luxor**  
**Cairo (Giza)**  
**B, L, D**

- Breakfast
- Charter Flight to Cairo – 8am
- Tour of Saqqara
- Lunch at Saqqara
- Transfer to the Mena House Hotel
- Dinner at your leisure





# Saqqara

# Marriott Mena House





Marriott Mena House – Garden View Room



Marriott Mena House – Partial / Full Pyramid View Room

# November 15, 2022

## Cairo (Giza)

### B, L, D

- Breakfast
- Private early entrance to the Pyramids of Giza (5am)
- Pyramids of Giza
- Entrance to pyramids & camel ride on request
- Great Sphinx (Privilege Access)
- Brunch at the Mena House
- Afternoon Free
- Gala Dinner AT the Pyramids

# Entrance to the Pyramids

- Difficulty Level – Very Difficult



# Pyramids of Giza











**November 16, 2022**  
**Cairo (Giza)**  
**B, L, D**

- Breakfast
- Morning Free
- CME 4 hours
- Lunch
- Farewell Dinner at the Mena House

# November 17, 2022

## Cairo (Giza)

### B

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport for your flight home

# QUESTIONS

- Masks
  - Currently masks are mandatory in indoor public places
- Immunizations
  - At the moment there are no known immunizations besides COVID required.
- Is a COVID test required to enter Egypt? Do the airlines require a pretest?
  - It is not requirement by the government, but it is required by Cruise Connections Canada. The airlines at the current time do not require a pretest.
- What protocols will be in place for possible illness (not necessarily COVID)
- Is travel insurance included in the price including cancellation – especially if there is a COVID issue?
- COVID policy and other health and cancellation concerns

# QUESTIONS

- ArriveCan – For Canadians - please ensure you have downloaded the App on your phone and you need to register prior to flying home for Customs in Canada
- Hot Air Balloon – are there stairs to get in/out of the basket?
  - Yes, there are steps and a team to assist

Q & A

**With Sanjay**