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# Trip to Egypt January 25 to February 8, 2020.

## Day 1

**Travel from Chicago to Cairo** 

### Day 2

Arrival at Cairo airport, meet & assistance, transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

## Day 3

Saggara, the oldest complete stone building complex known in history,

Saqqara features numerous pyramids, including the world-famous <u>Step pyramid of Djoser</u>, Visit the wonderful funerary complex of the King Zoser & Mastaba (Arabic word meaning 'bench') of a Noble.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Visit the three Pyramids of Giza, the pyramid of Cheops is the oldest of the <u>Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</u>, and the only one to remain largely intact. ), the Great Pyramid was the <u>tallest man-made structure</u> in the world for more than 3,800 years.

The temple of the valley & the Sphinx.

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

### Day 4

Visit the Mokattam church, also known by Cave Church & garbage collectors (Zabbaleen) Mokattam, it is the largest church in the Middle East, seating capacity of 20,000.

Visit the Coptic Cairo,

Visit The Church of St. Sergius (Abu Sarga) is the oldest church in Egypt dating back to the 5th century A.D. The church owes its fame to having been constructed upon the crypt of the Holy Family where they stayed for three months, visit the Hanging Church (*The* 



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Suspended) Church is named for its location above a gatehouse of **Babylon Fortress**.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Visit the archaeological museum in Cairo: It houses the world's largest collection of Pharaonic antiquities including the famous collection of treasures of Tutankhamen.

The Egyptian museum was Built in 1901 by the <u>Italian</u> construction company Garozzo-Zaffarani,

### Day 5

Visit the citadel of Salah El Din, is a medieval Islamic fortification in <u>Cairo</u> & The Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, the most visible mosque in <u>Cairo</u>.

This mosque, along with the citadel, is one of the landmarks and tourist attractions of Cairo

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Walking tour in Muizz street, is one of the oldest streets in Cairo, approximately one kilometer long, it stretches from <u>Bab Al-Futuh</u> in the north to <u>Bab Zuweila</u> in the south. The greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world in one street.

#### Day 6

Bus to Wadi El Natroun to visit the monastery of st Bishoy, <u>Coptic Orthodox</u> monastery founded in the fourth century, **standing in an <u>oasis</u> in the desert &** witnessing the passage of the holy family in Egypt.

Overnight in Alexandria.

## Day 7

Visit CataComb of Kom El Shokafa (*Mound of Shards*) a series of Alexandrian tombs, statues and archaeological objects of the Pharaonic funeral cult with <u>Hellenistic</u> and early <u>Imperial Roman</u> influences. The library of of Alexandria, Lunch in a Local restaurant

Visit the Greco-Roman museum or the national museum of Alexandria.

Drive back to Cairo.



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### Day 8

Visit the CEOSS (Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services). One of the largest NGOs in Egypt and the Middle East. Founded by Sam Habib, the Head of the Protestant denominations in Egypt, and it serves Muslims and Christians with a vision of hope and transformation in various aspects of life.

Visit ETSC: Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. The largest seminary in the Middle East, it trains men and women for leadership and ministry in Egypt and the Arabic world. Meeting with teaching faculty to hear about: the church's growth, doing theology in a Coptic and Islamic context.

#### Day 9

### Flight Cairo/Aswan

Air conditioned bus to Abou Simbel(180 mi), <u>UNESCO</u> <u>World Heritage Site</u> known as the "Nubian Monuments,

Visit the two temples of Ramses II & his wife Nefertari, The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC built to commemorate his victory at the <a href="Battle-of-Kadesh">Battle of Kadesh</a>

Back to Aswan by bus.

Arrival to Aswan and overnight at the hotel.

## **Day 10**

Visit Philae Temple (the pearl of Egypt),

The temple complex was dismantled and moved to nearby <u>Agilkia Island</u> as part of the <u>UNESCO</u> Nubia Campaign project, protecting this and other complexes before the 1970 completion of the Aswan High Dam

Visit the High Dam is an <u>embankment dam</u> built across the <u>Nile</u> in <u>Aswan</u>, <u>Egypt</u>, between 1960 and 1970, with its ability to better control flooding, provide increased water storage for irrigation and generate <u>hydroelectricity</u> the High Dam has had a significant effect on the <u>economy</u> and <u>culture of Egypt</u>.

Embarkation on the boat to start the cruise for three nights.

After noon, Feluca ride, relaxing tour around the islands of Aswan.



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## **Day 11**

Sail to Kom Ombo to visit the temple of Kom Ombo, There are two temples, at kom Ombo, one is dedicated to God Sobek crocodile & the second one dedicated to <u>Haroeris</u>,

Both temples are constructed of the stone obtained from the neighboring quarries of Hagar Silsilah.

Sail to Edfou to visit the temple of EDFOU dedicated to God Horus, the <u>temple</u> located on the west bank of the Nile.one of the best preserved temples in Egypt.

Sail to Esna to cross the lock of Esna. Arrival at Luxor

#### **Day 12**

**Visit west bank: Valley of Kings,** 500 years from the 16th to 11th century BC, rock cut <u>tombs</u> were excavated for the <u>pharaohs</u> of the <u>New Kingdom</u>..

Visit the funerary temple of Ramses III: Madinet Habu, The Mortuary Temple of Ramesses III,

the temple is best known as the source of inscribed reliefs depicting the advent and defeat of the <u>Sea Peoples</u> during the reign of <u>Ramesses III</u>.

### **Day 13**

Visit Karnak temples, the biggest divine temple on earth, comprises a vast mix of <u>temples</u>, chapels, pylons, and other buildings.

The main place of worship of the eighteenth dynasty Theban Triad Amun, Mut and Khonsu.

Visit Luxor temple, is dedicated to the rejuvenation of kingship,

Fly back to Cairo.

**Day 14** 

Departure.

**Day 15** 

Arrive to Chicago.



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Single supplement: \$595

#### **Price includes:**

-7 nights 4\* hotel in Cairo including breakfast & taxes.

Oasis hotel <u>www.oasis.com.eg</u> or <u>mercure.com</u> <u>accorhotels.com</u> or www.eltahrir.steigenberger.com

- -One night 4\* hotel in Aswan www.basmahotel.com, including breakfast & taxes.
- -3 night 5\* deluxe cruise from Aswan to Luxor.
- -One night 4\* hotel in Alexandria including breakfast & taxes. <a href="https://www.grand-plaza.net">https://www.grand-plaza.net</a>
- -Full board on the cruise (breakfast, lunch & dinner).
- -Half board in Cairo & Alexandria (breakfast & lunch).
- All Transfers airport/hotel/airport in Cairo, Abou Sibel, Aswan & Luxor.
- -4 Full days visits in Cairo including lunch.
- -All visits as per the program.
- -Entrance fees as per the program.
- -Excellent English speaking guide during the entire trip.
- -Private AC bus with driver for all transfers, visits & excursions.

## Price excludes:

- Domestic tickets, Cairo/Aswan-Louxor/Cairo(\$250 per person).
- -Entry visa (\$25 per person).
- -Drinks & personal expenses.
- -All kinds of insurance.
- -Gratuities during the entire trip.