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"Splendors of Egypt & the Nile"

12-day from Cairo to Cairo

On the **S.S. Sphinx**

Oct. 22 – Nov. 2, 2022 (pre & post are available)

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Cruise the Nile in a manner once reserved for queens and pharaohs.

For 12 adventure-filled days, experience Egypt and the Nile's most wondrous sites in style and luxury. Wander amongst the towering ruins of the <u>Temple of Karnak</u>, the world's largest ancient religious complex, and the entrancing <u>Temple of Luxor</u>. Visit temples dedicated to <u>Hathor</u>, <u>Horus</u>, <u>and other mythological figures</u>, <u>and pay homage to the country's first female ruler at the <u>Temple of Hatshepsut</u>. Follow in the footsteps of renowned scholars and explorers as you venture forth into the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, the ancient burial grounds of Egyptian royalty. You will enjoy an exhilarating ride in a *felucca*, a traditional Nile River sailboat.</u>

This captivating itinerary begins and ends in <u>Cairo</u>, where you'll visit the famous Egyptian Museum and its stupendous and unrivaled collection of pharaonic artifacts, including treasures recovered from the tomb of King Tutankhamun. Journey to Giza to gaze upon the mighty ancient Pyramids and the timeworn, enigmatic Sphinx—iconic images that continue to amaze.

An enchanting land of marvels, myths, and wonders old and new, Egypt is an extraordinary destination no culturally curious traveler will want to miss.

What is included?

- 4 nights in Cairo at the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
- 7-night cruise in a river view stateroom on the gorgeous S.S. Sphinx
- Lavishly appointed staterooms
- All meals onboard ship
- Complimentary wine, beer, soft drinks, tear and coffee will be served during lunch and dinner onboard
- 9 Excursions, all fully hosted by English-speaking trained Egyptologists
- 15 UNESCO World Heritage sites
- All transfers
- Gratuities for onboard staff

Itinerary:

Oct. 22, 2022, Cairo, Egypt



Arrive at Cairo International Airport. If your cruise/tour package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, a Uniworld representative will be on hand to greet you and escort you to the opulent Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

Oct. 23: Cairo: Your local expert will show you a 12th-century citadel, the beautiful



Alabaster Mosque and an unsurpassed collection of priceless artifacts, including mind-boggling t reasures once buried with the boy king Tutankhamen.

Your tour of this historic city includes a visit to the Citadel of Salah al-Din, a massive compound containing mosques and museums and offering breathtaking views of Cairo. Founded in the seventh

century by Arab conquerors, the Fatimid dynasty rulers made Cairo their capital and named it al-Qahira ("the Victorious"). Located high above the eastern end of Cairo on El-Moqattam Hill, the citadel was the home of Egypt's rulers for more than 700 years and is one of the oldest attractions in the city.

Citadel of Salah al-Din, Alabaster Mosque and Egyptian Museum

Oct. 24: Cairo, Fly to Luxor (Embark) Cruising the Nile River, Dendera:



Prepare to be amazed at the legendary Temple of Karnak, a massive and absolutely astounding site, with gigantic columns, broad avenues lined with stone sphinxes and halls of truly ep ic proportions. This evening, you'll revel in a Welcome Reception and Dinner onboard.

Temple at Karnak

Oct. 25: Dendera, Cruising the Nile River, Luxor:



Like its twin shrine, the Temple of Karnak, the Temple of Luxor stands on the site of ancient Thebes, the once flourishing capital of Egypt's New Kingdom. It was built over hundreds of years and even in ruins it is still an extraordinary place. You'll also visit the Temple of Hathor, dedicated to the goddess of love and beauty.

Temple of Hathor

Temple of Luxor

Oct. 26: Luxor, Cruising the Nile River, Kom Ombo:



The word "colossal" will take on a whole new meaning after today's excursion to the gigantic twin statues known as the Colossi of Memnon. And that's just the beginning—you'll also visit the temple of one of Egypt's rare female pharaohs as well as the Valley of the Kings, used as a royal burial place for nearly 500 years and where the mummified remains of Tutankhamen are on display.

Colossi of Memnon, Hatshepsut Temple and Valley of the Kings

Oct. 27: Kom Ombo, Cruising the Nile River, Aswan:



After visiting a temple dedicated to a crocodile god today (don't miss the display of some of the 300 mummified crocs found in the local area), hop aboard a small boat for a birdwatching excursion along the Nile.

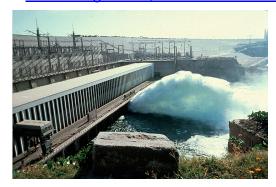
Kom Ombo Temple

Bird Watching Boat Ride

Oct. 28: Aswan: Today is an epic day, filled with wonders from start to finish. You'll visit a marvel of modern engineering—the Aswan High Dam—as well as the Unfinished Obelisk and the beautiful Philae Temple complex, which was moved from one island to another back in the 1970s. But wait, there's more. You'll also take a ride in a felucca—a traditional Egyptian sailboat—and enjoy afternoon tea at a famous hotel depicted in Agatha Christie's novel Death on the Nile.

Boat ride in traditional Nile River felucca and afternoon tea at the Old Cataract Hotel

Aswan High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Temple of Isis



Oct. 29: Aswan, Cruising the Nile River Edfu:

Spend the day at leisure or join us for an optional excursion to see the magnificent temples of Abu Simbel.

Oct. 30: Esna Cruising the Nile River, Luxor:

On today's excursion, you'll learn how the Temple of Esna was buried under debris for many centuries and is one of the last great Egyptian temples ever built. Your Egyptologist guide will share all sorts of fascinating insights about this significant cultural site and show you the façade



bearing the last known hieroglyphic inscriptions ever recorded in Egypt.

Temple of Khnum

Oct. 31: Luxor (Disembark, Fly to Cairo:



Disembark in Luxor and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Then, check in to the Four Seasons Hotel at Nile Plaza where you'll have time to relax before dinner.

Note: Flights to Cairo depart early in the morning to take advantage of more favorable weather and traffic conditions, and to optimize tour scheduling.

Nov. 1: Cairo



It's a day of Bucket List Moments today as we venture to Ancient Memphis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a number of amazing monuments to see—including the enigmatic Great Sphinx. After seeing the pyramids from afar last evening, you'll have a thrilling opportunity to view them from an upclose perspective, the only way to fully appreciate their remarkable size and grandeur.

Ancient Memphis sites, including the Pyramids of Giza with small pyramid entry, the Great Sphinx and Sakkara visit

Nov. 2: Depart Cairo



Check out of your hotel and transfer to the Cairo International Airport for your flight home, or extend your trip with a memorable optional extension in Jerusalem.

Note: Ship schedule and order of sightseeing may change throughout the itinerary.

Jerusalem Post Cruise offered by Uniworld

Suites & Fares:

Our group pricing is discounted -\$300 off of the published fare

Our group amenity is \$100 shipboard credit, per person.

Prices are per person: (based on double occupancy). Please ask Linda or Gail for Solo pricing.

S.S. Sphinx is a brand new ship and holds only 84 passengers (Deck Plan)

	Cabin Pricing (prices are per person)			
	Call us and we will be glad to give you a quote. We can also place a complimentary 4 day hold on a cabin for you.			
Dendera Deck	\$5,999.00 per person			
French Balcony 233 sq. feet				
Karnak Deck	\$6,699.00 per person			
Deluxe French Balcony 285 sq. feet				
Karnak Deck	\$7,499 per person			
Suite 344 sq. feet				
Karnak Deck & Abu Simbel Deck	\$8,499 per person			
Grand Suite 430 sq. feet				

Uniworld is also offering pre-cruise land package to <u>Jordan</u>, and a post cruise land package to <u>Jerusalem.</u>

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