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COVID19 ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS

With the ever-changing requirements, Travelers are individually responsible for being informed on the most up-to-date information & requirements for travel using the link provided: <https://www.virtuoso.com/travel/bewise-travel-entry-guide>

You may also refer to the country-specific guidelines on the government website: travel.state.gov

Admiral Travel will ensure you are prepared with the most recent information, however, we cannot be held responsible for last minute changes in policy/entry requirements

Important Egypt Notes

- Please ensure you have printed copies of your PCR covid test and your travel insurance with you. You may need to provide at check in and again at arrival in Egypt
- Let your bank(s) know you will be in Egypt/ Jordan (if applicable for post trip)
- Bring MasterCard/Visa as AMEX not as widely accepted (hotel/ship will take AMEX)
- Ensure your cell phone has international service as you want to be sure you are not charged for roaming.
- You are allowed to bring up to 1 bottle of spirits / wine per person into the country of Egypt please check with your air carrier if you can purchase in Duty Free in the US or does it need to be through your connecting city.
- You are allowed to purchase alcohol at the Duty-Free Shops on arrival as well
- There will be days where you may feel a little “hungry” in between meals. We suggest packing some individually packaged snacks with you to have on hand for those longer than normal touring days. Ideas include nuts, dried fruit, pretzels, trail mix and bars (protein bars, fruit/nut bars, granola bars) or anything easy to throw in your backpack or carry on.
- Please check the documents tab as we have listed a helpful Oberoi Zahra facts sheet and the Oberoi bar menus with pricing in Egyptian pounds. www.xe.com will help show the current exchange rate
- Bottled water will be readily available, and we encourage you to stay hydrated. Please also make sure to use bottled water when brushing your teeth.
- Dining at any venue that we have included in your program (for Cairo) and of course while on board Oberoi Zahra is safe to drink the ice and eat vegetables, fruits etc.
- We still encourage you to have a decent “pharmacy” with you, however. If you have any medications, please bring Rx with you in the event you are asked while traveling .
- The gratuity guidelines are listed on your Axus. You will have safes to leave your valuables throughout your journey, including cash . You don’t need to bring any Egyptian Pounds; the USD is widely accepted. Only cash in local currency would be necessary for cabs and we don’t recommend taking any taxi cabs please.
- Continue to check the Covid requirements. Even if you are vaccinated and everything you read tells you that you don’t have to test if you are vaccinated, I am encouraging you to test anyway to be sure there are no issues on arrival or even on departure out of the US. Remember that the airline personnel are also confused on the many changes of Covid requirements.
- Covid testing in Egypt for your return to the US or other onward destination will be done onboard the Oberoi Zahra. The cost is approximately 2,100 Egyptian pounds per test and can go on your ship folio for payment by credit card.

Axus Travel App Information

Please note this itinerary will be continually updated as additional reservations are confirmed and details (ie. touring pick-up times and emergency contacts) are finalized as we near your departure.

Additional supporting documentation such as invoicing details, pre-departure information and airline confirmations can be found under the 'Documents' tab.

[Here is a brief tutorial](#) on how to navigate through the Axus app

Egypt Gratuity Suggestions

Gratuities are not included in your program. Tipping is a personal matter and the amount you chose is at your discretion. Below are tipping suggestions.

Tour Guides

- Full day tours: \$10-20 USD per person, per day
- Half day tours: \$5-10 USD per person, per day

Drivers

- 50% of tour guide gratuity

Airports

- Meet and greet: \$3 USD
- Transfer to/from hotel: \$8 USD

Hotels

- Porters: \$1 USD per bag
- Housekeeping 1-2 USD per day
- Concierges are important in Egypt so maybe start your stay with a \$10-20 USD tip

Restaurants

- Check your bill to be sure a service fee is already included, if so feel free to leave US Dollars on the table as a bit "extra"

Dollars are accepted and preferred.

Recommended Cairo Restaurants

Should you wish to dine out in Cairo, you can find a list of recommended restaurants in the documents section of your Axus.

The St. Regis concierge will be happy to assist making a reservation for you:

conciierge.Cairo@stregis.com

Spa Treatments at St. Regis

In the documents section of your Axus you will find a St. Regis spa menu and price list. Should you wish to make a spa treatment appointment, please email:

sr.caixr.spa@stregis.com or ana.Jovanovic@stregis.com

Contacts for your Egypt trip:

Malaka Hilton cell: 941.915.7013 - it is best to text or WhatsApp

Jolene DiRocco cell: 941.374.6423 - it is best to text or WhatsApp

A & K Emergency #: +2012 2218 4376

Thursday · December 15th

VIP Arrival Service

You will be met after the quarantine area at the arrivals hall by an airport representative and escorted to the VIP lounge.

Have the printed original of your negative RT-PCR test with either a QR code or stamp of accredited laboratory along with the required details (see below) for the test along with a printed copy of your travel insurance.

The submitted PCR certificate will be accepted if it meets these requirements:

- It includes hour & date of sampling, which is the date on which the 72 hours will be counted.
- Issued by an authorized accredited laboratory and stamped with the laboratory's stamp OR with a QR code "instead of the laboratory stamp" and does not contain scraping, cancellation, or addition.
- Indicating the type of sample taken for the swab.
- Indicating that the type of test is (RT - PCR).
- Certificate is accepted in Arabic, English, or French language.
- The RT-PCR certificate must be an original paper certificate (Copy is not allowed).

Here, enjoy soft drinks, tea and coffee, as you wait for your passports to be checked and stamped. Next, you will identify your luggage and meet with your Admiral Travel representative who accompanies you to your hotel.

In case of emergency, please call the emergency number:

Tel: +2012 2218 4376

Transfer · Transfer from the Cairo Airport to the St. Regis Cairo Hotel

Departure Location

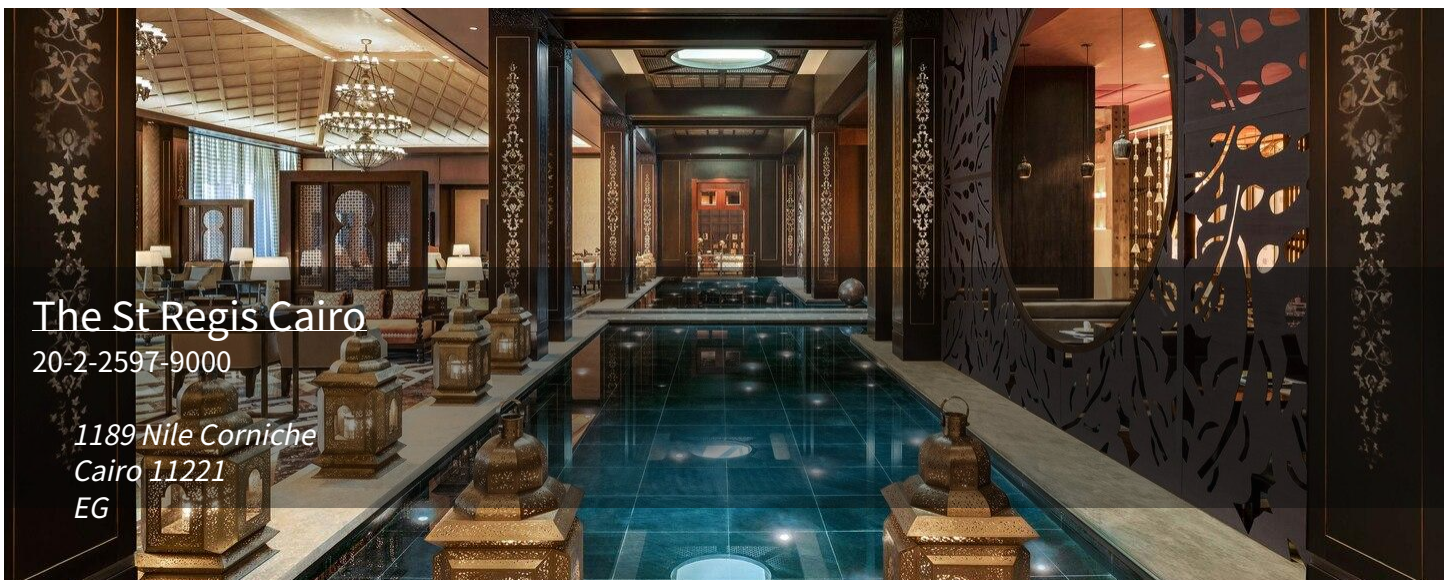
Cairo Airport

Arrival Location

St. Regis Cairo Hotel

Notes

Arrival and transfer to the St. Regis Cairo Hotel



The St. Regis Cairo

20-2-2597-9000

1189 Nile Corniche

Cairo 11221

EG

Dec 15 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Dec 18 · 12:00 PM

Check Out

3 Nights

Year Built - 2018 Additional Property Description - The St. Regis Cairo draws guests to the heart of Egypt's timeless metropolis, weaving a powerful new story of luxury in the region with unprecedented local heritage and outstanding views of the Nile and Old Cairo. The hotel stands as a pivotal landmark with its 36 stories, gracefully designed for those who are only inspired by the

unexpected by the renowned architect Michael Graves. Paying homage to 362 lavishly appointed rooms, suites and upscale apartments, luxuriant comfort prevails with state-of-the-art facilities, signature rituals and 7 thoughtfully crafted restaurants and bars. Bespoke and personalized service is exemplified by the signature St. Regis Butler service, to anticipate your every need from the moment of unpacking to fulfilling your unique preferences and executing them in perfect detail throughout your stay. Whatever the request, St. Regis Butler Service is available with our compliments any time, day or night.

Amenities

Daily breakfast in La Zisa restaurant is included.

Room Selection

Room Category Astor Room	Bedding King
Confirmation Reference 98206977	Number Of Guests 2

Friday · December 16th



9:00 AM

Start Time

3:30 PM

End Time

6hr 30min

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby on 5th floor

After breakfast at La Zisa, meet your guide in the hotel lobby for your day of touring.

Visit the Mosques Hassan & Refaie. Please dress conservatively for this visit.

Take a morning tour to Modern Art Museum also known as the Cairo Opera House and then enjoy a set-menu lunch at El Kababgy restaurant.

Return to hotel around 3:30pm. Remainder of the day and evening at leisure.

Dinner on own arrangements

Notes

Please ensure you have your knees and shoulders covered for the visit to the mosques.

Saturday · December 17th



VIPLane Exclusive: Grand Egyptian Museum Visit

6:30 AM

Start Time

2:30 PM

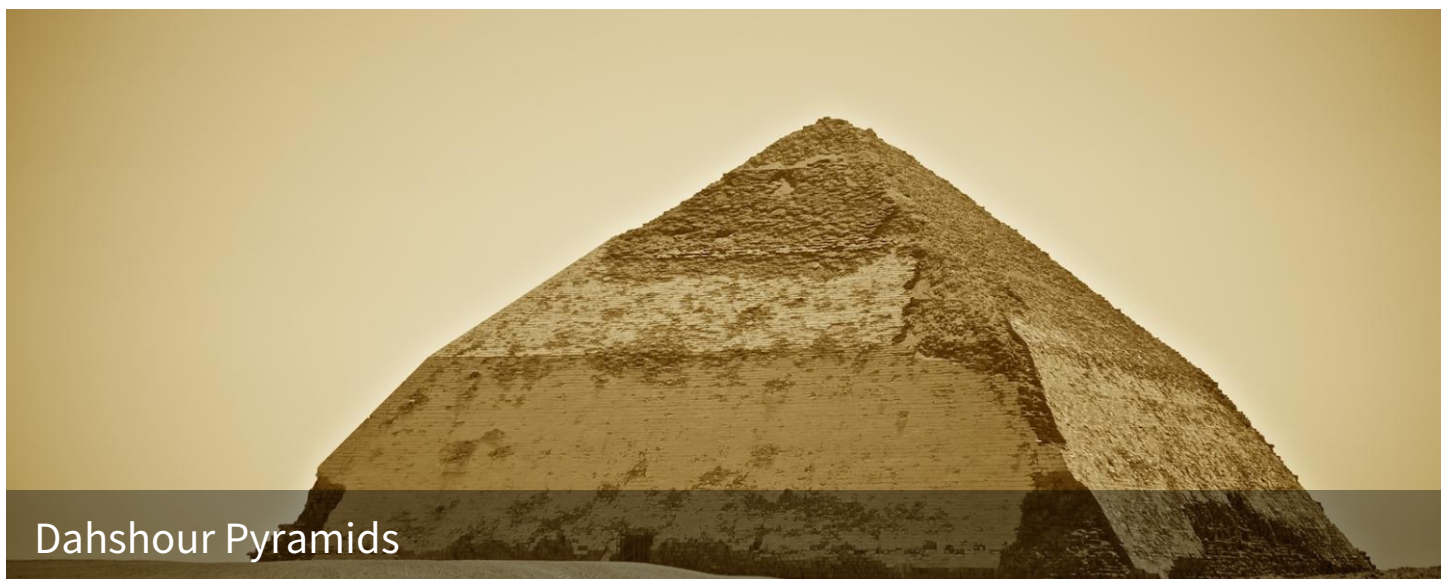
End Time

8hr

Duration

The Grand Egyptian Museum is expected to open to the public in late 2022. It will be the largest archaeological museum complex in the world and host to more than 100,000 artifacts. For the first time ever, King Tut's entire treasure collection will be on display alongside artifacts from pre-historic times through Egypt's many thousands of years of pharaonic civilization through the [comparatively] more modern ancient Greek and Roman periods of Egyptian history.

Sunday · December 18th



Dahshour Pyramids

9:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby on 5th floor

After breakfast at La Zisa, check out of the hotel.

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby at 9:00am.

Enjoy a half day visiting the Dahshour Pyramids followed by lunch at Andrea New Giza restaurant.

Transfer · Transfer to the Marriott Mena House Hotel

Arrival Location

Marriott Mena House Hotel

Notes

After lunch at Andrea New Giza transfer to Marriott Mena House. Approximate arrival 3:00pm.



Marriott Mena House Cairo

20-2-33773222

6 Pyramids Road.
Cairo 12556
EG

Dec 18 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Dec 20 · 12:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

Experience the wondrous beauty of the Pyramids from Marriott Mena House, Cairo. A frequent stop for dignitaries and celebrities, this historic, 5-star hotel offers travelers a taste of modern luxury. Set at the base of the Pyramids, hotel guests can walk to one of Egypt's most popular attractions. The Giza resort is also near the Sphinx, Cairo University and the Egyptian Museum. Inside, relax in upscale hotel rooms with indulgent bedding, marble bathrooms and private balconies with fantastic views of the pool, gardens or the Pyramids. Select an Executive-level room for access to the Lounge and perks, including free hot buffet breakfasts and afternoon tea. Upgrade to a suite for a large living room, lounge benefits and unbeatable Pyramid views. Take a dip in our outdoor pool, work out in the 24-hour gym, heal in our spa and indulge at our restaurants. Our stunning venues are ideal for everything from small seminars to lavish weddings, with our picturesque 139 Pavilion Gardens accommodating up to 3,000 guests.

Room Selection

Room Category

Pyramid Suite

Confirmation Reference

282107

Guest Name

Brent & Brenda Parker

Number Of Guests

2

Notes

Daily breakfast at 139 Pavilion restaurant is included.

Payment

Included in trip cost

Cancellation Policy

Non-refundable



Sound & Light show at Pyramids

6:30 PM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

This evening, enjoy the Sound & Light show at the Pyramids.

Return to the Mena House around 8:30pm.

Dinner under own arrangements

Monday · December 19th



VIPLane Exclusive Private Audience with Famed Archeologist and former director of Antiquities Dr. Zahi Hawass at the Paws of the Sphynx

8:30 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

Notes

This will be followed by a special lighting of the Great Pyramid this evening.

Tuesday · December 20th



8:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

Enjoy breakfast at 139 Pavilion and check out of the hotel.

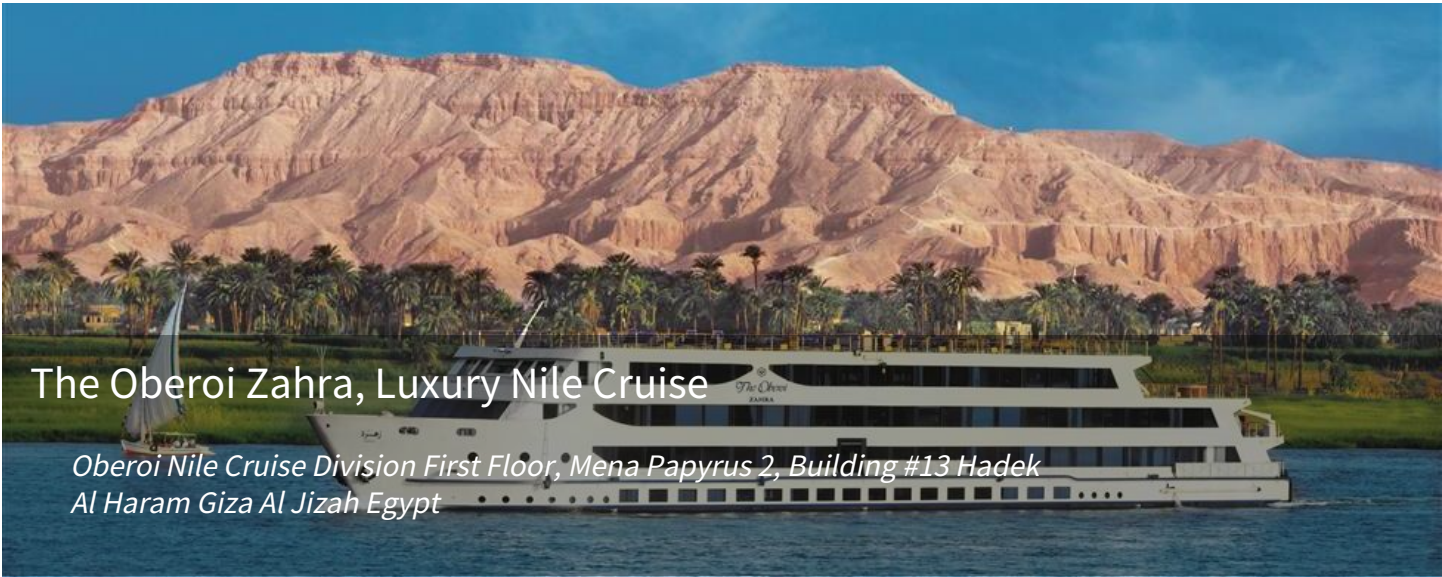
8:00 am - meet your guide to transfer to the new National Museum of Egyptian Civilization for a visit.

Following the museum, transfer to the Cairo Airport for your 1:15pm flight to Abu Simbel to visit the temples.

After this incredible stop, board your 5:30pm flight to Aswan.

Upon arrival around 6:10pm, you will be escorted to the Oberoi Zahra for your 7-night cruise along the Nile.

After embarkation and check in, enjoy dinner on board at 8:00pm



The Oberoi Zahra, Luxury Nile Cruise

Oberoi Nile Cruise Division First Floor, Mena Papyrus 2, Building #13 Hadek Al Haram Giza Al Jizah Egypt

Dec 20

Check In

Dec 27

Check Out

7 Nights

The Oberoi Zahra, Luxury Nile Cruiser continues the Oberoi Hotels & Resorts tradition of offering the highest standards of hospitality and is among the most spacious accommodation on the Nile. The Oberoi Zahra is the only boat on the Nile with a full-service spa. It sails on a seven-day itinerary from Luxor to Aswan (and vice versa), allowing guests the opportunity to leisurely discover five thousand years of Egyptian culture. Discover 5,000 years of Egyptian culture on a seven-day cruise between Luxor and Aswan aboard The Oberoi Zahra. With just 27 cabins and suites, The Oberoi Zahra offers some of the most spacious, private accommodations on the river Nile. All have high-speed Wi-Fi and river views. The restaurant has a daily, changing à la carte menu, while the spa offers a wide range of treatments. The cruiser also has an open-air, temperature-controlled pool. While aboard the cruiser, guests can experience traditional dance and music performances.

Room Selection

Room Category

Luxury Suite #306

Guest Name

Brent & Brenda Parker

Number Of Guests

2

Payment

Included in trip cost

Cancellation Policy

Non-refundable

Wednesday · December 21st



Aswan

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning as you sail through Aswan. Aswan is Egypt's southernmost city. At Aswan, the desert touches the banks of the Nile River and the waters are dotted with islands. Aswan was historically an important trading town and remains a bustling marketplace.

Enjoy your first of many breathtaking sunsets from the rooftop sundeck, aboard the Oberoi Zahra Luxury Nile Cruiser

Thursday · December 22nd



Kom Ombo

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Enjoy breakfast as you sail to Kom Ombo.

This morning, you will visit the Temple of Kom Ombu, before sailing back towards Aswan.

Friday · December 23rd



Edfu

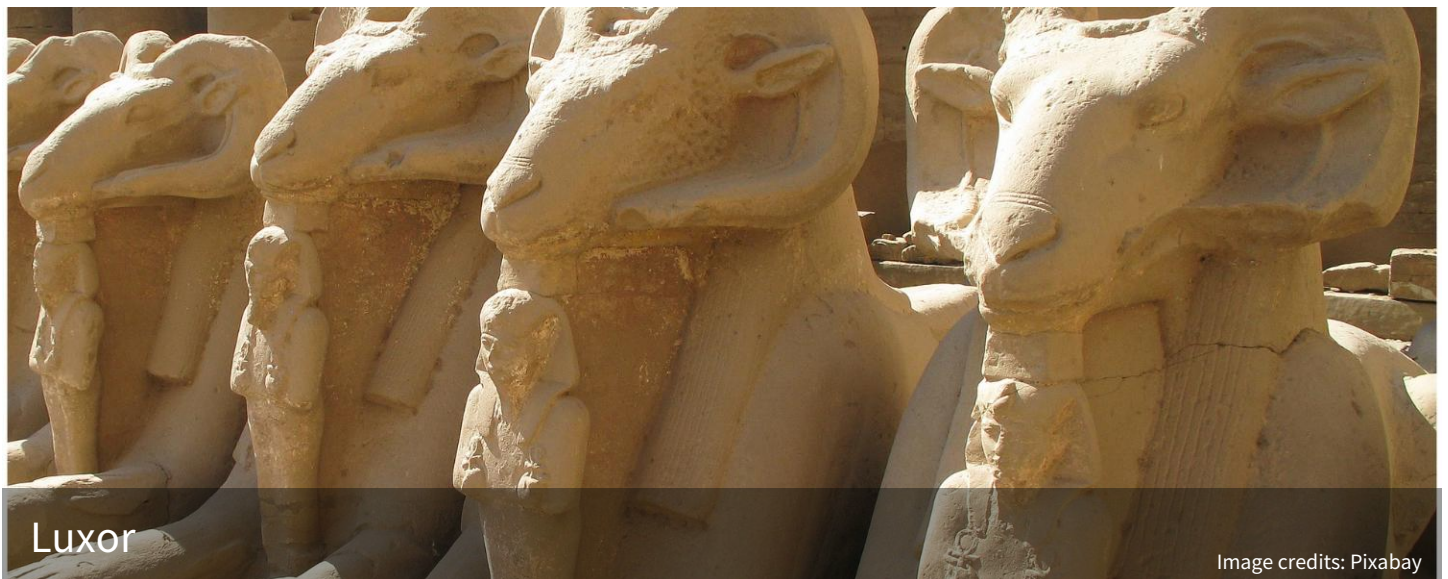
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Enjoy a relaxing morning aboard, sailing to Edfu.

After lunch, we will visit the Temple of Edfu. The temple is highly important, as it perfectly reflects the Ptolemaic culture with the Ancient Egyptian Pharaonic culture.

Your evening is at leisure on board the Oberoi Zahra. Afternoon tea is served daily in the Club Lounge and Sun Deck prior to dinner service.

Saturday · December 24th



Luxor

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Enjoy your breakfast and your morning of leisure sailing the River Nile towards Luxor.

After lunch, visit Karnak Temple & the Luxor Museum.

Sunday · December 25th



West Bank

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Visit the West Bank, including the Valley of Kings, Temple of Habu, and Colossus of Memnon.

During lunch, you will sail to Qena to visit the Temple of Dendera. Sail back in the evening as the sun sets over Luxor.

Monday · December 26th



VIPLane Exclusive - Visit the Tomb of Queen Nefertari

Nefertari was the first queen and the most beloved wife of Ramesses II (also known as Ramesses the Great). Not only does she have one of the most exquisite tombs in the Valley of the Kings and Queens, but Ramesses II also honored her by building her a temple, the Small Temple at Abu Simbel.

Her full name, Nefertari Merytmot, means “most beautiful, beloved of the goddess Mut.”

Not many get to visit her tomb as it is limited to a certain number of visitors per day and you must obtain a special ticket, ATI has done just that for you.

Tuesday · December 27th

Disembarkation

Enjoy your last breakfast on board.

Disembark and transfer to the Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo.

A day room has been arranged for you at Le Meridien Cairo Airport