

Egypt

2024-2025 VOYAGES | EXPEDITIONS.COM

*Sail the Nile Aboard
a World-Class Ship*

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Pharaohs through 5,000 years of Egyptian history, exploring alongside Egyptologist guides who offer expert perspectives on the world's richest trove of ancient treasures. Discover one highlight after another—from the great Pyramids of Giza to Abu Simbel's rock-hewn temples—and spend unhurried days sailing the Nile aboard an elegant ship, taking in modern life along this storied river.



Cover: Karnak Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site. ©Ralph Lee Hopkins.
This page: Oberoi Philae departs Kom Ombo to cruise further south on the Nile toward Aswan. ©Andrew Peacock

Contents

Experience Egypt from a New Perspective with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic	4
Premier Accommodations	6
Five Photography Tips for the Land of the Pharaohs	8
Egypt Expeditions	12
Explore More: Optional Extensions	14
<i>Oberoi Philae</i>	16
<i>Sun Goddess</i>	17
Special Offers & Inclusions	18
Reservation Information	19



Experience Egypt from a New Perspective with

Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic are united in a shared mission to take curious travelers deeper into storied places that paint a richer picture of our world. Together, we craft itineraries that inspire and transform, pushing the boundaries of discovery to offer wholly unique experiences led by the foremost experts on your destination.

Travel with Inspiring Experts

Each stop on your journey is brimming with stories of the ancient Egyptians who walked corridors etched in hieroglyphics and worshiped deities in torch-lit temples. Landmarks alone cannot paint a



complete picture of life in this ancient realm, which is why we travel alongside accredited Egyptologist guides who provide expert insights into the significance

of these captivating antiquities. Select departures are also accompanied by National Geographic Experts, such as archaeologists and historians, who offer new layers of understanding on this fascinating destination.

Take Great Photos with the Pros



A Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI) joins every voyage and a National Geographic Photography Expert accompanies select departures. These experts are on hand to assist travelers with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with the photos of a lifetime.



Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Gain Access to Seldom-Seen Sights

Descend into the royal tomb of Seti I—widely regarded as the most stunning chamber in the Valley of the Kings—and marvel at its vaulted ceilings, painted in brilliant blue astronomical scenes. Enjoy the rare opportunity to discover the lesser-visited Temple of Khnum, layered beneath the streets of Esna's old town and still partially buried by silt from centuries of Nile floods. And venture far beyond the banks of the Nile to Egypt's best-preserved temple at Dendera, adorned with unusual paintings of Roman emperors alongside the typical Egyptian deities.

A Private Small-Group Experience

Our expeditions in Egypt never exceed 60 travelers, which guarantees you a richer and more personal experience amid the temples and tombs of this ancient realm. With a ratio of one Egyptologist guide for every 20-25 guests, you can satisfy your curiosity about the many mysteries and accomplishments of this great civilization. Our small group size also allows us access to popular sights at off-peak hours so we can linger long after the crowds are gone.



The Grand Egyptian Museum



Be among the first to discover the treasures on display at the Grand Egyptian Museum, anticipated to open to the public in 2024. This state-of-the-art facility holds the world's largest collection of ancient artifacts—more than 100,000 antiquities—including the entire assortment of jewelry, weaponry, clothing, and other treasures recovered from King Tut's tomb, all on display in one location for the first time since archaeologist Howard Carter unearthed them in 1922.

Premier Accommodations On Land & On the Water

Experience Egypt's storied history and legendary beauty from a luxurious Nile ship and Cairo's finest hotel accommodations.

Oberoi Philae

A six-night Nile exploration is the centerpiece of our **Passage Through Egypt** expedition, and you will sail aboard one of the most elegant ships on the river today: *Oberoi Philae*. The recently remodeled vessel accommodates just 22 spacious cabins, each with French balconies that reveal scenes of the Nile's swaying date palms and bobbing feluccas. *Oberoi Philae* also has private docking privileges in busy ports like Luxor and Aswan, allowing us to bypass places where tourists congregate and avoid delays from boat traffic.



After unhurried days spent discovering ancient temples and monuments, head to the top deck for a refreshing dip in the sizable pool or a cold beverage at the al fresco cocktail bar. An enclosed restaurant on the lower deck is lined with panoramic windows and serves up a mix of Middle Eastern dishes and continental favorites. The spa area offers a range of massages and other treatments, along with a fitness center to accommodate wellness needs.





Sun Goddess

Enjoy a four-night journey along the Nile aboard *Sun Goddess* during the **Exploring Egypt** expedition. This elegant vessel is outfitted with 30 beautifully appointed suites, each with a separate sitting area and balcony where you can watch daily life unfurl along the riverbanks. Inviting shared spaces, including a sleek bar and dining room, blend plush furnishings with Egyptian décor and artwork to evoke the ambiance of a chic boutique hotel.



As *Sun Goddess* sails between the Nile's vibrant ports of call, settle into a lounge on the sun deck and soak in scenes of verdant palms backed by sweeping Saharan sands. The refreshing pool and spa treatment rooms invite further relaxation, while an onboard 'bazaar' offers the chance to browse fine Egyptian goods from the comfort of the ship.



Private Aircraft

For flights within Egypt, you will travel aboard charter aircraft reserved just for our group, which allows us to fly at ideal times and avoid commercial air disruptions. Enjoy the luxury of exploring at your own pace in places like Abu Simbel, where other tours are typically rushed to adhere to commercial flight schedules.

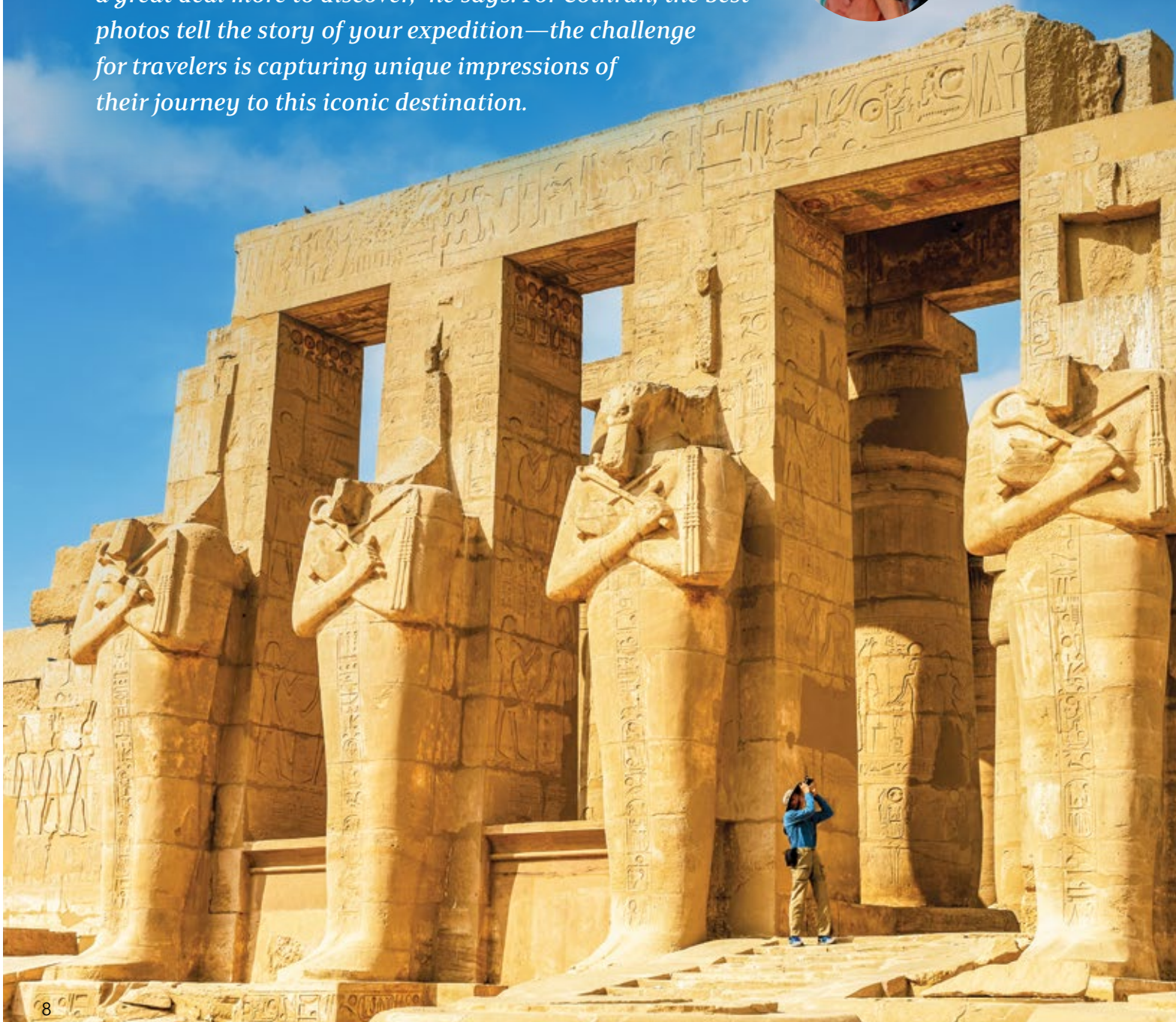
The St. Regis Cairo

Situated on the banks of the Nile in the heart of Cairo, this newly renovated five-star hotel features plush guest rooms, each equipped with a balcony for taking in river views and the sights and sounds of this bustling city. The property hosts a wide array of amenities, including six dining venues dishing up Mediterranean and international fare, an outdoor pool, and a fitness room.



Five Photography Tips for the Land of the Pharaohs

During his three decades traveling the globe with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic, Certified Photo Instructor David Cothran has explored Egypt many times in search of the country's best photo ops. "At first, you focus on the powerful geometry of the iconic monuments, but beyond the famous sites, there is a great deal more to discover," he says. For Cothran, the best photos tell the story of your expedition—the challenge for travelers is capturing unique impressions of their journey to this iconic destination.





Look for Original Angles

Just about everything we'll see in Egypt has been photographed many times. To make your images stand out, look for unusual angles and fresh ideas. You'll certainly want to take that shot of an entire temple, but then get up close and play around with photos that emphasize the geometry and textures of the stone.



Pay Attention to Composition

To build a strong composition, fill your frame with shapes and colors that work well together, and watch for how these different elements line up or echo one another. Use foreground features—like a camel and driver in front of the pyramids—to add interest to wide shots.



Work with the Desert Light

Egypt's strong desert light is gorgeous, but it can be quite challenging for photography. Work with harsh highlights by seeking out strong geometric patterns or using shadows to frame brightly lit elements. In dim temples, sunlight coming in at a sideways angle can help emphasize the shapes and lines of hieroglyphs and bas relief figures.



Capture Modern-Day Culture

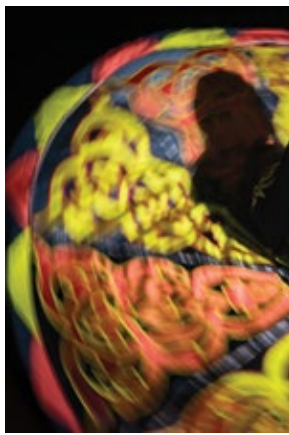
Meeting local people is one of the best parts of our visit, and they can be wonderful subjects for photography. Strike up a short conversation and ask permission before shooting. This helps create a connection with your subject, which makes for better images.



Infuse your Photos with a Variety of Subjects

A visit to Egypt is filled with visual magic. Beyond the landmarks you'll find historic mosques and Coptic churches, crumbling Byzantine walls in the shadow of modern skyscrapers, busy markets and quiet riverside farms—all woven together by the warmth and beauty of the Egyptian people. Capture a variety of shots that show what your journey means to you.







“The Egyptologists were superb: they were extremely knowledgeable and were invaluable in helping us navigate a culture that is very different from what we are used to. They were very open about explaining cultural and religious differences as well as modern life in Egypt.”


– Gail Wurtzler

Clockwise from top left: The Great Temple, Abu Simbel; Camels, Great Pyramids of Giza; Tanoura, an Egyptian folk dance; Mohammad Ali Mosque, Cairo; Ramesseum temple, Thebes; Old town market, Cairo; Colorful Luxor; Sphinx and Great Pyramids of Giza; Kom Ombo Temple, Nile River Valley.



Exterior of Luxor Temple

Passage Through Egypt aboard *Oberoi Philae*


12 DAYS / FROM \$14,162pp
 2024 Sep.-Dec. / 2025 Jan.-Mar., Sep.-Dec.
Oberoi Philae

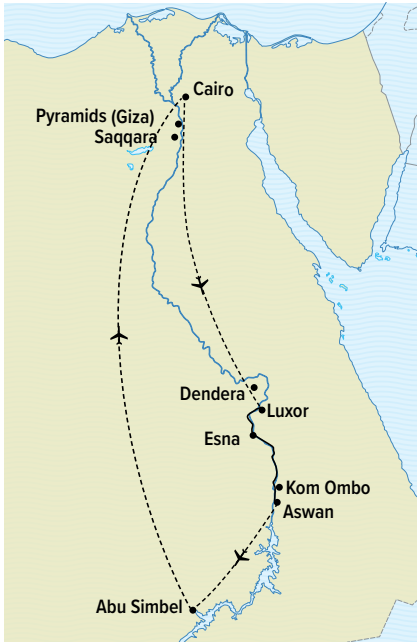
Visit expeditions.com/longegypt for itinerary details, extensions, and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Sail the Nile** seamlessly connected to the landscape by French balconies and gracious open spaces, making the *Oberoi Philae* the elegant centerpiece of your trip.
- **Explore all the must-see sites** and more—from the great **Pyramids of Giza** to the **Temple of Dendera**.
- Travel effortlessly in style with **first-class hotels** and **private internal flights**.
- **Exceptional Egyptologists** and **certified photo instructors** greatly enrich the expedition experience.
- **Extend your expedition** in Cairo or Jordan, including Petra and the Dead Sea.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

- | | |
|--|---|
| Day 1: Cairo, Egypt | Day 7: West Bank/Sailing the Nile |
| Day 2: Cairo/Pyramids/Sphinx | Day 8: Esna/Sailing the Nile |
| Day 3: Cairo/Grand Egyptian Museum or Museum of Antiquities/Saqqara | Day 9: Kom Ombo/Aswan |
| Day 4: Islamic Cairo | Day 10: Aswan |
| Day 5: Luxor/Embark Ship | Day 11: Disembark Ship/Abu Simbel/ Cairo |
| Day 6: Dendera/Luxor Temple | Day 12: Cairo |



SPECIAL GUEST
 Join National Geographic Explorer and Egyptian archaeologist **Nora Shawki** on Sep. 14, 2024.

Exploring Egypt aboard *Sun Goddess*



9 DAYS / FROM \$9,237pp
2025 Jan., Feb., Oct., Nov.
Sun Goddess

Visit expeditions.com/shortegypt for itinerary details, extensions, and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail the legendary Nile aboard the luxurious all-suite *Sun Goddess*, stepping off to explore riverside temples and villages.
- Experience the thrill of exploring celebrated sites of antiquity like the Great Pyramids, Abu Simbel, and the Valley of the Kings.
- Premier hotel accommodations and private internal flights ensure a seamless, sumptuous experience.
- Travel alongside certified photo instructors and accredited Egyptologists who provide expert insights into monumental sites.
- Extend your expedition in Cairo or Jordan, including Petra and the Dead Sea.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt

Day 2: Cairo/Pyramids/Sphinx

Day 3: Cairo/Grand Egyptian Museum or Museum of Antiquities/Saqqara

Day 4: Luxor/Embark Ship

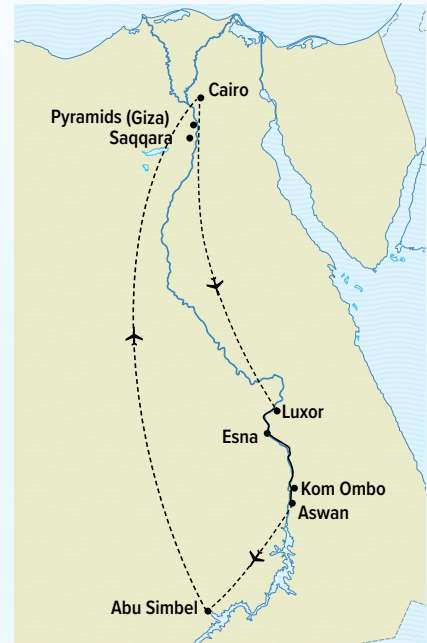
Day 5: West Bank

Day 6: Esna

Day 7: Kom Ombo/Aswan

Day 8: Disembark Ship/Abu Simbel/Cairo

Day 9: Cairo



Traditional feluccas dot Nile waters near the port of Luxor.





Explore More Optional Extensions

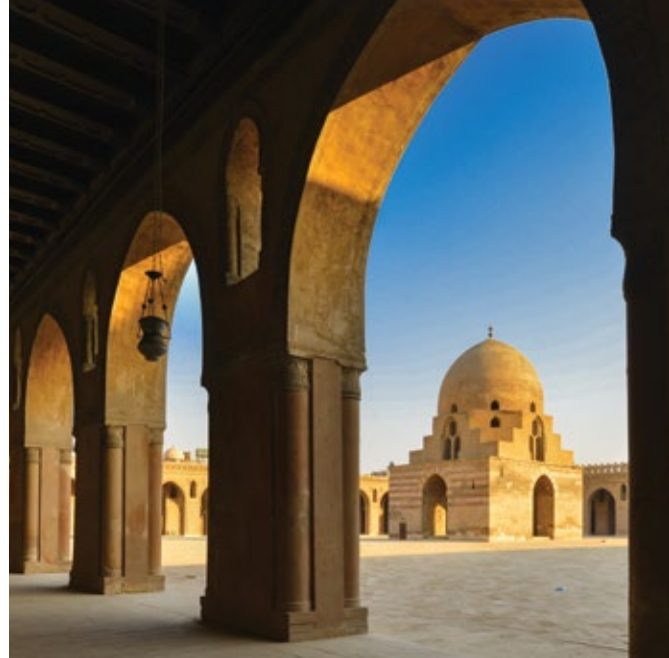
Jordan

POST-VOYAGE | 6 DAYS | FROM \$4,505

Sitting at the crossroads of ancient civilizations, the desert sands and fertile valleys of Jordan lend a dramatic backdrop to ancient Nabatean monuments, Roman ruins, and vibrant Islamic cities. Beginning in capital city Amman, we'll visit Jerash, where one hundred years of excavation have unearthed just one percent of this former Roman metropolis. Continue to Petra, the Nabatean city whose iconic rose-hued facades are carved directly into sandstone cliffs. In Madaba, see the remarkable 6th-century mosaic map, then venture to the Dead Sea for a relaxing float. Throughout your journey, you'll be accompanied by a top guide and stay in superb accommodations.

Learn more at expeditions.com/jordan

The Treasury, Petra's most iconic building, was carved from the desert's sandstone cliffs around 2,000 years ago.



Clockwise from top: Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, Cairo; Ibn Tulun Mosque, Cairo; Spices in traditional souk; Below: Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church, Cairo.

Cairo

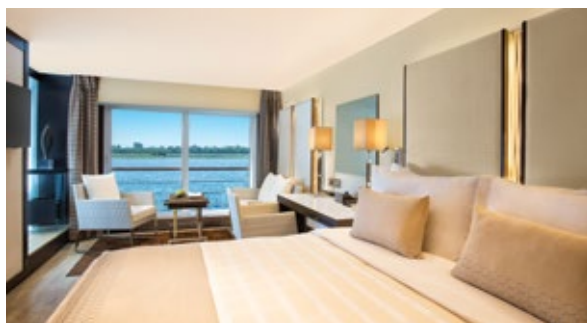
PRE-VOYAGE | 3 DAYS | FROM \$1,323



Delve deeper into Cairo's illustrious past with two additional nights at The St. Regis Cairo. Explore Old Cairo, the city's earliest original settlement, home to an ancient Coptic Christian community. Visit the Ibn Tulun Mosque and the Gayer Andersen Museum, which exhibits a trove of Arab antiquities. You will also have the opportunity to tour the newly restored Baron Empain Palace—also known as “Le Palais Hindou,” or the Hindu palace—built by Belgian millionaire Baron Edward Empain in 1911.

[Learn more at **expeditions.com/cairo**](https://www.expeditions.com/cairo)

World-Class River Ships



Oberoi Philae

44 guests in 22 cabins including 4 suites

Her scale, décor, and renowned service define *Oberoi Philae* as the finest ship on the Nile. She has the intimate size and appointments of a luxury yacht, with the spaciousness and gracious hospitality of a world-class hotel. Savor her private and public spaces—with complimentary wireless internet access throughout the ship.

SEE MORE ONLINE

Learn more about *Oberoi Philae* at expeditions.com/oberoi

Clockwise from top: Suite (Categories 4 and 5 are similar, however Category 5 features a large deck and jacuzzi tub); Guest in the swimming pool on the top deck of the Oberoi Philae; Standard cabin (Categories 1, 2, and 3 are similar); Dining room.



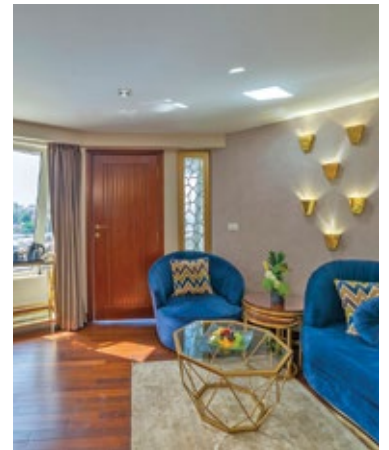
Sun Goddess

60 guests in 30 suites

A new addition to our Egypt offerings, the elegant *Sun Goddess* carries a maximum of only 60 guests in 30 spacious suites, providing an intimate and exceptionally comfortable experience on the world's longest river. Featuring a separate sitting area and balconies, each suite is a relaxing and sophisticated environment to observe 5,000 years of history unfolding along the Nile's banks.

SEE MORE ONLINE

Learn more about *Sun Goddess* at expeditions.com/sungoddes



Clockwise from top left: The lounge; Seating area in Royal Suite; Executive Suite balcony; Sun Goddess sun deck.

Special Offers

Offers are valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

BRING THE KIDS

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive back-to-back departures. Applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more adults over age 18. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable for up to two savings opportunities except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of eight or more on back-to-back voyages and take advantage of both savings.



Inclusive Pricing

We design our suite of inclusions to foster a complete expedition experience, providing everything you need to explore your destination to the fullest and eliminating the unnecessary.

- Exclusive Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic programs aboard privately chartered ships
- Professionally guided excursions
- Arrival and departure transfers for any flights into and out of Cairo, including airport assistance
- Hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and on shore
- Snacks, premium coffees and teas, nonalcoholic beverages, and drinking water
- Beer and wine with meals
- Guidance and company of our leading expedition staff, including a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor
- Presentations about the destination by expedition staff
- Access to lounges, observation decks, library stocked with regionally relevant literature, and other shared spaces
- Complimentary Wi-Fi aboard the ships
- Access to exercise equipment
- Laundry aboard the ships
- Crew gratuities
- Gratuities for Egyptologists, drivers, service staff, and porters
- Park and site entrance fees, photography fees, special access permits, and port taxes

Reservation Information

Terms & Conditions: For complete terms and conditions please visit expeditions.com/terms

Pricing: For best pricing book early. Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD, and based on select departures. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, Mar. 13, 2024, are subject to change and availability at time of booking, and are not guaranteed until required deposit is made. Visit expeditions.com or call for all pricing.

Pricing Includes: Accommodations aboard ship and in hotels per itinerary; meals aboard ship and on land per itinerary, with soft drinks/non-alcoholic beverages and select alcoholic beverages, drinking water throughout; excursions per itinerary, including entrance fees and special access permits; arrival and departure airport transfers for any flights into and out of Cairo, including airport assistance; gratuities to all service staff, including Egyptologists and ship's crew; guidance and company of a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photography instructor and private Egyptologists throughout, presentations by expedition staff and expert Egyptologists, including Recaps with snacks and hors d'oeuvres; Wi-Fi aboard ship; laundry aboard ship; access to exercise equipment; and 24-hour access to lounge and shared spaces aboard ship. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not Included: Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); internal charter flights (priced separately); Egypt visa on arrival (priced separately); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); spa treatments, Wi-Fi in hotels (if not included from hotels), and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; passport, and immigration fees; and items of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, and laundry in hotels.

Itinerary Modifications: Itinerary routing may vary and stops may be subject to modification and/or permitting. Visit website itinerary pages for details and exceptions.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

Reservations, Deposits, and Final

Payments: To reserve your place, an advance payment deposit is required at the time of reservation. Receipt of advance payment deposit indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions. Final payment schedule can be found online. Visit expeditions.com/terms for complete details about deposits and final payment schedules which may vary by ship.

Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, medical assistance, and damaged or lost baggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. If you are not satisfied for any reason, you may return your plan within 10 days after purchase. Your premium will be refunded if canceled within 10 days, provided you have not already departed on the trip or filed a claim. When so returned, the coverage under the plan is void from the original date of purchase.

Responsibility and Other Terms &

Conditions: Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our website at expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Cancellation Policy: Call for details or visit expeditions.com/cancellation-policy.

Lindblad Expeditions, LLC is a registered member of the CA Seller of Travel Program #2151120. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. WA Seller of Travel Program #601134845 001 0001.

©2024 Lindblad Expeditions
Lindblad Expeditions and the Eye are the trademarks of Lindblad Expeditions. All rights reserved.

©2024 National Geographic Partners, LLC. All Rights Reserved.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and the Yellow Border are trademarks of National Geographic Society and used with permission.

Photo Credits: Credit: Sergio Azenha/Alamy, Gemina Garland-Lewis, Ralph Lee Hopkins, iStock, Eric Kruszewski, Sean Neilson, Michael S Nolan, Andrew Peacock, Ahmed Samir, Ivan Sebborn /Alamy, Shutterstock, Sonesta International Hotels, David Vargas.

Log on to expeditions.com

Find everything you need to dream, research, or plan travel to 60+ destinations worldwide.

- ▶ Subscribe to our far-ranging email newsletter
- ▶ See expeditions.com/stories for articles, videos & Daily Expedition Reports
- ▶ Follow us on social media for great posts @lindbladexp on Instagram, Pinterest, and @lindbladexpeditions on Facebook
- ▶ Subscribe to our videos on youtube.com/lindbladexpeditions



For Reservations:

Contact your travel advisor or

Lindblad Expeditions

1.877.689.1962 or 212.261.9000

Reservation Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 8pm ET

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm ET

Lindblad Expeditions, Inc.,
96 Morton Street, New York, NY 10014

For additional information and online reservations, visit us on the Web:

www.expeditions.com



LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS
96 MORTON STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10014

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LINDBLAD
EXPEDITIONS

Account Number:



1.877.689.1962 | WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM

Printed on 10% recycled content paper with soy-based inks. We recommend that you pass this along for others to enjoy or recycle. 100% carbon neutral. Committed to being single-use plastic free. We care deeply about the planet, and travel as a powerful force for good. Learn more at expeditions.com/sustainability

EGP-0424

Unearth Unique Perspectives on Egypt

- Sail aboard the most beautiful ships on the Nile River today.
- Enjoy the luxury of private charter flights.
- Travel alongside expert Egyptologist guides and a National Geographic certified photo instructor.



Scan QR code for details or visit expeditions.com/egypt

