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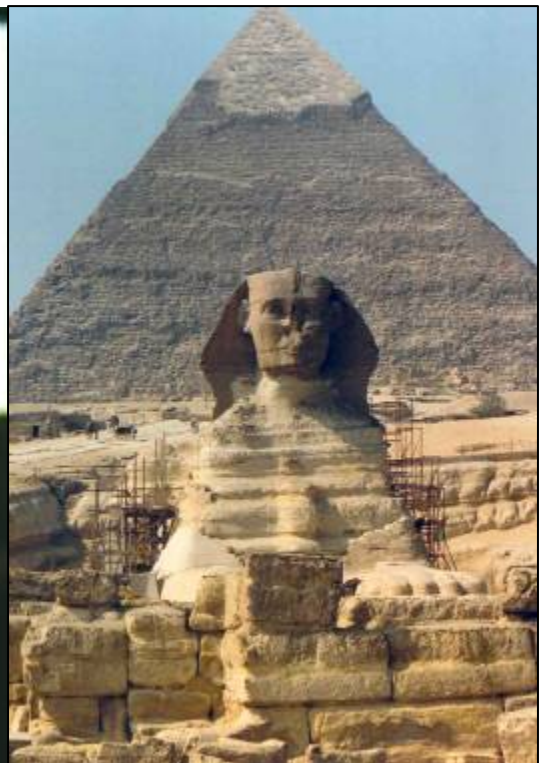
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EGYPT & THE NILE

FEBRUARY 20 TO MARCH 4, 2012



EGYPT ~ AN OVERVIEW



Discover the allure of sun-drenched sands, bustling cities, majestic monuments and Pharaonic treasures on a journey to Egypt. From literary writers, including Agatha Christie and Penelope Lively, and films such as *The Mummy*, *Cleopatra* and *Indiana Jones*, the lure of this ancient country with its incredible Egyptian civilization that ruled for three millennia is hard to resist – tourists, archeologists and historians flock to its treasure trove of romantic, and sometimes savage, history. Dissected by the mighty Nile River that flows north into the Mediterranean Sea, the Egyptian landscape is awash with low-lying sand dunes broken by sandstone plateaus and cliffs in the southwest near the Nile and Red Sea. The only fertile area is a small five to ten mile section in the Nile Valley, where 98% of the country's 74 million people reside and the location of capital city, Cairo. Get

ready to soak up the exotic mix of cultures, where Arabic is the official language, followed by English and French, as you begin your unforgettable adventure to a land steeped in time and timeless civilizations.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ MONDAY ~ FEBRUARY 20

CHARLOTTE OR RALEIGH/DURHAM/EN ROUTE

The excitement of your odyssey begins as you board your overnight flight to Cairo. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2 ~ TUESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 21

CAIRO

Upon arrival in Cairo in the afternoon, you will be met by your Classic Escapes representative who will assist you through customs and escort you to your centrally located hotel. The heart of Egypt for more than 1,000 years, Cairo demonstrates the dichotomy of all things Egyptian. It's in Cairo where the medieval world and the contemporary western world come together in a confusion of earthen houses and towering modern office buildings, of flashy cars and donkey-drawn carts. The balance of your day is at leisure which allows time for you to acclimate to your new surroundings. This evening you will be treated a lovely welcome dinner at the hotel.

Your accommodations for the next three nights will be in the legendary Mena House, set in beautiful jasmine-scented gardens with the great pyramids towering behind. The Mena House was originally built as a royal lodge by the King of Egypt, Khedive Ismail, for use on hunting trips in the desert. With the opening of the Suez Canal, he enlarged the guesthouse to



receive international and royal guests visiting the Pyramids. It was used as a hotel as early as 1880 and then taken over by the Oberoi Hotels in the 1970s. The hotel has been meticulously renovated and expanded and is now a member of "The Leading Hotels of the World." Public areas are decorated in an ornate Arabesque style. All guest accommodation at Mena House

Oberoi is air conditioned with private bathroom. Rooms are lavishly appointed with traditionally inspired furnishings and rich carpets. Your room overlooks the pyramids offering breathtaking views.

Overnight at the MENA HOUSE OBEROI. (D) www.oberoimena.com



DAY 3 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 22

CAIRO

A full day of exploration with your guide is in store today. Spend the morning exploring the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, where you'll discover the world's richest collection of Pharaonic treasure, including Tutankhamen's. Although the sheer number of items on display can be daunting, the ground floor takes you on a journey through the history of ancient Egypt and may prove to be the best way to begin your exploration. Your tour will include entry into the famous Mummy Room which contains the corpses of 11 of Egypt's most powerful pharaohs including Seti I and his son Ramses II. The figures still have features, and there is something awe-inspiring about gazing at the face of someone who died 3,000 years ago.

Enjoy lunch at Naguib Mahfouz, a famous café at Khan-el-Khalili. The café was named after Naguib Mahfouz was an Egyptian novelist who won the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature who managed to modernize Arabic literature. Later, travel back to the dawn of Islamic civilization as you visit the 12th century Citadel, the medieval fortress of Salah El Din, and the stunning Alabaster Mosque. Finally, it's off to the famous Khan El Khalili Bazaar for a bit of adventuresome bargaining. Enjoy a special home hosted dinner this evening.

Overnight at the MENA HOUSE OBEROI. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 ~ THURSDAY ~ FEBRUARY 23

PYRAMIDS/SPHINX/MEMPHIS/SAKKARA

Explore the largest and most famous of Egyptian monuments – The Sphinx and Cheops Pyramid, built over 4,500 years ago. The Sphinx of Giza is a symbol that has represented the essence of Egypt for thousands of years. The body of a lion with the head of a king or god, the Sphinx has come to symbolize strength and wisdom. Because of the changing desert terrain, the body of the Sphinx has been buried several times over the past several thousand years. Most recently in 1905, the sand has been cleared away to expose the magnitude and beauty of the entirety of the Sphinx. The paws themselves are 50 feet long while the entire length is 150 feet. Although the head of the Sphinx is badly battered in some places, traces of the original paint can still be seen near one ear, leading archeologists to believe that originally the Sphinx was painted and quite colorful.

Located behind the Sphinx is the largest and oldest of Giza's pyramids – Cheops. This pyramid is thought to have been built between 2589 – 2566 BC. It would have taken over 2,300,000 blocks of stone with an average weight of 2.5 tons each. The total weight would have been 6,000,000 tons and a height of 482 feet. Cheops is thought to have been the ruler of a highly structured society and very wealthy. He was buried alone in this massive tomb. His wives may have been buried nearby in smaller mastabas. Also tour the Solar Boat Museum with Cheop's 142-foot long funerary boat, located at the base of the



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south face of the Great Pyramid. The five boat pits were discovered in 1982; one of the boats is located at the site and can be seen at the museum. The boat, which is encased in the stones, has no nails. It was held together with ropes and pegs and is amazingly intact. The purpose of these boats may have been intended for travel to the after-life or to accompany the Sun-God on his journey.

Journey the Egyptian countryside to Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt which reached its peak between 2,700 and 2,270 BC. Little is left, other than the beautiful Alabaster Sphinx and an enormous reclining statue of Ramses II. Continue on to the necropolis of Sakkara where fourteen pyramids were built, including one of the world's oldest stone structures, the step pyramid of Zoser. Entering the tomb of Mereruka you'll go from room to room seeing colorful depictions of life in early Egypt. Visit the Pyramid of Teti, the first ruler of Egypt's Sixth Dynasty. There is a steep pathway that leads to the funerary chamber and the chamber ceiling is decorated with stars. The burial chamber still holds hieroglyphic texts, the so-called Pyramid Texts.

Return to your hotel late in the afternoon where the rest of the day is at leisure. *Dinner is on your own tonight.*

Overnight at the MENA HOUSE OBEROI. (B,L)

DAY 5 ~ FRIDAY ~ FEBRUARY 24

ABU SIMBEL

Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Abu Simbel. Here you'll discover the massive temples dedicated to Ramses II and his legendary wife Nefertari. These architectural wonders are two of the most impressive monuments of the ancient world, over 100 feet high and guarded by colossal stone figures of Ramses II. As Lake Nasser began to form, the entire monument was cut into 2,000 pieces and moved to its present site, a feat almost as amazing as its original construction. The reconstruction of the temple perfectly recreates a special feature of its original architecture: on only two days each year, the sun shines from the entrance all the way into the sanctuary, 112 feet away. This evening you'll attend a Sound and Light show at the temple.



You will stay at the charming Seti Hotel, within walking distance of the great temple. The stone construction is set amid beautifully landscaped gardens overlooking the lake. There are several restaurants and lounge areas, a pool and rooms offer all the amenities of a modern hotel. This evening return to the temple as the sun sets to watch a sound and light show.

Overnight at the SETI ABU SIMBEL. (B,D)

DAY 6 ~ SATURDAY ~ FEBRUARY 25

ASWAN

Drive to Aswan and tour one of Egypt's modern wonders – the Aswan High Dam completed in 1971 and located just south of Aswan. It was constructed not only to regulate the yearly flood of the Nile, but also to create a water reservoir capable of storing water to prevent famine during severe droughts. The reservoir is known as Lake Nasser, named after Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser who undertook the national project of the dam construction in 1960. During the course of construction, provisions were made to repatriate the Nubian inhabitants, and, in a multi-national effort, to relocate the Great Temple of Abu Simbel.

Visit the Unfinished Obelisk to contemplate Egypt's ancient construction methods. Travel by boat to the delicate Temple of Isis at Philae on the island of Agilkia. Its main temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis and

its construction was undertaken during the third century BC. Philae was the last bastion of ancient Egyptian religion and hieroglyphic usage. It is also a superb example of threatened cultural heritage being saved in the face of modern civilization's march to change the environment. Like the Great Temple at Abu Simbel, the Temple was moved in its entirety when the Aswan High Dam was built (completed in 1971) and Agilkia became its new home.

The Movenpick Resort Aswan is a modern hotel set among gardens by the Nile River. The 235 bright guestrooms feature Nubian-style decor and open onto balconies.

Amenities include satellite television, dial-up Internet connections, direct-dial phones, minibars, blackout drapes and rollaway beds. Bathrooms include telephones, shower/tub combinations and makeup mirrors. Soak up the sun by the outdoor pool, and enjoy barbecues, refreshing drinks and ice cream at the poolside bar. The onsite spa centre offers a sauna, Turkish steam room, and jetted tub, and guests can indulge in massage treatments and sandpit therapy. Diners can head for the Orangerie restaurant, which serves International and local dishes, while the La Perla serves Traditional Italian dishes in a Mediterranean-style setting. The hotel also offers table tennis, a floodlit tennis court, a shopping arcade and a bank.

Overnight at the MOVENPICK RESORT ASWAN. (B,D)



DAY 7 ~ SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 26

ASWAN

Visit the Brooke Clinic, a worldwide organization with now six clinic locations in Egypt alone. The clinics are the home base for a large network of mobile veterinary units that bring care directly to the animals where they live and work. From



humble beginnings as a hospital for warhorses in Cairo, the Brooke has become the world's biggest welfare charity for working equines.

Upon arrival to Egypt in 1930, Dorothy Brooke was horrified to see hundreds of emaciated horses being used as beasts of burden on its streets. The wife of a British army major general, Dorothy Brooke was appalled to learn that these walking skeletons were ex-cavalry horses sold into hard labor following World War I. When she returned to England, she couldn't shake the memory of the poor animals and so she wrote a letter to the Morning Post – which later became the Daily Telegraph – exposing their plight. The public was so moved that they sent her funds to help these creatures. Within three years,

Dorothy Brooke had set up a committee and bought 5,000 of these ex-cavalry horses. Most were old and in the final stages of collapse, and had to be humanely put down. But, thanks to her compassion and tenacity, all of them ended their lives peacefully. In 1934, Dorothy founded the 'Old War Horse Memorial Hospital' in Cairo, with the promise of free veterinary care for all the city's working horses and donkeys in turn bringing to life the Brooke Hospital for Animals.

Today the Brooke works across ten countries in Asia, Africa, Central America and the Middle East, reaching over 730,000 donkeys, horses and mules worldwide. Working in some of the toughest environments in the world – from tropical Guatemala to Himalayan north-west Pakistan – Brooke’s community animal health workers and vets are ensuring that hundreds of thousands of working horses, donkeys and mules and the millions of people who depend on them for a living lead healthier, happier and more productive lives. Watch the work at the clinic for fascinating insight into the daily lives of the largely rural people, some of the poorest in the world and learn how they cope with the challenges they face.

Later, enjoy a felucca ride to the lovely Kitchener Island, an oval-shaped island in the Nile and the namesake of Lord Horatio Kitchener. The island was given to him in the 1890s for his part in the Sudanese campaigns while he was the Egyptian Consul. Kitchener, who was a keen gardener, turned his island home into a botanical garden, importing exotic plants and trees which flourished in the Aswan climate. The botanical garden was constructed in 1899 under the supervision of the Ministry of Irrigation and turned into an experimental station for plants from equatorial regions in 1928. Alongside the native trees and plants of Aswan such as the Sycamore Fig and the Date Palm, many trees were brought from abroad and cultivated for use in the timber industry. Experimental oil and fruit crops were also propagated on the island by the Ministry of Agriculture.



Today Kitchener’s Island is a peaceful paradise, full of shady trees, beautiful flowers and unusual plants among the paved walkways. The island is a haven for many rare exotic birds and their colorful plumage can be glimpsed in the branches of most of the trees. Enjoy a peaceful stroll around the island. Now owned by the Egyptian government, there is a biological research station at its southern end however it is not open to visitors. The research station supplies rare tropical plants and timber trees to many parts of the world.

Overnight at the MOVENPICK RESORT ASWAN. (B,D)

DAY 8 ~ MONDAY ~ FEBRUARY 27
ASWAN/KOM OMBO ~ NILE CRUISE
EMBARKATION

Board your home for the next four nights, an elegant dahabiya that will stylishly deliver you along the Nile. Dahabiyas are the traditional sailing vessels used since Pharaonic times to reach the farthest reaches of the empire, by river and canal. As passenger vessels, freighters, floating royal courts and excursion boats, they have long had an essential relationship with the land and people. Your dahabiya is updated with non-traditional comforts, including modern plumbing, cuisine, and a trained staff, while maintaining the essence of the dahabiya experience in keeping with Egypt's traditions. With just eight cabins, this journey offers an intimate and exclusive atmosphere of personal service and refined hospitality. Facilities aboard include an elegant lounge and an open-air Jacuzzi. The spacious deck is the ideal spot to rest in the shade as you watch 5,000 years of history unfold before you.



Following lunch disembark and head to Kom Ombo. Visit a unique third-century temple with beautiful stone reliefs, murals and a dramatic view of the Nile. Kom Ombo is home to an unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. The temple is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Haroeris (Horus the Elder).

Overnight aboard DAHABIYA. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 ~ TUESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 28
NILE CRUISE: EDFU

Continue your cruise past feluccas, fishing vessels, and cargo boats loaded with freshly cut sugar cane. Next stop is Edfu one of the best preserved temples in Egypt which

honors the falcon-headed god, Horus. Ptolemy II began construction of the temple in 237 B.C., but it was not completed until 57 B.C. Without question, this 118-foot-high, 262-foot-wide temple is one of the most splendid examples of late

temple architecture. The incredible number of inscriptions on its walls has greatly enriched our knowledge of Egyptian civilization, especially in the area of theology and cult practices. By nightfall, you reach a local island, where we will dock for the night.

Overnight aboard DAHABIYA. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 29
NILE CRUISE: ESNA/LUXOR

Set sail early this morning for Esna where you'll have a walking tour of the town which is dedicated to the creator god Khnum. Visit the Roman temple of Khnum at Esna, which dates from the time of Ptolemy VI (180-145 B.C.) to Decius (249-251 AD.). The temple contains two large



inscriptions in praise of Khnum, a ram-headed creator god who fashioned mankind on a potter's wheel from the clay mud of the Nile. The temple, dating to the Ptolemaic and Roman Period and one of the last temples built in Egypt, stands today in its excavation pit, 29 feet below the modern ground level. Enjoy lunch en route to Luxor where you dock for the night.

Overnight aboard DAHABIYA. (B,L,D)



DAY 11 ~ THURSDAY ~ MARCH 1

NILE CRUISE: LUXOR/KARNAK

Visit Luxor's West Bank and explore the ancient city of Thebes. Stand in awe at the necropolis of pharaohs and nobility as you are greeted by the Colossi of Memnon: two giant seated statues of Amenophis III. Tour the Valley of the Kings, where you are surrounded by the eternal tombs of the pharaohs from the 18th and 19th dynasties of the New Kingdom. From 1903-1906 an Italian expedition discovered about 80 tombs, some of which belonged to children of royalty. Many were severely damaged having been burned and or reduced to being used as stables for donkeys and camel. You will visit three very different tombs of the many in the area. Within them, you'll see ancient paintings and carvings in colors

that retain much of their original freshness illustrating the life of the owner and his passage to the afterlife. Discover the Valley of the Queens and Nobles and the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut sheltered by the surrounding cliffs. The ancient Egyptians gave it the name Set Neferu, meaning "seat of beauty."

Enjoy a BBQ lunch before heading to the extraordinary Karnak Temples, a complex of temples, obelisks, pylons, courts, colonnades, halls, reliefs and sanctuaries once connected to Luxor Temple by a two mile path lined with sphinxes. It is the largest religious structure in the world, a 60-acre archeological treasure built by generation after generation of pharaohs. The most important temple area is dedicated to Amon-Ra and was in use for over 2,000 years, longer than any other religious building in history. The sheer magnitude of this colossal structure is nearly beyond comprehension. This evening enjoy a sound and light show at the temples.

Overnight aboard DAHABIYA. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 ~ FRIDAY ~ MARCH 2

LUXOR

Check out and transfer to the Western bank of the Nile and the Al Moundira Hotel. This unique refuge in the desert, created by its charming owner Zeina Aboukheir is a stylish baroque palace with Arabic architecture and Egyptian and oriental furnishings. The 54 spacious rooms are located in the galleries of a series of courtyards and are all adorned with original frescoes, richly colored fabrics and objet's d'art from Egypt and Europe. All have large hammam-style bathrooms, most encrusted with colored glass. The lush garden is filled with fruit trees, palms and tropical flowers. Continental breakfast is served outside on the terrace, lunch in the Pavilion restaurant in the garden close to the outdoor swimming pool. In the evenings, local and Mediterranean cuisine is prepared in the dining room. Massage and Turkish baths also available.



You'll have another opportunity today to discover the work that the Brooke Clinic is doing in the area with a visit to a Brooke "mobile" clinic. Essentially these mobile clinics are stands outside large camel stables; here you have the chance to watch the clinic work as well enjoy an hour long camel ride.

Overnight at the AL MOUDIRA HOTEL. (B,D)

DAY 13 ~ SATURDAY ~ MARCH 3

CAIRO

Today's flight brings you back to Cairo where you check into your hotel for the evening. A recently renovated, atrium-style luxury hotel, the Fairmont Heliopolis Hotel is situated in one of Cairo's most prominent districts, Heliopolis, a suburb of tree lined avenues and home to Egypt's diplomatic and presidential offices and prime residential areas. Accommodation is offered in one of the 544 guestrooms all equipped with modern facilities for your convenience. A wealth of dining options range from Al Dabke's exquisite Lebanese cuisine, through authentic Italian at Leonardo's, to Chinios with far eastern menu, while classic international choices are available at My Kind Of Place. There are also a pool-side snack bar, tea room, bars and Darts, an English-style pub.

Overnight at the FAIRMONT HELIOPOLIS. (B)

DAY 14 ~ SUNDAY ~ MARCH 4

CAIRO/ CHARLOTTE OR RALEIGH/DURHAM

This morning depart Cairo bidding farewell to Egypt. Arrive in the USA eager to share memories and photos with your family and friends. (B)



OPTIONAL POST EXTENSION TO MOUNT SINAI & JORDAN



DAYS 14/15 ~ SUNDAY/MONDAY ~ MARCH 4/5

CAIRO/SHARM EL SHEIKH

Bid farewell to the remainder of the group returning to the U.S. as you prepare for your next adventure. This morning's flight whisks you off to Sharm el-Sheikh, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Arabic world.

Sharm El Sheikh is an extravaganza of entertainment in a beach setting backed by the natural wonders and historic enclaves of the Sinai. Renowned as one of the best diving spots in the world, Sharm El Sheikh is incredible to visit anytime of year. The area between Tiran Island and Ras Mohammed National Park is especially lovely with some of the world's most amazing underwater scenery. Here, you'll find crystal clear water, rare and beautiful reefs, and an incredible variety of exotic fish among the colorful coral. Much of this can be seen simply by snorkeling off the coast, but of course scuba diving offers a much more rewarding experience.

Next day, drive just south of Sharm, on the very tip of the Sinai, to one of Egypt's oldest and most beautiful, mostly underwater protectorates, Ras Mohamed, with its amazing variety of sea fauna. The park occupies one of the world's most extraordinary settings: a slender, dramatically arid peninsula at the very southernmost tip of the Sinai, rising to a dramatic promontory that looks out over some of the most gloriously rich coral reefs that you will ever see. The Ras Mohammed peninsula marks the nexus of the shallow Gulf of Suez and the deep intercontinental chasm of the Gulf of Aqaba, itself a small portion of the Great Rift Valley that stretches deep into Africa. Declared

a park in 1983, Ras Mohammed contains within its modest area an astounding variety of life, ranging from the gazelles of its northern desert area to the brilliant orange coral groupers of its skirting reefs.

The boundaries of Ras Mohammed extend far out into the surrounding waters, and even the most casual of visitors is struck by how much of the park is dominated by the sea. Even the dry land area of the park seems a part of the marine world: in the north, large dunes are interspersed with outcroppings of Miocene limestone in which are embedded an astonishing wealth and variety of marine fossils. In fact, the dramatic promontory that marks the Sinai's southernmost tip belongs in part to the sea, as it is in fact an enormous, fossilized coral reef, left high and dry tens of thousands of years ago.

For many visitors, Ras Mohammed's most stunning scenery is found underwater, in the broad, terraced coral reefs that encircle the peninsula. Fire corals and brilliant sea fans abound here, and among these lush reef corals roams a truly magnificent array of both reef and pelagic fish – over a thousand species in all. “Mohammed's Headland” is probably the most famous dive site in the world. Here, where the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba meet, there are strong currents that feed coral



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growth as well as masses of pelagic life. Look for migrating birds such as falcons, Black-winged Pratincole and Crowned Grouse. Visit the White Stork Reserve Center as well.

Sharm El Sheikh Marriott Red Sea Resort is divided into two properties, the beach front directly on popular Naama Bay and the mountain resort located on the opposite side of the resort's main highway. The resort is located in the heart of the famous Naama Bay on Sinai Peninsula, with private beach and close to the world renowned scuba diving spots; with its wide variety of delicious cuisines, lush greenery and cool breeze, it offers all the tranquility of an exceptional resort. Overnights at SHARM EL SHEIKH MARRIOTT RED SEA RESORT. (B Daily)

DAY 16 ~ TUESDAY ~ MARCH 6

ST. CATHERINE



Visit St. Catherine's Monastery founded by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, in 342AD on what is believed to be the site where Moses witnessed the Burning Bush. The surrounding fortress was commissioned by Emperor Justinian in 542AD to protect monks and pilgrims from raiders. Walk through the

lush olive and apricot groves and tour the church and grounds, your sanctuary from the desert. There may be an opportunity to enjoy a private library visit, off limits to most tourists, where you can view sheepskin parchment documents dating from the 5th century. The local Bedouin residents are said to be the descendants of the original families sent to guard the monastery by Justinian.

Overnight at the WADI EL RAHA HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 7

NUWEIBA/AQABA/PETRA

Drive to the Nuweiba Port where you board your ferry for a fascinating one hour ride to Aqaba. En route you will be able to see four countries at one time: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Jordan. At Aqaba you are met and transferred to your hotel in Petra for the next two evenings.

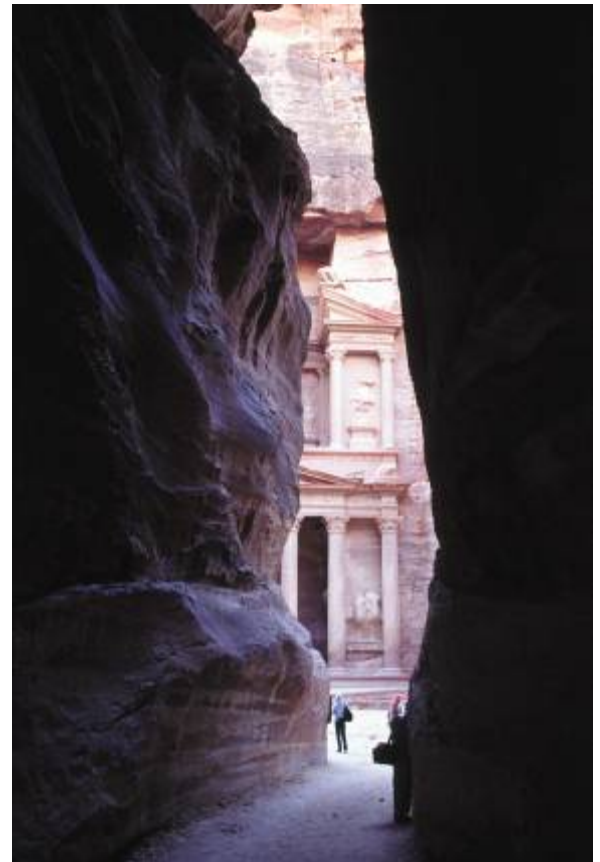
Located at the entrance to Petra site, your hotel boasts authentic antiques and artworks and is certainly one of the most notable hotels in the Middle East. Featuring an oriental architecture and intricate interior design the resort offers 183 rooms each generous in size with subdued colors, harmonious furnishings and comfortable sitting areas along with private en-suite facilities, television, telephone, hair-dryer, mini bar and other comforts of home.

Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 ~ THURSDAY ~ MARCH 8

PETRA

Depart for a full day tour of Petra, the soul stirring, rose-red city and Jordanian national treasure, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra was an ancient Nabataean capital settled by industrious Arab traders more than 2,000 years ago. Petra's unique location enabled the Nabataeans to dominate the ancient Arabian trade routes, and the city



became wealthy from the tolls it levied on the caravans that sheltered there with their precious cargoes of spices, silks, ivory and animal hides. In the ancient world, Petra was renowned for its refined culture, massive architecture, and ingenious system of dams and water channels.



In the years following the Emperor Trajan's annexation of Petra, the city declined and slipped into obscurity until it was "discovered" in 1812 by a Swiss traveler. Excavations that revealed the astounding workmanship and the incredible ruins at Petra did not begin until 1924. Ongoing excavations continue to reveal more information about the Nabataean Kingdom.

Petra still forms part of the domain of the Bedouin. You will see them with their horses and camels as you begin your unforgettable trip into this cultural landmark. After passing tombs outside the city, you come to the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone almost one half mile long. This winding fissure

separates overhanging cliffs that appear to meet 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the Siq makes one last turn and out of the gloom Petra's most impressive monument Al Khazneh (The Treasury) appears in the sunlight. One of the most elegant remains of antiquity, Al Khazneh is nearly 140 feet high and was carved from the mountain's solid rock in the First Century B.C. originally used as a Nabataean king's tomb, Al Khazneh was later used as a Nabataean temple. Film buffs will recognize it from its starring role in the final scenes of the movie *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*.

Beyond Al Khazneh you are surrounded by hundreds of Petra's sculpted structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a Roman amphitheater (seating 3,000) large and small houses, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, monumental staircases, cultic installations, markets, arched gates, public buildings and paved streets – it's quite overwhelming! This afternoon return to your hotel in Petra. You will want to visit the nearby shop where you can buy the fine traditional crafts of the Queen Noor project.

Overnight at the PETRA MOEVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D)



DAY 19 ~ FRIDAY ~ MARCH 9

DEAD SEA

Follow the Araba Valley Road to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, lying some 1,300 feet below sea level. Float in the salty waters of this historical site and enjoy the wonderful facilities of your hotel and world class spa. You may want to take a trip to the tip of the Dead Sea to Lot's Cave, an ancient cave believed to be used as a sanctuary by Lot and his daughters after the destruction of Sodom. The site, marked on the Madaba map of Palestine, was just recently discovered. Artifacts from 3000 BC have been found here. This is a hot and arid place filled with extraordinary geological formations. Enjoy the tranquility of your resort and its natural resources. Float in the saltiest sea in the world while the ozone-rich air fills your lungs and sunshine warms your skin. Reminisce about all you have seen and experienced at tonight's farewell dinner.

Overnight at the MOEVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,D) www.moevenpick-hotels.com/hotels/dead_sea



DAY 20 ~ SATURDAY ~ MARCH 10

JERASH

Drive to Jerash, one of the best-preserved examples of Roman civilization in the world. Jerash, part of the Decapolis, has been called the “Pompeii of the East” for its unique state of preservation. The city features theaters, churches, temples (Zeus and Artemis), a Nymphaeum and colonnaded streets. Proceed to the Saracen castle at Ajlun, a 12th-century castle built by Saladin in his successful campaign to drive the Crusaders from Jordan in 1189, and an outstanding example of Arab and Islamic military architecture.

Overnight at the MOVENPICK DEAD SEA RESORT. (B,L,D)

DAY 21 ~ SUNDAY ~ MARCH 11

AMMAN/CAIRO

This afternoon you transfer to the airport near Amman for your late afternoon flight back to Cairo, where you will spend the night at your luxury hotel near the airport.

Overnight at the FAIRMONT HELIOPOLIS. (B)

DAY 22 ~ MONDAY ~ MARCH 12

CAIRO/CHARLOTTE OR RALEIGH/DURHAM

Depart early this morning on your flight to home. (B, Meals Aloft)



INCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights within Egypt are included ONLY if purchasing air through Classic Escapes. For land only travelers, additional cost applies.
- Flights between Cairo to Sharm El Sheikh, and Amman to Cairo, are included ONLY if purchasing air through Classic Escapes. For land only travelers, additional cost applies.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- 5-Day/4-Night Nile cruise aboard the Dahabiya.
- Dr. David Jones and Mrs. Janet Jones will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 passengers on both the main tour and the extension.
- Meals Included: Welcome Dinner, breakfast daily and all meals while on Nile Cruise.
- Sightseeing in Egypt and Jordan by private motorcoach.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary passport wallet and luggage tags.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation between Raleigh/Durham or Charlotte and Cairo (quoted separately).
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, And Is Subject To Change.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. . Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Egypt

- Participants should be able to walk at an easy pace over sand and uneven terrain at sites of ancient ruins for three or four hours at a time in heat. In order to visit the tombs you will have to walk down narrow passageways in a bent position. You will be expected to be able to climb in and out of small boats.
- You should be in good physical health to enjoy this destination to its fullest.

General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor!
- Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. That being said some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.
- Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. **The start and end city for this program is Cairo, Egypt.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: CAIRO, ABU SIMBEL, ASWAN, KOM OMBO, EDFU, ESNA, LUXOR & KARNAK

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: NORTH CAROLINA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ESCORTED BY: DR. DAVID JONES AND MRS. JANET JONES

DATES: FEBRUARY 20 TO MARCH 5, 2012

COST: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

	MAIN PROGRAM	EXTENSION
LAND ONLY COST	\$6,595	\$2,995
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$3,495	\$695
PROGRAM IS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL AIR ON EGYPT AIR FROM RALEIGH/DURHAM , INCLUDING AIR WITHIN EGYPT AS SPECIFIED IN ITINERARY EXCLUDING TAXES \$375 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$1,800	N/A
PROGRAM IS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL AIR ON EGYPT AIR FROM CHARLOTTE , INCLUDING AIR WITHIN EGYPT AS SPECIFIED IN ITINERARY EXCLUDING TAXES \$375 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$1,900	N/A
*IF INTERNATIONAL AIR IS NOT PURCHASED THROUGH CLASSIC ESCAPES, THE COST OF THE AIR WITHIN EGYPT WILL BE ADDED TO THE LAND PRICE SIMILARLY	\$500 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL	\$275 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL

***SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to North Carolina Zoological Society, 4403 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27203, together with a deposit of \$1,000 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 95 days prior to departure (November 11, 2011). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from RALEIGH/DURHAM OR CHARLOTTE via EGYPTAIR and/or other IATAN carriers at additional cost. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

DEPARTURE TAXES: Please note the amount of departure tax reflected on the Reservation Form is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

AIRLINE SEATING: EgyptAir issues a block of seats for the group, and they do not accept any special seating requests. Boarding passes are issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made; however, this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: At time of publication, EgyptAir does not participate in any other carrier's frequent flyer programs. The airline has instituted its own program, EgyptAir Plus, which offers a point system based on rewards such as upgrades to Business Class and on waitlists. Applications for this program may be made on their website: <http://www.egyptair.com.eg>

BAGGAGE: International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. **The baggage limit on domestic flights is one piece at 44 lbs. per person (plus a carry-on bag.)** Also, the size and the structure of the bag are limited. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but kingsize beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller hotels, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms/cabins are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

MEALS: Breakfast daily in Cairo. All other meals as specified on the itinerary.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TIPS AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in the air cost and are subject to change prior to issuance of tickets. Tips to driver/guides and specialist-guide are also included.

INOCULATIONS: We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Egypt or Jordan. Water is NOT safe to drink throughout and it is always advisable to drink bottled water.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 2, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 30 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (November 11, 2011).

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,000 per person, plus \$250 for the extension must be submitted with each application. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final balance is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (November 11, 2011).

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250.00 handling fee, plus \$250 non-refundable deposits made to dahabiya.
- 94-75 days prior to departure, less deposit on both main trip and extension.
- 75-60 days prior to departure, less 75% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in Europe or Africa, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

LATE BOOKING FEE: Classic Escapes reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs for any reservations received 60 days (or closer) to the program's departure date. This fee is \$250 per person, over and above any costs incurred by airlines and suppliers

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and lodges as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in game areas, by game migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

REFUNDS: While the company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change



To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of writing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. **PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.**

INSURANCE PACKAGE: Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive insurance package, which allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment. Details can be found on our website at <http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html>. or call our office for more details (800-627-1244). If obtaining this pre-existing condition waiver is not of importance to you, you may opt to wait until you receive your pre-departure packet of information which will include details on the insurance package.

INSURANCE PREMIUM: See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. This is applicable to all coverage contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department.

The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

TOTAL TOUR COST	PREMIUM PER PERSON
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$522
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$585
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$662
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$738
\$10,001 - \$11,000	\$813
\$11,001 - \$12,000	\$893
\$12,001 - \$13,000	\$970
\$13,001 - \$14,000	\$1,047
\$14,001 - \$15,000	\$1,125
\$15,001 - \$16,000	\$1,205
\$16,001 - \$17,000	\$1,283

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium.

PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.



RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print) North Carolina Zoological Society ~ Egypt

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Exclusive Adventure to Egypt with North Carolina Zoological Society departing February 20, 2012. Cost is \$6,595 per person, double occupancy, land only. Estimated air from Raleigh Durham is \$1,800 per person additional, and \$1,900 from Charlotte per person, plus \$375 in taxes & fuel surcharges (currently, subject to change).

Final payment due date is November 11, 2011

Please make check payable to NORTH CAROLINA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY and mail to 4403 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27203

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if North Carolina Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount of \$3,495. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$3,495 for the main trip \$695 for post-extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$2,995 for the Mount Sinai & Jordan post-extension

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from:
 Raleigh Durham via American Airlines & EgyptAir Charlotte via American Airlines & EgyptAir
 - Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____
- **We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand I will be billed (\$500) for the internal flights within Egypt (Cairo/ Abu Simbel/Luxor/Cairo) on the main program and \$275 for the Cairo/Sharm el Sheikh and Amman Cairo on the post extension.

How did you hear about this trip: _____?

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 2, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee, plus \$250 non-refundable deposit made to dahabiya.. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE(S): _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE(S): _____ DATE: _____

NORTH CAROLINA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
4403 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27203

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)