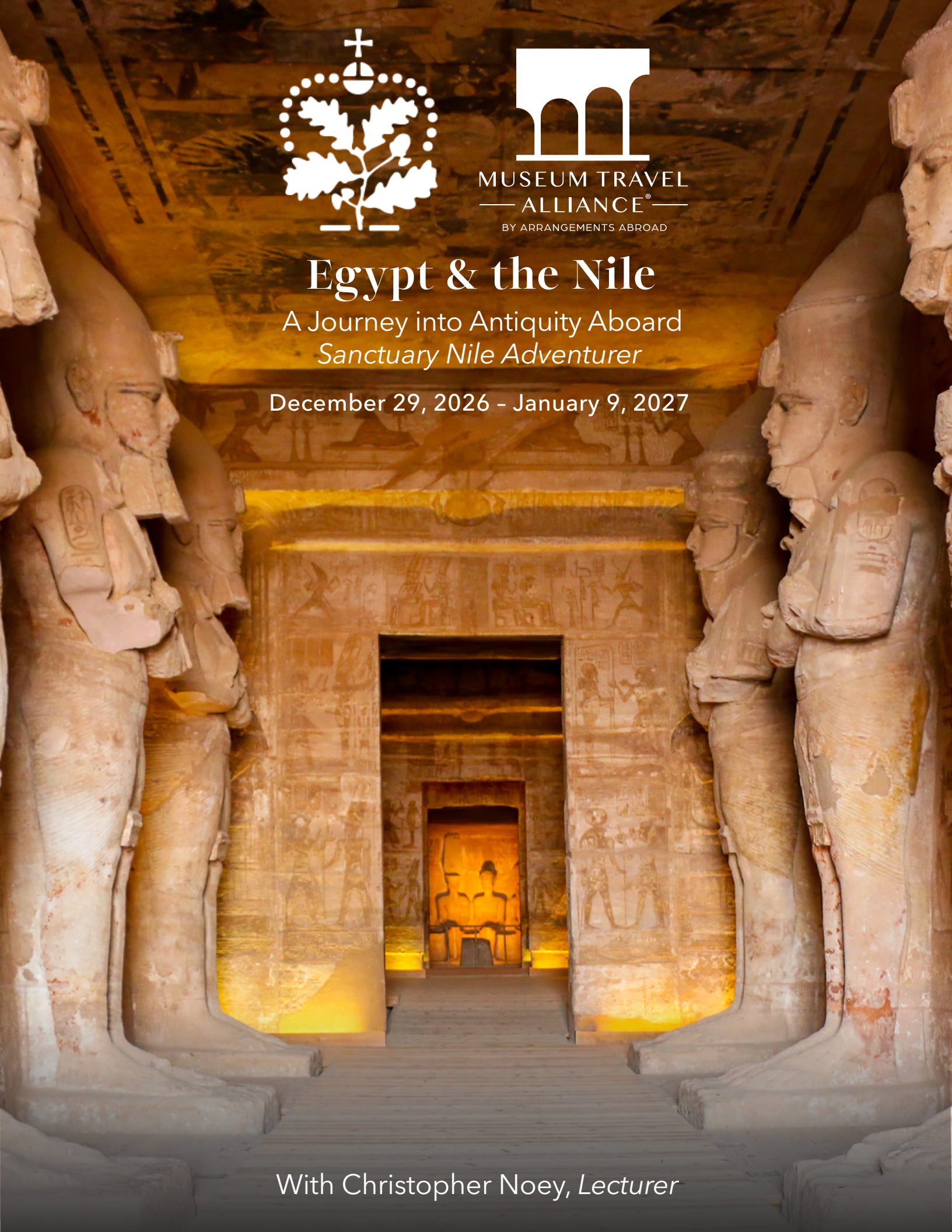


MUSEUM TRAVEL ALLIANCE®
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Egypt & the Nile

A Journey into Antiquity Aboard *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*

December 29, 2026 – January 9, 2027

With Christopher Noey, *Lecturer*



Abu Simbel

Trip *Highlights*

Cruise the Nile over four nights aboard ***Sanctuary Nile Adventurer,*** a deluxe 30-cabin riverboat, stopping at temples from across the sweep of Egyptian history.

Gain exclusive after-hours access to the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum**, with a special inside look at its complete 5,000-object collection of **Tutankhamun's funerary treasures**, appearing together for the first time since Howard Carter's 1922 discovery.

Enter the **Royal Mummies Hall** at Cairo's **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization** to encounter 20 New Kingdom rulers, then go behind the scenes of the museum's restoration laboratory.

Behold the incomparable **Great Pyramids** and go beyond the protective barriers for a special look at the **Great Sphinx**, the colossal limestone guardian carved around 2,500 B.C.

Descend into the **Valley of the Kings** to explore the tomb of **Tutankhamun (KV62)**, the only royal burial found almost intact, revealing the extraordinary wealth buried with New Kingdom pharaohs.

Fly by private charter to **Abu Simbel**, the colossal rock-cut temple that was relocated in the 1960s in an unprecedented international campaign to save the monument from the rising waters of the Aswan Dam.



Traveling With*You*

Christopher Noey is an art historian, author, and Emmy Award-winning producer of films on art and culture. He has traveled to Egypt for research and lectures for over four decades. At The Metropolitan Museum of Art, he created video installations for a wide range of exhibitions and served as series director for the innovative online features *82nd & Fifth* and *The Artist Project*. An authority on Asian and Islamic art, he has taught at Williams College and the City College of New York.

From the pyramids that defined an empire's power to the painted tombs that promised eternal life, Egypt guards the most concentrated collection of ancient wonders on Earth. On this journey, travel through Egypt by privately chartered plane and the elegant ***Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*** riverboat, and witness how pharaohs, priests, and artisans created monuments designed to endure forever. The centuries melt away, and ancient Egypt comes to life.

A highlight will be **exclusive after-hours access** to Cairo's newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum**. Without the usual crowds, gain an intimate inside look at the museum's complete collection of **Tutankhamun**'s funerary treasures, which appear together for the first time. Later, over four nights, cruise the Nile to majestic temples and tombs that reflect the ambitions of Egypt's pharaohs.

Join Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and art historian **Christopher Noey** for this celebration of ancient Egyptian civilization. **To reserve your place**, contact the Museum Travel Alliance at Arrangements Abroad: 212-324-1893 or trips@museumtravelalliance.com. We spoke with Chris about the richness of this journey.

The Grand Egyptian Museum has finally opened, and the reviews have been stellar. What makes the after-hours visit to the GEM so special?

Chris Noey: What awaits you at the GEM is incredible. This eagerly anticipated, billion-dollar project is now the world's largest archaeological museum, designed as the ultimate repository for the ancient Egyptian civilization. Our exclusive after-hours access means we'll experience this vast collection without the crowds. It is magical.

The museum's greatest achievement is bringing together **Tutankhamun**'s complete funerary treasures—all 5,000-plus objects—for the first time since their discovery in 1922. For a century, hundreds of these pieces have been in storage, never displayed to the public. Now, they're united in a vast, climate-controlled wing. You'll see his solid-gold mask, of course, as well as his sandals, board games, the gilded chariots he used for hunting, and more.

What will we experience while cruising the Nile?

Chris Noey: The four-night cruise from **Luxor** to **Aswan** allows us to step off our elegant riverboat and explore remote temples, tombs, and monuments along the Nile. We'll explore remarkably well-preserved temples like the **Temple of Horus** in **Edfu**, but the most moving experience is the great Nile River, whose life-giving waters allowed a great kingdom to flourish for over 3,000 years. *Feluccas* still ply the river's waters, and time stands still as we sail by temples, villages, and lush farmlands with stark deserts beyond.

Activity Level: Intermediate

Pace Level: Moderato

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Map of the region

Tuesday, December 29:

Departure

Depart on an overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt.

Wednesday, December 30:

Cairo, Egypt **(R)**

Arrive in **Cairo** this afternoon and transfer to the **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza**, your home for the next four nights. After introductory remarks from Chris Noey, gather at the welcome reception.

Thursday, December 31:

Cairo / Giza **(B,L,D)**

This morning, arrive at the Giza Plateau to see the awe-inspiring **Great Pyramids**, built around 2550 B.C. At the **Great Sphinx**, walk beyond the protective barriers to approach this guardian carved from the bedrock.

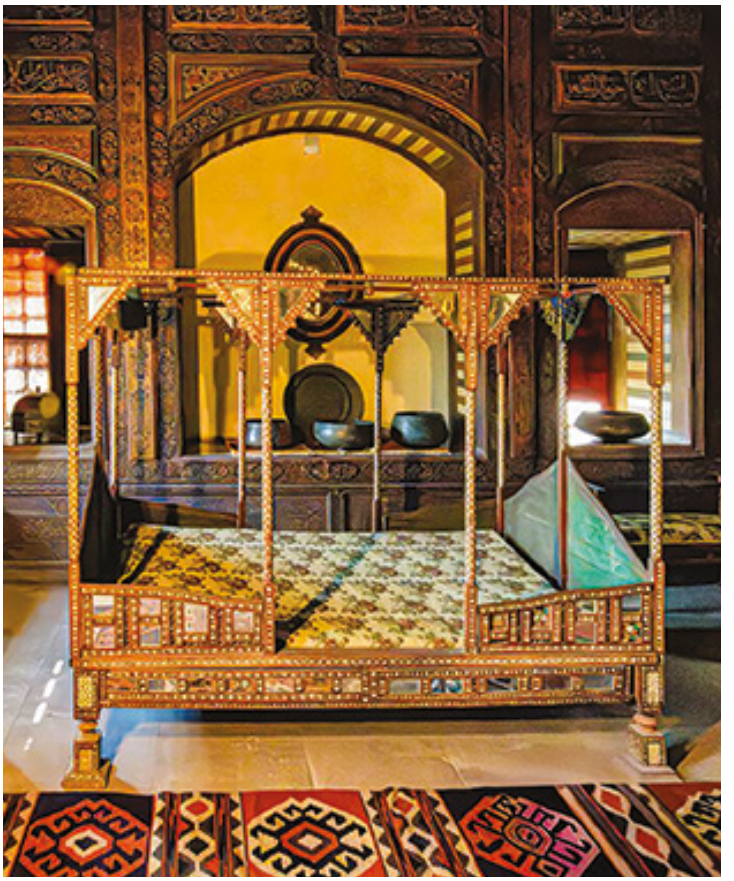
This evening, ring in the New Year along the Nile with **a festive dinner and celebration**.

Friday, January 1:

Cairo **(B,L,D)**

Rise this morning for a guided tour of the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**. In the museum's **Royal Mummies Hall**, designed to evoke the Valley of the Kings, encounter the preserved remains of 20 New Kingdom rulers. Go behind the scenes of **the museum's restoration laboratory**.

After lunch, explore **Islamic Cairo**, stopping at the **Gayer-Anderson Museum**, which houses a collection of treasures from ancient Egypt, the Islamic world, and China; the ninth-century **Ibn Tulun Mosque**; and the splendid **Mosque-Madrasa of Sultan Hassan**, a Mamluk-era wonder known for its intricate calligraphy. Gather for dinner this evening.



Gayer-Anderson Museum, Cairo

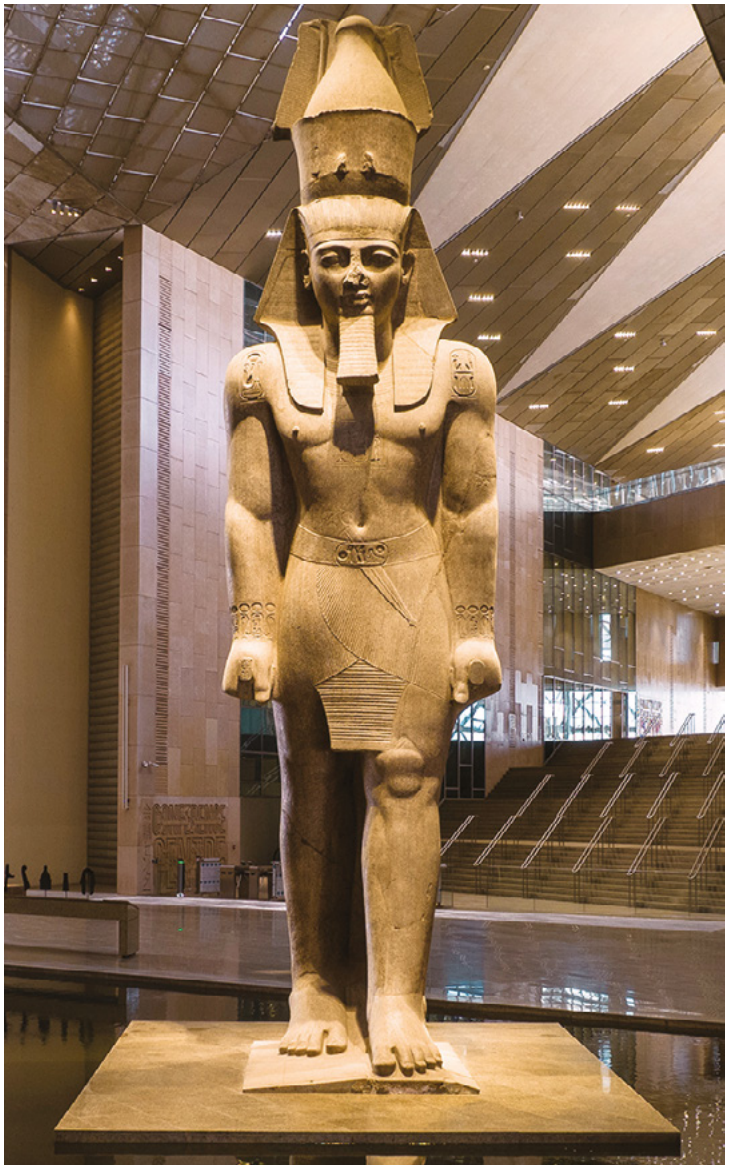
Saturday, January 2:

Cairo / Giza / Sakkara / Cairo **(B,D)**

This morning, head to **Sakkara** and the **Step Pyramid of King Djoser**, designed by Imhotep around 2670 B.C. Descend into the subterranean network of tunnels and chambers extending some 3.5 miles beneath the pyramid.

Visit **the painted tomb of Wahtye**, a high-ranking priest who served around 2415 to 2405 B.C. The nearly intact tomb was discovered in November 2018 to great fanfare. Lunch is at leisure.

After an early dinner this evening, enjoy an exclusive after-hours visit to the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum**, which houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. The museum presents the complete funerary treasure of Tutankhamun, a collection of more than 5,000 objects, for the first time since the tomb's discovery in 1922.



Grand Egyptian Museum, Cairo



Luxor Temple

Sunday, January 3:

Cairo / Luxor **(B,L,D)**

This morning, board a privately chartered flight to **Luxor**, the site of ancient **Thebes**, which served as Egypt's political and religious capital during the New Kingdom from approximately 1550 to 1069 B.C.

This afternoon, walk the **Avenue of Sphinxes**, the 1.7-mile processional road connecting Karnak to Luxor Temple.

Continue to **Karnak**, the largest religious complex ever constructed, covering over 247 acres and developed over 2,000 years. Enter the **Great Hypostyle Hall**, the world's largest religious hall. Gather for dinner this evening.

Monday, January 4:

Luxor / Embark Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

(B,L,D) Enjoy a guided morning tour of the **Luxor Museum**, whose collection focuses on artifacts from the Theban temples and necropolis.

Make your way to ***Sanctuary Nile Adventurer***, enjoy lunch on board, and settle in. Later, at sunset, explore **Luxor Temple**, built primarily by Amenhotep III in the 14th century B.C. Gather for dinner aboard the riverboat this evening.

Tuesday, January 5:

Luxor **(B,L,D)**

Cross to the **West Bank**, the ancient Theban necropolis. Stop to view the twin **Colossi of Memnon**, each standing 60 feet tall and carved from single blocks of quartzite sandstone.

Enter the **Valley of the Kings**, where nearly every ruler from Thutmose I to Ramesses X carved tombs deep into the limestone. Explore **the tomb of Tutankhamun (KV62**), then view **the tomb of Seti I (KV17)**, whose walls display some of the finest painted reliefs in the valley.

At **Deir el-Bahari**, view **Queen Hatshepsut's mortuary temple**. Return to ***Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*** for lunch and a leisurely afternoon before gathering for dinner this evening.



Kom Ombo

Wednesday, January 6:

Edfu / Kom Ombo **(B,L,D)**

Arrive in **Edfu** to explore the **Temple of Horus**, built during the Ptolemaic period and dedicated to the falcon god.

After lunch aboard *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*, continue to **Kom Ombo**, where the temple's design is symmetrical, with duplicate courts, halls, and sanctuaries dedicated to two gods: Sobek, the crocodile deity, and Horus the Elder. This evening, gather for a festive Egyptian dinner.

Thursday, January 7:

Aswan **(B,L,D)**

From **Aswan**, travel by local boat to the island-set **Temple of Philae**. Built primarily during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods, the complex blends Egyptian pylons with Hellenistic colonnades.

Next, visit the **Nubian Museum** and its collection of over 3,000 artifacts. Alternatively, venture to the **Unfinished Obelisk** in Aswan's ancient granite quarries. Gather for a festive farewell dinner this evening.

Friday, January 8:

Aswan / Disembark / Abu Simbel / Cairo **(B,L,D)**

Depart by privately chartered flight to **Abu Simbel** and view the temples of Ramesses II, which were carved directly from a mountainside between approximately 1264 and 1244 B.C. These temples were relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion due to the building of the High Dam.

After lunch, continue by private plane to Cairo, where you will gather for dinner this evening at the hotel.

Saturday, January 9:

Cairo / Return **(B)**

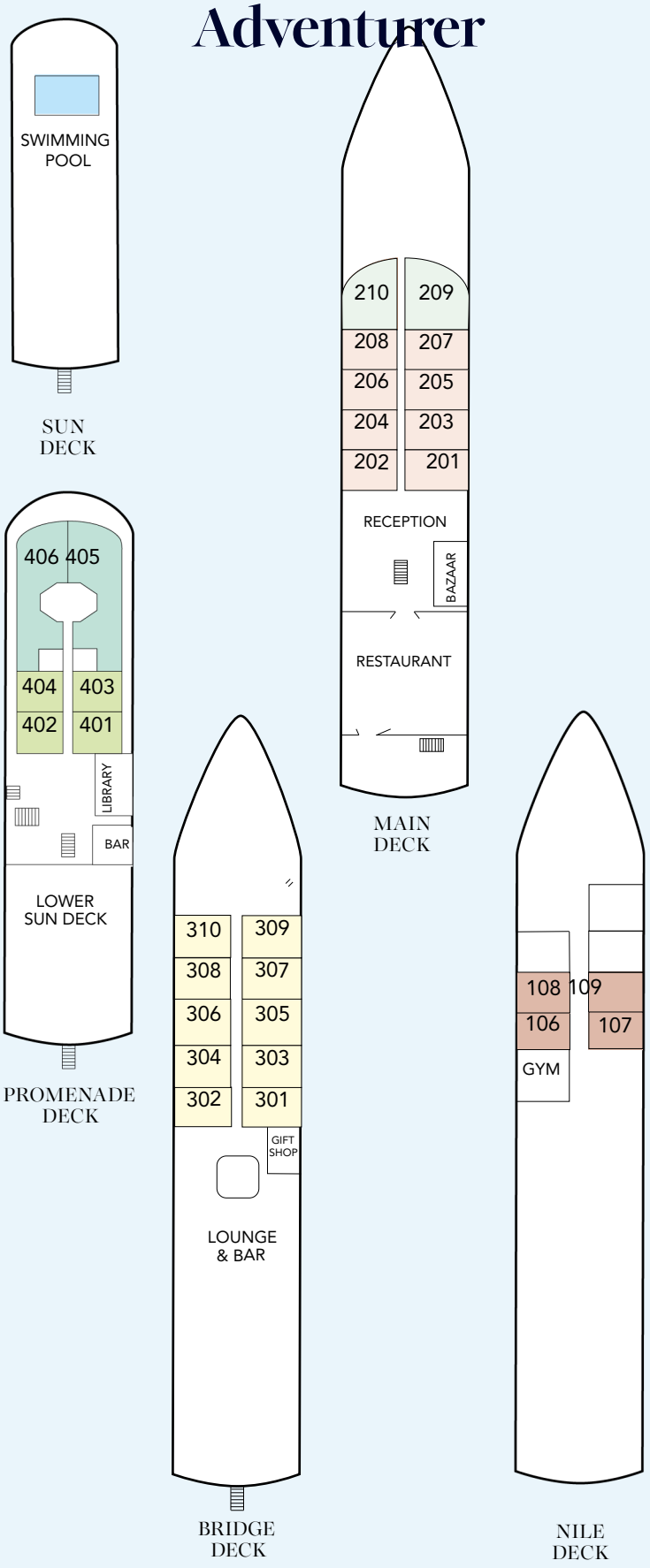
This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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Front cover: Temple of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel.
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Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Cruise Rates

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
106 - 109	**Nile Deck**	**$13,999**	**$18,499**
Standard Cabins, 177 sq. ft., with Nile-view window, chair, bathtub, and shower; king or separate beds.			
201 - 208	**Main Deck**	**$14,999**	**Inquire**
Standard Cabins, 177 sq. ft., with Nile-view window, chair, bathtub, and shower; king or separate beds.			
301 - 310	**Bridge Deck**	**$15,499**	**Inquire**
Standard Cabins, 163 sq. ft., with Nile-view window, chair, bathtub, and shower; king or separate beds.			
401 - 404	**Promenade Deck**	**$15,999**	**Inquire**
Standard Cabins, 153 sq. ft., with Nile-view window, chair, bathtub, and shower; king or separate beds.			
209 - 210	**Main Deck**	**$17,999**	**Inquire**
Junior Suites, 301 sq. ft., with Nile-view wraparound windows, chair, bathtub, and shower; king or separate beds.			
405 - 406	**Promenade Deck**	**$18,999**	**Inquire**
Presidential Suites, 495 sq. ft., with private Nile-view balcony, sitting area, bathtub, and shower; king or separate beds.			

Rates Include

- Four nights hotel accommodations at the Four Seasons Nile Plaza; one night hotel accommodations at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa; four nights cabin accommodations aboard *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*; and one night hotel accommodations at the Waldorf Astoria Heliopolis
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Internal flights by privately chartered aircraft (Cairo-Luxor / Aswan-Abu Simbel / Abu Simbel-Cairo)
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for participants on arrival and departure days
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare; passport/visa fees; airport transfers other than on arrival and departure days; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than those noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Accommodations



Hilton Luxor Resort and Spa

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
Located on the Nile in downtown Cairo, this grand property features excellent dining, an award-winning spa, and rooms and suites with city and river views. The Pyramids of Giza, Grand Egyptian Museum, and the 12th-century Citadel lie within easy reach of the hotel.

Hilton Luxor Resort and Spa
Located on the West Bank's Nile waterfront minutes from Karnak and Luxor Temples, this property features a modern spa, an infinity pool with submerged loungers, and diverse dining options in riverside settings.

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
With just 30 cabins and decorated in a contemporary style, this boutique riverboat combines modern Egyptian culture with 7,000 years of heritage.

Waldorf Astoria Cairo Heliopolis
Discover exceptional services, a rejuvenating spa, a swimming pool, and carefully curated dining concepts at this recently renovated hotel, easily accessible to Cairo's international airport.



On deck, *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*

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RESERVATION FORM

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Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City State Zip

Telephone (mobile) (home)

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference ❒one bed ❒two beds

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a room/cabin with

FORM OF PAYMENT

❒Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad)*

❒Debit card ❒Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code Expiration date

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