

**ALBANY INSTITUTE GROUP  
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## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sakkara, Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.
- Egyptian Museum, Citadel, Khan EL Khalili Bazaars and walking on El Moaz Street.
- Luxor Temple, Luxor Museum and Karnak Temple.
- Valley of Kings, Valley of Queens, Hatshepsut Temple and Habu Temple.
- Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple.
- Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, Elephantine Island.
- Abu Simbel Temples.

## MAP OF EGYPT



**'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY**

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
24 January 2022	Arrive in Cairo.	Nile Ritz Carlton City/Egyptian Museum view Rooms - Twin & Single	D
25 January 2022	Egyptian Museum, Citadel and Khan El Khalili Bazaars.	Nile Ritz Carlton City view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - L - D
26 January 2022	Sakkara, Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx	Nile Ritz Carlton City view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - L - D
27 January 2022	Fly to Luxor, Luxor Temple, Luxor Museum and Karnak Temple	Sofitel Old Winter Palace Nile view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - L - D
28 January 2022	Habu Temple, Hatshepsut Temple, Valley of Kings & Valley of Queens	Sofitel Old Winter Palace Nile view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - L - D
29 January 2022	Edfu - Kom Ombo	Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Nile view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - L - D
30 January 2022	Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk and Elephantine Island	Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Nile view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - L - D
31 January 2022	Abu Simbel - Cairo	Nile Ritz Carlton City/Egyptian Museum view Rooms - Twin & Single	B - D
01 February 2022	Departure		B

\*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner



**Day 1: Monday, 24 January 2022**  
**Arrival Cairo.**

**Cairo**

**Meet and Greet at Cairo Airport.**

To ensure your journey is seamless from the start, our representative will meet you before passport control to take care of stamping visa, passport control and luggage collecting.

Later you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.  
 Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

**Day 2: Tuesday, 25 January 2022**  
**Egyptian Museum / Citadel / Khan EL Khalili / Walking on El Moaz Street.**

**Cairo**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby and head to the famous **Egyptian Museum** where you can see the unique and only collection of Pharaonic art, starting with the Old Kingdom Collection, on to the Middle and New Kingdom galleries and Greco-Roman periods. The museum contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities; no visit to Egypt is complete without a trip through its galleries.



Drive to Mokattam Hill where Old fortress built by Salah El Din Al Ayoubi, you will see **The Citadel** encompasses the **Mosque of Mohamed Ali**.

Free time for lunch "Lunch at local restaurant".

Continue to **El Moaz Street**, which is an open-air Museum. It is one of the most amazing streets in Islamic Cairo; it dates back to the Fatimid era and has almost all types of Islamic architecture decorated with Arabic calligraphy.



Finishing the tour with the fascinating **Khan El-Khalili Bazaar** - reputed to be the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Originally founded as a watering stop for caravanserai in the 14th century, the bazaar has now grown to vast proportions.

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Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.  
 Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Cairo.

**Day 3: Wednesday, 26 January 2021**  
**Sakkara / Pyramids of Giza / Sphinx.**

**Cairo**

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby to begin the day by visiting **Saqqara**, the ancient burial site.

On the site, which is considered by many archaeologists to be one of the world's most important excavations, is the Step Pyramid, which was constructed by Imhotep in the 27th century BC. The pyramid is part of the tomb complex of Zoser, who was the first Pharaoh of the Old Kingdom. The pyramid began as a simple Mastaba, or long, flat tomb building.



Free time for lunch "Lunch at local restaurant".

Continue to **Giza Plateau** with the famous **Great Pyramid** and **Sphinx**. Dominating the plateau and running in a southwest diagonal through the site are the three pyramids of the pharaohs Khufu, Khafra, and Menkaura. The northernmost, and the largest, one belongs to Khufu. **Khafra's pyramid** is built precisely on a southwest diagonal to his father's pyramid, as well as having been built on higher ground to create the illusion of being bigger. The pyramid of **Menkaura** is much smaller and is not aligned along the same diagonal line as the other two pyramids. **The Sphinx** is the largest monolith statue in the world and it is the oldest known monumental sculpture.



Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.  
 Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Cairo.

**Day 4: Thursday, 27 January 2022**  
**Fly to Luxor / Luxor Museum / Luxor Temple / Karnak Temple.**

**Luxor**

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet our representative at the lobby.

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your domestic flight to Luxor; our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Cairo & arrival procedures in Luxor.

Upon arrival in Luxor, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Karnak Temple**. Walk along the Avenue of Sphinx to enter the complex as your guide explains how the massive facade was constructed. On entering the Temples of Karnak, you will see each legacy left by the various pharaohs as the complex grew even larger. The deeper you go into the complex, the further back in time you will travel, with the oldest ruins dating back over 3,000 years.



Lunch at hotel.

Continue to the East bank, visit **Luxor Temple**, which was once joined to the Temples of Karnak by a two-kilometer long Avenue of Sphinx, a portion of which marks the entrance to the temple. Dominated by statues of the great warrior pharaoh Ramses II, Luxor Temple has survived Nile floods, foreign invasion and thousands of years exposed to the elements.



Then to **Luxor Museum**, Displays of pottery, jewelry, furniture, statues and stelae were created by the Brooklyn Museum of New York. They include a carefully selected assortment of items from the Theban temples and necropolis. There are a number of exhibits from Tutankhamun, including a cow-goddess head from his tomb on the first floor and his funerary boats on the second floor.



Private transfer to Chicago House.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at Local Restaurant.

Overnight in Luxor.

### Day 5: Friday, 28 January 2022

**Habu Temple / Hatshepsut Temple / Valley of Kings / Valley of Queens.**

**Luxor**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Habu Temple**, the site that is dominated by the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III (1194 - 1163 B.C.), the largest on the west bank and one of the best preserved. Many fine paintings and reliefs bearing the usual scenes of the King's military exploits, including a unique portrayal of a sea battle.





Continue to the **Valley of the Kings**, this is the vast Necropolis of Thebes, the city of dead. Begin with the Valley of the Kings, lying protected by the high Gurna Hills surrounding it. Here you will visit the tombs of Egypt's splendid Pharaohs. Deep-cut into the rocky mountainsides are the magnificent tombs of spellbinding construction and decoration. You will have the opportunity to visit **Tut Ankh Amun tomb**.

Free time for lunch "Lunch at local restaurant".

Then to the **Valley of Queens**, the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes, the city of the dead. The Valley of the Queens, gorge in the hills along the western bank of the Nile River in Upper Egypt. It was part of ancient Thebes and served as the burial site of the queens and some royal children of the 19th and 20th dynasties (1292-1075 bc). The queens' necropolis is located about 1.5 miles west of the mortuary temple of Ramses III. Visit to the magnificent **Nefertari tomb** included.



Continue to visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, the most significant of Egypt's female rulers. She came to power early in Dynasty 18, at the beginning of the New Kingdom. The Temple is not only a memorial temple that honors Queen Hatshepsut; it is also one of the greatest Egyptian architectural achievements. Designed by Senenmut (Hatshepsut's steward and architect), this mortuary temple closely resembles the classical Greek architecture of 1,000 years later.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at Local Restaurant.

Overnight in Luxor.

**Day 6: Saturday, 29 January 2022**  
**Temple of Edfu / Temples of Kom Ombo.**

**Kom Ombo**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Check out after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby for your private transfer to Aswan from Luxor; visit Edfu Temple & Kom Ombo Temple in route.

**Temple of Edfu**, Temple of falcon-headed, Horus "One of the finest examples of Ptolemaic art in Egypt. You will be transferred to the temple by Caleche. The city of Edfu lies half way between Luxor and Aswan on the site of the ancient city of Djeba. Located 100 km south of Luxor, and 53 km south of Esna, it is home to the best-preserved and largest Greco-Roman temple in Egypt, the Temple of Horus.



Free time for lunch "Lunch box included".

Continue to the **Twin Temple of Kom Ombo**. It is dedicated to the hawk-headed god, Harwar and the crocodile god, Sobek. 40 km north of Aswan and 70 km south of Edfu is the Temple of Kom Ombo, also known as the duel temple of Sobek and Haroeris. "Duel" because everything is doubled in this perfectly symmetrical temple. Twin entrances, twin halls, twin colonnades, etc. The Greco-Roman temple is directly on the banks of the Nile.



Upon arrival in Aswan, you will be transferred to your hotel and check-in.  
 Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.  
 Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Aswan.

**Day 7: Sunday, 30 January 2022**  
**Philae Temple / High Dam / Unfinished Obelisk.**

**Aswan**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.  
 Visit of **Philae Temple** and **High Dam**. Leave the Cruise with your guide and drive over the Old Aswan Barrage, constructed in the 1920's over the Nile's 1st cataract. You will arrive at the site of the Aswan **High Dam**; one of the largest rock-filled dams in the world and considered as a great achievement of modern construction. From the top of the dam, you will look out at Lake Nasser, the largest artificial Lake in the world.



Proceed to the docks on Lake Nasser for a short boat ride to the island of **Philae** where you will visit the beautiful **Temple of Isis**. Dedicated for the world's most Famous Goddess Isis and also represents three great civilizations – Egyptian, Greek and Roman.

Free time for lunch "Lunch at local restaurant".

Continue to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, which is the largest known ancient obelisk and is located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan.

Sail on the Nile by Felucca around Kitchener's Island & Agha Khan.  
 Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Aswan.

**Day 8: Monday, 31 January 2022**  
**Abu Simbel Excursion.**

**Abu Simbel**

Buffet breakfast on board.  
 Disembarkation after breakfast.  
 Meet your representative at the lobby.



Transfer to Aswan Airport for your short flight to Abu Simbel; our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Aswan & arrival procedures in Abu Simbel.

Upon arrival at Abu Simbel airport, you will be met by your guide and transfer to visit the great Temple hewn in rock with the four colossal seated status of the King in front of the entrance. It was dedicated to **Amun-Ra**, the **Horakkhti**, and **Ramses II**.



Then visit the king's wife, **Nefertari**. This temple was threatened by the waters upon the completion of the Aswan High Dam and has been preserved by international action organized by UNESCO. All parts of the temple (status, inscribed slabs, etc.) have been rebuilt on a plateau above the former site.

Transfer to Abu Simbel Airport for your domestic flight to Cairo via Aswan; our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Abu Simbel & arrival procedures in Cairo.

Upon arrive Cairo airport; you will meet our representative for your private transfer to your hotel for check-in.

Free time for lunch "Lunch on your own".

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.  
Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

**Day 9: Tuesday, 01 February 2022**  
**Final Departure.**

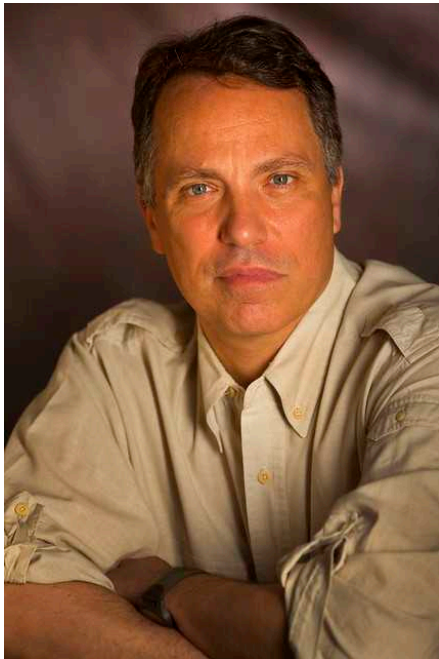
**Cairo**

Buffet breakfast at hotel or "breakfast box". (Depends on your flight time)  
Check out after breakfast.  
Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Cairo Airport.  
Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures and formalities.

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**Wishing you a wonderful Trip**

## Meet Your Host



### Dr. Peter Lacovara

(B.A. 1976, Boston University; Ph.D. 1993 The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago) is Director of The Ancient Egyptian Archaeology and Heritage Fund. He was Senior Curator of Ancient Egyptian, Nubian, and Near Eastern Art at the Michael C. Carlos Museum from 1998 to 2014 and before that served as Assistant Curator in the Department of Ancient Egyptian, Nubian and Near Eastern Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

His archaeological fieldwork has included excavations at the Valley of the Kings at Thebes, Deir el-Ballas, Abydos, Hierakonpolis and at the Giza Plateau, and currently he is co-directing the excavation of the Palace-city of Amenhotep III at Malqata in Western Thebes with the Metropolitan Museum of Art and also working at the site of Deir el-Ballas.

His publications include studies on Daily Life and Urbanism in Ancient Egypt, Egyptian Mortuary Traditions, and the Material Culture of Ancient Egypt and Nubia. He has also taught at M.I. T., The American University in Cairo and Syracuse University and also has been featured in a number of documentaries on Ancient Egypt.

## Albany Museum of Arts January 24 – February 01, 2022

City	Hotel /Cruise	Dates		Category
Cairo	Nile Ritz Carlton	January 24 – January 27	3	City view room
Luxor	Old Winter Palace	January 27 – January 29	2	Nile View room
Aswan	Old Cataract	January 29 – January 31	2	Nile Wing – Nile view
Cairo	Nile Ritz Carlton	January 31 – February 01	1	City view room

### Rates:

	From 15 paying passengers
Per person in Double	USD 5,475.00
Per person in Single	USD 6,300.00

<b>Supplement for Nile Ritz Carlton:</b>	
Nile view room for 1 night ... Per person in Double	USD 40.00
Nile view room for 1 night ... Per person in Single	USD 80.00

### Rate includes:

- All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily
- Land transportation per program by private coach
- All sightseeing and excursions, including entrance fees per program
- Entrance to the newly opened Nefertari tomb at the Valley of the Queens
- Private English-speaking guide throughout program
- Flights within Egypt (Cairo – Aswan/AbuSimbel/Aswan - Aswan/Cairo)
- Water provided in bus during all visits transfers and all included meals
- **Gratuities to local guide, hotels, drivers, and restaurants staff during included meals**
- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available
- Farwell Dinner to include local beer and local wine

### Rate excludes:

- International airfare between the U.S and the start and the end point of the trip
- Pre or post tour services
- Egypt entry visa fees
- Medical and trip interruption insurance; evacuation costs
- Food or beverages not included in group meals
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, excess package fees, photo/video expenses inside sightseeing or museums (where allowed)
- Other items not expressly listed as included
- **Travel insurance for medical AND political reasons**

### Important Notes:

- Prices are based on a minimum group size of **fifteen paying participants** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is fewer than fifteen



## Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

### Payment Schedule

- \$750 Deposit Per person Due on Confirmation
- Final Payment Per person Due September 24, 2021

### Cancellation Policy

- 0% Cancellation fees From Confirmation to September 24, 2021  
**(Less \$300.00 Per person handling fee)**
- 25% Cancellation fees From September 23 - October 24, 2021
- 50% Cancellation fees From October 23 - November 24, 2021
- 75% Cancellation fees From November 24 - December 23, 2021
- 100% Cancellation fees From December 24, 2021

A full refund will apply in case of "Force Major"

Force Major is identified as acts of God, war and revolution, acts of terrorism preventing travel to Egypt, natural disasters happening within Egypt and not outside the country.

### **Payment through bank wire transfer for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS**

Account name: Egitalloyd Travel

Bank name: Export Development Bank of Egypt

Address: 71 Mesadak street, Dokki, Giza - Egypt - Post code: 12311

Account Number: 16258

Swift: EXDEEGCXXX

Phone: 202-22-777-003 Fax: 202-22-774-553

### **Payment by Credit card for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS**

- 3% to be added to the per person rate (Credit card fees)
- Needed:
  - Credit Card holder name
  - Cell phone number
  - Email address

### **Contact person for bookings:**

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