



## Nile Pilgrimage

July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Day 1-2 Tuesday & Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** – Depart from JFK at 6:30pm on Egypt Air flight to Cairo, we will arrive @ 11:15am on Wednesday. Group will be met, assisted with luggage and transferred to the Hotel. After check-in there will be a brief overview of the trip. The remainder of the afternoon and evening will be your own. Dinner will be served that evening in the hotel.

**Day 3 Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup>** – After breakfast the day will begin with a journey to Beni Hassan and the Akhetaten (Tel Armana). In Beni Hassan we will visit the elaborately decorated tombs from the Middle Kingdom. In Tel Armana we will visit the city Ankhentaten built for his concept of God. Upon completion of our visit we will return to Cairo. Dinner will be served that evening in the hotel.

**Day 4 Friday July 30<sup>th</sup>** – After breakfast, visit the Step Pyramid of the Pharaoh Zoser and the North Saqqara necropolis. With the conclusion of our tour in the North Saqqara, journey by way of Camel (optional), where you will have the opportunity to experience the full grandeur of the Old Kingdom. After Saqqara we will visit the pyramids of Sneferu in Dhashur. Dinner will be served that evening in the hotel.

**Day 5 Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>** – After breakfast we will explore the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx (Her Em Akhet). Upon completion of the visit at the Giza plateau we will visit the world famous Cairo Museum, which includes the Mummy room. Following our visit at the Cairo Museum we check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for a flight to Waset (Luxor). Dinner will be served that evening in the hotel in Luxor.

**Day 6 Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>** – After breakfast, we will journey to the temple of the Netcher (principle) Het Heru (Hathor) in Dendera, in addition, we will also visit the mortuary temple of Seti I in Abydos. Dinner will be served that evening in the hotel.

**Day 7 Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – After breakfast, we will visit the Ipet Isut (Karnak), Temple of the Netcher (principle) Amen. Upon completion of our visit at the Ipet Isut we will visit the Southern Temple the Shemayit Ipet (Luxor Temple). However before we visit the Shemayit Ipet we will check out of the hotel and embark on the cruise ship. Dinner will be served that evening aboard cruise ship.

**Day 8 Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – After breakfast we will travel to the West Bank where there will be an option to ride a hot air balloon for an aerial view of the West Bank of the Nile at Waset (Thebes). For those that choose to take the hot air balloon they will meet the rest of the group at the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III. Our visit to the West Bank will continue with a trip to the Djesert Djeseru (Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut). The West Bank visit will conclude with a journey to the Valley of the Kings. Dinner will be served that evening aboard the cruise ship as it sails to Edfu.

**Day 9 Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup>** – After breakfast, we will visit the Temple of the Netcher (principle) Heru, in Edfu. After the visit, we will return to the cruise ship and sail to Kom Ombo. In Kom Ombo, we will visit the temple shared by the Netcheru (principles) Heru - Ar (Horus the Elder) and Sebek. Following our visit in Kom Ombo, the ship will continue south to Aswan. Lunch and dinner will be served aboard the cruise ship.

**Day 10 Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>** – After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for a flight to Abu Simbel. There, we will visit the fabulous mortuary temples of Ramses II and Nefertari. Subsequent to our visit in Abu Simbel, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight to Aswan. Upon our return, we will visit the island of Agaika (Philae) where we see the grand temple dedicated to the Netcher (principle) Auset (Isis). Following our visit at Philae we will visit the unfinished Tekhen (obelisk). Dinner will be served that evening aboard the cruise ship.

**Day 11 Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>** – After breakfast, we will disembark and transfer to the airport for a flight to Cairo. Upon our arrival, the group will be met, assisted and transferred to the hotel. Dinner will be served that evening in the hotel.

**Day 12 Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>** – After an early breakfast depart hotel @ 6:00am for a 9:15am flight to JFK. Arrive in the US @ 3:15pm on Saturday August 7, 2010.

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Airfare, hotel and cruise ship accommodations, breakfast, dinner daily and lunch aboard the cruise ship. In addition all tours, entrance fees except for those that are optional, English speaking guides and tips are also included.