Wonders of Egypt

No country on earth boasts a longer and richer historical timeline than Egypt.

KEMI - EGYPT AS NAMED BY THE PHARAOH IS FAMOUS FOR BEING KNOWN AS THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION, OFFERING WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES A KALEIDOSCOPE OF MYTHS AND MYSTERIES THAT CAN ONLY BE SEEN AND FELT IN THE MAGNIFICENCE OF ITS TEMPLES, NECROPOLISES AND PALACES. THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA, VALLEY OF KINGS, THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMON ARE BUT A PART OF OUR EGYPT'S HERITAGE. ONE THIRD OF THE ENTIRE WORLD ANTIQUITIES IS HERE AND HAS BEEN AN ETERNAL DRIVING FORCE STIMULATING THE INTERESTS AND IMAGINATIONS OF VISITORS.



EGYPT OCCUPIES THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF AFRICA AND COVERS AN AREA OF 386,645 SQUARE MILES, WITH A POPULATION OF 70 MILLION LIVING MAINLY ON THE WORLD'S LONGEST RIVER ~ THE NILE ~ RIVER BANKS. THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE COUNTRY DEPENDS ON THE SLENDER RIBBON OF THE NILE.

II20 miles of beach front resorts starting with Taba on the North-East flank of Sinai down to Sharm El Sheikh in its southern tip then moving up on its left flank across to the bitter lakes of Fayed (storage facility used at the time of the Suez Canal building) all the way down to Hurghada and Mesra Allam in the south offering to its visitors one of the Worlds largest and most elaborate bouquet in leisure tourism. From snorkeling, diving to desert safaris, hiking to bird watching and eco-tourism.

There is so much to do and see all over Egypt ~ this lovely warm land with its charming and hospitable people ~ come and discover the most sacred and mythical place on Earth!





Itinerary for Singles in Paradise - 09 days

SEP 30TH (TUE) LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK DL 166 DEP. 06:30 AM / ARR. 3:05 PM

NEW YORK / CAIRO DL 010 DEP. 4:20 PM / ARR. 09:35 AM ~ 01ST

OCT Of (WED) ARRIVE CAIRO

MET BY OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT CAIRO AIRPORT AND TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL. (HOTEL CHECK AFTER 2 PM. WE WILL REQUEST FOR EARLY CHECK-INS HOWEVER THIS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED).

Cairo - Egypt's splendid capital is a city rich in history and religion that encompassed many cities and civilizations in the past. The largest city in the Middle East and Africa, Cairo is decorated by the remnants of Ancient Egyptian civilization, most profoundly seen in the Pharaonic pyramids of Giza. The city's skyline is also decorated with dazzling Mamluk and Ottoman mosques, early Christian monasteries and churches and modern skyscrapers and hotels.

GREATER CAIRO CAN BE SECTIONED INTO THREE DISTRICTS: DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING OLD CAIRO WHERE RELIGIOUS RELICS OF THE MAJOR WESTERN RELIGIONS ARE WELL-PRESERVED; SOUTHWEST, INCLUDING THE GRAND PYRAMIDS AND PHARAONIC MEMPHIS: AND THE NORTHEAST HELIOPOLIS AREA, WHICH BOASTS

ALL OF THE ACCOUTREMENTS OF MODERN SOCIETY. CAIRO IS EGYPT'S HUB OF CULTURAL, SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY. IT IS A FASCINATING COMBINATION OF MODERN AND ANCIENT, WHICH TOGETHER GIVE CAIRO AN ATMOSPHERE UNIQUE TO THIS CITY.

This afternoon transfer to the Felucca docking area for a sailing tour on the Nile for two hours with soft drinks to be served on board the feluccas.

RETURN TO RAMSES HILTON HOTEL FOR AN OVERNIGHT.

OVERNIGHT STAY AT RAMSES HILTON

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Oct O2ND (Thu) Cairo (B/L)

After breakfast at your hotel proceed on a full day tour visiting Memphis and the steps of Sakkara.

Memphis served as the capital of **U**pper & **L**ower **E**gypt some 5,000 years ago during the Ist Dynasty. Menes, the first pharaoh of this dynasty, built a great white-walled palace & the **T**emple of Ptah here.

SAKKARA ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING HISTORICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREA IN ALL OF EGYPT IS SAKKARA, SITUATED ABOUT 12 MILES SOUTH WEST OF CAIRO. THE SITE IS DOMINATED BY THE FAMOUS STEP PYRAMID OF KING ZOSER. IT WAS THE FIRST PYRAMID TO BE BUILT IN ANCIENT EGYPT,

PRECEDING THOSE AT GIZA BY MANY CENTURIES & IS THE WORK OF THE FAMOUS PHARAONICARCHITECT, IMHOTEP.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT ORIENTAL RESTAURANT

THIS AFTERNOON VISIT THE THREE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA AND THE MAGNIFICENT SPHINX.

THE **Pyramids** of Cheops, Chephran and Mycerinus were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the 7 wonders of the world. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks, each

WEIGHING AN AVERAGE OF TWO AND ONE—HALF TONS. IN THE FACE OF SUCH IMMENSITY, ONE CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL THE WONDER AND AWE THAT SO MANY WRITERS & ARTISTS HAVE SOUGHT TO CONVEY OVER THE CENTURIES. THE CHEOPS PYRAMID IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING SINCE ITS INTERIOR BURIAL CHAMBERS ARE OPEN FOR VISITORS.



Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone & standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body.

RETURN TO YOUR HOTEL. OVERNIGHT STAY AT RAMSES HILTON

Oct 03RD (Fri) Cairo / Aswan (B/L/D)

TRANSFER TO DOMESTIC AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT TO ASWAN.

Aswan: The sunny city of Aswan, located 550 miles south of Cairo, is the starting and ending point of Nile cruises today. In ancient times, Aswan was known as Syene, the southern border of Pharaonic Egypt. Syene was the center of trade between Egypt, adjoining Nubia and the rest of southern Africa. During these times, the city supplied granite for several of the temples of Egypt.

Aswan city has been a favorite winter resort since the beginning of the 19th century and is now considered the country's premier winter tourist destination, offering a wide variety of ancient monuments and distinctive natural scenery. The beautiful Nile waters in Aswan meet the desert, lap against granite rocks and around emerald islands covered in palm groves and tropical plants.



Just beyond Aswan center are two extraordinary islands, Elephantine and Kitchener. Being one of the oldest inhabited places in Egypt, Aswan hosts some of the most spectacular monuments, including Philae Temple, an unfinished obelisk and the Mausoleum of the A Agha Khan.

MET ON ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER TO YOUR CRUISE SHIP.

LUNCH ON BOARD

This afternoon visit the High Dam and the Philae Temple

HIGH DAM: LOCATED NEAR ASWAN, THE WORLD FAMOUS HIGH DAM WAS AN ENGINEERING MIRACLE WHEN IT WAS BUILT IN THE 1960s. Today it provides irrigation and electricity for the whole of Egypt together with the old Aswan Dam that was built by the British between 1898 and 1902.



PHILAE TEMPLE: ONCE RENOWNED AS THE (THE PEARL OF EGYPT) BY VIRTUE OF ITS RICH VEGETATION & ITS MAGNIFICENT ASSEMBLAGE OF TEMPLES THE ISLAND OF PHILAE NOW LIES BENEATH

THE WATERS OF LAKE NASSER; BUT FORTUNATELY THANKS TO A SPECTACULAR RESCUE OPERATION CARRIED THROUGH WITH FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ITALY AND WEST GERMANY, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SAVE AT LEAST THE MOST IMPORTANT MONUMENTS & RE-ERECT THEM ON THE HIGHER NEIGHBOR ISLAND OF AGILKA.



Afternoon tea with English cake, cookies and fresh fruit display Buffet dinner with Nubian folkloric show.

Overnight stay on board **Sonesta Nile Goddess Cruise** http://www.sonesta.com/NileCruises/index.cfm?fa=nilegoddess.home



Oct 04TH (SAT)

NILE CRUSIE (B/L/D)

Buffet breakfast on board

Sail on the Nile by felucca around Kitchener's Island

Sail to Kom Ombo.

Lunch on BOARD.

SAIL TO KOM OMBO AND VISIT THE TEMPLE SHARED BY TWO GODS SOBEK & HAERORIS IN KOM-OMBO

THE TEMPLE OF KOM OMBO: THE 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). DESPITE BEING BADLY DAMAGED, THE TEMPLE IS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT AS ONE APPROACH FROM EITHER DIRECTION ON THE RIVER, PARTICULARLY AS SUNSET NEARS AND THE



COLORS CHANGE. CROCODILES PROBABLY SUNNED THEMSELVES ON AN ISLAND NEARBY, TODAY; THERE ARE NO CROCODILES TO BE SEEN ~ EXCEPT FOR SOME MUMMIFIED ONES ON DISPLAY AT THE TEMPLE COMPLEX.

SAIL TO EDFU

VISIT THE TEMPLE OF HORUS IN EDFU.

THE TEMPLE OF EDFU: THE MAJOR PTOLEMAIC TEMPLE OF EDFU IS THE BEST-PRESERVED MAJOR TEMPLE IN EGYPT. IT IS DEDICATED TO THE FALCON GOD HORUS AND WAS BUILT OVER A 180 YEAR PERIOD FROM 237 BC TO 57 BC; THE TEMPLE WAS EXCAVATED LAST CENTURY BY AUGUSTE MARIETTE. ITS COURTYARD AND SURROUNDS WERE BURIED BENEATH SAND. DEEP WITHIN THE TEMPLE IS THE SANCTUARY WHERE A STATUE OF HORUS WOULD HAVE BEEN CARED FOR BY PRIESTS.



Dinner on board

Sail to Esna.

Enjoy a Galabeya (Egyptian long dress) Party.

OVERNIGHT STAY ON BOARD SONESTA NILE GODDESS CRUISE

OCT 05TH (SUN) NILE CRUSIE (B/L/D)

Buffet breakfast on board. Sail to Luxor

Luxor: Breathtaking and impressive monuments of ancient Egyptian civilization continue to draw visitors to Luxor, located 450 miles south of Cairo. The antique city of Thebes, capital of the New Kingdom, was the center of power for almost 1500 years. Due to these roots, modern Luxor has become one of Egypt's most enticing tourist destinations, home to some 80 percent of Egyptian artifacts.



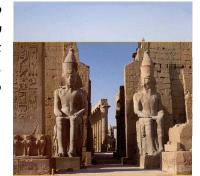
Its magnificent temples, tombs and palaces ~ built from enduring sandstone and granite ~ border the banks of the Nile River. On the east bank stand the Luxor and Karnak temples, while Queen Hatshepsut's temple lines the west bank of the great river. The great city's necropolis contains the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens and tombs of the nobles ~ a testament to Luxor's ancient name al-Uqsur, or city of the palaces.

Lunch on BOARD.

THEREAFTER VISIT EAST BANK ~ KARNAK & LUXOR TEMPLES

THE TEMPLES OF KARNAK ARE A SERIES OF MONUMENTS THAT WERE THE MAIN PLACE OF WORSHIP IN THEBIAN TIMES, AND THEY CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THE AMUN TEMPLE ENCLOSURE, WHICH IS THE

LARGEST; THE MUT TEMPLE ENCLOSURE ON THE SOUTH SIDE; AND THE MONTU TEMPLE ENCLOSURE. THE AMUN AND MONTU ENCLOSURE WERE ONCE CONNECTED BY CANALS TO THE NILE PROVIDING PASSAGE FOR SACRED BOATS DURING FESTIVALS. KARNAK IS THE MAIN CENTER OF WORSHIP IN ANCIENT EGYPT. NO



SITE IN THE WORLD MAKES MORE OVERWHELMING & LASTING IMPRESSION THEN THIS TEMPLE OF TEMPLES.

LUXOR TEMPLE WAS BUILT BY PHARAOH AMENOPHIS III ON THE SITE OF ANOTHER THEBAN TEMPLE AND ADDED TO BY TUTANKHAMOUN, RAMSES II, NECTANEBO, AND ALEXANDER THE GREAT AND VARIOUS ROMANS EXCAVATION WORK HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE 1885.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH ENGLISH CAKE, COOKIES AND FRESH FRUIT DISPLAY

This evening enjoy a **sound and light show** at Karnak Temple in Luxor ~ the History and drama of the Temple of Karnak are presented this evening in an unforgettable show at the huge complex of Karnak.

THEME DINNER FOLLOWED BY BELLY DANCE SHOW.

OVERNIGHT STAY ON BOARD SONESTA NILE GODDESS CRUISE

Oct 06th (Mon) Luxor / Cairo (B)

BREAKFAST ON BOARD.

CHECK OUT FROM YOUR CRUISE.

VISIT THE WEST BANK, THE NECROPOLIS OF THEBES, VALLEY OF THE KINGS, THE TEMPLE OF QUEEN HATSHEPSUT AT EL-BAHARI & THE COLOSSI MEMNON.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS: THE EGYPTIAN BELIEF THAT "TO SPEAK THE NAME OF THE DEAD IS TO MAKE HIM LIVE AGAIN" IS CERTAINLY CARRIED OUT IN THE BUILDING OF THE TOMBS. THE KING'S FORMAL NAMES AND TITLES ARE INSCRIBED IN HIS TOMB ALONG WITH HIS IMAGES AND STATUES. MOST OF THE TOMBS WERE CUT INTO THE LIMESTONE FOLLOWING A SIMILAR PATTERN: THREE CORRIDORS, AN ANTECHAMBER AND A SUNKEN SARCOPHAGUS CHAMBER, CONSTRUCTION USUALLY LASTED SIX YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE NEW REIGN. MOST OF THESE TOMBS RETAIN THEIR ORIGINAL COLORS.

Valley of the Queens: Containing numerous tombs belonging to families from the 19^{th} and 20^{th} Dynasties, the Valley of the Queens lies at the southern end of the Theban cemetery. (Visit to the tomb of Tutankhamen is an optional cost).

Transfer to the airport for your flight Luxor / Cairo Met on arrival and transfer to your hotel Overnight stay at Ramses Hilton





OCT O7TH (TUE) CAIRO (B/L)

After breakfast at hotel, proceed on a full day tour visiting the Egyptian Museum including the treasures of King Tut.

EGYPTIAN MUSEUM - THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DEPOSITORY OF EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. IT FEATURES ARTIFACTS FROM THE PHARAONIC AND GRAECO-ROMAN PERIODS, INCLUDING THE CELEBRATED MUMMIES OF ANCIENT EGYPT'S KING AND TUTANKHAMUN TREASURES.



LUNCH AT SEA HORSE RESTAURANT

This afternoon visit the Citadel of Salah El-Din, Mosque of Mohamed Ali and the famous Khan Elkhalili Bazaar in Cairo dating back to the late 14th century.

THE CITADEL, MOSQUE IS SITUATED ON A SPUR OF THE MUQATTAM HILLS, THE CITADEL DOMINATES CAIRO'S SKYLINE AND WAS THE NERVE CENTER OF THE CITY AND EGYPT FOR ALMOST 700 YEARS. ITS CONSTRUCTION WAS INITIATED IN 1176 BY SALADIN AND COMPLETED BY MUHAMMAD ALI. MAMELUKE SULTANS AND TURKISH GOVERNORS LATER ON MADE IT THEIR RESIDENCE, BUILDING PALACES AND MOSQUES WITHIN THE CITADEL WALLS. FACING THE CITADEL IS THE MOSQUE OF SULTAN HASSAN, BUILT BETWEEN 1356 AND 1363 AND PERHAPS THE MOST MAJESTIC MONUMENT OF ARAB ARCHITECTURE IN EGYPT.

KHAN EL-KHALILI BAZAAR, ONCE KNOWN AS THE TURKISH BAZAAR DURING THE OTTOMAN PERIOD, IS NOW REFERRED TO AS THE 'KHAN'. IT WAS NAMED FOR THE GREAT CARAVANSARY, THE MARKET WAS BUILT IN 1382 BY THE EMIR DIAHARKS EL-KHALILI IN THE HEART OF THE FATIMID CITY, AND IT COMPRISES ONE OF CAIRO'S MOST IMPORTANT SHOPPING AREAS.



This evening enjoy a farewell dinner and oriental show including a belly dancer (Nile cruise restaurant ~ cruise for 2 hours whilst dining)

OVERNIGHT STAY AT RAMSES HILTON

Oct 08[™] (Wed) DEPART CAIRO (B)

BREAKFAST AT HOTEL

Transfer to the airport for your onward/return flight

CAIRO / NEW YORK DL 009 DEP. II:30 AM / ARR. 5:40 PM
NEW YORK / LOS ANGELES DL 611 DEP. 8:30 PM / ARR. II:59 PM

"End of Tour"

US\$ 2,289 PER PERSON SHARING TWIN ROOM
US\$ 545 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Cost includes:-

- * Accommodation for 4 nights at Ramses Hilton on twin sharing inclusive of breakfast.
- Feluca sailing tour on the Nile for two hours with soft drinks to be served on board.
- * Full day sightseeing tour in Cairo with visits to Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara inclusive of lunch at Oriental restaurant.
- * Coach class air ticket for travel Cairo / Aswan ~ Luxor / Cairo. (Checked in luggage limited to 20 kgs / 44lb in total per person.
- * Accommodation for 3 nights on board the Sonesta Nile Goddess Cruise a 5* cruise liner on twin sharing inclusive of meals and sightseeing tours as indicated in the itinerary.
- * Full day sightseeing tour of Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Salah El-Din, Mosque of Mohamed Ali and Khan Elkhalili Bazaar with lunch at Sea Horse Restaurant.
- FAREWELL DINNER AND ORIENTAL SHOW INCLUDING A BELLY DANCER.
- * Applicable entrance fees for sightseeing tours.
- * ALL TRANSFERS BETWEEN AIRPORTS / HOTEL CRUISE TERMINAL / AIRPORTS.
- * Tour Leader: One free space is offered on twin sharing basis for minimum 15 full paying persons on the tour and land price only. If a single room is required, the single room supplement will be charged accordingly. The tour leader is free only on accommodation, tours and transfers, but other extras and all optional services are charged accordingly.

Cost excludes:-

- + APPLICABLE VISA FEES.
- * International air tickets to Egypt.
- * MEALS AND SIGHTSEEING TOURS NOT MENTIONED.
- * Any expenses of a personal nature such as, Laundry, Beverages, telephone calls, tipping, etc.
- * GRATUITY FOR TOUR LEADERS DRIVERS AND GUIDES.
- * Travel & MEDICAL INSURANCE.

Optional tours:

ABU SIMBEL (COULD BE VISITED BEFORE THE NILE CRUISE)

AROUND 170 MILE SOUTH OF ASWAN IS ABU SIMBEL, A SET OF TWO TEMPLES BUILT FOR PHARAOH RAMSES II, LOCATED NEAR THE BORDER BETWEEN EGYPT AND SUDAN. DURING HIS 67-YEAR REIGN IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY BC (19th Dynasty), Ramses II erected many temples and edifices in his favor along the Nile Valley. The temples of Abu Simbel are the most famous and astoundingly well preserved. Featured in the innermost part of the rock-cut temples (each of which stand over 65 feet) is Ramses II seated with three gods.

Cost: US\$ 210 per person - subject to change