



The Secrets of Ancient Egypt and the Lost Technologies of the Pharaohs

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FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 4, 2022

Delight in this 14-night/15-day luxury tour of Egypt visiting: Giza, Cairo, Saqqara, Luxor, El-Fayyum Oasis, Karnak, Edfu, Abydos, Dendera, Kom Ombo, the Valley of the Kings, Aswan, Abu Simbel, the Libyan Desert, and many more outstanding destinations in the land of the pharaohs!



Special Access

Enjoy unique special access to the enigmatic Sphinx monument and Great Pyramid during private visits!



Visit The El Fayyum Oasis

Embark on an Ancient Origins Codebreakers expedition to the El Fayyum Oasis to explore Egypt's most mysterious megalithic temple and unravel the secrets of Sobekneferu— dynastic Egypt's first female ruler.



Explore Megaliths in the Desert

Using 4 x 4 vehicles we visit the desert beyond the el-Fayyum Oasis to investigate one of Egypt's greatest puzzles – the mysterious Qasr el Sagha megalithic temple. Built using polygonal blocks and

cyclopean masonry, its origins remain obscure, with its only link being to the reign of Sobekneferu, Egypt's first recorded female ruler.



Egyptian female king Sobekneferu

Sobekneferu in Pop Culture

Sobekneferu's brief but eventful reign around 1800 BC has generated various fictional portrayals of her rule, making her an icon of modern pop culture. She is the inspiration behind the mythical queen in Bram Stoker's classic horror novel *Jewel of the Seven Stars* (1903) and also features as the female princess Ahmanet in the 2017 blockbuster film "The Mummy" starring Tom Cruise.

For more on Sobekneferu read the exclusive two-part Ancient Origins article [Goddess of the Seven Stars](#) and [Goddess of the Seven Stars: The Rebirth of Sobekneferu](#) by Andrew Collins.

For the tour we are joined by:



History and Science Writer and Bestselling Author - Andrew Collins

Andrew is the author of many books that change the way we perceive the past including *Beneath the Pyramids*, *Gobekli Tepe: Genesis of the Gods*, *Tutankhamun: The Exodus Conspiracy*, and *Denisovan Origins*. He first visited Egypt three decades ago, and has conducted many years of work in the country, rediscovering Giza's lost cave world in 2008, today known as Collins' Cave. In addition to Egypt, he has guided tours in Peru, Cambodia, Turkey, and Britain. AndrewCollins.com



Ancient Origins Writer, Researcher, and Representative - Alicia McDermott

Alicia has degrees in Anthropology, International Development Studies, and Psychology, and has worked in various fields such as education, tourism, and archaeology. Her focus has been on ancient and modern Andean cultures and she has written various essays about Latin American social issues and archaeological sites. Alicia has led tours across Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Egypt, and explored the mysteries of sites off the beaten track during Ancient Origins expeditions. Ancient-Origins.net



Celebrated Egyptian Guide - Waleed Kamouna

Waleed graduated in the year 2000 with a Masters in Egyptology. 20 years of extensive English guiding experience shortlisted him in the *Wanderlust Magazine's* Top 5 World Guides for the year 2011. He has traveled to every corner of Egypt with large and small groups. Waleed's guiding experience has led him to develop a unique travel philosophy to enhance your travel experience. He is a trustworthy travel-mate full of historical and cultural knowledge. He comes from a rural farming family whose values are based on ancient civilizations. [Trip Advisor reviews of Waleed](#)

Itinerary

EGYPT LUXURY TOUR

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14 NIGHTS/15 DAYS



Day 1 – Friday, February 18, 2022

Arrive in Cairo

Arrive in Egypt, Land of the Pharaohs. Private pick up at Cairo International Airport and transfer to Giza hotel. Orientation in evening.

Meals: No Meals are included

Overnight in Giza hotel



Day 2 – Saturday, February 19, 2022

El Fayyum

In the morning travel by bus to the El-Fayyum Oasis. See the Pyramid of Hawara, built for Amenemhet III, the father of Sobekneferu, and visit the site of the fabled Egyptian Labyrinth. One of the most mysterious constructions of the ancient world, it was begun by King Amenemhet III and completed by his daughter Sobekneferu. Lunchtime at hotel. Free afternoon with lecture on and preparation for the next day's visit to the Qasr el-Sagha temple in the El Fayyum desert.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight in el-Fayyum



Day 3 – Sunday, February 20, 2022

El Fayyum

Journey by 4 x 4 vehicles north in the El Fayyum desert, lying beyond the Birket Quran. This is the Lake Moeris of classical writings associated in the Old Testament with the prophet Joseph, who may well have helped design the canal that bears his name linking Birket Quran with the Nile River. Arrive at the Qasr el Sagha temple. Built using cyclopean masonry, this mysterious megalithic structure remains an enigma. Devoid of any inscriptions and constructed using polygonal blocks more familiar to pre-Incan Peru than Egypt, it has suspected links with the cult of the crocodile god Sobek, as well as the Middle Kingdom king Amenemhet IV and his sister, Sobekneferu. We spend the day looking for clues as to who built it, when, and why. Experience the evening at the temple site before returning to Giza.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight in Giza



Day 4 – Monday, February 21, 2022

Saqqara

In the morning travel to Saqqara. Visit the enigmatic Serapeum, a labyrinth of underground catacombs housing gigantic sarcophagi once containing mummified bulls. Inspect evidence of advanced technologies behind the construction of these massive granite sarcophagi. Visit the Pyramid of Teti to see the Pyramid Texts recording the journey of the pharaoh into an afterlife among the stars, and enter the newly opened Step Pyramid, built for the pharaoh Djoser around 2675 BC and designed by the architect Imhotep. Also visit the Imhotep Museum. Return to Giza.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight at Giza



Day 5 – Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Giza Pyramid and Sphinx

Private visit to the Sphinx enclosure for sunrise. The Sphinx is one of the most iconic monuments in the world. With the head of a pharaoh and the body of a lion, it is thought to represent Khafre, the builder of the Second Pyramid, although its true history remains unclear. Most likely it was revered for thousands of years before the age of the pharaohs as a natural rock formation with the head of a lion. Afterwards see the exterior of the Great Pyramid, a panorama of the Giza Plateau, and the Valley Temple of Khafre. Also join us on a special private visit of the Great Pyramid to examine its enigmatic interior chambers.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight at Giza



Day 6 – Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Egyptian Museum

Visit the Egyptian Museum, with thousands of exhibits and treasures from dynastic times through to the Roman era. Depart to Cairo Airport for flight to Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight in Aswan Hotel



Day 7 – Thursday, February 24, 2022

Philae Temple & Unfinished Obelisk

Visit the temple of Philae dedicated to the goddess Isis. Later, visit the gigantic unfinished granite monolith still attached to the bedrock in its quarry at Aswan. Examine the methods used to extract obelisks and statues from the living rock, including the inexplicable scoop marks suggestive of a lost technology. Visit a Nubian village if time permits.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight in Aswan Hotel



Day 8 – Friday, February 25, 2022

Abu Simbel

Drive in a bus to Abu Simbel. On the journey through the Libyan Desert stop to inspect an isolated rock formation known as an inselberg. Examine its unique geology and take in the ambience of the desert environment. In the afternoon visit the iconic rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel, built during the reign of Rameses II and moved to its current position during the building of the Nasser Dam in the 1960s. Also see the rock-cut temple of his wife Nefertari.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight on Nile Cruise



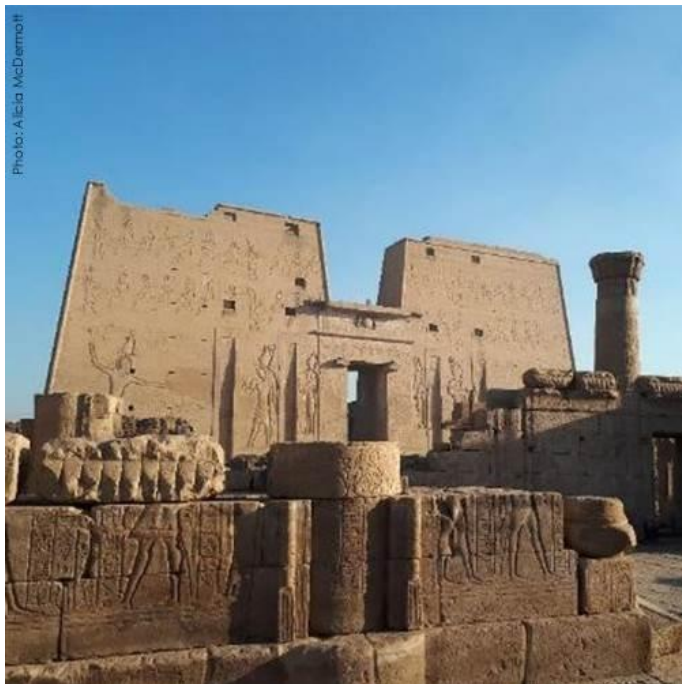
Day 9 – Saturday, February 26, 2022

Kom Ombo Temple

Sale north to Luxor. Disembark to visit the temple of Sobek at Kom Ombo, built under the rule of the Ptolemaic kings circa 180–150 BC.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight on Nile Cruise



Day 10 – Sunday, February 27, 2022

Edfu Temple

Continue on Nile Cruise. Disembark to visit the magnificent temple of Horus at Edfu, built during the Ptolemaic period, circa 175 BC. On its walls are Building Texts containing the most complete accounts of the creation of the world and the coming of the gods during the age of *zep tepi*, the First Time. See the temple's holy of holies, including a wooden boat on which the god Horus arrived from the sky.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight on Nile cruise



Day 11 – Monday, February 28, 2022

West Bank & Luxor Temple

Arrive in Luxor, ancient Thebes, the capital of Egypt in the south. Cross the Nile by boat and enter the Theban West Bank. Visit the Valley of the Kings and see the Tomb of Tutankhamun, along with other tombs decorated with age-old reliefs showing the books of the afterlife. Also explore the Ramesseum, with its astronomical ceiling and colossal statues of Rameses II, as well as the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Stop off for photos at the Colossi of Memnon, gigantic statues of the pharaoh Amenhotep III dating to circa 1375 BC.

In the evening visit the temple of Luxor, illuminated by lights. Built during the New Kingdom period, 1575-1050 BC, it marks the beginning of the newly reopened Sphinx Avenue, which has 1600 sphinxes - 800 on either side - lining the ceremonial road to Karnak temple.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight at Luxor hotel



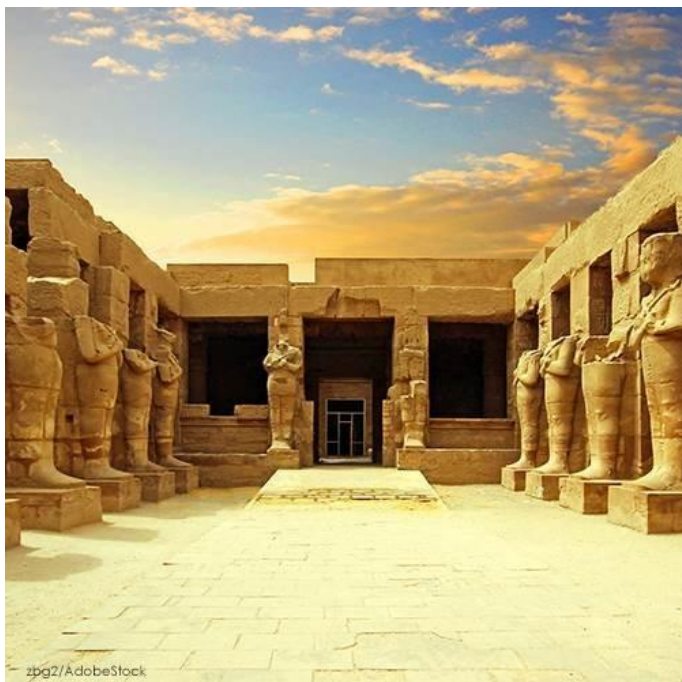
Day 12 – Tuesday, March 01, 2022

Abydos Temple & Dendera Temple

Journey north by luxury bus to the temple of Abydos, built for King Seti I around 1290-1279 BC. Also see the extraordinary ancient structure known as the Osireion, a sub-surface cyclopean temple thought to be a symbolic representation of the Tomb of Osiris, lord of the dead. After lunch continue on to the Temple of Hathor at Dendera. Visit its underground crypts where strange reliefs have suggested to some the existence of advanced technologies in ancient Egypt. Return to Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight at Luxor hotel



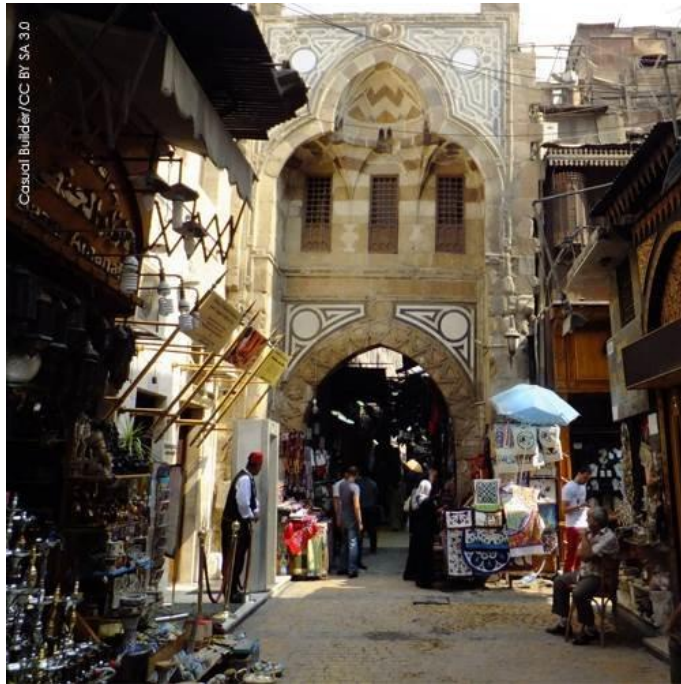
Day 13 – Wednesday, March 02, 2022

Karnak Temple

Visit the ruins of Karnak temple complex, built in stages throughout the New Kingdom, circa 1575-1050 BC. Depart for Luxor airport to catch flight to Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight in Cairo hotel



Day 14 – Thursday, March 03, 2022

Coptic Cairo & Khan el Khalili

Visit Coptic Cairo. See the Coptic Museum, the Church of Abu Serga, where the Holy Family - Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus - sheltered in an ancient cave during their legendary flight through Egypt. Shop at the world famous Khan el-Khalili souk and market in the Old City.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight at Cairo hotel



Day 15 – Friday, March 04, 2022

Cairo Departure

Final goodbyes and transfer to Cairo airport.

Pricing

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BASIC TOUR DEPOSIT \$900

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HOTELS & MEALS

Night	City	Hotel	Room
1	Giza	Steigenberger Pyramids - or similar	Pyramids View
2	Fayyum	Helnan Auberge - or similar	Standard
3	Giza	Steigenberger Pyramids - or similar	Pyramids View
4	Giza	Steigenberger Pyramids - or similar	Pyramids View
5	Giza	Steigenberger Pyramids - or similar	Pyramids View
6	Aswan	Movenpick Island Aswan - or similar	Nile View
7	Aswan	Movenpick Island Aswan - or similar	Nile View
8	Cruise	Esmeralda - or similar	Standard
9	Cruise	Esmeralda - or similar	Standard
10	Cruise	Esmeralda - or similar	Standard
11	Luxor	Steigenberger Luxor - or similar	Standard
12	Luxor	Steigenberger Luxor - or similar	Standard
13	Cairo	Cairo Sheraton - or similar	Standard
14	Cairo	Cairo Sheraton - or similar	Standard

Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
1	not included	not included	not included
2	Hotel	Hotel	not included
3	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
4	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
5	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
6	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
7	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
8	Hotel	Cruise	Cruise
9	Cruise	Cruise	Cruise
10	Cruise	Cruise	Cruise
11	Cruise	Restaurant	not included
12	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
13	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
14	Hotel	Restaurant	not included
15	Hotel	not included	not included

Inclusions

- Service of Meet & assist upon arrival & departure by A/C vehicle on private basis.
- Four nights in 5* hotel Giza
- One night in 5* hotel El-Fayyum
- Two nights in 5* hotel Aswan
- Three nights full board on 5* Nile Cruise
- Two nights in 5* hotel Luxor
- Two nights in 5* hotel Cairo
- All transfers as per the above-mentioned itinerary by private A/C vehicle.
- All entrance fees for the above-mentioned sightseeing.
- Meals as mentioned
- Unlimited mineral water supply during the tour
- Sundry tips
- Tip for local company representative
- All sightseeing tours
- All entrance fees
- All transportation, including 4 x 4 vehicles for El-Fayyum Oasis expedition
- Transfers, meet and assist at arrival and departure at all Egyptian airports.
- King Tut's Tomb in West bank Luxor
- Domestic flights
- Egyptian visa

Exclusions

- International flight tickets

- Any personal expenses such as drinks, laundry, etc
- Any optional trips or unmentioned items
- Evening meals
- Drinks at meals
- Tips for the tour guide
- Tips for house cleaning

Register your details to hold your place on this exclusive tour!

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To secure your place, a deposit payment of US\$900 per person is required within 48 hours of completing the form. Payment details are noted at the end of the form.

TOUR DEPOSIT \$900 PER PERSON

A deposit of \$900 per person is required to secure immediate booking. The remainder of the payment will be required 10 weeks before the start date of the tour.

Final choice of accommodation is subject to change. We will choose hotels of a similar standard where hotel shown is not used.

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