

Egypt 2020 – The Inner Mysteries of Egypt and the Nile

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Ancient Origins is partnering with award-winning tour operator **Travel the Unknown** to provide its readers with comprehensive escorted travel tours to some of the most ancient and most mysterious monuments and sacred places around the globe.

We will visit classic destinations as well as more obscure locations where the magic of the past remains as strong today as it did thousands of years ago.

Let us help you to explore the past in the present day with unique adventures that will be remembered for the rest of your life.

THE INNER MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT EGYPT AND THE NILE

Ancient Origins Tours begin with the wonders of ancient Egypt and the mysteries of the Nile with an exclusive 15-day, 14-night tour in February 2020 hosted by Ancient Origins and special guest Andrew Collins

Andrew Collins is a science and history writer, as well as the author of over fifteen books that challenge the way we perceive the past. They include *From the Ashes of Angels* (1996), *Gateway to Atlantis* (2000), *Göbekli Tepe: Genesis of the Gods*, *The Cygnus Key*, and most recently *Denisovan Origins* (co-authored with Dr. Greg L. Little). www.andrewcollins.com

Andrew is the co-discoverer of a huge, previously unrecorded cave system beneath the Giza plateau now referred to as Collins Cave.

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Experience the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, Saqqara, Dahshur, Abu Ghurab, the Egyptian Labyrinth, the Valley of the Kings, Karnak, Luxor, Edfu, Aswan, Nabta Playa, Abu Simbul, and many more sites of antiquity. Visit their temples, pyramids, monuments, museums, and enjoy the tranquility of the Nubian Desert and the unforgettable sights of the Upper Nile on a cruise ship.

Enjoy private tours of the Great Pyramid, the Great Sphinx, and the Sun Temple of Niuserre at Abu Ghurab, one of the most powerful energy centers of northern Egypt.

Learn about the sites to be visited as well the very latest news and theories on both ancient Egypt and the origins of civilization by Andrew Collins during regular talks and lectures. Take part in meditations where permissible.

Unwind or dine with some of the finest cuisines in Egypt.

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ITINERARY

ANCIENT ORIGINS TOUR OF EGYPT | FEBRUARY 4th—18th, 2020

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

(MEETING PLACE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

Day 1 – February 4th

Cairo - Giza

Arrive in Cairo. Meet and greet upon arrival at the airport. Assistance with immigration, passport control, baggage claim, and customs. Transfer to hotel. Lecture and orientation hosted by Andrew Collins and Ancient Origins. We advise arriving Day 1 by 2pm to be able to comfortably participate in the evening talk.

Meals: D

Overnight in Le Meridian Pyramids, Giza

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Day 2 - February 5th

Giza Plateau - Great Pyramid – Sphinx

Visit the monuments of Egypt's famous Giza Plateau, built by the pharaohs of the Fourth Dynasty, and enjoy a panoramic view of this iconic scenery. Visit the Solar Boat Museum housing a 4,500-year-old wooden ship of the dead. See the extraordinary workmanship of the Valley Temple of Khafre and experience the beauty of the age-old Sphinx monument during a private visit of its rock-cut enclosure. In the evening enjoy a private visit to the Great Pyramid, the last remaining wonder of the ancient world.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight in Le Meridian Pyramids, Giza

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Day 3 - February 6th

Meidum – Hawara: Labyrinth

Visit the enigmatic pyramid of Meidum, built by the Fourth Dynasty pharaoh Sneferu around 4,600 years ago, and at Hawara see the enigmatic ruins of Egypt's fabled Labyrinth, built nearly 4,000 years ago by King Amenemhet III and his mysterious daughter, the female king, Sobek-nofru. See the nearby pyramid of Hawara, which dates to the same age as the Labyrinth.

Meals B, L, D

Overnight in Le Meridian Pyramids, Giza

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Day 4 - February 7th

Saqqara – Dahshur – Abu Ghorub sun temple

Visit the Old Kingdom necropolis and Hebsed court at Saqqara. View the step pyramid of Djoser, and also the pyramids of Dahshur, built by King Sneferu around 4,600 years ago. Later, experience a private visit to the sun temple of King Niuserre at Abu Ghurab, considered one of the most powerful energy spots in Egypt.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight in Le Meridian Pyramids, Giza

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Day 5 - February 8th

Cairo - Egyptian Museum day tour – Luxor

Checkout of hotel and visit the world-famous Egyptian Museum, Cairo, which includes thousands of breathtaking exhibits, including the treasures of Tutankhamun. Fly to Luxor and overnight in hotel.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight in the Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor

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Day 6 - February 9th

Abydos – Denderah

Visit Abydos and see the temple of King Seti, as well as the enigmatic megalithic structure known as the Osireion. Journey on to the celebrated temple of Hathor at Denderah, built in Ptolemaic times. Experience its tranquility and examine its famous wall reliefs in the crypts, which show themes favored by theorists of ancient lost technologies.

Meals: B, L, D | Overnight in the Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor

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Day 7 - February 10th

Valley of the Kings – Ramesseum – Memnon Colossi - Luxor

Check out of the hotel, then visit Valley of the Kings. Explore royal tombs of various New Kingdom pharaohs. See also the Ramesseum temple, which includes a gigantic statue of King Rameses II and a well-preserved astronomical ceiling. Visit the Colossi of Memnon, two enormous seated statues of King Amenhotep III, once said to sing at dawn before being fractured by an earthquake. Check in to Nile Cruise and enjoy lunch. In the evening enjoy the atmospheric Luxor temple, lit up for visitors for a truly unique experience.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Legacy Nile cruise

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Day 8 - February 11th

Karnak – Edfu

Visit the temple of Karnak, with its towering obelisks and sacred lake, and sail to the town of Edfu, seat of the god Horus.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Legacy Nile cruise

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Day 9 – February 12th

Nile Cruise - Edfu – Kom Ombo

Visit the magnificent Edfu temple, dedicated to the god Horus. See its star boat of heaven in the holy of holies, as well as its unique building texts revealing how mythical beings created the first temples of Egypt even before the coming of the neteru-gods. Later visit Kom Ombo temple, home of the crocodile god Sobek.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Legacy Nile cruise

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Day 10 - February 13th

Nile Cruise – Philae – Aswan – Elephantine Island

Visit the island of Philae with its beautiful temple dedicated to the goddess Isis, and walk around Aswan's Nubian Museum with its reconstruction of the Nabta Playa calendar circle. In the afternoon visit Elephantine Island, the source of Egypt's famous red granite and home of the Nile god Hapi. Later enjoy a felucca ride.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Legacy Nile cruise

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Day 11 - February 14th

Nile Cruise - Libyan Desert – Nabta Playa – Abu Simbel

Checkout of Nile Cruise and drive to Abu Simbel. En-route, visit the Libyan Desert and see the original 7,000-year-old Neolithic calendar circle of Nabta Playa. Check in to the Lake Nasser cruise and have Lunch. In the afternoon visit the monumental Abu Simbel temples.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruise

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Day 12 - February 15th

Nile Cruise – Kasr Ibrim – Amada – Wadi el-Seboua

Sail to Kasr Ibrim, once an ancient city perched above the Nile, now an island of scenic ruins. Take photos from the Sundeck. Sail to Amada and visit Amada, Derr, and tombs of Pennut. Sail to Wadi el-Seboua, the Valley of the Lions, named because of the sphinx-lined approach to its temple of Amun.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruise

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Day 13 - February 16th

Nile cruise Wadi el-Seboua - Aswan

Visit the Wadi el-Seboua temple and sail to Aswan.

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight on Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruise

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Day 14 - February 17th

Nile Cruise - Kalabsha - Aswan – Cairo

Visit Kalabsha temple, dedicated to Mandulis (Merul), a Lower Nubian sun god, and checkout of Nile Cruise. Fly to Cairo in the afternoon. Overnight in a hotel near the airport.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight in Le Meridian Heliopolis

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Day 15 - February 18th

Departure to Cairo Airport for return journey.

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PRICING

PRICE PER PERSON INCLUDES

- Service of meet and assistance upon arrival and departure (group)
- 5 nights' accommodation in Cairo based on B&B
- 2 nights' accommodation in Luxor based on B&B
- 4 nights' accommodation onboard Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan based on FB
- 3 nights' accommodation onboard Nile cruise from Abu Simbel to Aswan based on FB

Meals: B (breakfast), L (lunch), D (dinner)

Relevant transfers as mentioned in the itinerary

- English-speaking tour guide
- Local taxes
- 14 Dinners
- 13 Lunches
- Domestic flights
- Group airport transfers
- Private visits to Pyramids, Sphinx, and Abu Ghurab
- Entrances to sites

EXCLUDES

- International flights (can be arranged on request)
- Drinks in restaurants
- Meals or services not mentioned
- Tips
- Items of a personal nature
- Private airport transfers

ACCOMMODATION

Location 5 Star Nights

Cairo- Le Meridian Pyramids or similar Pyramids View room - 5 nights - B

Luxor - Sonesta St. Gorge hotel or similar Side Nile view room - 2 nights - B

Nile cruise - Steigenberger legacy Nile cruise Standard room/cabin - 4 nights - FB

Lake Nasser - Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile cruise - 3 nights - FB

(*B- Breakfast only, FB – full board)

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FROM FEBRUARY 4th—18th, 2020

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

(MEETING PLACE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

\$4420 per person

Please note prices are based on a single person sharing a room/cabin with another tour guest

Single room supplement \$1345

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TOUR DEPOSIT \$800

A deposit of \$800 is required to secure immediate booking. The remainder of the payment will be required ten weeks before the start date of the tour.

Any problems or queries contact **Ancient Origins** (info@ancient-origins.net)

IMPORTANT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Before making any booking please read the Ancient Origins Terms and Conditions for all its tours and tour guests. (See website for details)