

Ancient Treasures of Egypt

with

The Pan Am Historical Foundation

March 3 – March 15, 2020

Join us in Egypt! After several successful recent departures to Morocco and Southeast Asia, we are delighted to offer a trip to Egypt next Spring when the weather is pleasant and the fertile Nile weaves its way through a magnificent landscape and remarkable historical sites.

Led by an Egyptologist, our trip begins with two nights at the historic *Cecil Hotel* in Alexandria where the city's ancient library was home to many of the world's great intellects. Visit the magnificently rebuilt library and admire the city's architecture which recalls a great age of Alexandria's past. Drive to Cairo and stay at the *Semiramis Inter-Continental Hotel*, a property I was closely associated with in my IHC days. Explore the Giza plateau where the Great Pyramids and Sphinx have stood for thousands of years. Fly to Luxor - the world's largest open-air museum - to discover some less-visited sites including the Tombs of the Nobles. Nestled in the foothills, the Nobles decorated their tombs with wonderfully detailed scenes of their daily lives.

Board the *Farah Nile Cruise Ship*, for four nights cruising "up" the Nile to Aswan, stopping at isolated temples en route. Spend one night at the *Movenpick Resort* in Aswan, the gateway to sub-Saharan Africa, and learn about Nubian culture in the southern extremity of Egypt. Discover Abu Simbel, where four magnificent and colossal statues of Ramses II wearing the double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt sit, guardians of an architectural masterpiece of ancient design. Return to Cairo for one night before flying home.

We are excited to be going to Egypt and hope you will join us on this wonderful journey!



Edward Trippe
Chairman
Pan Am Historical Foundation





Day-by-Day Itinerary

March 3: Tuesday. Alexandria.

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Upon arrival in Alexandria transfer to the Art Deco **Cecil Hotel**.

Meet fellow travelers over a glass of wine and a welcome dinner.

March 4: Wednesday. Alexandria.

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Begin the day at the **Library of Alexandria** which was opened in 2002 to recapture the spirit of openness and scholarship of the original Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The original library was founded by Ptolemy in the late 3rd century BC shortly after the city.

Visit the 2nd century AD Roman **Kom el-Shukafa Catacombs** which displays a mix of Egyptian and Classical design influences.

After lunch visit the excellent **Alexandria National Museum** which is housed in a beautifully restored Italianate villa. The small collection perfectly sums up Alexandria's impressive past.

Stop at **Pompey's Pillar** a single shaft of granite capped by a fine Corinthian capital which looms over the debris of the glorious ancient settlement of Rhakotis, the original township of the city.

March 5: Thursday. Cairo.

B,L

Meet with architect and urban planning teacher **Ahmed Hassan** founder of the "Save Alex" initiative to protect the city's heritage. Join **Zahraa Awad** on a specially designed walking tour focusing on the city's most beautiful buildings especially the coffee shops described in the Alexandria Quartet. Admire the Venetian



and Moorish facades decorated with ornate balconies and shutters.

Stroll past the fairy-tale perfect **Fort Qaitbey**. Built on a narrow peninsula by the Mamluk Sultan Qaitbey in 1480 it sits on the remains of the legendary **Pharos Lighthouse** that ancient scholars regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Drive two hours to Cairo and enjoy a late afternoon visit to the legendary former capital of the Old Kingdom, **Memphis**, which was founded in 3100 BC by Menes, the Pharaoh who united Upper and Lower Egypt.

End the day at **Sakkara**, a vast burial site for the rulers of ancient Egypt. Covering a 7 kilometer stretch of the Western Desert. Sakkara was an active burial ground for more than 3,500 years and is Egypt's largest archaeological site. Spend time exploring the Step Pyramid of Zoser – the world's earliest stone monument.

Dinner and overnight at the **Semiramis Inter-Continental Hotel**.

March 6: Friday. Cairo.

B,L,D

Morning visit to the **Cairo Museum** which is dedicated to Pharaonic antiquities and encompasses every aspect of ancient Egyptian civilization. More than 120,000 items are on display, with another 150,000 reputedly stored in the basement.

This afternoon focus on Islamic Cairo including a visit to the ancient **Citadel** a spectacular medieval fortress perched on a hill above the city. Originally built by Salah El-Din in 1176 to fortify the city against the Crusaders, it has never been without a military garrison. Today it is a complex of four mosques and four museums, including the beautiful and graceful Mohamed Ali Mosque.

After explore **Muiz Li Din Allah** street. This historic street has been Cairo's outdoor mall since the days of the Fatimids.

Close by is **Fahmy**, a collector and historian of Egyptian jewelry, trained alongside craftsmen in the Khan Al-Khalili bazaar to learn traditional methods.

Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel.

March 7: Saturday. Cairo.

B,L,D

Depart this morning for the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum** or **Giza Museum** which is to be the largest archaeological museum in the world.

After lunch visit the **Solar Barque Museum**. Five pits near the



Great Pyramid of Khufu contained the pharaoh's solar boats which may have been used to convey the mummy of the dead pharaoh across the Nile to the valley temple, from where it was brought up the causeway and into the tomb chamber.

End the afternoon at the beauty of the **Pyramids of Giza**, situated on the desert plateau, which marks the boundary of the vast urban complex of Giza, a suburb of Cairo. The sheer magnificence of the three pyramids located here is overwhelming. The pyramids are, in fact, the tombs of three 4th-Dynasty pharaohs: Khufu (Cheops), Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus).

After dinner you can choose to return to the pyramids to enjoy a **Sound and Light show** which takes place close to the Sphinx, the earliest known monumental sculpture of ancient Egypt.

March 8: Sunday. Luxor. B,L,D

Morning flight to **Luxor**. Upon arrival transfer to the **Hotel Al Moudira**, a boutique property located close to Luxor's main sites.

In the afternoon enjoy the **West Bank** where hundreds of magnificent burial temples were built on the flood plains.

See the **Tombs of the Nobles**, which are some of the best but least visited tombs and are nestled in the foothills opposite the Ramesseum. There are more than 400 tombs here belonging to nobles from the 6th dynasty to the Greco-Roman period. They decorated their tombs with wonderfully detailed scenes of their daily lives.

Explore **Deir el Medina** and **Medinat Habu**, the relatively well-preserved village where workmen who built the tombs of the Valley of the Kings lived. The men were employed as stone-cutters, plasterers, water-carriers and decorators, as well as administrators of the nearby royal tombs and temples.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening.

March 9: Monday. Nile Cruise. Luxor. B,L,D

This morning board the **Farah Nile Cruise Ship** for a four night cruise between Luxor and Aswan. The Farah offers a luxury cruising experience. The ship's 60 cabins are appointed with local products including handmade Egyptian cotton sheets and natural dark wood furniture. Each cabin has a safe and individual temperature controls. En suite bathrooms include bathtubs and hair dryers. Please note the cruise itinerary is subject to change.

Visit the awe-inspiring **Temple of Karnak** whose ancient name 'Ipet Sut' designates the center of the world where Amun, the cre-

ator of the universe, first created himself and then all things and living beings.

Continue on to the **Temple of Luxor**, built on the site of the ancient Egyptian capital of Thebes. The temple is one of the best preserved of all of the ancient monuments with large amounts of the structure, statuary and relief carvings still intact.

Return to the boat for dinner and a belly dancing performance.

March 10: Tuesday. Nile Cruise. Esna. B,L,D

Start the morning by exploring the remote, barren **Valley of the Kings** which was the necropolis of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. See the dramatic corridors and burial chambers stunningly adorned with symbolic accounts of the journey through the underworld and ritual paintings to assist the pharaohs in the afterlife.

Continue your exploration with a visit to the **Valley of the Queens** and the **Funeral Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, which was built by the architect Senenmut in the 18th Dynasty. It is an extraordinary monument, which rises from the desert plain in a series of imposing terraces.

The final stop of the morning will be at the **Colossi of Memnon**. These two huge pink quartzite statues represent the king seated on his throne (which bears the symbol of the union of Upper and Lower Egypt).

Enjoy lunch on board the ship while sailing to **Esna**.

Arrive in Esna, a busy merchant and farming town, which is also home to the Greco-Roman **Temple of Khmun**. The beautifully preserved Great Hypostyle Hall here was built during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius and excavated from the silt that had





accumulated through centuries of annual Nile floods. The temple is about nine meters lower than the present-day street level.

During afternoon tea, set sail for Edfu.

Before dinner on board the ship enjoy cocktails in the lounge.

March 11: Wednesday. Nile Cruise. Aswan. B,L,D

Beginning the morning with a site visit to the magnificent **Edfu**. Edfu has always been an important site to the Egyptians because, according to ancient myth, this was where the falcon god Horus fought a fierce battle with his uncle Seth, who had cruelly murdered Horus's father Osiris. The **Temple of Horus** which was buried under sand and silt for nearly two thousand years, is the largest and best preserved Ptolemaic temple in Egypt.

In the afternoon set sail for **Kom Ombo**. Upon arrival visit the spectacular Greco-Roman **Temple of Kom Ombo**. In spite of the ravages of time, sand and the presence of the Copts who inhabited the site, it is difficult to remain indifferent to the beauty of the site. Explore this graceful temple which is totally symmetrical with two entrances, two halls and two sanctuaries.

Afternoon sail to Aswan.

This evening enjoy dinner on board followed by a Galabia (a long Egyptian garment worn by both men and women) party.

March 12: Thursday. Nile Cruise. Aswan B,L,D

This morning take a short boat ride to visit the majestic **Philae Temple** on the Island of Agilkia. Originally set on the island of Philae, the **Temple of Isis** was one of the gems of ancient Egypt.

In the afternoon explore the site of the **Aswan High Dam**.

Return to the ship to enjoy a farewell dinner cruise this evening.

March 13: Friday. Aswan B,L,D

After breakfast on board, disembark the ship and sail on a **felucca**, a typical Egyptian sail boat, around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens, and the Agha Khan Mausoleum.

Discover the beautiful gardens of the **Aswan Museum** which lead visitors towards the wonderful Ruins of Abu and the **Nilometer** - an instrument invented to measure the waters in order to predict the Nile's behavior, and prevent flooding.

In the afternoon explore the **Nubia Museum**, located in one of the few modern buildings that is renowned even outside of Egypt.

Overnight at the **Movenpick Resort Aswan (Nile View rooms)**.

March 14: Saturday: Cairo B,L,D

This morning take a flight to **Abu Simbel**. This structure, was hewn out of a solid cliff in the 13th century BC. Its high façade with four colossal enthroned statues of Ramses. II wearing the double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt was intended to impress and frighten, while the interior revealed the union of god and king.

Spend the balance of the morning exploring the site. The smiling Ramses is depicted with his subjects, including princesses, princes, the queen mother and his first queen Nefertari on a smaller scale standing at his feet.

Enjoy lunch today at the Eskaleh – a traditional Nubian house that has been opened as a simple hotel. Enjoy a chance to eat traditional foods as well as learn more about the Nubian lifestyle.

Afternoon return flight through Aswan to Cairo and transfer to the **Intercontinental Semiramis**.

Farewell dinner this evening.

March 15: Sunday. Return. B

Return home from Cairo.



Pan Am Historical Foundation

The Pan Am Historical Foundation is an educational foundation that was established in 1992 with the mission of preserving and promoting the unique heritage of Pan American World Airways, Inc. Initiated by a small group of former Pan Am employees, the Foundation's mission has been to safeguard the Company's archives and important memorabilia and preserve the legacy of that once great airline.

From less than a dozen members at its beginnings, the Foundation's general membership has grown to include many hundreds of individuals, all dedicated to the goal of saving and sharing the Pan Am story for current and future generations.

The Foundation is excited to offer unique travel opportunities to its members. These programs have been carefully designed and revisit some of Pan Am's historical roots.

Please note that participants must be in good physical condition and be able to walk for long distances over uneven cobblestones and up and down stairs without problems.



Program Costs and Inclusions

Trip price: \$4,790 per person based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 travelers

Internal economy class flights within Egypt: \$480

Single room supplement: \$1,590

Trip price includes: hotel accommodation in hotels as listed, meals as listed (B,L,D) with bottled water, a full educational program with all sightseeing and transportation as listed, and services of a local English speaking guide.

Trip price does not include: international airfare to and from Cairo, domestic flights within Egypt, passport and visa fees, drinks with meals, trip insurance, gratuities to tour manager, guide, and driver, and personal items.

To register for the program:

Enclose the application, along with a copy of your passport and a check for \$1000 (per traveler) made payable to Distant Horizons and mail to:

Distant Horizons
350 Elm Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802

For additional information, please contact Julie Scott at 800-333-1240 or via email at JulieS@Distant-Horizons.com



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**WHEN YOU RETURN THIS APPLICATION,
PLEASE INCLUDE A LEGIBLE PHOTOCOPY OF THE PHOTO & SIGNATURE PAGES OF YOUR PASSPORT.**
(Please print)

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Trip Dates: March 3 – March 15, 2020

Name Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. _____
Exactly as listed in your passport (First) (Middle) (Last)

Preferred first name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Describe your health _____

Do you have any allergies or physical limitations _____

Do you have any diet restrictions _____

Are you presently under a doctor's care or taking any medications? If yes, please elaborate. _____

Emergency contact person, phone number, and relationship: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

Distant Horizons will do everything possible to satisfy requests to share a room for single tour members.
On occasions when it is not possible, the single supplement will apply.

I want a single room (limited availability) I will share a room with: _____

BED TYPE (not guaranteed): One large bed Two twins

I have read the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

Signature

Date

Mail completed and signed application, passport copy, and a check for \$1000 (per traveler made payable to Distant Horizons to: Distant Horizons, 350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

Terms and Conditions

Payments: Registration requires a \$1000 per person deposit. Final payment is **due by January 3, 2020** and must be paid by check.

Tour Price Includes: Educational Program of lectures and discussions, accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, all meals listed with mineral water, chilled bottled water kept on the bus, sightseeing and excursions as listed including all special events and lectures, transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach, services of a Distant Horizons tour manager, and local guides. Tour cost is based on rates of currency exchange at time of printing (July 2019) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant. The minimum group size of this departure is 20 paying participants, should the number of participants fall below this number, a small group surcharge and/or revised staffing might apply.

Tour Price Does Not Include: International airfare, in-tour country airfare, passport fees, visa fees, luggage fees, meals not listed, gratuities to tour manager, local guides and drivers, additional drinks at meals, airport transfers if not arriving or departing with the group, trip cancellation, lost baggage, and medical insurance, items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed. Any increases in the in-tour airfare, security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program may be passed along to the travelers.

Cancellations: Distant Horizons and Pan Am Historical Foundation (PAHF) reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds will be made without obligation, although we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs already incurred by participants. The tour price is based on a number of people traveling together. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs, if applicable, for that departure date. If a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons:

Notice more than 90 days prior to departure: a refund less a \$500 cancellation charge.

Notice between 89 days and 45 days prior to departure: a refund less 50% of trip price.

No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than 45 days prior to departure date.

No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

Please note that final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. The deposit and all final payments must be settled by check or electronic wire transfer.

Insurance: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for travel insurance will be mailed upon the receipt of the application and deposit. Distant Horizons does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

Travel Advisories: The State Department issues each country a travel advisory number with a ranking number of 1 to 4 with "1" being "exercise normal precaution" and "4" being "do not travel." Many factors go into determining this ranking and we recommend that you are familiar with the ranking currently assigned to the country/countries you plan to visit. A country without a US Embassy, (such as Iran) will automatically be assigned a "4" ranking. (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>). Please note, Egypt currently has a "2" ranking. If, after a traveler has signed up for a trip, the ranking of the country/countries being visited changes, Distant Horizons will alert the traveler. A change in ranking from lower to higher is not necessarily considered a reason for cancellation without penalty. Each case will be reviewed by Distant Horizons and PAHF to determine if the trip will be operated. If the decision is made to cancel the trip, all money paid will be refunded in full. Neither Distant Horizons nor PAHF can be held responsible for costs already incurred for the trip.

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