

WONDERS OF EGYPT AND THE NILE RIVER

With the spiritual leadership of Father Gerard Plant, Pastor of St. Leonard Parish, Manotick, April 28 to May 8, 2022



We invite you on an Exclusive tailor-made group journey of a lifetime to visit Egypt and its world of ancient wonders. Marvel at the magnificent structures in the Giza Pyramids and Great Sphinx in Cairo, admire the sophisticated giant statues and pillars in the Temples of Luxor and Karnak, embark on a relaxing and luxurious Nile River Cruise and felucca boat ride for fascinating natural sceneries and spectacular ancient monuments along the river. It will be a holiday you will never forget!

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 THU APRIL 28

FLIGHT(S) TO CAIRO

We gather at St. Leonard Parish in Manotick and travel by motor coach to Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport for our direct flight to Cairo aboard Air Canada. Group seating for our flight will be assigned by the airline. Overnight on board.

DAY 2 FRI APRIL 29

ARRIVE CAIRO

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival, meet and greet by our expert Egyptologist and transfer to the 5* **Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino**, set within an historic palace and surrounded by gorgeously landscaped gardens across from the Nile River. Enjoy free time to relax and get settled in your deluxe room. Tonight, we celebrate opening prayers to consecrate our time in the land of the pharaohs and a welcome dinner with all the members of our group. *Dinner*

DAY 3 SAT APRIL 30

GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA & TUT'S TREASURES



We begin our day of touring at the Giza plateau exploring the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx with its pharaoh head and lion body. You will have the unique opportunity to venture inside the Pyramid of Cheops and ride on camel back as you take in the panorama of the Giza Plateau and the magnificent pyramids. We'll enjoy lunch at the historic Mena

House and embark on a tour of the Egyptian Museum that will take you back to ancient Egypt, including a glimpse into the life of Tutankhamen. Back at the hotel, your evening and dinner are on your own. Your guide will recommend top restaurants you could try this evening, or enjoy a bite at our hotel with a variety of specialty restaurants including steaks, Italian or lighter meals at the lounge or pub. *Breakfast, Lunch*

DAY 4 SUN MAY 1

OLD CAIRO

We head out for a day of exploration. In Old Cairo, where many of the first Christians lived, visit some of the most amazing churches of the city: the Church of Abu Serga built where the Holy Family stayed, the ancient Ben Ezra Synagogue and the Hanging Church. Our guide will point out that this section of the old city was definitely the route taken by Abraham, Joseph, Moses and the family of Jesus - an inspiring thought. Lunch at Felfela in downtown Cairo, one of the most iconic restaurants in Egypt. Return to the hotel and rest of the day at leisure. *Breakfast, Lunch*

DAY 5 MON MAY 2 FLY TO LUXOR-CRUISE THE NILE-KARNAK & LUXOR TEMPLES

This morning, we fly to Luxor to embark on the **Sonesta St George 1 Nile cruise** that will take you along the river for the next 5 days, ensuring you see the most spectacular sights in comfort and complete safety. All cabins come with large windows to give great views out to the Nile and impressive



Your Deluxe cabin a/b Sonesta Cruise

bathrooms featuring showers and Jacuzzi baths. Throughout, the imaginative decor is in a vintage French style, creating an air of decadence and luxury. After lunch, we begin our touring along the Nile. You will leave the ship and visit the East Bank to see a complex of temples located at Karnak and the 28th Dynasty Luxor Temple. This evening after dinner on the ship, relax in the lounge or in the comfort of your room. *Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner*

DAY 6 TUE MAY 3 VALLEY OF THE KINGS-VALLEY OF THE QUEENS-SAIL TO ESNA

We head off board to explore the West Bank. The Valley of the Kings will show you where the tomb of Tutankhamen was found by Howard Carter in 1922. You will also visit the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Today you may want to join and OPTIONAL SUNRISE HOT AIR BALOON RIDE (*details in the next page*) for unmatched aerial views and photo opportunities of the famous temples, the city of Luxor and the Nile River. Back in your luxury Sonesta St George 1 Nile cruise, we will sail towards Esna and spend the night moored in a peaceful location. This afternoon join in the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Reception. *Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner*

DAY 7 WED MAY 4

THE TEMPLES OF EDFU AND KOM OMBO

Early sailing to Edfu and visit Horus Temple, Next, sail to Kom Ombo and visit the temple shared by two gods: Sobek, known as the god of the crocodile and Haeris, with a falcon head and known as the god of the morning sun. *Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner*

DAY 8 THU MAY 5

ASWAN: HIGH DAM & NILE FELUCCA

We will sail to Aswan and spend the night on the river. While in Aswan, spend the day off the cruise ship and see the High Dam, which was constructed in 1971. You will also learn about the Philae Temple which

was reconstructed in the same year the High Dam was completed. Later, sail on a traditional Felucca, and savour a colonial-style High Tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel while enjoying the most spectacular sunset on the Nile. *Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner*



DAY 9 FRI MAY 6 MORNING IN ASWAN-AFTERNOON FLIGHT BACK TO CAIRO

Our Nile River Cruise comes to an end. In the morning, we disembark and sail one last time on the Nile to get a glimpse of the Aga Khan Mausoleum, the botanical gardens and Elephantine Island. You may consider joining in an OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO THE TEMPLES AT ABU SIMBEL (see details below). We enjoy lunch at the Mezza Restaurant on Elephantine Island and later in the afternoon we fly back to Cairo and check-in at the 5* **Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino** for the last 2 nights. *Breakfast, Lunch*

OPTIONAL ALL-DAY ABU SIMBEL ADVENTURE BY AIR:

Fly to Abu Simbel and discover the commanding twin temples - UNESCO site - of Ramses II and his wife, Queen Nefertari. The former's façade is dominated by four statues of the pharaoh, each nearly 70 feet tall. Perhaps even more impressive, this entire site was disassembled and moved here to save it from the floodwaters caused by the Aswan High Dam. Price per person: US\$ 455 p/p (Price is subject to availability and change due to Airline fluctuations)

DAY 10 SAT MAY 7

CAIRO

Today is our last day in Egypt, and we will make the most of it. In the morning, we roam the tiny alleyways overflowing with stalls, boutiques and people of the bustling Khan El Khalili Bazaar. First built in the middle ages, it is one of the most prominent bazaars in Egypt. Enjoy the old architecture along with a great shopping experience filled with traditional jewellery, clothing, accessories, spices and souvenirs. We'll end our visit at the legendary Naguib Mahfouz Café savouring typical Egyptian dishes and fresh juices. No alcohol is served. Back in our hotel, relax in your Deluxe room, take a dip in the pool, stroll through the garden, or head to the spa for a rejuvenating massage. Tonight we celebrate our Farewell Dinner at one of the finest restaurants in Cairo *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

DAY 11 SUN MAY 8

FLIGHT(S) HOME

It is time to say goodbye. We depart Egypt loaded with memories that words cannot describe, and know that we enjoyed the opportunity to show you the ancient treasures of this fascinating land. We land at Montreal Airport and following customs, we continue by motor coach towards St. Leonard Parish in Manotick. Arrival. **END OF OUR SERVICES.** *Breakfast*



PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$ 5,890 CAD

Price includes Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes \$697.25 CAD. Taxes are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing
See back for complete list of inclusions

To register and for more information please contact:



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THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round trip economy airfare from Montreal to Cairo. *Supplement for Business Class and Premium Economy upon request subject to availability.*
 - ✓ Motor Coach transportation from Manotick to Montreal Airport on departure and return
 - ✓ 3+2 nights accommodation at the 5* Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino, Deluxe rooms
 - ✓ 5 days/4 nights Nile River Cruise o/b 5* Sonesta St George I, Deluxe cabins
- All cabins feature:
- ✓ LED 43 inches TV, equipped with the latest technology and featuring a live sailing channel
 - ✓ Double-glass panoramic French windows that open to bring in fresh breezes from the Nile
 - ✓ Complimentary Wireless Internet access
 - ✓ Direct-dial telephone
 - ✓ Individual climate control
 - ✓ Electronic door locks
 - ✓ Mini-bar
 - ✓ Safe
 - ✓ Hair dryer
 - ✓ Bathrooms equipped with spa unit; including steam bath, Jacuzzi and water massage
- ✓ Dining summary:
 - Breakfast daily, 3 Lunches and 2 Dinners in Cairo, 1 lunch in Aswan. All meals and afternoon tea on board the cruise
 - Bottled water with all meals plus Wine, Beer or soft drinks on Welcome and Farewell Dinner
 - High Tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel in Aswan
 - ✓ Private coach transportation
 - ✓ Entrance fees, tours as per the itinerary with English speaking Egyptologist guide throughout
 - ✓ Whisper radios
 - ✓ Daily Mass and/or Spiritual activities
 - ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
 - ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (currently at CAD\$ 697.25 and may change at any time without notice until the time of ticketing)
 - ✓ Gratuities to hotels and restaurants

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- ✓ Meals & Drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports: Canadian citizens require a valid passport for more than 8 months after the return date
- ✓ Entry Visa for Egypt: **US\$ 35,00** (subject to change). We will issue a group entry visa and collect this fee separately
- ✓ Gratuities to guides, drivers and cruise staff: **US\$ 180.00** (cash only) per participant collected ahead for your convenience
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage (strongly recommended)

BOOKING:

A deposit of \$ 500.00 CAD per person is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Cancellation/Interruption or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at time of first deposit. See payment schedule below. Bookings after January 14, 2022 are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking.
PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES:

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. All payments are 100% Non-Refundable. A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make before January 13, 2022. Changes after January 14, 2022 will be treated as cancellations.

PHYSICAL HEALTH:

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

CAD \$Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Cancellation/ Interruption	Emergency Medical
up to 59 years	305.00	254.00	58.00
60-64 years	374.00	299.00	106.00
65-69 years	456.00	334.00	151.00
70-74 years	602.00	387.00	185.00
75-79 years	909.00	546.00	310.00
80-84 years	1,187.00	734.00	542.00

- **All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan** provides coverage for cancellation up to \$5,890 CAD, interruption, trip delay, unlimited emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airlift accident and travel accident.
- **Cancellation/Interruption Plan** provides coverage for cancellation up to \$5,890 CAD, interruption and trip delay. Please see the policy for complete details of benefits, exclusions, limitations, terms and conditions.
- **Emergency Medical Plan** provides coverage outside the insured's province or territory of residence for emergency hospital & medical, emergency medical evacuation/return home, repatriation of remains and burial at destination.
- Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice

Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. Please contact us to get a copy of the policy. It is important that you read and understand the policy before you purchase as the coverage is subject to certain limitations, conditions or exclusions.

All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at time of booking.

COVID-19 is known event and is excluded from cancellation coverage. However, if you contract COVID-19 prior to departure, you may be eligible to claim subject to your specific circumstances.

All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit. Proof of vaccination and further testing may be required at time of travelling.

Please contact us if you are traveling in a Single room, adding optional tours, live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.

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DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FORM

Name (as per passport): First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Do you have any Dietary restrictions? _____ Do you have any Medical problems? _____

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

I am departing from Manotick Other _____ (we will contact you directly with any additional supplement)

I have a Roommate I need a Roommate (subject to availability) I would like to travel Single, Pay **\$ 1,190 CAD** Supplement

ADD SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLON RIDE with transportation, pay **\$ 140 USD** ADD ABU SIMBEL BY AIR with transportation, pay **\$ 455 USD**

NOTE: all extra arrangements are based on minimum 2 people.

Enclosed is my deposit of **\$ 500 CAD** – Cheques payable to Gateways International, for credit card complete below

I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit of **\$ 500 CAD** now, and/or balance of **\$ 5,390 CAD** (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and single supplement and optional tours if applicable) by January 14, 2022 on my credit card listed below

Credit Card Type: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____

Card Number _____ CVV _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INSURANCE: Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (Payment will be collected separately)

- All-Inclusive Worldwide Policy Cancellation/Interruption Policy Emergency Medical Policy
- I decline insurance. Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that is now mandatory that all participants on a Gateways International tour, must have Emergency Medical and Trip Cancellation/Interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. In order to participate in the aforementioned group, I confirm I will have such insurance, and I will hold Gateways International harmless in any matter that is or is not covered by this added insurance.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and mail with payment to: GATEWAYS INTERNATIONAL, 30 WERTHEIM COURT # 20, RICHMOND HILL, ONT L4B 1B9