



November 20-30, 2020
ULTIMATE EGYPT
INTERPRETER FOUNDATION TOUR
With **JOHN GEE, DANIEL PETERSON &**
HANY TAWFEEK



The Interpreter Foundation and Cruise Lady are pleased to present this ULTIMATE EGYPT tour! It includes Old Cairo and the magnificent temples of Abu Simbel as well as all the main highlights of Egypt. We have **THE top Egyptian guide, HANY TAWFEEK** to provide the history of Egypt and elaborate on all the sites. He has a master's degree in Archaeology. When President Obama was visiting Egypt, Hany was the guide picked to escort his group. In addition to Hany, we have the added benefit of touring with BYU Egyptologist **JOHN GEE** and Interpreter Foundation President and BYU professor of Islamic Studies **DANIEL PETERSON**. This opportunity to travel with John, Dan and Hany to these UNFORGETTABLE sites only comes once in a lifetime!

Friday / November 20

Depart the USA for overnight flights into Cairo.

Saturday / November 21

Arrive in Cairo where we are met at the airport and transferred to our hotel for the next 2 nights.

Sunday / November 22

This morning we begin our tour of the pyramids—the only remaining survivor of the 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.' We explore the **Pyramids of Giza**; enjoy a 1-hour safari riding a camel or in a horse cart in the desert; and see the **Sphinx**. For those who can handle tight spaces, there is an option to enter the great pyramid (\$30). That afternoon we'll tour the **Solar Boat Museum** where we'll see a display of the reconstructed Khufu solar ship. Next is the **Papyrus Institute** where we watch a demonstration of this ancient art and do some shopping. Our last stop will be a visit to the **Sultan Hassan Mosque** and the **Al-Rifa'i Mosque**. (B, L)

Monday / November 23

We start our day with early flights to Luxor. Our touring begins with visiting the **Valley of the Kings**. We visit 3 of the famous tombs of kings. For an additional fee (\$30), those that wish can also enter the tomb of Tutankhamun. Next, we explore **Queen Hatshepsut's Temple**. As we depart the Valley of the Kings, we visit the **Colossi of Memnon**. We then board our deluxe Nile cruise ship, our home for the next 4 nights. This evening we can take an *optional* 2-hour horse cart tour through the city of Luxor (\$25). This is a popular, fun tour! (B, L, D)

Tuesday / November 24

At dawn we have the option of a Hot Air Balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings (\$130). After breakfast we visit the **Karnak Temple** which is dedicated to the god Amon, his wife Mut, and their son Khonsu. Next, we visit the **Luxor Temple** and then head back to our ship in time for lunch and to sail south. We will have an afternoon lecture from Daniel on board. In the evening we enjoy crossing the **lock of Esna**. (B, L, D)

Wednesday / November 25

Our first stop is **Edfu**. There we find the most complete temple in Egypt. We return to the ship and sail to **Kom Ombo** to visit the only double temple in Egypt. This temple

is dedicated to Horus the falcon and Sobek the crocodile. We will have an afternoon lecture from Daniel on board. Tonight we arrive in Aswan. (B, L, D)

Thursday / November 26

This morning we take an early morning bus ride to **Abu Simbel** to visit the temple of **King Ramses II**. We return to the ship in the afternoon in time for lunch. We enjoy another lecture before dinner. (B, L, D)

Friday / November 27

Today we disembark the cruise ship and immediately begin our tour for the day by visiting the incredible **High Dam** built to save Egypt from the Nile flood. Next, we travel by motorboat for about 10 minutes to visit one of the most beautiful temples in Egypt—the **Temple of Philae**. Around noon we take return flights back to Cairo and check into our hotel for the next 2 nights. Tonight we have the option of attending the Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza (\$40). (B)

Saturday / November 28

We begin the day with a visit to the amazing **Egyptian Antiquity Museum** including **King Tut's exhibit**. After a stop for lunch we continue our tour to Old Cairo (Coptic Cairo). The real highlight is a visit to the **Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus** where local legend says the Virgin Mary, baby Jesus and family sheltered during King Herod's massacre of male babies. Further into the quarter, we come to the **Ben Ezra Synagogue** which is said to be built near the spot where the baby Moses was found in the reeds. (B, L)

Sunday / November 29

We start our day visiting **Sakkara**—the site of the oldest pyramids of Egypt and the oldest stone building in the world. It is best known as the location of **King Zoser's Step Pyramid**. Next, we proceed to the old capital of **Memphis**. Here we visit the ruins of the **Temple of Ptah** and the gigantic **Colossus of King Ramses II**. At a local carpet school, we watch the children learning to make rugs from the cocoon of silkworms and learn about the different kinds of Egyptian carpets. We have dinner on our own before going to the airport for our late night flights home. (B, L)

Monday / November 30

Arrive home.

PRICING / TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE: \$3485.00 (per person based on double occupancy- cash or check payment.) Credit card payment is **\$3592.00**. Single supplement fee is \$500.00

Included

- Egypt Visa, Border Fees, & Departure Taxes
- Meals as indicated (breakfasts, lunches and some dinners-“B,L,D”)
- Transportation in deluxe air-conditioned Coaches
- English-speaking Egyptian Guide
- Hotel Accommodations at 4- and 5-star hotels and 4-night Nile River Cruise
- Transfers to/from the airports and the hotels when arriving/departing with the group
- All Entrance Fees to all sites in itinerary except those listed as “optional”
- Internal flights (Cairo to Luxor & Aswan to Cairo)
- STANDARD gratuities for guide, driver(s), camel driver (or horse cart driver), motorboat captain, and for Nile River Cruise staff

Not Included

- Trip Cancellation Protection
- Overseas flights
- Fees for use of a camera that are charged at some museums and archaeological sites
- Meals not listed and meals on arrival or departure day (1 lunch & 4 dinners—approx. \$120 per person)
- Optional additional gratuities for exceptional service by guide and driver(s) (suggested amount is \$40-\$70 per person for guide and \$2-\$4 per person per day per driver—there is more than one driver)
- Optional additional gratuities for exceptional service by camel driver (or horse cart driver), motorboat captain, and for Nile River Cruise staff (it is suggested to bring at least \$50 in \$1's and \$5's)

Optional Add-ons (to be paid at the time in USD)

- Optional entry into the great pyramid (\$30 pp)
- Optional entry into Tutankhamun's Tomb (\$30 pp)
- Optional 2-hour horse cart tour in Luxor (\$25 pp)
- Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride over Valley of the Kings (\$130 pp)
- Optional Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza (\$40 pp)

Payment Schedule

- \$500 per person due at booking
- Final Payment by August 20, 2020

Cancellation Policy

- \$50 per person after deposit is received; \$500 per person after August 20, 2020
- 100% cancellation penalty after final payment September 20, 2020

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.

Passports are required and must be valid through the end of May 2021.

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JOHN GEE is the William "Bill" Gay Research Professor of Egyptology at BYU. He received his M.A. in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California, at Berkley and earned his Ph.D. in Egyptology at Yale University. He is the author of *An Introduction to the Book of Abraham, Saving Faith* (May of 2020) and he is the author of over 140 articles on the scriptures and Egyptology published in a variety of publications. John currently serves as a Member Board of Trustees with the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities. His knowledge will help us have a greater understanding of the people and places of the past.



DANIEL C. PETERSON is a professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic in BYU's Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages. He received a bachelor's degree in Greek and philosophy from BYU and, after several years of study in Jerusalem and Cairo, earned his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures from the University of California at Los Angeles. He also is the President of the Interpreter Foundation. His family lived in Egypt for a few years and his love and understanding of the people and their history is infectious.



HANY TAWFEEK has been escorting groups in Egypt since 1987. He holds a master's degree in Egyptology and is an international lecturer in his field. He was awarded the title of Egyptian Ambassador of Tourism in 2007 and was the President of the Tourist Guides Union of Alexandria. He has led a large variety of distinguished visitors including President Barack Obama. His fun, charming, and incredibly intelligent descriptions of the sites visited make this tour unforgettable.