

A Pilgrimage in Egypt

April 20 - May 7, 2023
with optional Nile Cruise Add-On

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Greensboro, NC



April 20

Depart the U.S. with Fr. Umphlett and the group or fly your own itinerary

April 21

Arrive in Cairo and meet our Guide, Dr. Rabia Gad of Abanoub Travel and transfer to Cairo Pyramids Hotel to rest from the flight.

April 22

Visit the Pyramids and Sphinx, Lunch, Coptic Cairo (Hanging Church, Abu Serga Church), Jewish Cairo (Old Synagogue), Dinner at Hotel



April 23

Visit the Great Museum of Egypt, Lunch in Islamic area and visit Muhammad Ali Mosque, Tour Islamic area and bazaars, Dinner at Hotel



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April 24

Drive to visit the Coptic monasteries at Wadi El Natrun. Lunchbox on the road to Alexandria. Night in Alexandria.



April 25

Visit Roman and Greek grave sites in Alexandria and enjoy a famous fish lunch. Visit the famous Library of Alexandria. Return drive to Cairo and evening at hotel near the airport.

April 26

Early morning flight to Sharm El Sheikh (in the Sinai). Meet cars to drive to the desert. Meet SUVs to drive out into the desert and visit historic places from Exodus and the early Christian pilgrimage route. Camp out in the open desert with Bedouin guides. A million star accommodation!



April 27

Walk around our camp and have quiet time alone in the desert. Camp out in the open desert with the Bedouin guides.



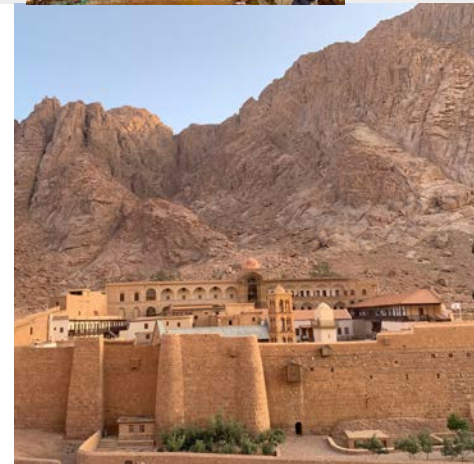
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April 28

Drive out of the desert to the high mountains at the base of Mt. Sinai. Time to explore the Monastery of St. Catherine including the library containing the ancient Codex Sinaiticus and the oldest known icon of Christ. Night at the monastery guest house.



April 29

EARLY morning camel ride to the top of Mt. Sinai where we celebrate the eucharist as the sun rises over the desert. Optional hike to the peak of Mt. Sinai and then all walk down the mountain and back to the monastery. Attend the monks' afternoon prayers. Night at the monastery guest house.

April 30

Drive to the Red Sea for a swimming, snorkeling, and relaxation at a four star hotel in Nuwribia or Sharm El Sheikh. Overnight at the resort.



May 1

Early morning flight from Sharm El Sheikh to Cairo for those not going on the Nile Cruise. – For those going on the cruise, the flight is from Sharm El Sheikh to Luxor. Visit the temple at Karnak. Check into cruise ship, lunch, and rest. Afternoon visit to other sites in Luxor. Optional additional charge for those who wish to take in the evening sound and light show at the temple at Karnak. Overnight on the ship.



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May 2

For those not cruising, flights depart for the US from Cairo. – For those cruising, earling morning visit to West Bank of the Nile. Visit Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Free afternoon on the cruise ship. Overnight on the ship.

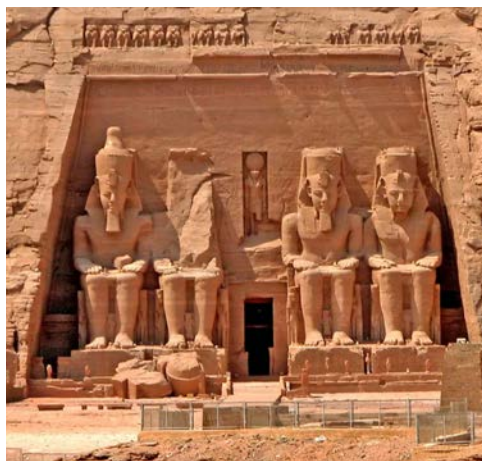


May 3

Visit Temple of Edfu and temple of Horas. Ship sails to Kom Ombo. Visit Kom Ombo. Overnight on the ship

May 4

Visit Aswan, temple of Isis (Philae Temple), the Unfinished Obelisk, and temple of Kalabsha. Afternoon small sailboat (felucca) on the Nile to visit a Nubian village. Overnight on the ship.



May 5

Flight back to Cairo and tour Abu Simbel. Overnight in Cairo.



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May 6

Depart Cairo for the U.S.



Whole Pilgrimage (including Nile Cruise)

\$3,700 double occupancy

\$4,325 single occupancy

excluding airfare to and from the U.S.

Booking info at www.holy-trinity.com

Land Portion Only (no Nile Cruise)

\$2,300 double occupancy

\$2,675 single occupancy

excluding airfare to and from the U.S.

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Included

Visa, group transfers to and from airport, hotels and cruise (four and five stars, but not deluxe, monastery guest house is a monastery guest house, not an hotel), flights inside Egypt, **all meals and mineral water** (other drinks not included), tips, Abu Simbel additional visit cost