

# EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE TOUR™ FOR VIP TOUR GROUP OCTOBER 9-20, 2020



## **GOLD MASK OF EGYPTIAN KING TUTANKHAMEN – THE “BOY KING” SYMBOL OF ANCIENT EGYPT’S GRANDEUR, SPLENDOR AND RICHES**

**OVERVIEW OF YOUR EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE TOUR™:** *This is Egypt’s most popular tour program which includes sightseeing opportunities in Cairo, Nile River Cruise, Luxor and Aswan. On this particular tour you will explore the grand and ancient monuments with a guided tour by a certified Egyptologist. See Egypt as it has existed for thousands of years as you learn about the famous antiquities to include the Pyramids and the Sphinx, the Necropolis of Memphis, Thebes, Karnak, Abu Simbel and so much more! To truly enjoy the full spectrum of life in Egypt, you will have the opportunity to experience both the mysterious past and vibrant modern-day Egypt. One of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World” The Pyramids of Egypt, among the largest stone constructions ever built by man, constitute one of the most potent and enduring symbols of Ancient Egyptian civilization. Also, be amongst the first to experience the amazing new Grand Egyptian Museum of Antiquities in Cairo (also known as the Giza Museum) which houses the world’s greatest collection of Ancient Egyptian artifacts, including twelve rooms filled with golden treasures from the world famous tomb of the “Boy King” known as Tutankhamen (affectionately referred to as King Tut) as well as several other unique treasures from King Tut’s unearthed tomb that have not been seen on display before. Indeed your visit to Egypt is a journey through the amazing history of an immortal civilization. The following is an overview of what you will experience on your Egyptian Adventure Tour™ with Venue International Professionals, Inc.*

**DAY #1 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 09 – DEPART UNITED STATES:** Arrive at the international terminal at JFK International Airport by no later than 3:30pm. Depart on Egypt Air Flight Number MS-986 at 6:30pm for Cairo, Egypt. Sit back, relax and enjoy your trans-Atlantic/trans-continental flight with superb onboard amenities. Meals Included: *Dinner, Breakfast and Snack onboard Egypt Air.* Note: Roundtrip Domestic Airfare, or if at least ten participants agree then an option for roundtrip motor coach transportation, to JFK International Airport is Available Upon Request.



The Sphinx and the  
Great Pyramid of Khufu

**DAY #2 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 - ARRIVE CAIRO,**

**EGYPT:** Arrive in Cairo, Egypt at 12noon. Cairo, which is Egypt’s modern capital, was founded in the sixth century by Arab settlers and is known as the “Melting Pot” of Ancient and Modern Egyptian Civilizations. It is the largest city in the Middle East and Africa and lies at the center of all routes leading to and from the three continents of Asia, Africa, and Europe. After clearing immigration and customs as well as obtaining your single entry visa for Egypt meet with your Egyptian Tour Guide and transfer to the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) for check-in. Afterwards, take the remainder of the day to acclimate to the Egyptian climate and time zone difference. There is no better place to stay for a perfect balance of modern luxury and ancient charm than this stunning hotel situated on the banks of the Nile River. The Cairo Sheraton Hotel is also a short distance away from the fascinating new Grand Egyptian Museum of Antiquities (also known as the Giza Museum) and in close proximity to the city’s bustling commercial and entertainment districts. This combination of old and new gives a “best of both worlds” experience to visitors who prefer investigating history in a harmonious style. Later that evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner on a fabulous Cruise on the Nile River with Cultural Entertainment. Afterwards, enjoy a restful overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) in Cairo. Meals Included: Welcome Dinner.



Step Pyramid

**DAY #3 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 - CAIRO**

**TOURS (PART ONE):** After a refreshing breakfast, transfer to Saqqara, which served as the necropolis of legendary Memphis, one of the oldest cities on earth which was the capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom. In Saqqara, you will see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser (Djoser), which was built by the Egyptian architect Imhotep. This is the world’s oldest monument structure completely built from stone. Time permitting, also visit the Imhotep Museum to learn more about the history of the building of the Pyramids. Afterwards, visit the Papyrus Institute to get an idea about the ancient Egyptian way of manufacturing paper out of the papyrus plant, learn about the

hieroglyphic alphabet and how the ancient Egyptians used natural symbols for their writings. You will also have your name written in hieroglyphic letters on a papyrus sheet, enclosed within the “cartouche” shape – which is the sign of ancient Egyptian royalty. After a refreshing lunch at the Mena House Hotel you will again be transported back to the time of the ancient Egyptians. An Egyptologist will escort you on an awe-inspiring tour of the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. The Great Pyramids are the only surviving icon of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”, and are among the world’s greatest tourist attractions and never lose their ability to inspire and overwhelm visitors. The three Great Pyramids are the Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) and the somewhat smaller Pyramid of Khafre (Kephren) and the relatively modest-sized Pyramid of Menkaure (Mykerinus). Contrary to popular belief only the Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) and not all three Great Pyramids is recognized as one of the “Seven Ancient Wonders of the World”. The Great Pyramid is believed to have been built over a twenty year period and was known as the tallest structure on earth for more than forty-three centuries, only to be surpassed in height in the nineteenth century A.D. Your tour also includes an opportunity to enter inside one of these fabulous monuments and explore the mysteries of its ancient past yourself. Nearby the Cheops Pyramid, you can see the Solar Barque, the world’s oldest boat that was used to “transport the pharaoh into heaven”. In addition, no trip to Egypt would be complete without a ride on a “ship of the desert” and so you will have an opportunity to mount your individual camel for a short ride (optional) across the sands of Giza to the Sphinx. If possible, you can also enter the temple of the mysterious Sphinx, an ancient figure shrouded in legend and mystery. Your Egyptologist Tour Guide will enthral you with tales told of this fascinating mythological figure with the head of a pharaoh and the body of a lion. Afterwards, return to Cairo and enjoy a relaxing dinner (on your own) and overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch.

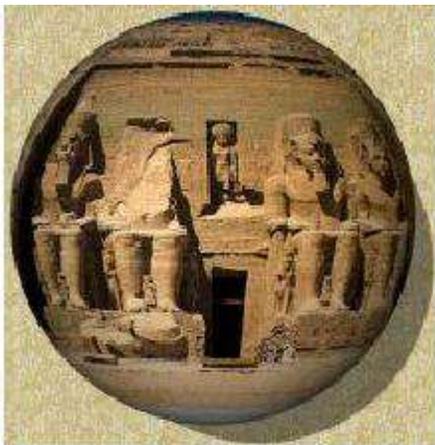
**DAY #4 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 – DEPART CAIRO AND ARRIVE LUXOR. ENJOY TOUR OF THE TEMPLES OF LUXOR AND KARNAK TEMPLES:** After an early breakfast, check-out of the Cairo Sheraton Hotel in Cairo and transfer to Cairo’s Domestic Airport for your scheduled brief flight on Egypt Air Flight Number (T.B.D.) departing at (T.B.D.)am to Luxor. *Special Note: Please leave any luggage that you will not be carrying on the Nile River Cruise with the Cairo Sheraton Hotel’s storage room until your return to Cairo on Day #9.* Upon arrival in Luxor at (T.B.D.)am, transfer to the 5-star deluxe Farah Nile River Cruise Ship (or similar). Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of the East Bank of the Nile River in Luxor, known in ancient times as Thebes. Visit the strikingly graceful Temples of Luxor dedicated to the god Amun and stroll the avenue of the ram-headed Sphinxes to reach the awesome Monumental Temple of Karnak built over a thousand year period by generations of Pharaohs. Here you will marvel at the immense Temple of Amon-Ra, dedicated to Egypt’s most supreme deity. You will also visit the Great “Hypostyle Hall” which is an incredible forest of beautifully sculptured giant stone pillars, covering an area larger than the whole of Notre Dame Cathedral in France. Afterwards, return to the cruise ship for a refreshing lunch and check-in to your cabin. Take time to explore the amenities on your cruise ship and later that evening, enjoy a refreshing dinner and a relaxing overnight in Luxor on the Farah Nile River Cruise Ship (or similar). *Please note that exact tour and entertainment schedules during your Nile River cruise will vary according to the sailing schedule and number of passengers, therefore activities for each day will be subject to change. However, every cruise will include: (a) an authentic folkloric performance by a Nubian troupe; (b) live classical music during afternoon tea while in Luxor; and (c) a “Galabeya Party” which provides an opportunity for each guest to dress up in traditional Egyptian costume and dance to Arabic music.* Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

**DAY #5 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 – ENJOY TOUR OF THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS AND QUEENS:** After a refreshing breakfast, transfer by bus over to the western side of the Nile River and explore the Valleys of the Kings and Queens along the West Bank of the Nile River in Luxor. The Valley of the Kings and Queens is also referred to as the “City of the Dead” where

magnificent tombs were carved into the ancient desert rocks, decorated richly, and filled with treasures to be enjoyed in the afterlife by generations of Pharaohs. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt's only female Pharaoh. Her temple rises out of the desert plain in a series of terraces and merges with the sheer limestone cliffs that surround it as if nature herself had built this extraordinary monument. Time permitting, on the way back to the Nile River, you will pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in Ancient Greek times for their haunting voices at dawn. Time also permitting, stop at a nearby Alabaster curio shop for some unique souvenirs. During a refreshing lunch onboard the Nile River cruise ship sail to Edfu and visit the Edfu Temple on the eastern side of the Nile River. Explore the Temple of Horus, the falcon god and quite possibly the best preserved Pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, temple in Egypt. Return to the Farah Nile River Cruise Ship (or similar) and later that evening, enjoy a refreshing dinner and a relaxing overnight as you cruise to Kom Ombo on the Nile River. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

**DAY #6 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 – ENJOY TOUR OF EDFU, ESNA AND KOM OMBO:** After a refreshing breakfast, disembark and visit Kom Ombo along the Nile River. Upon arrival disembark from your cruise ship and enjoy a tour of the Greco-Roman healing temple at Kom Ombo, Egypt's only double temple – on one side it is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and on the other side it is dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Return to the cruise ship for a relaxing lunch and sail to Aswan. Later that evening, enjoy a refreshing dinner and a relaxing overnight in Aswan on the Farah Nile River Cruise Ship (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

**DAY #7 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 – ENJOY TOUR OF ASWAN:** After a refreshing breakfast, disembark from your cruise ship to visit the Aswan High Dam, Egypt's contemporary example of engineering on a monumental scale. Enjoy a short motorboat ride to visit the romantic and majestic Philae Temple on the Island of Agilka. Next proceed to the Granite Quarries, which supplied the ancient Egyptians with most of the hard stone used in building the massive pyramids and temples – which also still holds an unfinished obelisk. Return to the cruise ship for a refreshing lunch and afterwards enjoy a relaxing sailing tour around Kitchener's Island on a felucca, a traditional sailboat used for thousands of years by Egyptians. Later that evening, enjoy a relaxing dinner featuring an "Egyptian Night" costume party with an opportunity to dress up in a traditional "Galabeya" with oriental music and dancing. Overnight in Aswan on the Farah Nile River Cruise Ship (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.



Abu Simbel

**DAY #8 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 – TOUR OF ABU SIMBEL AND OVERNIGHT IN ASWAN:** After an early breakfast, check out of the Farah Nile River Cruise Ship (or similar) and transfer to Aswan's Domestic Airport to board a brief flight to Abu Simbel to see the imposing temples honoring Ramses II and his famous wife, Queen Nefertari.

Explore these massive temples in Abu Simbel which were cut from the rock and shifted to higher ground in the 1960s as the waters of Lake Nassar began to rise following completion of the Aswan High Dam. Afterwards, transfer by a brief flight back to Aswan's Domestic Airport and then return to Aswan. Later that evening, enjoy a relaxing dinner (on your own) and overnight at the Helnan Hotel in Aswan. Meals Included: Breakfast.

**DAY #9 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 – VISIT NUBIAN MUSEUM AND VILLAGE BEFORE DEPART ASWAN AND ARRIVE CAIRO:** After breakfast, check-out of the Helnan Hotel. Visit the Nubian Museum and Nubian Village to learn about the lifestyle of the Nubian people. Afterwards, transfer to Aswan's Domestic Airport to board your scheduled brief flight on Egypt Air Flight Number (T.B.D.) to Cairo departing at (T.B.D.)am. Upon your arrival at Cairo's Domestic Airport at (T.B.D.)am, transfer to the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) for check-in. *Note: Don't forget to retrieve your luggage that was left in the storage room of the Cairo Sheraton Hotel.* Later that evening, if interested, enjoy an Optional "Cairo By Night" Tour OR enjoy a refreshing dinner (on your own) and a relaxing overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) in Cairo. Meals Included: Breakfast.

**DAY #10 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 - CAIRO TOURS (PART TWO):** After a refreshing breakfast, visit some of the interesting sightseeing attractions of both the old and new Cairo to include the city's Islamic quarters featuring a view of the Salah al Din Citadel and the Alabaster Mosque as well as the Sultan Hassan Mosque and the Mohamed Ali Mosque. Also enjoy bargaining with the local merchants in the narrow alleys and small shops of the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, which has remained largely unchanged since the 14th century. Cairo offers an incredible range of shopping, cultural and entertainment opportunities. There are also several modern air-conditioned stores displaying the latest fashions as well as the famous street markets (souks) offering spices, perfumes, gold, silver, carpets, brass, copperware, leatherwork and ceramics. Cairo on its east side of the Nile River has the evidence of more than 2,000+ years of Islamic, Christian, Coptic and Jewish culture that still flourishes today. On the west side of the Nile River lies the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza) the renowned capital of the Old Kingdom and the site of the Great Pyramids. After a refreshing lunch (on your own), enjoy a fascinating half-day tour of the newly built Great Egyptian Museum of Antiquities (also known as the Giza Museum) where you will begin your journey back to the time of the ancient Egyptians. Your Egyptologist Tour Guide will escort you on a fascinating tour of 7,000+ years of Egyptian history within the newly built Grand Egyptian Museum of Antiquities which houses the world's greatest collection of Ancient Egyptian artifacts, including twelve rooms filled with golden treasures from the world famous tomb of the "Boy King" known as Tutankhamen as well as several other unique treasures from King Tut's unearthed tomb. Affectionately referred to as King Tut, his tomb was the first royal Egyptian burial place to be discovered nearly intact. It was packed with a myriad of amazing treasures including a gold coffin, a diamond encrusted crown and a solid-silver ceremonial trumpet. On November 4, 2007, King Tut's face was unveiled to the public for the first time and will now be on display in a plexi-glass state-of-the-art showcase for all to see. Later that evening, enjoy an incredible spectacle of a Sound and Light Show at the foot of the Great Pyramids. Narrated by an enigmatic Sphinx, the show will lead you on a fascinating tour through the history of the pyramids. Afterwards, return to Cairo and enjoy a relaxing dinner (on your own) and overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast.

**DAY #11 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 – ENJOY A DAY OF LEISURE. CONSIDER A CHOICE OF THREE OPTIONAL TOURS: #1 OPTIONAL TOUR OF ALEXANDRIA OR #2 OPTIONAL TOUR OF DAHSHUR OR #3 OPTIONAL TOUR OF GOSHEN:** After a refreshing breakfast, enjoy the day at your leisure OR if interested experience an **Optional Half-Day Excursion to Alexandria, Egypt's second largest city.** After an early breakfast, depart from the

Cairo by road for a scenic journey to Alexandria. Upon arrival, meet with your local tour guide for an orientation of Alexandria. This thriving Egyptian port city with a harbor, built in honor of Alexander the Great, is considered one of the most exotic and romantic cities in Africa. Founded in 332 B.C. by Alexander the Great, Alexandria during ancient times was a major center of learning attracting leading scholars, philosophers, and scientists. After a refreshing seafood lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a city tour to include numerous squares built facing the harbor front, each bearing at least a huge monument to some famous person in Egyptian history dating back to the times of Queen Cleopatra and the Romans. Major attractions include Pompey's Pillars, the Catacombs and Greco-Roman Museum, Palace and Gardens. Time permitting, also visit the Library of Alexandria and enjoy some souvenir shopping at the open air marketplace. Later that afternoon, transfer by road from Alexandria to Cairo. Time permitting, consider Optional Shopping before later that evening enjoying a Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Nile River with Traditional Egyptian Cuisine and Cultural Entertainment. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Farewell Dinner.

OR if interested, enjoy a fascinating **Optional Tour to Dahshur to see the Bent Pyramid and Red Pyramid built by Pharaoh Sneferu of the Old Kingdom, father of Khufu.** Dahshur is arguably the most important pyramid field in Egypt outside of Giza and Saqqara, although until 1996 the site was inaccessible due to its location within a military base, and hence virtually unknown outside of archaeological circles. These two pyramids are believed to be the first attempt at creating the first true pyramid structure with smooth ridges. The unusual shape of the Bent Pyramid is unique, and represents a transitional pyramid form believed to have been necessitated by an engineering crisis encountered during its construction. If interested, explore the inner chambers to include an immense vaulted chamber with passageways that lead to other rooms, including one that has cedar wood beams believed to have been imported from ancient Lebanon. The Red Pyramid is the world's first "true" or smooth-sided pyramid and its inner chambers are also accessible. It should also be noted that the Red Pyramid is actually the third largest pyramid in Egypt after the pyramids of Khufu and Khafre at Giza. Only five percent of tourists coming to Egypt visit the ancient pyramids of Dahshur. Later that afternoon, return to Cairo. Time permitting, consider Optional Shopping before later that evening enjoying a Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Nile River featuring Traditional Egyptian Cuisine. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner.

OR if interested, enjoy a fascinating **Optional Tour to Goshen which is named in the Bible as the place in Egypt given to the Hebrews by the Pharaoh of Joseph.** Goshen is located in the eastern Delta of the Nile River and it was also the land from which the Hebrews later left Egypt at the time of Moses during the Exodus. Learn about the ancient land of the Hebrews and its influence on the civilization of Egypt. Later that afternoon, return to Cairo. Time permitting, consider Optional Shopping before later that evening enjoying a Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Nile River featuring Traditional Egyptian Cuisine. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing overnight at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner.

**DAY #12 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – DEPART CAIRO AND RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES:** After an early breakfast, check-out of the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) and transfer to Cairo International Airport. Depart from Cairo, Egypt on Egypt Air Flight Number MS-985 at 9:35am for your trans-continental/trans-Atlantic flight to the United States. Sit back, relax and enjoy your trans-continental/trans-Atlantic flight with superb onboard amenities. Arrive at JFK International Airport at 3:15pm. After clearing immigration and customs transfer by either domestic airline or if at least ten participants agree then an option for motor coach from JFK International Airport to Washington, D.C. departing at (T.B.D.)pm. Arrive at Washington, D.C. at (T.B.D.)pm. Meals Included: Breakfast *as well as Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast on board Egypt Air.*

## **YOUR EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE TOUR™ INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Roundtrip Airfare on Egypt Air (JFK International/Cairo International/JFK International);
- ✓ Roundtrip Airport Transfers in Cairo;
- ✓ Visa Application and Fees for Egypt;
- ✓ English Speaking Tour Guides;
- ✓ Entrance Fees to Museums and Monuments;
- ✓ Hotel Accommodations for Two (2) Nights at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) in Cairo;
- ✓ Welcome Dinner Cruise on the Nile River with Cultural Entertainment;
- ✓ Tour of Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza;
- ✓ Roundtrip Domestic Air (Cairo/Luxor/Aswan/Cairo);
- ✓ Farah Nile Cruise Ship or Movenpick Nile Cruise Ship with Accommodations for Four (4) Nights;
- ✓ Tours along the Nile River Cruise to include the amazing sites of Luxor, Karnak, Edfu, Esna, Kom Ombo, and Aswan as well as the Valley of the Kings and Queens;
- ✓ Felucca Cruise in Aswan;
- ✓ Tour of Abu Simbel;
- ✓ Hotel Accommodation for One (1) Night at the Helnan Hotel in Aswan;
- ✓ Tour of a Nubian Museum and Village;
- ✓ Additional Hotel Accommodations for Three (3) Nights at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel (or similar) in Cairo;
- ✓ City Tour of Old and New Cairo;
- ✓ Tour of the Grand Museum of Egyptian Antiquities;
- ✓ Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids in Cairo;
- ✓ Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Nile River with Traditional Egyptian Cuisine; and
- ✓ Other Tour Activities and Meals as Indicated in the Published Day-To-Day Itinerary.

## **YOUR EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE TOUR™ DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Roundtrip Transfers by motor coach or airline between Washington, D.C. and JFK International Airport;
- ✓ Optional Camel Ride to the Pyramids near Cairo;
- ✓ Optional Tour of Cairo By Night;
- ✓ Optional City Tour of Alexandria;
- ✓ Optional Tour of Dahshur;
- ✓ Optional Tour of Goshen;
- ✓ International Travel Insurance;
- ✓ Group Tips and Gratuities;
- ✓ Optional Tours of Sightseeing and Shopping Areas in Cairo;
- ✓ Items of a Personal Nature (i.e. - telephone calls and laundry service); and
- ✓ Excess Luggage Overweight Charges on Egypt Air.

**Δ EGYPT TOUR PROGRAM PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY = \$3,999.00**

**Δ SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR EGYPT TOUR PROGRAM = \$700.00**

**Δ OPTIONAL CAMEL RIDE IN THE DESERT = NEGOTIABLE**

**Δ OPTIONAL CAIRO SIGHTSEEING TOUR BY NIGHT = \$40.00**

**Δ OPTIONAL TOUR OF DAHSHUR = \$75.00**

**Δ OPTIONAL TOUR OF GOSHEN = \$95.00**

**Δ OPTIONAL TOUR OF ALEXANDRIA = \$150.00**

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT EGYPT

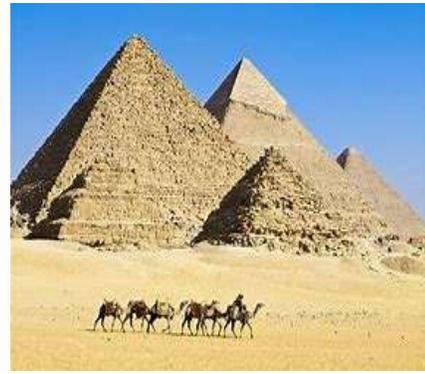
**OVERVIEW OF CAIRO:** This city is dynamic and lively, combining a cosmopolitan lifestyle with a rich cultural heritage. The people of Cairo are known for their friendliness and good humor and often stop to help a stranger. Situated along the Nile River, the longest river in the world, Cairo's population is an estimated twenty-three million. Cairo has much to offer any tourist: ancient Pharaonic sites, Islamic monuments, and Coptic churches as well as great shopping! One feels the presence of history in Cairo as the first seeds of civilization were sown in the Nile River valley, surrounded by an immensely barren desert. Here the first multi-national state was born and the first civilization using a written language known as hieroglyphics was invented.

**CAIRO SHERATON HOTEL OR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL:** Located in downtown Cairo, you will savor the authentic atmosphere, style and charm of Egypt. Close proximity from the new Grand Egyptian Museum of Antiquities and the Great Pyramids of Giza, all of the rooms are air-conditioned and feature color television, satellite cable entertainment and in-room refrigerator. Outside, you will find a landscaped garden, recreational facilities and a large swimming pool with a view of the majestic pyramids. You will also relax in the style and comfort at the Cairo Sheraton Hotel or Intercontinental Hotel with friendly service from a dedicated staff.

**NILE RIVER CRUISE SHIP: Please Note - Your Nile River Cruise Ship will be either the Farah or Movenpick.** For more than 4,000+ years, the Nile River has been the artery of life for Egypt. To visit Egypt without experiencing this waterway through time would be unthinkable. Each cruise ship features the amenities of a hotel with comfortable cabins, on-board restaurant, spacious lounge, laundry service, live entertainment and much more. Please note that exact tour and entertainment schedules during your Nile River cruise will vary according to the sailing schedule and number of passengers, therefore activities for each day will be subject to change. However, every Nile River cruise will include: (a) an authentic folkloric performance by a Nubian troupe; (b) live classical music during afternoon tea while in Luxor; and (c) a "Galabeya Party" which provides an opportunity for each guest to dress up in traditional Egyptian costume and dance to Arabic music. You will also enjoy the attention and sense of both a dedicated on-board staff and the expert lecture of the tour guide.

**PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT:** It is generally accepted by most archaeologists that the pyramids were constructed as burial monuments, associated with royal solar and stellar cults, which were built during the Old and Middle Kingdoms. Egyptologist use the word "mastaba", meaning "bench" for the massive rectangular structures found above many tombs in Saqqara, Giza and other places. The Great Pyramids were designed as "resurrection machines", meaning that they were to be a magical way in which to carry the kings from their transfiguration into an eternal spirit called "akh". The Egyptians often buried their dead on the west bank of the Nile River due to their belief that the underworld was located in the west where the sun "died" each day. The first historically documented Egypt Pyramid is attributed to the great architect Imhotep who constructed what Egyptologists believed to be a tomb for the Pharaoh Zoser. It is theorized that Imhotep conceived the notion of stacking a number of mastabas on top of each other - thereby creating an edifice comprised of a number of steps that decreased in size towards the apex. The resulting creation was the Step Pyramid - which was designed to serve as a "gigantic stairway by which the soul of the deceased pharaoh could ascend to the heavens".

**For additional information about the Egyptian Adventure Tour, please contact Venue International Professionals, Inc. (VIP) at telephone: (301) 856-9188; facsimile: (240) 244-2180; or e-mail: vipinc@erols.com. ©Copyright with all rights reserved by Venue International Professionals, Inc. @January 1, 2019.**



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