OPTION

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Luxor: Eclipse of the Century

July 28 – August 5, 2027

ABOARD THE

m.s. HAMEES

(Luxor-based plus cruise option to Cairo)
This is a 6-night “hotel stay”, though our hotel is a cruise ship (!) docked across the street from the Winter Palace. Each evening, the ship (ms Hamees) will pull up anchor and sail up or down the Nile for a pleasant 3-hour Nile river-cruise dinner. After the six nights you can either continue to stay onboard to take the optional “add on” cruise to Cairo, or spend two nights, back on land, in the Winter Palace. You would then fly home from Luxor.

Pricing for a Superior Cabin is $2,950 per person, based on double occupancy for six (6) nights onboard AND two (2) nights in the Pavilion (Sofitel). For more info, please visit the CABIN & SHIP INFO tab. All meals are included (excluding breakfast on your day of arrival and lunch and dinner on your day of departure) — and are provided by our ship. For those attending our ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ASTRONOMY Lectures PROGRAM OR our ANCIENT ENGINEERING Lectures PROGRAM, there is a $1,250 fee.

Add on our optional 5-day LUXOR TOURING PACKAGE: $2,050 for 18 separate site visits (seven of which require “special access” permits); plus $100 for your professional/Egyptologists’ gratuities. The groups will be small (where necessary, as in visiting deeply buried sites, no more than a dozen or so people) with one professional/Egyptologist tour guide per group. The $2,050 includes all entrance fees — some quite substantial for the unique access we will provide — as well as “gifts” for official gatekeepers.

The six (6) 90-minute cocktail-parties package (includes an open bar) is an additional $210 pp. Add’l pp fees: government taxes, port charges, and fees ($265), Non-refundable Booking Service Fee ($175), tour leaders gratuities ($60), and cruise gratuities (for the stewards and dining room staff, $15 per day or $90). All prices and fees are detailed on the TERMS & CONDITIONS tab. Use our PRICING CALCULATOR for a quick price quote. NOTE: Program is subject to change.
## OPTION 2 Itinerary

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<td><strong>DAY 1: ARRIVE LUXOR AND CHECK-IN ONBOARD the m.s. HAMEES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>DAY 7: bus to DENDARA &amp; THE LUXOR MUSEUM or OPTIONAL NILE RIVER CRUISE TO CAIRO</strong></td>
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**LEGEND for NOTES:**
- B - Breakfast
- L - Lunch
- CP - Cocktail Party including open bar (add! $210 pp for all six)
- D - Dinner

Welcome/Farewell Receptions include beer, wine, and soft drinks.

## OPTION 2 Ancient Engineering Lectures

### OUR SPEAKER:

![Stephen Ressler, Ph.D.](image)

**STEPHEN RESSLER, PH.D.**

Stephen Ressler, Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus at the United States Military Academy at West Point and a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). A registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, he earned a B.S. from West Point, M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He served for 34 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and retired at the rank of Brigadier General in 2013. While on active duty, he served in a variety of military engineering assignments around the world. In 2007, he deployed to Afghanistan to create a civil engineering program for the newly created National Military Academy of Afghanistan in Kabul.

Dr. Ressler is passionate about communicating the joys of engineering to inquiring minds of all ages. His three video lecture series — *Understanding the World's Greatest Structures*, *Understanding Greek and Roman Technology*, and *Everyday Engineering* — are among the most highly-rated offerings in The Great Courses’ 600-course catalog. He served as an on-screen expert for the Discovery Channel documentary *Superweapons of the Ancient World: The Ram and Blink Films’ The Real Trojan Horse*, which aired on PBS in 2015. His award-winning Bridge Designer software has been used by over two million middle-school and high-school students worldwide. He is also a developer and principal instructor for the ASCE Excellence in Civil Engineering Education Teaching Workshop, which has provided teacher training to more than 500 civil engineering faculty members from over 200 colleges and universities.

Dr. Ressler has received numerous national-level awards from the ASCE and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), including the 2011 ASCE Outstanding Projects and Leaders Award — the society’s highest honor.

**DR. RESSLERS’ SEMINARS:**

- The Mystery of the Meldum Pyramid: Ancient Engineering Catastrophe
- The Great Pyramid of Giza: Engineering Marvel or Big Pile of Rocks?
- How They Built the Pyramids: Scholarship, Speculation, and Space Aliens
- Cities by Design: Ancient Urban Planning and the Making of Alexandria
- From Shaduf to Aqueduct: Water Supply in the Ancient World
- Astonishing Ancient Machines!
- Ancient Ships and Shipbuilding: A Technological High-Water Mark

The seven (7) 60- to 120-minute lectures above (11 hours in total) are an additional $1,250 per person.
Juan Antonio Belmonte, Ph.D. is a Research Professor of the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC), where he lectures and investigates in exoplanetology and cultural astronomy. He holds a degree in Physics from the University of Barcelona and a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of La Laguna, where he has also studied Egyptian hieroglyphs.

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Experience over six minutes of totality in Luxor, the heart of ancient Egypt — with cold beverages, ample shade, and air conditioning right at hand. From our base at the legendary Sofitel Winter Palace (your ship, the m.s. Hamees, is docked at the Sofitel), one of the world’s iconic travel destinations, immerse yourself in the archaeological riches of the Luxor region. **EACH EVENING, THE SHIP (ms HAMEES) WILL PULL UP ANCHOR AND SAIL UP OR DOWN THE NILE FOR A PLEASANT 3-HOUR NILE RIVER-CRUISE DINNER.**
INCLUSIVE AMENITIES FOR ALL GUESTS

- Air conditioning (controlled in the room)
- In-room safe
- Minibar
- National and international TV channels
- Complimentary bottled water
- Free Wi-Fi
- Bathtub
- Hairdryer
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Coffee maker
OPTION 2 Luxor Touring Package

Below is the list of the 18 sites you will visit, as part of the $2,050 TOURING PACKAGE add-on, during your stay in Luxor. Seven (7) of these sites require “Special Access” which we have secured.*

LUXOR TEMPLE — Get a concrete sense of the resilience of Egyptian culture at Luxor Temple. Fittingly for a symbol of rejuvenation, it has survived floods and foreign invasions to awe visitors with its ancient precision.

ABYDOS — Examine the superb bas reliefs and Cosmology of Nut and walk among some of the earliest astronomically aligned buildings. We hope the ruins of what may be the world’s oldest brewery will be accessible on our visit, too.

DENDERA — Be overwhelmed (in a good way!) at the intensity of ancient worship of Hathor, the multifaceted goddess of love, fertility, the sky, festivity, and fate. Create a lasting impression of the Zodiacal art of Dendera.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS — Celebrate fulfilled dreams of exploring pharaohs’ tombs, satisfied curiosity, and newly inspired avenues of archaeological inquiry once you trek through the renowned Valley of the Kings.

*Archaeological sites go under frequent restoration and repair and some may not be available to us when we visit in 2027.
KING TUT TOMB (Special Access Visit) — Have you glimpsed King Tut’s opulent burial goods in a documentary or at a museum? Now you can picture them together with the narrative paintings you see in Tut’s burial chamber.

KING RAMSES IV TOMB (Special Access Visit) — Ramses IV’s tomb is a crowd favorite since ancient times, well documented by graffiti spanning the ages. Could be the vibrantly colored paintings. Could be the magical spells covering every inch of the entrance hall. Could be the splendid inscription of the Book of Nut and the painting of a flexible Nut on the burial chamber vault. See for yourself, and make the call.

KING SETI I TOMB (Special Access Visit) — Seti I’s Tomb served as an inspiration for most later Egyptian tomb art. Its indelible celestial diagrams and stellar clocks will enrich your stargazing forever.

KING RAMSES V AND VI TOMBS (Special Access Visit) — Feast your eyes on two different copies of the Books of Day and Night, paintings of the sky goddess Nut, and the Egyptian astronomy how-to embodied in star clocks. Deepen your feel for the pharaohs’ worldview with a study of ancient Egyptian rocket science.
MEDINAT HABU WITH SANCTUARY OF OSIRIS (Special Access Visit) — Ramses III cast the record of his defeat of the Sea People as the central feature of Medinat Habu. Your observation of the astronomical ceilings, rarely seen Sanctuary of Osiris, and calendar of the Festivals of the Sky may create a different lasting impression than Ramses III intended.

ESNA — Venture into the entry hall of the Temple of Khnum, and see the vibrant results of its very recent restoration. The Temple was decorated during the Roman period circa 100–300 AD, which means that you’ll be seeing the youngest/most recent body of Egyptian hieroglyphics known. It’s the astronomical ceiling that brings us to Esna, with its unparalleled depiction of lunar phases, and a detailed stellar clock.

KARNAK TEMPLE — At least 30 Egyptian rulers from ~2,000BCE to ~300BCE built, modified, demolished, and moved parts of Karnak Temple. There’s so much see. Karnak can activate your mind’s eye, too. Armed with Dr. Belmonte’s archaeoastronomy tips, you can picture Karnak’s orientation to the Winter Solstice, to the northern Milky Way, and to the topography around you.

EDFU — It’s easy for Edfu to blend in as yet another Egyptian site that checks many boxes: massive, pharaoh smiting the enemy on the facade, halls of columns, lots of side rooms. Dig in to Edfu a bit, and heighten the experience: the hall of twelve columns refers to the Book of the Underworld and the twelve hours of the night; ceilinged halls help you picture the building in use; the carving of “The Stretching of the Cord” unifies Egyptian astronomy and architecture. All this and more will give you a memorable sense of Edfu Temple as a working building, used by humans.
KOM OMBO — The first rule of temples: Location, location, location. Kom Ombo lives in popular media as an elegant Graeco-Roman temple set on a high Nile embankment. You’ll tune in to its nuances: depictions of the pharaoh boating in a marsh; an astronomical procession on the beams of the hall; and reliefs of (perhaps) early surgical instruments. Come for the photo op and take away glimmerings of early technology.

QUEEN NERTARI TOMB (Special Access Visit) — We go to “The place of beauty”, Ta-Set-Neferu, to experience the rarely seen Tomb of Nefertari, often considered the most beautiful in Egypt. Its vivid colors and beautiful draftsmanship underpin its artistic appeal; astronomy buffs may find its theme of timelessness and eternity thought-provoking.

VALLEY OF THE QUEENS — The tombs of Ramses III’s sons in the Valley of the Queens are known for their elegant workmanship. Visiting them gives you a strong sense of how sons were valued and employed by the pharaoh. Getting their backstory gives you a pragmatic view of how plans change and how eternal control is an illusion, even for pharaohs.
SENEMUT TOMB (Special Access Visit) — Venture to the tomb of Senemut, tucked away in a hillside. Built for a trusted advisor of Hatshepsut, it houses a celestial diagram that suggests Senemut was an astronomer among his many duties. The diagram’s clarity makes the 12-month nature of the Egyptian calendar snap into place, and helps make sense of the concept of decans, the defined time periods composing an Egyptian night.

DEIR EL BAHIRI — The temple complex of Hatshepsut must be one of the most beautifully situated buildings anywhere. It was known as the “Sublime of the Sublimes” in ancient Egyptian. Explore its structure and you’ll get an organic sense that the temple is oriented to the winter solstice and The Temple of Amun (Hatshepsut’s claimed father) at Karnak.

RAMUSSEUM — Designed to remind all who behold it of the greatness of Egypt (and of the modest builder himself) the Ramesseum gives you a picture of the vast wealth Ram ses II had. After sizing up the innumerable storehouses, you may be drawn to the astronomical ceiling of the Barque room in the temple, to see civil, religious, and lunar calendars so you sharpen your ancient Egyptian time-telling skills.
Luxor, Egypt: Eclipse Day

ABOARD THE m.s. HAMEES, DOCKED AT THE SOFITEL WINTER PALACE HOTEL

On Eclipse Day take advantage of our very comfortable quarters on the eastern bank of the Nile. Observe 6 minutes and 19 seconds of totality from the various decks of your cruise ship (sun deck just below) or view from the beautiful 17-acre garden (see next page) of the Sofitel Winter Palace. Our viewing prospects are superb, only matched by all the features/amenities you need on a summer day: beverages and lunch (included), luxurious surroundings, and, in the case of the Gardens, plenty of shade.

Duration of totality: 6 minutes, 19 seconds. Luxor is less than one hour south (by air) of Cairo. Map made by Xavier M. Jubier.
Join us August 3–11, 2027 for a 5-night Nile River cruise to Cairo and then four (4) nights in Cairo to experience the culture, archaeology, communities, and daily details that make Cairo the informal capital of the Arab world.

Cap your Luxor Eclipse adventure with a cruise north to Cairo where you’ll spend three full days amidst the ancient treasures and modern bustle of the Cairo region. Visit the Pyramids at Giza and their ancestors at Saqqara; see Egypt’s archaeologic treasures in new and modernized comfortable settings. Graze your way through the 14th-century bazaar, Khan Khalili, and walk through the historic heart of Cairo’s Christian, Jewish, and Islamic communities.

Whether this is your first trip to Egypt or another chapter in your explorations as a confirmed Egypt buff, gain a sense of why ancient Egypt has such a powerful impact on the imagination through time.
OVERVIEW AND PRICING

Price is $6,499 (Standard cabin) or $6,999 (Superior cabin) per person (pp) for nine (9) nights onboard the m.s. Hamees (add 50% premium for singles — or share and pay no premium!). (Subtract — i.e., we’ll apply a credit equal to whatever your cost is for one-night’s stay in the Sofitel.) Nile River cruise package price includes: 5-night cruise to Cairo and then four (4) nights onboard the Hamees while docked in Cairo; all meals (breakfast only on day of departure); our TOURING PACKAGE; our EXTENDED LECTURE SERIES (three lecturers onboard delivering about a dozen talks/Q&As); entrance to all touring sites and museums with all transportation to/from the Hamees; and all taxes, fees, gratuities, and port charges. Add a drink package for $315, which includes an open bar at our nine (9) 90-minute cocktail parties. NOTE: Program is subject to change. There are only 70 cabins on the Hamees.

Join us in Cairo and deepen your insight into the richness of ancient Egypt’s civilization.

Disembark the Hamees as our Nile River cruise ends Thursday, August 12, after breakfast.

### OPTION 2 Cruise to Cairo Add-On Itinerary

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J. KELLY BEATTY

Kelly Beatty joined the staff of Sky & Telescope in 1974 and served as the editor of Night Sky, a spinoff magazine for beginning stargazers, in 2004-07. He retired from full-time work in 2018 but remains actively involved in many Sky & Telescope articles, tours, and other projects. Specializing in planetary science and space exploration, Kelly has been honored twice by the Division for Planetary Sciences (DPS) of the American Astronomical Society. In 2005 he received the Harold Masursky Award for meritorious service, and in 2009 he was honored with the inaugural Jonathan Eberhart Journalism Award. He is also a recipient of the American Geophysical Union’s Cowen Award for Sustained Achievement in Science Journalism (2009).

You’ll occasionally hear his interviews and guest commentaries on The Weather Channel and National Public Radio, and his work has appeared in numerous other magazines, newspapers, and encyclopedias. In fact, Kelly enjoys speaking to audiences of all ages and interest levels about his passion for astronomy. He observes when he can through one of his eight telescopes, and he is active nationally in the fight against light pollution.

Kelly hails from Madera, California. He holds a Bachelors degree in geology from the California Institute of Technology and a Master’s degree in science journalism from Boston University. During the 1980s he was among the first Western journalists to gain firsthand access to the Soviet space program. Asteroid 2925 Beatty was named on the occasion of his marriage in 1983, and in 1986 he was chosen one of the 100 semifinalists for NASA’s Journalist in Space program.

DENISE M. DOXEY, PH.D.

Dr. Denise M. Doxey is an Egyptologist and Curator of Ancient Egyptian, Nubian, and Near Eastern Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Denise received her M.Phil. in Classical Archaeology from Oxford University and her Ph.D. in Ancient History from the University of Pennsylvania. Her teaching experience includes Egyptology courses at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University. She has participated in excavations in Egypt at the sites of Abydos and Saqqara. In addition to numerous articles, she is the author or co-author of five books, most recently Arts of Ancient Nubia and Jewels of Ancient Nubia. She is a sought after lecturer for both academic conferences and public lectures. Currently, she is Vice President of the Board of Governors of the American Research Center in Egypt, the leading North American organization promoting research on Egyptian history and culture. She also serves on the Board of the International Council of Museum’s International Committee for Egyptology.

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OPTION 2 Cruise to Cairo Add-On Map

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**OPTION 2 Nile River Cruise Option: Touring Package**
(sites included on the Nile River cruise add-on from Luxor to Cairo*)

On your optional add-on cruise from Luxor to Cairo, you will visit the 13 sites below. These site visits, as well as all entrance fees, are included in your optional post-Luxor Nile River cruise add-on package.

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**AMARNA SITE MUSEUM** — Get the lay of the land to put Amarna’s ruins in context with a visit to the Amarna Site Museum. See models that interpret daily life and the buildings of Akhenaten’s city. You’ll have a presentation on Akhenaten and Nefertiti his wife which enriches your exploration of their royal city.

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*Sites with toothed borders have astronomical interest.
TUNA EL GEBEL (Tombs of Petosiris and Isadora) —
See the god Thoth’s many duties documented at Tuna el Gebel. You’ll visit the Greco Roman tomb of Petosiris, the chief priest of the god Thoth. This god’s responsibilities included maintaining the universe, judging the dead, and overseeing systems of magic, writing, and science. Thoth was symbolized as both a baboon and an ibis, so you’ll add animal mummies to your Egypt memories. The Tomb of Isadora adds a poignant note to the visit, containing the mummy of a young Greek woman who legendarily drowned seeking to meet her lover, and was deeply mourned by her father.

ASHMUNEIN (Temple of Thoth) — You’ll see the surviving architectural elements of the Temple of Thoth at Khmunu/Hermopolis. This was the main cult center for the worship of Thoth, who was god of wisdom and writing and patron of scribes among many other roles. A key ancient significance remains unseen — Khmunu is legendarily site of the mound of creation and of the first sunrise.

AMARNA (Royal Tomb, Palace, Temple of Aten, and more) —
Today we delve in to Amarna, Pharoah Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti’s city designed for the worship of the sun disk Aten, center of Akhenaten’s new religion. Learn about the distinctive naturalistic style of Amarna art, with a focus on the royal family, not the gods, the depiction of movement, and the use of sunk relief. Walk the streets of Amarna and get a sense of the vision and scope of Akhenaten’s bold initiative.
BENI HASSAN (Tombs of Baquet III, Khety, Amenemhet, Khnumhotep) — Time travel to the Middle Kingdom period of Egyptian history at Beni Hassan where regional governors and military figures were buried. Gain a sense of ancient life in the desert, and see scenes of life in the provinces — hunting, wrestling, weaving, baking, fishing, and wine-making.

GIZA PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX — Visit the Great Pyramid and its Old Kingdom royal kin, the only surviving members of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Getting your bearings on the Giza Plateau gives you a sense of the precision (achieved with astronomical skills) with which the Egyptians aligned the Pyramids to the cardinal directions and to symbolic topographic features.

ISLAMIC CAIRO WITH SULTAN HASSAN MOSQUE, MOHAMED ALI MOSQUE, AND KHAN EL KHALILI — Venture into medieval Egyptian history on a visit to the strategically positioned Citadel of Saladin, an imposing fortification. Study the details of mosques from two eras, and develop an eye for Islamic architecture.

SAQQARA WITH PYRAMIDS OF DJOSER, UNAS (Special Access Visit), AND TETI; AND MASTABA OF TI (Special Access Visit) — Visit the ancestor of the Pyramids of Giza — the Step Pyramid complex of Djoser. Venture into the small Pyramid of Unas, and see the earliest known Pyramid Texts, spells guiding the pharaoh to the afterlife. The Pyramid of Teti offers you a written mention of Sirius, Orion, and the Big Dipper, solidifying your proof of the astronomical underpinnings of Giza and Saqqara.

OPTION 2 Nile River Cruise Option: Touring Package
EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AT TAHRIR SQUARE (aka Museum of Egyptian Antiquities) — A fabulous collection of antiquities focused on Ancient Egypt. Dedicated guides will curate our visit so you can be assured you have seen the most important artifacts.

OLD CAIRO WITH COPTIC CAIRO, BEN EZRA SYNAGOGUE, AND COPTIC MUSEUM — Coptic Cairo, enmeshed in an area with Persian and Roman roots, shows you another facet of Cairo’s swirling history. See the Hanging Church and other Coptic churches with their noted icons and legendary ties to Jesus. Ben Ezra Synagogue is a renown former repository of secular and religious Jewish manuscripts. You’ll get a sense of the cosmopolitan nature of Old Cairo, and experience the hustle and bustle of Cairo.

GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM (GEM) AT GIZA — GEM is home to 100,000+ artifacts of Egypt’s ancient history! Immerse yourself in the richness of Egyptian culture and put a memorable concluding chapter on your eclipse adventure.
BECOME AN EXPERT

The best resources we've found for learning about Ancient Egypt are the three online courses published by The Great Courses: \textit{History of Ancient Egypt} (Bob Brier, Ph.D.), \textit{Great Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt} (Bob Brier, Ph.D.), and \textit{A Guided Tour of Ancient Egypt} (Melinda Hartwig, Ph.D.).

Watch the first lecture (30 minutes) of each course! Please email info@insightcruises.com for details.

While you could purchase the individual DVDs, we recommend buying an annual subscription to Wondrium ($20 per month after a free 2-week trial). Here you can access the entire 40-lecture courses, plus enjoy hundreds of other titles we are certain you will find utterly mind-blowing (We have no affiliation, nor do we get any commission if you purchase this — we are just long-time very happy customers). Searching for “Egypt” produced dozens of links (see image below) from Wondrium.com and all are available for you to stream (in very high quality) whenever you wish. Two years of an online/streaming subscription is much less than purchasing the three DVDs.
Pricing & Terms. There are five (5) components to our per-person (pp) pricing, three of which are optional “add-ons” (the first two are mandatory):

1. Your cruise and hotel accommodations include all of your meals EXCEPT breakfast on your day of arrival and lunch and dinner on your day of departure.
2. Taxes, port charges, fees, and gratuities:
   a. Government taxes and hotel taxes ($265 as of July 1, 2021; please note that hotel and/or government taxes could increase by August 2027)
   b. Non-refundable Booking Service Fee ($175 pp)
   c. Insight Cruises’ tour leader gratuities ($60 pp), and cruise/hotel gratuities for the cabin steward and dining room staff, $15 pp, per day, for six days; plus $25 pp, per day, for two days, for the Sofitel hotel and dining room staff).
3. Our 4- or 5-day Luxor TOUR PACKAGE ($2,050 for 18 separate site visits; plus $100 for your professional/Egyptologist tour-quotes’ gratuities). The groups will be small (where necessary, as in visiting deeply buried sites, no more than 12 or so people) with one professional/Egyptologist tour guide per group.
4. Our LECTURES program ($1,250)
5. Our cocktail-party package ($210), which includes a one-hour, open-bar, cocktail party for all six evenings.

The cruise is six nights; the post-cruise hotel stay is two nights. All pricing is per person (pp). Cruise pricing is based on double occupancy. 75% surcharge for singles (no surcharge if you share).

Payment Schedule

- 20% pp deposit, plus the $175 pp Non-refundable Booking Service Fee mentioned above, along with a completed reservation form confirms your space.
- A 2nd deposit payment of 10% pp is due August 1, 2022. (If you book after August 1, 2022 your initial deposit will be 30%). Combined, these two payments (30%) represent your “Deposit”.
- A 3rd advance payment of 10% pp is due August 1, 2023. (If you book after August 1, 2023 your initial deposit and advance payment will be 40%)
- A 4th advance payment of 10% pp is due August 1, 2024. (If you book after August 1, 2024 your initial deposit and advance payment will be 50%)
- A 5th advance payment of 10% pp is due August 1, 2025. (If you book after August 1, 2025 your initial deposit and advance payment will be 60%)
- A 6th advance payment of 10% pp is due August 1, 2026. (If you book after August 1, 2026 your initial deposit and advance payment will be 70%)
The balance is due (“Final Payment date”) on January 1, 2027.

Payments may be made by check, money order, or major credit card (Visa, Master Card, Discover, Diners Club, or American Express). Checks are to be made payable to Insight Cruises, in U.S. dollars only, and drawn on a U.S. bank. There is a $25 charge for returned checks. After your first deposit (20% or 30%), any credit card payments Insight Cruises processes will be assessed a Credit Card Surcharge of 3%. Payments by check or wire transfer are not subject to this surcharge.

All prices are subject to change until your booking is confirmed. We will notify you of any price changes, and await your acceptance, before your reservation is considered “booked” and confirmed. Before June 1, 2027, either party may cancel the booking within 14 days of initial Deposit (with no penalty other than the Non-refundable Booking Service Fee (of $175, if you are the one who cancels), for any reason. We’ll send you an email confirmation and an itemized invoice (“DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT CONFIRMATION”) via email within three (3) business days of your Deposit. You must return a signed copy of your DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT CONFIRMATION form within 30 days of booking or your reservation is subject to cancellation. If you do not return this form by the FINAL PAYMENT date, your reservation will automatically be cancelled and cancellation penalties will be assessed. You will be sent reminders via email before your reservation is cancelled.

A signed Insurance Waiver is due in the Insight Cruises office upon issuance and no later than the Final Payment Date. Your booking will be cancelled unless we receive this “paperwork”.

Roundtrip air between Cairo or Luxor and your home gateway is NOT included. Please see (further down) the section WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE COSTS for the complete list.

Single Supplement. 75%.

Or share a room! The price is the same as the pp double occupancy rate. Be sure to select the option on the online booking form that asks, “Do you want to share a room with another Insight Cruiser?” NOTE: Only Standard Rooms are available to share. Share room assignments are generally made at time of ticket issuance — and shared assignments are subject to change. You will be matched with members of the same gender, and we factor in age and geography where possible. Assuming space is available, shares will be guaranteed if you book prior to January 1, 2026.

3rd- and 4th-Person Rates. Varies based on your room type. Please call 650-787-5665 for a quote.

Additional Paid Services

- Credit Card Surcharge (3%) — After your initial booking payment and/or deposit, any credit card payments Insight Cruises processes will be assessed a Credit Card Surcharge of 3%. Payments by check or wire transfer are not subject to this surcharge.
- Air Booking ($400 per booking) — this fee is assessed for obtaining one air quote and booking your roundtrip air. (You will receive a quote for the best pricing and itinerary available.) This fee covers our cost to maintain your flight itinerary on your personal itinerary and to arrange your seat assignments. Flight schedules can change and when they do we notify you of all itinerary changes. If you are looking for a deluxe, customized service, including help with all of your travel arrangements, Insight Cruises can provide this service. Please see below (“ALL ABOUT AIRFARE”, page 3) for the details.
- Refund ($75 per refund transaction plus 4% of transaction value if the original charge was to a credit card) or 1% if the original charge was a check. Includes refunds after payment for services you remove (such as cancel add’l hotel nights)
- Third-Party Payor ($50 per credit card) — this fee is imposed if someone other than the people traveling is paying all or part of your event cost.
- Foreign Shipping Fees — there is a foreign shipping charge of $65 (to cover the shipping of paperwork) per foreign residence ($53 per Canadian residence).
- No Email Access ($250) — this is assessed for those clients who do not have access to email or those who wish to receive all notices and updates from Insight Cruises via the Post Office. Add an additional $25 for those residing outside the United States. The service below (“Over-the-Phone-Booking”) is included with this $250 charge.
- Over-the-Phone Booking ($50) — this is assessed for those new clients who “call in their booking” as opposed to filling out the online booking form. If you are a past client, because we already have your demographic data, we are happy to take your booking over the phone or via email at no charge.
- Last-Minute Changes/Additions ($50 – $150 per change/addition pp) — this will be assessed for any last-minute (within 21 days of the Day Your Travel Begins) service that is provided to you. For most last-minute changes the fee is $50 (examples: minor name corrections or last-minute additions and/or cancellations) but if the change or request is complicated and involved, the fee can be as much as $150.
- Repeated Declined Credit Card(s) ($50) — this may be assessed if two or more credit card transactions are declined.

The above fees are non-refundable and will be collected at the time of adding our services.

Email Services & Fees. Insight Cruises sends guests information and answers questions primarily via email. Using software we have a clear picture of the number of emails exchanged with guests — and on guests’ behalf — to make or change reservations, research and answer questions, and provide necessary information to guests across the trip-planning cycle. (The average number of emails for an average booking of two people is 27.) We understand that if you book hotel or air

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through Insight Cruises, this may lead to a predictable number of additional email exchanges.

Some guests’ trip preparation involves more emails and questions than others, whether due to the scope, duration, and complexity of travel or to personal communication or planning style. And some customers just want more personalized service. We estimate that each email costs Insight Cruises approximately $10. (Keep in mind, typing a response is small part of providing an answer.) We therefore assess fees for usage that is more than double the average.

Once you book with Insight Cruises, you are allotted 35 emails and/or phone calls. Included in this count — as one each — are: each phone call to Insight Cruises; each email you send to us; our reply to your email; plus each email we send out and/or receive to research and answer your questions that are not answered or addressed on our webpages.

In addition to the included 35 emails (which is your initial allotment), most of our added services automatically increase your allotment:

- Air Booking — you get 10 additional emails
- Travel Insurance (if you purchase through Insight Cruises) — you get 10 additional emails
- Foreign Shipping (i.e., if you live outside of the Continental USA) — you get 5 additional emails
- Last-Minute Changes/Additions — 5 emails per $50 fee
- Repeated Declined Credit Card — 5 emails per $50 fee
- A Suite booking comes with 10 additional emails.

When a booking surpasses the original 35 emails (plus any additional emails automatically provided as a result of the additional services above), you will be assessed $79 for an additional 10-email allotment.

NOTES: You will be notified when you reach 50%, and then again at 75%, of your allotted number of emails. All of our Email Service Fees are non-refundable.

CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, INSURANCE, CHANGES

Any cancellation or change of status (or request for a change in status) which relates to your booking must be transmitted as soon as possible to Insight Cruises in writing or via email. If you have travel insurance, and there is an unnecessary delay in notifying us of your change in status, your “cancellation date” will be affected and will adversely affect your insurance reimbursement.

Name changes are permitted (for a $175 fee) up until June 15, 2027. Name changes after June 15, 2027 are considered a cancellation and the per-person cancellation fees, below, will be assessed.

Once booked, you are assessed a $175 pp Non-refundable Booking Service Fee. Additional per-person cancellation fees are based on date of receipt of notice to cancel (via in writing or email):

- Cancellation prior to January 1, 2024: full refund (minus any of our Non-refundable Service Fees).
- Cancellation between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024: $150 pp Cancellation Processing Fee plus all of our Non-refundable Service Fees
- Cancellation between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025: $300 pp Cancellation Processing Fee plus all of our Non-refundable Service Fees
- Cancellation between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026: $600 pp Cancellation Processing Fee plus all of our Non-refundable Service Fees
- Cancellation on or after January 1, 2027: You forfeit your 30% deposit plus all of our Non-refundable Service Fees
- Cancellation on or after March 1, 2027: You forfeit 70% of your payments
- Cancellation on or after May 1, 2027: No refunds

Air and/or pre- and/or post-Event bookings, including but not limited to extra hotel nights you have requested, are subject to the same cancellation fees cited above.

If the Event is canceled by Insight Cruises for any reason, Insight Cruises shall incur no liability beyond the refund of all Event participants’ payments received. However, if Insight Cruises must cancel for reasons beyond its control, including but not limited to weather, disease, strikes, acts of God, pandemics, acts of terrorism or war, Insight Cruises’ liability shall be limited to a refund of only those portions of the Event cost Insight Cruises is able to recover from suppliers.

If you cancel, 50% of any/all cancellation fees you are assessed can be applied to any future Insight Cruise event.

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE COSTS

- Six (6) nights onboard the m.s. Hawaiie and two (2) nights in the Pavilion on the grounds of the Sofitel
- All meals are included (excluding breakfast on your day of arrival and lunch and dinner on your day of departure) — and are provided on the cruise for six days plus two days in the Sofitel
- Open bar at our six (6) cocktail parties, if you elect to add on our cocktail-party package.
- WiFi internet access onboard.
- Two bottles of water provided each night.
- Services of professional/Egyptology guides, if you elect to add on our TOURING Package.
- Services of two Insight Cruises tour managers.
- All land transportation between our hotels and the places we will visit/tour, if you elect to add on our TOURING Package.
- Entrance fees (some of which are $1,000+, for a group, plus “gifts” for official gatekeepers) to all sites as listed in the second row of buttons.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

- Any/all Non-refundable Service Fees including the $175 pp Booking Service Fee.
- Insight Cruises’ “tour-leaders’” gratuities ($60 pp).
- Government and hotel taxes (as of July 1, 2020, these taxes are $265 pp but these are subject to change)
- Airfare and transfers (to/from the airports).
- Onboard gratuities (for the cabin steward and dining room staff, $15 pp, per day; i.e., $90)
- Sofitel gratuities (for the hotel and dining room staff, $25 pp, per day; i.e., $50 pp for the two nights in the Sofitel)
- Activities not specifically included in the second row of buttons

The TOURING Package is $2,050 pp as an optional add-on.
- The LECTURES Package is $1,250 pp as an optional add-on.
- Wines and liquors, mineral waters, and food and beverages not on the regular menu of included meals.
- Our cocktail-party package ($210), which includes a 90-minute, open-bar, cocktail party for all six evenings
- Accident, baggage, and Trip Cancellation and Interruption insurance.
- Items of a personal nature, including the spa in the hotel, laundry services, etc.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. A Passport, valid through February 15, 2028, is required. All travel documents such as passports, visas, proof of citizenship, etc., that are required for you to make the trip are the responsibility of the passenger. Non-U.S. citizens are asked to check with government agencies, embassies or consulates to determine documentary requirements.

Please see the Exit, Entry & Visa Requirements area for the U.S. State Department’s information on Exit/Entry Requirements for U.S. Citizens. You will be denied boarding without proper proof of citizenship and without all necessary visas. For non-U.S. citizens, the CIBT International Entry Requirements form, here (https://citibvisas.com/health-requirements/login=insightcruises), will provide the info you need.

Along with many thousands of American travelers, we rely on CIBTvisas for our visas (we are not affiliated with CIBTvisas, we are simply happy customers).

TRIP CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

Please carefully consider buying this or other travel insurance.

We’ve never had a guest cancel because they won the lottery or had a brilliant stroke of fortune. More often than you would expect, we have had guests cancel because of pre-event illnesses, sports injuries, broken bones, death in the family, unexpected surgery, emergency surgery, stolen passports, and general family uproar. Life does throw curves. Spare yourself financial disappointment if your trip must be cancelled or is interrupted.

Currently, we offer two options. Both will reimburse you 100% up to a maximum trip cost for covered reasons — assuming you have insured the full cost of your trip:

- For U.S. residents of all ages, we recommend CSA’s G-906 product.
- For all non-U.S. residents we recommend Abroad Insurance.

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CSA G-906. Unlike most trip interruption and cancellation insurance policies, you can purchase CSA G-906 up to 24 hours prior to the Final Payment Date and still be covered for pre-existing conditions (granted that you are fit to travel at the time of purchase).

- To review the CSA brochure
- To download the Description of Coverage
- Get a CSA quote and purchase the insurance

Abroad Insurance. Abroad Insurance is the only insurance plan that we can offer for all our international (non-U.S.) participants.

- To review the brochure
- Get a quote and purchase the insurance

NOTES: Trip Cancellation Insurance payments are rarely refundable. Cancel-for-any-reason coverage varies slightly, carrier to carrier, based on the level of penalty when you cancel. CSA does not offer Cancel-for-any-reason coverage. Typically, if you cancel at the last possible moment, with cancel-for-any-reason coverage you are only likely to get between 70% and 80% back.

HOTEL ADD-ONS. Additional pre- and/or post-Event hotel stays are available through Insight Cruises. The rate varies so please call for a price. Since the hotel will be sold out, upgrades at check-in will not be offered.

ALL ABOUT AIRFARE. Airfare from all major cities, worldwide, is available from us. We offer excellent, personalized, customized air (and hotel services) should you wish it. There are two other very good options in addition.

1) You can book the air yourself. If you want to shop for your own air, we recommend http://www.kayak.com. Or book directly with your preferred airline.

2) You can reach out to our air supplier directly:
   - CRC Travel, c/o Alison Bastianelli
     2105 North Southport Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614
     773-525-3800 ext 25, alison@crctravel.com

3) If you would like deluxe, personalized, and customized service with regard to your travel, Insight Cruises can provide this. There are two tiers to our service fees.
   - We charge a flat $100 fee plus $100/hour to assist you with your itinerary. We often need to compare a lot of flights and options, ultimately providing you with the best, most comfortable flights while balancing expense.
   - Once your itinerary is set, we charge $150 pp to purchase the tickets — if you would like us to do that. But because you now know the exact flights, dates, itineraries, and costs you can easily purchase the tickets yourself, if you wish, thus saving this $150 pp fee.

   Be certain to confirm all air flights 72 hours prior to departure.

   We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets since departure times and flights can change. Neither Insight Cruises nor Insight Cruises’ partners, co-producers, sponsors, or agents accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased independently in conjunction with Insight Cruises’ events.

   Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant (Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance typically provides you with an allowance to buy replacements for your trip.) Most homeowners policies, and most airlines, cover your lost luggage.

ITINERARY CHANGES. The order of our activities, on any given day, may vary from the description based on traffic and/or other considerations. Please note that extreme weather conditions may force changes to the advertised schedule. Insight Cruises reserves the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in Insight Cruises’ judgment, conditions warrant, or if Insight Cruises deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of our participants.

PHOTOGRAPHY. Participants on Insight Cruises Events may be photographed for educational and promotional purposes.

SMOKING POLICY. Smoking is not allowed aboard buses or during any indoor group activity.

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If any participant chooses not to participate in any included activity or meal, there will be no refund for that unused portion of the Event. If any participant leaves or is removed from the Event, a refund only for refundable unused services shall be made.

Sky & Telescope and Insight Cruises reserve the right, without penalty, to decline to accept any person as a participant. Insight Cruises reserves the right to require any participant to withdraw, at the participant's own expense, from the event at any time, when such action is determined by Insight Cruises' staff to be in the best interests of the health, safety, or general welfare of the group or the individual participant. Insight Cruises will then refund the recoverable portion of the total amount paid that corresponds to the cost of unused services and/or accommodations, if applicable. Sky & Telescope and Insight Cruises accept no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets to the Event starting city and return. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

Dates, schedules, and program details, although provided in good faith based on information available at the time of publication of this website, are subject to change and revision. Neither Insight Cruises or Insight Cruises’ partners, co-producers, sponsors, or agents accept liability for cancellation penalties or change fees related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased independently in conjunction with Insight Cruises’ events.

Proof of current Covid vaccination is required to participate in this Event.

AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ANY APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT MUST AGREE TO THE STATEMENT SET FORTH HERE: The undersigned has read carefully the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer set forth above, the schedule of activities for this Event, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the Event brochure and/or these webpages, and recognizes and accepts any risk associated with the Event and the conditions, including the refund policy, set forth above. The undersigned further acknowledges that there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel, including but not limited to the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of nature, force majeure, acts or omissions of foreign governments, terrorism, civil unrest, war or insurrection, theft, illness, disease, strikes, and damage to person or property due to the negligent acts or omissions of Event staff or others. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in the Event, the undersigned, on behalf of him or herself, his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agrees to release Insight Cruises and its officers, employees and agents, from liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss suffered by any person in connection with this event, even if caused by the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of event staff or other related persons or entities. In addition, by registering for this event, the applicant certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this Event.

BY REGISTERING FOR THIS TOUR, THE PARTICIPANT AGREES TO THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT AND LIABILITY DISCLAIMER AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN. THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.