

TARKINGTON TRAVEL PRESENTS:
DELUXE TOUR OF EGYPT
FEBRUARY 13 – 22, 2009

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 –

Depart Indianapolis with Delta flight # 5395 to New York (JFK), leave at 1:00PM arrive at 3:09PM. Connect with Egypt Air **nonstop nonsmoking** flight # 986 to Cairo, leave at 6:30PM.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - CAIRO

Arrive Cairo at 12:15PM. Upon arrival in Cairo you will be met by **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** Egypt representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

We guarantee a Pyramid View room at the Garden Wing

Our hotel the **MENA HOUSE** is an historic, Arabian style, royal hunting lodge dating back 100 years set on 40 acres at the base of the pyramids. Facilities include 6 restaurants, nightclub, 2 lounges, casino, pool, tennis courts, gym and golf course. Its 520 rooms are equipped with central air-conditioning, phones, minibar, satellite TV, 24 hour room service. www.oberoimenahouse.com

In the evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner in view of the illuminated Pyramids.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – CAIRO

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Your private Egyptologist / tour guide and driver will pick you up at 8:30AM to start your tour.

Drive to **Giza** and visit the **Pyramids**. See the Great Pyramid, a royal burial chamber, the Valley Temple, and the Sphinx. Then visit the **Solar Boat**, one of the most amazing Pharaonic discoveries.

Continue to **Memphis**, capital of the Pharaohs during the Old Kingdom. Visit the recumbent statue of Ramesses II and the 80-ton Alabaster Sphinx.

Lunch en route. Continue to **Sakara** to see the prototype of the pyramids, the Step Pyramid, built for the 3rd Dynasty Pharaoh Djoser by the exalted architect Imhotep.

Continuing south, visit the Pyramid of **Dahshour**. King Senefru, father of King Cheops, built this Pyramid, also known as the Red Pyramid, approximately 4,600 years ago. Many scholars consider it to be more glorious than the Great Pyramid of Cheops.

Return to Cairo and visit the Papyrus Institute on the way to your hotel for overnight.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - NILE CRUISE (Luxor) (B,L,D)

You will be met by a **Ya'lla Tours USA** representative and transferred to the airport for your flight from Cairo to Luxor. Upon arrival, you will be met by **Ya'lla Tours USA** representative and transferred to your Nile cruise vessel, **Nile Festival**, for lunch. After lunch, begin touring with a visit to **Karnak Temple**, called by some "the Temple of Temples." It is the largest place of worship ever built. Its ancient name Ipet-isut means "the most sacred of places." The temple, or, more correctly, the complex of temples, was built over more than two thousand years by generation after generation of pharaohs. Within the complex, the great "Hypostyle Hall" is an incredible forest of giant pillars covering an area larger than the whole of Notre Dame Cathedral. Then visit the graceful **Temple of Luxor** built by Amenhotep III and Ramesses II for ritual and festivals and dedicated to the god Amun.

Return to your cruise for dinner and overnight on board.

Our Nile Cruise, **NILE FESTIVAL**, is a brand new very deluxe vessel fully equipped to cater to your every need. There are 62 standard cabins and 4 suites all with a wide window, telephone, mini bar, air conditioning, safety deposit box and plasma screen satellite TV. Cruise facilities include a restaurant, lounge bar, sundeck bar, internet access, sauna, massage room, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, open air gym and gift shop. This cruise is about 72 meters long.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - NILE CRUISE (Edfu) (B,L,D)

After breakfast onboard, cross to the West Bank of the Nile and visit the wondrous **Valley of the Kings**, a vast city of the dead where the magnificent tombs of 62 pharaohs have been discovered. The tombs were carved deep into the desert rock, richly decorated and filled with treasures for the afterlife of the pharaohs. Visit several of the tombs. Next, visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**. This beautiful monument to the reign of the only female pharaoh rises out of the desert plain in a series of terraces and merges with the sheer limestone cliffs that surround it.

On the way back to your Nile cruise, stop at the famed **Colossi of Memnon**, two 66ft, 1 thousand ton statues of Amenhotep III. These colossal statues were known by the ancient Greeks to emit haunting voices at dawn. Though damaged by nature and ancient tourists, the statues are still impressive. Return to your cruise and set sail for Edfu. The afternoon is at leisure. Lunch and dinner on board.

Overnight at Edfu.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – NILE CRUISE (Aswan) (B,L,D)

After breakfast on board, set out by horse-drawn carriage to visit the **Temple of Horus**, the most perfectly preserved of all the Nile Temples. Horus, also known as Haroeris, was the falcon-headed solar war god. Return to your cruise vessel by carriage and sail to Kom Ombo. Visit the **Temple of Sobek**, the crocodile-headed god of fertility and creator of the world. The temple stands at a bend in the Nile where, in ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board. Sail to Aswan for overnight.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - NILE CRUISE (Aswan)(B,L,D)

After breakfast on board, take a tour of **Aswan High Dam**, Egypt's contemporary example of building on a monumental scale. Next, proceed to the granite quarries which supplied the ancient Egyptians with most of the hard stone used in pyramids and temples. The quarries still hold the **Unfinished Obelisk**, possibly intended as a companion to the Lateran Obelisk, originally at Karnak but now in Rome. It would have weighed over 1,100 tons and would have been the world's largest piece of stone ever handled. Continue by a short motor-boat ride to the **Temple of Philae** on the island of Agilka. The temple was dedicated to Isis, sister/wife of Osiris and patroness of the Ptolemaic rule.

In the afternoon, sail around **Elephantine Island** on a **felucca**, the traditional Egyptian sail boat. Elephantine Island is the largest of the Aswan area islands, and is the site of some of the most ancient remains in Egypt, with artifacts dating to pre-dynastic periods. Elephantine is Greek for Elephant. In ancient times, the island was called Abu or Yabu, which also means elephant. The name may indicate that the island was once a center for the trade of ivory. Continue sailing around **Kitchner Island** (also known as Lord Kitchner's Botanical Garden, Plant Island, Gizirat al-Nabatat, Plantation Island, or Gizirat al-Bustan). Lord Kitchner moved there after being given the island for his campaigns in the Sudan. He imported plants from around the world to create his famous garden. From the river you have a nice view of the Aga Khan Mausoleum, an elegant pink granite structure built in the late 1950's.

Return to your Cruise for dinner and overnight in Aswan.

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After breakfast you will be transferred to Aswan airport for your flight to **Abu Simbel**. Visit the temples that were built over a 25 year span and are one of the most prodigious feats of engineering in Egypt. The entire complex of temples was moved to its present location 90 feet above its old site to protect it from the rising water of the Nile when the Aswan Dam was built in the early sixties.

Fly back to Aswan and connect to your flight to Cairo.

You will be met by **Ya'lla Tours USA's** representative and transferred to your airport hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **SOFITEL EL GEZIRAH**, totally refurbished in 2007, is located on the southern tip of El Gezira Island, on the Nile River and in the heart of the business district. It is within walking distance of the Opera House, the renowned Egyptian Museum and government ministries. All 433 guest rooms and suites offer views of the Nile and a balcony, air-conditioning, safe deposit box, mini-bar, radio and satellite TV, phone with voice mail, high speed internet line, tub and shower in bathroom and hair dryer. Facilities and services include 7 restaurants and bars, wifi internet, cash machine, concierge, dry cleaning, safe deposit box, currency exchange, beauty salon, gift shop/news stand, ramp access and facilities for the disabled, fitness center and spa, indoor and outdoor pools and hammam. www.sofitel.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – CAIRO

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Drive to the **Egyptian Museum of Antiquities** for a detailed, guided tour.

Among other fascinating exhibits, see the treasures of the Tomb of Tutankhamen and the extraordinary **Mummies Room**. Over ten mummies, including that of Ramesses II, are displayed in freestanding glass cases in this climate-controlled room. Walk around the mummies and examine them from all angles, gaze into their incredibly well preserved 3000-year-old faces. Leave the museum and enter Old Cairo and walk back in time.

Visit the Old Coptic Church and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. Lunch en route.

Continue to the Mohamad Ali Mosque and the streets of **Khan el Khalili Bazaar**.

Return to your hotel for overnight.

A farewell dinner in a local restaurant

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 -

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You will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight with Egypt Air **non stop non smoking** flight # 985 to New York (JFK), leave at 10:00 AM, arrive at 3:15PM.

Clear US Customs and Immigration and connect with Delta flight # 4969 to Indianapolis, leave at 6:35PM, arrive at 9:37PM.

Price per person in a double room: \$4,350
Price for a single room supplement: \$895

Prices are GUARANTEED for February 2009

PRICE INCLUDES:

- * Round trip economy class airfare from Indianapolis to New York.
- * Round trip economy class airfare from New York to Cairo with Egypt Air.
- * Domestic flights in Egypt: Cairo - Luxor / Aswan - Cairo.
- * Flight and tour to Abu Simbel.
- * 4 nights accommodations with buffet breakfast daily.
- * 4-night Nile cruise with all meals onboard ship, and tours included.
- * All transfers to / from airports and ports.
- * 6 days of touring in an air-conditioned, **private** bus with licensed, English-speaking guide.
- * 2 lunches in Cairo.
- * Dinner by the Pyramids.
- * Farewell dinner in Cairo.
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- * Service and local taxes.
- * **Ya'lla Tours USA, Inc.** exclusive information kit and travel bag.
- * Visa to Egypt.
- * Tips for guide and driver.
- * Tips on Nile Cruise to cover all services on the cruise including meal service, maid and miscellaneous services.
- * Tips for transfer people.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Departure taxes \$280, based on November 2007 tariff.
- * Meals except where indicated.
- * Drinks of any kind.
- * Travel insurance \$319.00 per person, highly recommended.
- * Tips to bellman, (\$1 per piece of luggage handled in every hotel & Nile Cruise).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- * Air schedules are subject to change at any time.
- * You must have a valid **U.S. passport** to enter Egypt. (Must have at least 6 months of validity past your scheduled return date).
- * A \$750 per person deposit is required at the time of the booking. The deposit is FULLY REFUNDABLE up to 90 days prior to departure.
- * Final payment will be due on **November 15, 2008.**
- * All moneys paid to **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** are held in a trust account until paid to our suppliers.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- * The price of the tour is: **\$4,350** per person in a double room based on a minimum of **10** participants in the tour. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc's** control, our suppliers increase the price, **Ya'lla USA Inc.** will adjust the price accordingly.
- * Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket has been issued.
- * Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- * Should the number of participants, **90** days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- * A deposit of **\$750** per person is due as people register for the tour.
- * Final payment is due **90** days prior to the group departure, on **November 15, 2008.**

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- * **For cancellation of 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.**
- * **For cancellation of 44 to 15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.**
- * **For cancellation of 14 days and less prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.**
- * No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will do its best to maintain the content of the tour.

The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your entry date to your travel destination.

For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for update information.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is not included in your tour price.

It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his / hers local health insurance covers you out of the USA. Please contact your insurance carrier for details.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.