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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Tanis & the Temple of Bubastis.
- National Museum, Alexandria Bibliotheca, Pompey's Pillar, Roman Amphitheater.
- Meydoun Pyramid, Kom Aushim Museum, Karanis.
- Tel Amarna. Beni Hassan & Tuna El Gebel.

MAP OF EGYPT



'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
01 February 2022	Drive to Zagazig. Visit Tanis & Bubastis.	Nile Ritz Carlton City/Egyptian Museum view Rooms - Twin/Double & Single	B - L
02 February 2022	Drive to Alexandria; National Museum, Alexandria Bibliotheca, Pompey's Pillar, Roman Amphitheater.	Steigenberger Cecil Alexandria Sea view Rooms - Twin/Double & Single	B - L - D
03 February 2022	Kom Aushim Museum, Karanis	Byoum Fayoum Standard Rooms - Twin/Double & Single	B - L - D
04 February 2022	Meydoun Pyramid / Hawara Pyramid / Lahun	Grand Aton Hotel Standard Rooms - Twin/Double & Single	B - L - D
05 February 2022	Tel Amarna, Tuna El Gebel & Malawi Museum	Grand Aton Hotel Standard Rooms - Twin/Double & Single	B - L - D
06 February 2022	Visit Beni Hassan - Drive to Cairo	InterContinental Citystars Standard Rooms - Twin/Double & Single	B - L
07 February 2022	Departure		B

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Tuesday, 01 February 2022

Drive to Zagazig /Tanis /Bubastis /Drive back to Cairo.

Zagazig

Meals included: Breakfast/Lunch box

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby, Drive to Zagazig; visit Tanis & Bubastis in route.

Just outside the village of San Al Hagar, 70km northeast of Zagazig, are the partly excavated ruins of Tanis, a city known as Djanet to the ancient Egyptians and Zoan to the Hebrews. Some call it the Saqqara of the Delta because of its impressive scale. Although it is not so well preserved as that ruin and only shattered remnants of its temples remain, the statuary, obelisks and stelae scattered across the vast sands here are incredibly atmospheric.



For several centuries, Tanis was one of the largest cities in the Delta, and became a site of great importance after the end of the New Kingdom, especially during the Late Period (747-332 BC).

Lunch box included

Continue to **Bubastis**; Festivals held at the Temple of Bubastis once attracted more than 700,000 revellers who sang danced, feasted, consumed great quantities of wine and offered sacrifices to the goddess Bastet. Khufu and Khafre started building the temple during the 4th dynasty, but additions were made over about 17 centuries. Many fine stelae and pieces of statuary found here have been re-erected in a sculpture garden, while the temple itself (to the right) is now just a pile of rubble.



To the left of the sculpture garden are the slumping mudbrick remains of a palace and the cemetery with five tombs (kept locked) where many bronze statues of cats were found.



Drive back to Cairo, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
 Dinner on your own. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2: Wednesday, 02 February 2022

National Museum /Alexandria Bibliotheca /Pompey's Pillar /Roman Amphitheater.

Alexandria

Meals included: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby and drive to Alexandria, upon arrive; head to **National Museum**, which contains statues, bas reliefs, pottery, jewelry, marble pieces and other artifacts, all of which give you a picture of the grandeur of Alexandria in its Greek and Roman days, also contains some of the Pharaonic statues.



Continue to **Pompey's Pillar**, which is a massive 25-metre high pink granite pillar that measures 9 metres around its girth. When the Christian Crusaders came to Egypt they credited this to Pompeii, however the pillar is in fact all that remains of the very grand Serapeum. The pillar was erected in 297 AD in the centre of the Serapeum for Diocletian, and when the Crusaders came around 100 years later, they destroyed the Serapeum and Cleopatra's library leaving only the pillar standing.

Enjoy lunch together at a special local restaurant

Continue to **The Library of Alexandria**, which was reborn in October 2022 to reclaim the mantle of its ancient namesake. It is not just an extraordinarily beautiful building; it is also a vast complex where the arts, history, philosophy, and science come together. Moreover, the myriad activities it offers have made it a place for open discussion, dialogue, and understanding.



Then to **The Roman Amphitheatre**, which was only rediscovered recently and it is the only amphitheater that the Romans built in Egypt. There are 13 white-marble terraces that are arranged around the arena, and they are in excellent condition. Excavation work is still under way, although the dig has shifted a little to the north of the theatre.



Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Alexandria.

Day 3: Thursday, 03 February 2022
Drive to Fayoum Oasis / Kom Aushim Museum / Karanis.

Fayoum

Meals included: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby, Drive to Fayoum Oasis; visit Kom Aushim Museum & Karanis in route.

Enjoy lunch together in Andrea New Giza Restaurant.

Begin the day by visiting **Karanis** Greco Roman town, the extensive ruins of Karanis are situated near the modern village of Kom Aushim to the north east of Karun Lake and more than 30 km north of Medinet El-Fayoum just on Fayoum - Cairo desert road . The ruins of Karanis at Kom Aushim are among the best preserved, certainly, the most easily accessible, of Ptolemaic / Roman town sites in the Fayoum. Karanis was founded in the third century BC by Ptolemy II to provide lodgings for mercenaries of his army camped in the site. Then it became the largest and most important Greco Roman town in the Fayoum. With an original population of some 3.000 people, Karanis continued to prosper for about seven centuries. It began to decline during the fourth and fifth centuries AD.



Continue to **Kom Aushim Museum**; Located near the ruins of the Ptolemaic town of Karanis, the Kom Aushim Museum houses artifacts that illustrate the daily lives and funerary practices of the ancient inhabitants of the area. The highlight of the collection is a group of examples of the famous Fayoum mummy portraits



Later, you will be transferred to your hotel and check-in.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Fayoum.

Meals included: Breakfast/Lunch box/Dinner

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Checkout after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby, Drive to Minya; visit **Hawara Pyramid, Lahun & Meydoun Pyramid.**

The Pyramid of Hawara was made for Amenemhet III of the 12th Dynasty in ancient Egypt and is located about 9 kilometers east of the oasis of Fayoum. Amenemhet III was the sixth Pharaoh of the 12th dynasty of the Old Kingdom and reigned around 1850 B.C.

The Pyramid of Hawara was built out of brick stones and then coated by limestone.



It is sometimes called the Black Pyramid. When it was still standing, the Pyramid of Hawara was a large structure that was 58 meters high and each side of the base of the pyramid was around 100 meters long.

Continue to Lahun, which is known as the workers' village associated with the Pyramid of Senuret II. The Lahun Pyramid is made of mud brick but consists of an arrangement of stone walls in the core. The stone walls were infilled by mud brick to provide and ensure stability of the brick structure. What makes the Lahun Pyramid stand out from the rest is the fact that its entrance is located south rather than east of the temple. The entrance leads to several complicated corridors that surround the burial room uniquely designed in order to trick thieves. The pyramid sits 48 meters high and the length of the base is 106 meters.

About 30km northeast of Medinat Al Fayoum is the ruin of the first true pyramid attempted by the ancient Egyptians. It began as an eight-stepped structure, with the steps later filled in and an outer casing added to form the first pyramid shell. There were design flaws and, sometime after completion (possibly as late as the last few centuries BC), the pyramid's own weight caused the sides to collapse. Today, only the core stands, though it is still an impressive sight.



Pharaoh Huni (2637–2613 BC) commissioned the pyramid, although it was his son Sneferu who was responsible for the actual building. Sneferu's architects then went on to build the more successful Bent Pyramid and Red Pyramid at Dahshur.

The guard will unlock the entrance of the pyramid, from where steps lead 75m down to the empty burial chamber. Near the pyramid are the large mastaba tombs of some of Sneferu's family and officials, including his son Rahotep and wife Nofret.

Lunch box included.

Later, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
 Dinner at Hotel. Overnight in Minya.

Day 5: Saturday, 05 February 2022
Tel Amarna / Tuna El Gebel / Malawi Museum.

Minya

Meals included: Breakfast/Lunch box/Dinner

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby and head to **Tel Amarna**; where you can see the northern tombs among which Ahmose tomb & Huya tomb. Represents the remains of the capital city newly established (1346 BC) and built by the Pharaoh Akhenaten of the late Eighteenth Dynasty, and abandoned shortly after his death (1332 BC). The name for the city employed by the ancient Egyptians is written as Akhetaten (or Akhetaton—transliterations vary) in English transliteration. Akhetaten means "Horizon of the Aten". The area is located on the east bank of the Nile River in the modern Egyptian province of Minya, some 58 km (36 mi) south of the city of al-Minya, 312 km (194 mi) south of the Egyptian capital Cairo and 402 km (250 mi) north of Luxor.



Proceed to **Tuna El Gabal** where you can see the tomb of Petosiris, Ibis catacombs & Isadora tomb (This tomb goes back to the 2nd century AD and belongs to Isadora the renown for her beauty in the city of Hermopolis).



Lunch box included.

Continue to the **Mallawi Museum** in Al-Minya Governorate has reopened, following a three-year interval after it was ransacked in 2013 and a costly renovation. Many of the looted pieces have been recovered and are back on display.

The renovation, funded by Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities, the Al-Minya Governorate and the Italian government, cost LE10 million, and the inauguration ceremony was performed by Minister of Antiquities Khaled El-Enany.

In August 2013, the museum was pillaged during the violent incidents throughout Egypt after the former president Mohamed Morsi was ousted. One member of the museum staff was killed and almost all of the artefacts on display were stolen, including jewellery, shabti figurines, statues, pottery, papyri, gold coins and wooden coffins. Of the museum's 1,089 artefacts 1,049 were reported missing while artifacts that were too heavy for vandals to carry away were damaged in situ. Most of the artefacts have been retrieved and many were returned by locals when Egyptian authorities promised a small reward and that no criminal charges would be brought against them.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight in Minya.

Day 6: Sunday, 06 February 2022

Beni Hassan / Drive to Cairo.

Cairo

Meals included: Breakfast/Lunch box

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Check out after breakfast.

Meet your guide at the lobby, Drive to Cairo; Visit Beni Hassan Necropolis in route.

Beni Hassan; The necropolis of Beni Hasan occupies a range of east-bank limestone cliffs some 20km south of Minya. It is a superb and important location and has the added attraction of a rest house, although these days it is only occasionally open for drinks; you should bring your own water and food. Most tombs date from the 11th and 12th dynasties (2125-1795 BC), the 39 upper tombs belonging to nomarchs (local governors). Many remain unfinished and only four are currently open to visitors, but they are well worth the trouble of visiting for the fascinating glimpse they provide of the daily life and political tensions of the period.



Lunch box included.

Upon arrive Cairo; you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 7: Monday, 07 February 2022

Final Departure.

Cairo

Meals included: Breakfast

Buffet breakfast at hotel or "breakfast box". (Depends on your flight time)

Check out after breakfast.

Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Cairo Airport.

Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures and formalities.

Wishing you a wonderful Trip

Albany Museum of Arts
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City	Hotel /Cruise	Dates		Category
Cairo	Nile Ritz Carlton	February 01 – February 02	1	City view room
Alexandria	Cecil	February 02 – February 03	1	Sea View room
Fayoum	Byoum	February 03 – February 04	1	Standard room
Minya	Grand Aton	February 04 – February 06	2	Nile view room
Cairo	Intercontinental City Stars	February 06 – February 07	1	Standard room

Rates:

	From 10 paying passengers
Per person in Double/Twin	USD 3,150.00
Per person in Single	USD 3,450.00

Supplement for Nile Ritz Carlton:	
Nile view room for 1 night ... Per person in Double/Twin	USD 40.00
Nile view room for 1 night ... Per person in Single	USD 80.00

Rate includes:

- All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily
- Land transportation per program by private Mercedes Bus
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers from Cairo Airport to hotel and vice versa
- All sightseeing and excursions, including entrance fees per program
- Meals included as per program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Private English-speaking guide throughout program
- Water provided in bus during all visits transfers and all included meals
- **Gratuities to local guide, hotels, drivers, and restaurants staff during included meals**
- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available

Rate excludes:

- International airfare between the U.S and the start and the end point of the trip
- Pre or post tour services
- Egypt entry visa fees
- Medical and trip interruption insurance; evacuation costs
- Food or beverages not included in group meals
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, excess package fees, photo/video expenses inside sightseeing or museums (where allowed)
- Other items not expressly listed as included
- **Travel insurance for medical AND political reasons**

Important Notes:

- Prices are based on a minimum group size of **ten paying participants** and are subject to increases if the number of paying passengers is fewer than ten

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Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

Payment Schedule

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| • \$350 | Deposit | Per person | Due on Confirmation |
| • Final Payment | | Per person | Due December 01, 2021 |

Cancellation Policy

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| ○ 25% Cancellation fees | From December 01 – December 15, 2021 |
| ○ 50% Cancellation fees | From December 16 – December 30, 2021 |
| ○ 100% Cancellation fees | From December 31, 2021 |

A full refund will apply in case of "Force Major"

Force Major is identified as acts of God, war and revolution, acts of terrorism preventing travel to Egypt, natural disasters happening within Egypt and not outside the country.

In the following cases,

- Covid-19 infection for a client
- Closing borders in USA or Egypt

Money will be fully refunded excluding the penalty of the internal flight tickets USD 90.00 per person.

Current entry requirements to Egypt

- All passengers travelling to Egypt with direct flight from United States MUST be in possession of negative PCR test (72) hours (before departure time of the last direct flight to Egypt).
- Exception is made for passengers travelling from the United States via (Japan/China/Thailand/North America/South America/Canada/London (Heathrow)/Rome/Paris/Frankfurt/New Zealand/Australia) as a connection PCR test will be 96 hours before departure time.

Required

- **For arrival required Original Printed Negative PCR**
OR
- **Vaccination certificate with QR code**
- The medical certificate must be issued and stamped by an accredited laboratory, and indicate the type of sample taken for the swab, and must be written in Arabic or English
- Arriving passengers will have their temperatures checked
- Everyone must fill out a Public Health Card
- Travelers departing Egypt to countries that require a PCR test can conduct the test at an authorized labs and the **cost is US \$ 140 or equivalent in Egyptian pounds**
All the above SOP's are subject to change based on the pandemic situation and governmental measures

The submitted PCR certificate will be accepted if it meets these requirements
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- It includes the hour and the date of sampling, which is the date on which the 72 hours will be counted.
- Issued by an authorized accredited laboratory and stamped with the laboratory's stamp OR with a QR code "instead of the laboratory stamp" and does not contain scraping, cancellation or addition.
- Indicating the type of sample taken for the swab.
- Indicating that the type of test is (RT - PCR).
- Certificate is accepted in Arabic, English or French language.
- The RT-PCR certificate must be an original paper certificate (Copy is not allowed).

Payment through bank wire transfer for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

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Account Number: 16258

Swift: EXDEEGCXXX

Phone: 202-22-777-003 Fax: 202-22-774-553

Payment by Credit card for DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

- 3% to be added to the per person rate (Credit card fees)
- Needed:
 - Credit Card holder name
 - Cell phone number
 - Email address

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