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VOYAGE ROYALE PLUS PETRA & SANTA KATARINA EXTENSION

TOUR ITINERARY 2011
12 Days/11 Nights

Day 1



Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport you will be met, assisted through Immigration & Customs, and then escorted to your selected hotel.

Day 2



Cairo

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Today's sightseeing takes you to the fabulous **Egyptian Museum of Antiquities**. Regarded as one of the most prominent in the world, it offers visitors remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history dating back 5000 years. The priceless antiquities include **King Tut's Treasures** -- a spectacle beyond belief! We also visit **Cheops' Pyramid** one of the **Seven Ancient Wonders of the World** and the **Sphinx**, the great god-lion sentinel, built over 35 centuries ago. **(BL)**

Day 3



Karnak Temple, Luxor

Cairo / Luxor - Cruise

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival you will be escorted to your floating hotel for the next 5 days as you **cruise up-the-Nile**. Cross the Nile to Luxor's West Bank, where you'll explore the astonishing and extensive **New Kingdom city of "Thebes"**. Sightseeing includes the **Valley of the Kings** where some 64 of Egypt's Pharaohs have their palatial resting places hewn into the sheer rock. See the **Colossi of Memnon**, two huge seated statues of Amenhotep III. After lunch, you will visit Luxor and **Karnak Temples**, a holy city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues and obelisks built over many centuries and dedicated to the God Amon-Ra, his consort Mut, and their son Khonsu. **(BLD)**

Day 4



Edfu Temple

Luxor / Edfu - Cruise

Early morning, sail to Edfu via Esna lock. Overnight in Edfu. **(BLD)**

Day 5



Temple in Komombo

Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan - Cruise

An exhilarating carriage ride takes you through town to the **Temple of Horus**, the Falcon God. Continue sailing to Kom Ombo to visit the Graeco - Roman style **Temple of Sobek**, the Crocodile God. Standing serenely on a hilltop, the site offers an incredible view over the Nile. Then sail to Aswan. **(BLD)**

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Day 6

Aswan

Aswan - Cruise

Morning sightseeing includes **Aswan's High Dam**, the ancient **Granite Quarries**, and the **Temple of Philae**. After lunch we sail around **Elephantine Island**, the **Botanical Gardens**. **(BLD)**

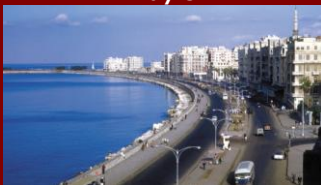
Day 7

Cairo

Aswan / Abu Simbel* / Cairo

Disembark after breakfast. Transfer to Aswan Airport for your flight back to Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your Cairo hotel for overnight. **(B)**

Passengers who purchased the "Abu Simbel" excursion will fly from Aswan to this dramatic site to admire the magnificent **Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. They were moved up the hillside to keep them from destruction by flooding from the Nile when the High Dam was built forming Lake Nasser, then fly back to Cairo.*

Day 8

Alexandria

Cairo

Day at leisure or an optional excursion to Alexandria or Memphis, Sakkara, Old/Islamic Cairo **OR takes the fabulous extension to St. Katherine & Petra. (B)**

Day 9**Cairo**

Transfer to airport for your departure flight home. **(B)**

(B)- Breakfast**(L)**- Lunch**(D)**- Dinner*Note: All itineraries are subject to change***VOYAGE ROYALE "PLUS" PETRA & SANTA KATHARINA ITINERARY**

This outstanding popular program is a true classic. It is designed to give the traveler with limited time, a superb introduction to the civilization of Ancient Egypt. It focuses on the Nile and its importance to the people. Extend your stay by taking the extraordinary extension to the fortified Monastery of Santa Katharina at Mount Sinai, and Petra, Jordan's most exciting site. We highly recommend it!

Day 8

Taba

Cairo/Taba

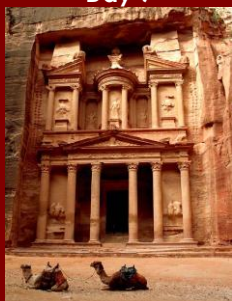
Depart to Taba via the Sinai Desert. High Granite Mountains and deep chasms form landscapes that in places look like the surface of the moon. There are fertile green oases where Bedouin tribesmen bring their sheep and camels for water. Your imagination will be captured by the biblical traditions of its ancient past where Moses led the 12 tribes of Israel from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land Jebel Musa, the Mount Sinai of the Old Testament, is where Moses received the Ten Commandments from Jehovah. Overnight at the International Taba Heights. **(BD)**

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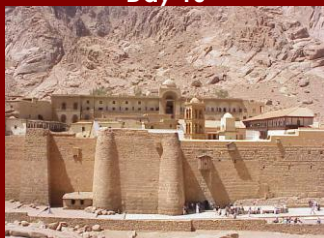
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Day 9

Petra

Taba/Petra/Taba

Today we cross by ferry from Taba to Aqaba and proceed by motorcoach to visit **Petra**, Jordan's most exciting site. It was carved out of the craggy rock mountains south of the Dead Sea by the Nabataean traders more than 2000 years ago. Walk through a narrow defile or sig; the sudden view of the spectacular Khazneh or **Treasury** is dramatic. Time permitting; see the gigantic Deir or **Monastery**, the High Place and the Roman-styled Palace Tomb. Late afternoon we return to Taba for overnight. **(BLD)**

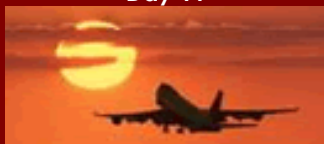
Day 10

Santa Katharina Monastery

Taba/Santa Katharina Monastery/Cairo

Early morning return to Cairo via St. Katherine. Visit the **Santa Katharina Monastery**. The Monastery is an isolated holy place of rich treasures. The fortified monastery has sheltered Christian monks since the Sixth Century, when it was built on the order of Emperor Justinian. It is at the foot of Jebel Musa on the traditional site of the Burning Bush, a part of the Greek Orthodox Church. The Church contains the great Mosaic of the Transfiguration of Christ, numerous icons and sacred art treasures. The Monastery's Library is considered second in importance only to the Vatican Library. Overnight at your selected hotel plan. **(B)**

NOTE: Please dress conservatively when visiting St. Katharina Monastery Chapel. Entry is at the discretion of the resident monks. We might be refused entry without notice.

Day 11**Cairo**

Transfer to airport for your departure flight home. **(B)**

(B)- Breakfast**(L)**- Lunch**(D)**- Dinner*Note: All itineraries are subject to change***Dates**

LO SEASON	May 1 – September 25, 2011 (Tour ENDS September 25, 2011)
HI SEASON	September 26, 2010 to April 30, 2011 except holidays (Tour ENDS Saturday April 30, 2011)
HOLIDAYS & PREMIUM	December 19, 2010 to January 5, 2011 – April 17 – April 30, 2011

Rates

Category	TWIN			SINGLE		
	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS
4* SUPERIOR						
Swiss Inn (Pyramids)	\$842	\$912	\$1130	\$400	\$436	\$512
Horizon (Pyramids)	\$842	\$912	\$1100	\$383	\$418	\$453
Triumph (Heliopolis)	\$842	\$912	\$1048	\$383	\$418	\$418
NILE SYMPHONY CRUISE						

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5* STANDARD						
Sheraton Dream (Pyramids)	\$900	\$1042	\$1365	\$348	\$418	\$618
Novotel El Borg (Center)	\$936	\$1077	\$1389	\$371	\$442	\$595
Sheraton Cairo (Center)	\$1030	\$1171	\$1548	\$295	\$365	\$518
PREMIUM NILE CRUISE						
5* DELUXE						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$1112	\$1253	\$1630	\$548	\$618	\$871
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$1130	\$1271	\$1630	\$530	\$600	\$830
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis)	\$1195	\$1336	\$1659	\$624	\$695	\$900
PREMIUM NILE CRUISE						
5* DELUXE						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$1324	\$1418	\$1877	\$689	\$736	\$1012
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$1342	\$1436	\$1877	\$671	\$718	\$971
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis)	\$1406	\$1500	\$1900	\$765	\$812	\$1042
PLATINUM NILE CRUISE						
5* DELUXE						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$1295	\$1583	\$2277	\$765	\$906	\$1342
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$1318	\$1600	\$2277	\$748	\$889	\$1300
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis)	\$1383	\$1665	\$2306	\$842	\$983	\$1371
SONESTA NILE GODDESS MOVENPICK ROYAL LILLY						
5* DELUXE						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$1618	\$1900	\$2571	\$948	\$1089	\$1512
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$1636	\$1918	\$2571	\$930	\$1071	\$1471
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis)	\$1700	\$1983	\$2600	\$1024	\$1165	\$1536
SONESTA ST. GEORGE SHIP						
5* PREMIUM (Nile View)						
4 Seasons Nile Plaza (Ctr)	\$3059	\$3348	\$3936	\$2618	\$2759	\$3318
SONESTA STAR GODDESS						
Premium Hotel Rates Are Subject To Availability And Review At Time Of Booking Supplements						
. ST. KATHERINE & PETRA EXTENSION: \$724 per person (2 pax minimum) \$88 single supplement						
. INTER-AIR (Y Class): \$365 <i>subject to change at airline discretion.</i>						
. ABU SIMBEL EXCURSION FROM ASWAN: \$277 <i>subject to change at airline discretion.</i>						
. ONE PASSENGER TRAVELING ALONE Add: \$165 + Single Supplement						

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. PRIVATE TOURS & TRANSFERS IN CAIRO, LUXOR, ASWAN ADD: \$95 per person – 2 pax min. (<i>Shore Excursions Excluded</i>).
. SOUND & LIGHT “GIZA” PYRAMIDS & SPHINX ADD: \$36 per person – 2 pax min.
. DINNER CRUISE ONBOARD THE NILE MAXIM INCLUDING SHOW ADD: \$77 per person – 2 pax min.
. FULL DAY TOUR MEMPHIS, SAKKARA, OLD AND ISLAMIC CAIRO ADD: \$89 per person – 2 pax min.
. OVERDAY ALEXANDRIA INCLUDING VISITS AND LUNCH ADD: \$159 per person – 2 pax min.
. HOT AIR BALLOON: \$159
. COMPULSORY HOLIDAY DINNER MAY APPLY: Xmas Eve; New Year’s Eve; Easter – cost varies from \$120 to \$240 per dinner.

Price Includes: Airport transfers; Accommodations; Meals as indicated BLD; Guided sightseeing & entrance fees as per itinerary.

Additional Information:

- **Touring in Cairo** is based on shared seat in a van. Private touring available on request.
- **Cruise Shore excursions**, shared with other English Speaking passengers onboard. Private guide available on request
- **Shore excursions** are at the discretion of the cruise line. Description provided may be altered or changed. Refer to the Ship lobby bulletin Board for the final daily cruise itinerary schedule.
- **Egyptair** is the only major airline within Egypt. Their internal flights are generally very early morning and late evening. Be prepared for flight cancellation; delay; change of schedule; overbooking condition; too many or too little flights. therefore, your cooperation and understanding are very much appreciated.
- **Beyond our Control:** During certain times of the year, hotels and cruise ships may overbook. If so, we reserve the right to substitute accommodations within the same or higher category. We also reserve the right to change the sequence of the itinerary and internal flight schedule should local conditions necessitate. Onsite passenger(s) will be attended to at all times.

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