

Divine Journeys

Expand your soul, Explore the divine

PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT

November 14th - 26th 2025

Evolution of the Soul Journey to Egypt with Cheryl Aarts

Cairo / Giza Pyramids / Egyptian Museum / Aswan / Dendera / Sakkara / Kom Ombo / Edfu / Luxor / West Bank / Old Cairo / Great Pyramids King's Chamber

INCLUDED

EXCLUSIVE & PRIVATE VISIT TO ISIS TEMPLE,

GREAT PYRAMIDS, & SPHINX

DAY 1: FRIDAY, NOV. 14TH ARRIVAL TO CAIRO / OPENING CIRCLE / WELCOME DINNER:

Arriving at Cairo International Airport, *Divine Journeys* representative will welcome you home, guiding you through customs and passport control. As you settle into your hotel, feel the ancient energy of Egypt stirring within you, take time to rest and prepare for the journey ahead. In the afternoon, we gather for our *Opening Circle*, where we share stories, set intentions for our spiritual exploration and together we invoke the ancient spirits of this land, igniting the flames of transformation within our souls then we head for our *Welcome Dinner* surrounded by the warmth of newfound connections and enjoying local Egyptian dishes.

(Dinner) (Overnight in Cairo)

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DAY 2: SATURDAY, NOV. 15TH EGYPTIAN MUESEUM AND SACRED HARMONY IN OLD CAIRO

Today we embark on a soulful journey to uncover the hidden treasures of the **Egyptian Museum** and explore the spiritual essence of Old Cairo. Our first destination is the revered Egyptian Museum, a sanctuary of ancient wisdom and mystical artifacts. Here, amidst the timeless relics of pharaohs and gods, we immerse ourselves in the profound teachings of the past. Guided by the whispers of ancient scribes and the wisdom of the ages, we delve deep into the mysteries of Egypt's rich heritage, allowing the ancient artifacts to ignite the flame of enlightenment within us. With each step, we encounter artifacts that transcend time and space, bridging the gap between the earthly realm and the divine. From the serene beauty of the Nefertiti bust to the awe-inspiring grandeur of the mummified pharaohs, each exhibit serves as a portal to the spiritual realm, inviting us to connect with the eternal wisdom that lies within. Leaving the museum behind, we venture into the heart of *Old Cairo*, where the echoes of ancient prayers and sacred chants reverberate through the labyrinthine streets. Here, amidst the timeless beauty of Islamic and Coptic architecture, we find solace in the presence of divine grace. Guided by the teachings of ancient mystics and enlightened masters, we explore the sacred sites of Old Cairo, including the historic *Ibn Tulun Mosque* and the serene beauty of the *St. Sergi* **Church**. As we wander through the ancient courtyards and sacred halls, we open our hearts to the divine presence that permeates every corner of this sacred space. In the quietude of Old Cairo, we find sanctuary for our souls, a place where the veil between the material and spiritual worlds grows thin. With each breath, we draw closer to the source of all creation, awakening to the infinite possibilities that lie within us. As the day draws to a close, we gather for a moment of reflection, allowing the sacred energy of Old Cairo to wash over us, renewing our spirits and guiding us on our journey of spiritual awakening. With hearts full of gratitude and minds open to the divine, we bid farewell to this sacred city, knowing that its timeless wisdom will continue to inspire and illuminate our path. (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 3: SUNDAY, NOV. 16TH JOURNEY INTO THE SACRED: SPHINX PRIVATE VISIT AND EXPLORING SAKKARA

Today Experience a transcendental journey through time with a **private sunrise visit to the enigmatic Sphinx**, where the golden rays of dawn cast an ethereal glow upon this timeless guardian of ancient mysteries. As the sun ascends above the horizon, illuminating the majestic silhouette of the Sphinx, immerse yourself in the sacred stillness of this iconic monument, basking in the spiritual energy that permeates the air. We then return to our hotel for breakfast.

Our journey then continues at the *Step Pyramid of Djoser* in Sakkara, a marvel of architectural innovation and spiritual significance. Standing in the shadow of this monumental structure, we are transported back in time to the dawn of civilization, where the aspirations of pharaohs and the wisdom of the gods intertwined. Guided by the whispers of the ancients, we wander through the labyrinthine corridors and sacred chambers of the Step Pyramid, immersing ourselves in the mystical energies that permeate these ancient grounds. With each step, we feel a deep connection to the divine, as the secrets of the pyramid reveal themselves to those who seek wisdom with an open heart. As we explore the inner chambers of the pyramids, we are reminded of the eternal nature of the soul and the journey of transformation that awaits us beyond the confines of this earthly realm. With each breath, we attune ourselves to the rhythms of the universe, finding solace and strength in the timeless wisdom of the ages.

We then stop by the *Imhotep Museum*, dedicated to the legendary architect and physician whose innovative spirit shaped the landscape of ancient Egypt. Here, amidst the artifacts and relics that bear witness to Imhotep's legacy, we gain insight into his visionary contributions to art, medicine, and architecture, honoring his enduring influence on Egyptian civilization.

As the day draws to a close, we gather in quiet contemplation, reflecting on the profound insights gained during our pilgrimage to Sakkara. With hearts full of reverence and gratitude, we carry the light of ancient Egypt within us, knowing that our journey into the sacred has only just begun.

(Breakfast, Lunch) (Overnight in Cairo)

DAY 4: MONDAY, NOV. 17TH WINGS OF DREAMS: FROM CAIRO TO LUXOR

Today we fly out of Cairo to the ancient city of Luxor, known as the "world's greatest open-air museum." After a short flight, arrive in Luxor, where history and culture converge amidst breathtaking landscapes and majestic monuments. In the early evening, we visit *Luxor Temple*, a breathtaking masterpiece of ancient architecture illuminated by the soft glow of torchlight. As we step through its hallowed halls and storied courtyards, we are transported back in time to a world of pharaohs and gods, where myth and reality intertwine in a mesmerizing dance. Under the starlit sky, we wander amidst the towering columns and towering obelisks, marveling at the intricate hieroglyphs and timeless symbols that adorn the temple walls. With each step, we uncover the secrets of Luxor's

glorious past, from its legendary rulers to its divine patron deities. As the night unfolds and the temple's ancient stones whisper tales of bygone eras, we pause to reflect on the timeless beauty and profound spirituality of this sacred site. As evening descends, immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of *Luxor's markets*, where the air is filled with the aroma of exotic spices and the sounds of bustling activity. Wander through stalls adorned with colorful textiles, intricate handicrafts, and tantalizing local delicacies, offering a glimpse into the rich tapestry of Egyptian life. Engage with friendly vendors, haggle for souvenirs, and soak in the lively ambiance of this ancient city's bustling marketplace. As the day transitions into night, savor the enchanting sights and sounds of Luxor, a city steeped in history and brimming with timeless charm.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 5: TUESDAY, NOV. 18TH JOURNEY OF THE SOUL: EXPLORING ANCIENT MYSTERIES ON THE WEST BANK

As the first rays of sunlight illuminate the ancient land of Egypt, we embark on a sacred pilgrimage to the temple of Dendera. With hearts open to the whispers of the divine, we set forth on a journey of spiritual awakening and enlightenment. Our first stop is the Temple of Hathor at **Dendera**, a sanctuary dedicated to the goddess of love, beauty, and joy. As we enter the temple's sacred precincts, we are enveloped by a sense of peace and tranquility, feeling the presence of Hathor's loving embrace all around us. Guided by the gentle guidance of our spiritual mentors, we explore the temple's intricately carved reliefs and towering columns, each telling a story of ancient wisdom and divine grace. With each step, we draw closer to the heart of Hathor, allowing her nurturing energy to awaken the dormant seeds of love and joy within our souls.

After lunch, we set out on our visit to the West Bank of the Nile, where the secrets of Egypt's past lie waiting to be discovered. Our journey begins amidst the silent guardians of the *Valley of the Kings*, where pharaohs of old sought to unlock the mysteries of the afterlife. With each step into the depths of the earth, we are drawn into the realm of the divine, guided by the whispers of ancient spirits and the promise of eternal wisdom. Next, we venture to the majestic *Temple of Medinet Habu*, where the spirit of Ramses III still lingers amidst the towering pillars and sacred sanctuaries. Here, amidst the intricate carvings and hieroglyphs that adorn the temple walls, we uncover the stories of gods and pharaohs, weaving a tapestry of myth and legend that spans the ages. This sacred site offers a truly exclusive experience, as we are granted rare access to marvel at its intricate artwork and vibrant murals. As we immerse ourselves in the exquisite details and divine scenes adorning the walls, we are reminded of the unparalleled legacy of one of ancient Egypt's most revered times. Before returning to our Dahabeya, we pause to pay our respects to the towering *Colossi of Memnon*, guardians of the Theban necropolis and silent witnesses to centuries of history. Here,

midst the stillness of the desert, we reflect on the fleeting nature of mortal life and the enduring power of the human spirit.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19TH KARNAK TEMPLE, SEKHMET CHAPEL & JOURNEY OF ILLUMINATION

As the first light of dawn gently illuminates the towering columns of *Karnak Temple*, we gather at this sacred site to embark on a journey of spiritual awakening. With each step through the ancient halls, we immerse ourselves in the timeless energy of this revered sanctuary, where the divine presence is palpable. Guided by the whispers of ancient wisdom, we explore the sacred precincts of Karnak, where the gods once walked among mortals and the echoes of their footsteps still resonate. Amidst the grandeur of the Great Hypostyle Hall and the serenity of the Sacred Lake, we connect with the universal truths that transcend time and space. As the sun rises higher in the sky, casting a golden glow over the temple complex, we pause to reflect on the profound mysteries of existence. With hearts open and minds attuned to the divine, we offer prayers of gratitude and reverence, honoring the spirits of the ancients who have walked this path before us. We go back to our cruise ship to have breakfast, relax, and enjoy our sailing to Edfu.

We continue our sailing till we arrive to Edfu to embark on a truly special experience and as we step back in time to explore the ancient wonders of *Edfu Horus Temple*. We make our way to this majestic sanctuary dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Entering the temple grounds, we are enveloped in an atmosphere of mystique and reverence, the air alive with whispers of ancient rituals and sacred chants. With the spirits guiding our path, we wander through the towering pylons and imposing colonnades, marveling at the intricately carved reliefs that adorn the temple walls. As we delve deeper into the heart of the temple, our senses come alive with the sights and sounds of ancient Egypt. We pause to admire the colossal statue of Horus, his watchful gaze, and imagine the ceremonies that once took place in this sacred space. With each step, we uncover the secrets of Edfu Temple, from its hidden chambers to its sacred inner sanctum. Here, amidst the ancient stones and towering columns, we feel a profound connection to the divine, as if the spirits of the pharaohs themselves walk beside us.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 7: THURSDAY, NOV. 20TH SAILING RELAXING DAY

Today, picture yourself sailing gently along the tranquil Nile, the timeless beauty of Egypt's countryside unfolding around you. The river's soft ripples echo the soothing rhythm of nature, while warm

breezes carry the scent of authenticity and freshness of the riverbanks. As you glide past small, picturesque villages, you spot farmers tending their fields, children playing by the shore, and the serene life of the countryside embracing you with its simplicity. The golden sunlight dances on the water, inviting you to relax and take in the serene, timeless beauty of the Nile. A day spent in perfect harmony with nature, allowing your soul to unwind in the magic of Egypt's sacred waters.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 8: FRIDAY, NOV. 21ST DELVE INTO THE MAJESTY OF THE DUAL TEMPLES

As the gentle breeze carries us along the sacred waters of the Nile, our ship becomes a vessel of spiritual awakening. With hearts open to the mysteries of the past, we set sail towards the temple of *Kom Ombo*, a sanctuary of duality and divine harmony. As we approach the temple, bathed in the soft glow of twilight, we feel a sense of reverence wash over us. Guided by the wisdom of our knowledgeable guides, we step ashore and enter the sacred precincts of Kom Ombo, where the ancient gods of Sobek and Horus await our presence. With each step, we are enveloped in the timeless energy of this sacred site, where the forces of light and darkness converge in perfect balance. As we explore the temple's chambers and courtyards, we are reminded of the eternal dance of creation, where opposites unite to form the fabric of existence. We continue to enjoy a leisurely sail down the tranquil waters of the Nile towards Aswan, soaking in the breathtaking scenery along the way. At the evening, we wander through the vibrant *Aswan market*, where the air is filled with the aroma of spices and the hustle and bustle of local vendors. Lose yourself in the maze of stalls offering colorful textiles, handmade crafts, and exotic souvenirs, and experience the authentic vibrancy of Egyptian culture. As the day unfolds, embrace the relaxed pace of life in Aswan, allowing yourself to unwind and rejuvenate amidst the captivating ambiance of this enchanting city.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 9: SATURDAY, NOV. 22ND SUNRISE PRIVATE VISIT TO PHILAE ISIS TEMPLE & SAILING JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF ANCIENT WISDOM:

As the first rays of dawn gently illuminate the sacred waters of the Nile, we embark on a spiritual pilgrimage to the mystical *Philae Isis Temple*. Nestled amidst the tranquil beauty of its island sanctuary, this ancient temple beckons us to awaken our souls to the divine presence that dwells within. Gathering at the water's edge, we offer prayers of gratitude to the goddess Isis, the divine mother whose nurturing embrace envelops us in love and compassion. With each breath, we attune our spirits to the harmonious rhythms of the universe, surrendering to the transformative power of the sacred sunrise. As the sun ascends above the horizon, casting a golden glow upon the temple's

sacred precincts, we step onto the hallowed grounds with reverence and awe. Guided by the gentle whispers of the morning breeze, we explore the temple's sacred chambers and sacred hieroglyphs, seeking wisdom and enlightenment in every intricate detail.

In the presence of Isis, the eternal goddess of magic and wisdom, we open our hearts to receive her blessings, allowing her divine light to illuminate our path and guide us on our spiritual journey. With each step, we feel a deep sense of connection to the ancient mysteries that lie within us, awakening to the eternal truths that transcend time and space. We then leave carrying with us the sacred memories of this transformative experience and return to our Dahabeya for breakfast.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 10: SUNDAY, NOV. 23RD A DAY AT ASWAN

Spending a day in Aswan is like stepping into a timeless oasis of beauty and tranquility. Begin your day with a visit to the original majestic Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, where the serene setting on an island in the Nile will leave you in awe.

End your day as you reflect on the enchanting sights and experiences that Aswan has to offer. Soaking in the natural beauty and connecting with the warm-hearted locals, Aswan is a place where the past and present beautifully intertwine.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Private Dahabeya)

DAY 11: MONDAY, NOV. 24TH FLY TO CAIRO

After enjoying our breakfast and enjoying a soothing and calming morning. We head to the airport to take our short flight back to Cairo. Boarding our flight, we soar above the ancient land, feeling the presence of the gods guiding us on our way. Arriving in Cairo, we are greeted by its energy of this vibrant city, where the ancient and the modern converge in a harmonious dance. Here, amidst its busy streets and towering minarets, we find moments of quiet reflection and spiritual renewal, knowing that the journey of the soul continues wherever we may roam.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) (Overnight in Cairo)

DAY 12: TUESDAY, NOV. 25TH INITIATION DAY - GREAT PYRAMIDS & FAREWELL

As the golden rays of the morning sun pierce through the veils of time, we embark on a sacred pilgrimage to the mystical *Great Pyramids*, a sanctuary of ancient wisdom and divine grace. Here, amidst the timeless echoes of the past, we gather for a private ceremony, honoring the sacred spirits of the land and invoking their blessings upon our journey. With hearts open and spirits attuned

to the rhythms of the earth, we offer our prayers to the heavens, seeking guidance and illumination on the path ahead. Entering the hallowed halls of the Great Pyramid, we ascend to the King's Chamber, a sacred space where the veil between the worlds grows thin. Here, in the presence of ancient gods and celestial beings, we undergo a profound initiation, a rite of passage that transcends the limitations of the physical realm and opens the gates to higher consciousness.

In the evening, as our journey nears its end, we gather on our integration day, enveloped in reflection and introspection. Sharing profound insights in a sacred circle, we weave our personal transformations and forged connections into a tapestry of collective experience, transcending time and space. Amidst flickering candlelight and gentle evening embrace, gratitude fills our hearts for the shared journey. Breaking bread and sharing laughter, we honor our shared experiences' richness and profound impact. And as the final night descends, we gather for a farewell dinner, celebrating forged friendships, overcome challenges, and profound growth. Though our paths may diverge, memories and bonds remain etched within, guiding us forward with newfound wisdom and grace.

(Breakfast, Dinner) (Overnight in Cairo)

DAY 13: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26TH DEPARTURE DAY

Today as our journey draws to a close, we say farewell to the enchanting land of Egypt, our hearts heavy with the weight of cherished memories and profound experiences. With each step towards the airport, we carry with us the echoes of ancient prayers and the whispers of the Nile breeze, etched into the very fabric of our souls. As we board our departing flights, we carry not just luggage, but a treasure trove of spiritual insights and cultural riches accumulated throughout our time in this sacred land. Though we may leave Egypt physically, its essence remains forever imprinted upon our hearts, guiding us on our continued journey of self-discovery and spiritual growth. As we return to our homes, may we carry with us the spirit of Egypt — a spirit of resilience, wisdom, and boundless wonder. And may the memories of our time here serve as a beacon of light, illuminating our path as we navigate the complexities of life's journey. Though our time in Egypt may have come to an end, the magic and majesty of this ancient land will forever linger in our hearts, reminding us of the timeless truths that unite us all in the grand tapestry of existence. Farewell, Egypt, until we meet again.

(Breakfast)

Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances or Governmental reasons beyond our control

What's Included:

- ❖ Private Visit to the Sphinx
- ❖ Private Visit to the Great Pyramids
- ❖ Private Visit to Philae Temple
- ◆ Greet and assist at all airports and cities in Egypt
- ◆ Unmatched English-Speaking Egyptologist who provide insights into Egypt's history &
- ⋄ mythology
- ◆ World-class English-Speaking Tour Manager throughout the whole pilgrimage
- ❖ Entrance fees to all included sites and temples
- ◆ Domestic flights
- ◆ Transportation in private air-conditioned coaches for excursions and transfers
- ◆ Accommodations in hotels
- ◆ Daily breakfast at the hotel
- ◆ All mentioned meals in the itinerary
- ❖ Welcome Dinner
- ◆ Farewell Dinner
- ♣ Free nonalcoholic drinks on board of the Dahabeya sailing cruise
- ◆ Gratuities for tour guide, Egyptologist, drivers, temple guards, boat staff, luggage handling in
- ◆ Hotels and airports and other service providers
- All taxes, fees, and service charges associated with the package

What's Excluded:

- ◆ International airfare
- ❖ Visa fees
- ◆ Travel insurance
- A Personal expenses such as souvenirs, laundry, and telephone calls
- ◆ Optional activities or excursions not included in the itinerary
- ◆ Meals and beverages not specified in the tour package
- ◆ Additional transportation or transfers not specified in the itinerary
- ❖ Entrance fees to attractions or sites not included in the tour package
- Any additional accommodations or services beyond what is outlined in the tour package

Hotels & Accommodations:

- ⋄ 5 nights at Hyatt Regency Cairo West Hotel or Similar
- 7 nights on a Private Dahabeya Cruise

Exchange: All prices below are listed in USD Dollars.

- Souble (Shared) Room Early Bird Price: \$7,444.00 USD
- Souble (Shared) Room after 21st January, 2025: \$7,777.00 USD
- **Single Room Supplement:** \$1,820.00 USD (Please note: The Single Room Supplement applies ONLY for those who would like to secure a private room throughout the tour.)
- ◆ Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,111.00 USD is required to secure your registration.

Payment Plan:

\$1,111.00 USD ~ Deposit – Due at Registration \$3,333.00 USD ~ Second Payment – Due 31 March 2025 \$3,333.00 USD (\$3,000 for Early Bird) ~ Final Payment – Due 30 June 2025

Payments:

For Canadians, payments can be made via US Cash, US Cheques or Bank Drafts. For those who live outside of Canada, I accept Wire Transfers, and Bank Drafts. For those in the US, I will accept Cheques and Bank Drafts in USD.

Roommates:

We will be happy to try to find a suitable roommate for those who are traveling alone and would like to share a twin-bedded room. An early registration will facilitate the possibility of your being matched with a roommate.

NOTE: The pricing is current and correct at the time of postings here on our website. Should any increases occur due to suppliers increasing their prices, the amount of the increase will be passed on to the client, with no added commission for Willow Roots (Cheryl Aarts).

Payment Plans:

Monthly Payment Plans are available upon Request. The total amount for this Monthly Payment Plan must be paid in full by 15 September 2025.

Cancellation Policy:

- ♣ If any participant cancels 60-90 days prior to the arrival, they will be charged a \$2500 USD cancellation fee.
- ♣ If any participant cancels 45-59 days prior to the arrival, they will be charged a \$3500 USD cancellation fee.
- ♣ If any participant cancels 0-44 days prior to arrival, they will be charged the full payment of the package with no refund.
- ♣ If any participant cancels after the rooming list has been sent and the domestic tickets have been issued, the domestic ticket fees are non-refundable and the participant will be charged \$375 USD cancellation fee

Registration Link: https://forms.wix.com/r/7220108785140891658

VISA & PASSPORT REGULATIONS

- so It is a MUST that all passports MUST be valid for at least 6 months from arrival date.
- It is a MUST that all passport holders of the following nationalities to obtain their own visas from Egyptian Embassy or Consulate located in his or her own countries prior to arrival to Egypt:
- ★ Europe: Bosna Bella Russia Moldavia Armenia Georgia Kazakhstan Uzbekistan Azerbaijan Kosovo
- ★ Asia: Turkey China Afghanistan Philippine Sri Lanka Thailand Pakistan India Indonesia Iran Israel Vietnam
- ◆ Africa: All African countries
- North America: Canada



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VISA APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

For Canadian Citizens
(Not Canadian citizens of Egyptian Origin)

- Visa Application (Note: A new application form will be provided on October 1st, 2023)
- 2- Passport (Original)
- 3- 2 Passport Photos
- 4- Copy of Travel Itinerary/Booking
- 5- 150 CAD (Cash or Money Order) For Single Entry (or 205 CAD for Multiple Entries)

Application can be submitted IN PERSON or BY MAIL

IN CASE of MAIL, Please use A CERTIFIED COURIER ENVELOPE TO SEND all documents along with a CERTIFIED PREPAID RETURN ENVELOPE to mail back the passport once VISA is issued.

Processing Time is 2-3 weeks



Address of the Embassy in Ottawa 454 Laurier Avenue East Ottawa ON K1N 6R3

Address of the Consulate General in Montreal 1800 McGill College Avenue, Suite 900, Montreal, QC H3A 3J6

No E-Visa will be issued for Canadians, as of Oct 1, 2023.

For Holders of an E-Visa Issued Before October 1, 2023;

It is possible to enter Egypt throughout the validity period of the e-visa, even if it extends beyond October 1, 2023.