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Tomb of Ramesses VI,
Valley of the Kings

ABSOLUTE EGYPT

with 3 nights aboard private, 8-cabin *dahabiya* sailing vessels

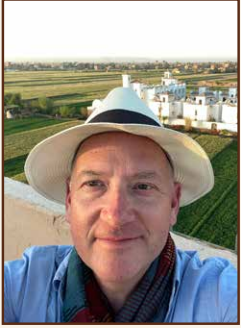
February 18 - March 7, 2025 (18 days | 16 guests)

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey



Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host



Since 1993, **Stephen Harvey** (Ph.D., U. of PA) has been Director of the Ahmose and Tetisheri Project, which centers on excavation of the monumental complex of King

Ahmose at Abydos, under the aegis of the Pennsylvania-Yale-Institute of Fine Arts, NYU Expedition to Abydos. Steve's fieldwork in and around the pyramid complex of Ahmose (ca. 1550-1525 B.C.) has provided important new insight into temple architecture and decoration at the outset of Egypt's New Kingdom. He has been working on archaeological projects in Egypt (including at Giza and Memphis) since 1987, and has also worked on projects in the U.S., Syria, and Turkey. Steve has been consulted on and interviewed for a number of television documentaries for NOVA on PBS, the History Channel, National Geographic, and the Travel Channel (among others). In 2013-14 and 2008-09, he lectured on the Archaeological Institute of America's national circuit. Steve has also been a lecturer on many study tours to Egypt sponsored by major U.S. and UK institutions. Since 2002 he has accompanied 22 AIA tours of Egypt, plus AIA Tours land programs in Jordan and Sudan, and an AIA-sponsored cruise from Jordan to Cyprus via Egypt and Lebanon.

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Dear traveler,

This itinerary is carefully crafted to provide discerning travelers with the finest Egypt tour available. Our 18-day program is the most in-depth exploration of ancient Egypt's greatest sites, combining all the best attributes of a small-group, all-inclusive, well-paced, luxury trip.

- Learn with a distinguished and engaging American scholar plus a wonderful local Egyptologist and an excellent tour manager. This trio has been receiving accolades for many years.
- Travel with a maximum of just 16 guests plus your trio of leaders.
- Enjoy the best accommodations, including 13 nights at luxurious, 5-star hotels in Giza, Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan; and a three-night Nile cruise aboard a comfortable, eight-cabin *dahabiya* (traditional Nile sail boat).
- Meet with excavators and conservators, including behind-the-scenes visits, when possible.
- Discover the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel:
 - If it is open, spend two full days exploring the Grand Egyptian Museum that is scheduled to open in 2024.
 - See the amazing Giza pyramids and Sphinx as well as Saqqara's Step Pyramid of Djoser and the closed-to-the-public Tomb of Wah Ti.
 - Explore the astounding temple complex of Karnak as well as Luxor Temple, plus spectacular royal mortuary temples and tombs in the Valleys of the Kings and Queens, such as those of Seti I and Nefertari.
 - Visit the remarkable Temple of Hathor at Dendara as well as Abydos, one of the oldest and most important cities in ancient Egypt, where Steve Harvey, your AIA lecturer, has been working since 1993.
 - Cruise the Nile from Esna to Aswan aboard an eight-cabin sail boat, away from the convoys of large riverboats, so that we visit remarkable temples without the typical crowds. From the spacious top deck, observe timeless pastoral scenes of feluccas, farmers, herders, and village life.
 - Fly to Abu Simbel to visit the stunning and enormous rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and Nefertari.

This is the most inclusive and fascinating introduction to Egypt available. It is limited to just 16 guests, so I urge you to reserve your space today.

Sincerely,

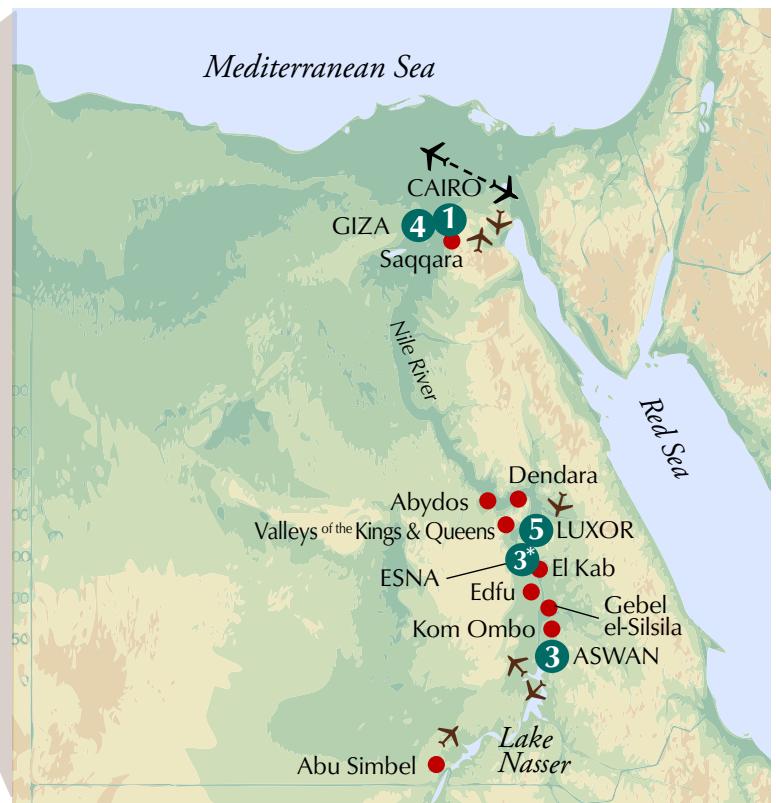
Lauren Cummings
Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours
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EGYPT

- # = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- ✈ = International flights
- ✈ = In-program flights

* Nile cruise aboard private, 8-cabin dahabiya sailing vessels

ITINERARY



(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)= Reception, (D)= Dinner



"[Highlights were] the intense engrossment into Egypt's ancient history, sites of antiquity and culture, with the expertise of Steve and [our guide] to explain everything, not just walking through and taking pictures like 90% of the other tourists were doing. Steve's lectures were excellent and insightful to support the excursions."

- Stephen, Alaska

Tuesday, February 18, 2025: Depart home

Wednesday, February 19: Arrive Cairo, Egypt | Private transfer to hotel in Giza

You will be met upon arrival at Cairo's airport and transferred to Giza's historic *Mena House*, a palatial hotel set amid forty acres of gardens, with magnificent views of the adjacent Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops). Gather for dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Marriott Mena House](#) hotel in Pyramid View rooms for four nights.* (D)

Thursday, February 20: Giza Plateau | Welcome reception and dinner

Spend the morning exploring the Giza Plateau, including the Great Pyramid of Khufu; Eastern Cemetery, with its vibrantly-decorated mastaba of Meresankh III; mortuary temple of Khufu; timeless Sphinx; and nearby Valley Temple of Khafra. After lunch at a nearby restaurant we return to our hotel. This evening we gather for a welcome reception and dinner with our three expert trip leaders: AIA lecturer/host, Egyptology guide, and tour manager. (B,L,R,D)

Friday, February 21: National Museum of Egyptian Civilization OR the Grand Egyptian Museum | Dinner at the Grand Egyptian Museum

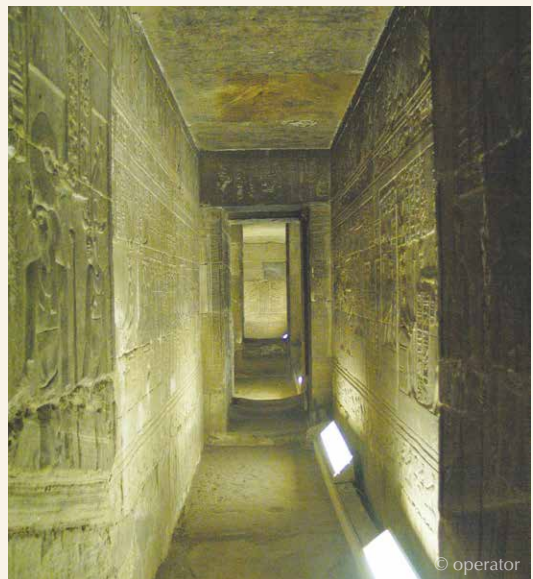
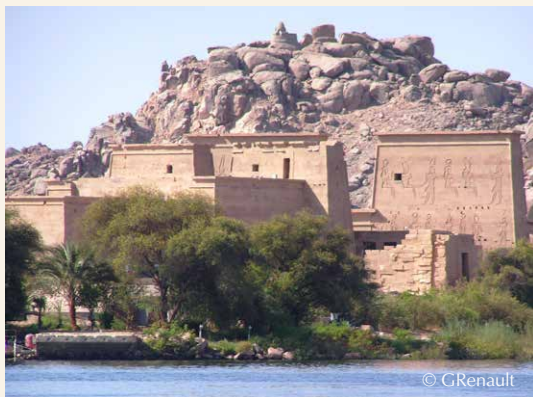
We will visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC), which opened in 2017, housing materials from all periods of Egyptian archaeology, including the Gallery of Royal Mummies. Alternatively, if the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) is open, we will visit it instead to see Tutankhamun's funerary collection, colossal statues of Ramesses the Great, and more. This evening we will gather for a special dinner inside the GEM, and have access to its gardens and Grand Hall. (B,L,D)

Saturday, February 22: Saqqara | Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Centre

This morning we visit the Imhotep Museum on our way into the extraordinary necropolis at Saqqara, where we see the Step Pyramid of Djoser; the pyramid and causeway of Unas; the mastaba of the "two brothers," Nyankhkhnum and Khnumhotep; and (pending permission) the closed-to-the-public, 5th-dynasty Tomb of Wah Ti. We return to the *Mena House* hotel for time at leisure to relax, and enjoy a lecture and dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, February 23: Egyptian Museum or the Grand Egyptian Museum | Fly to Luxor

We will spend a full day visiting the historic and renowned Egyptian Museum (formally known as the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities) to see treasures of the pharaohs, including magnificent artifacts from the royal tombs of Tanis. Alternatively, if the Grand Egyptian Museum is open, we will see more of the GEM's collections not seen on Friday. After our museum visit, we transfer



Above, from top: Temple of Isis at Philae; When possible, we see ongoing excavations and conservation work such as cleaning glyphs in the Temple of Khonsu at Karnak; Passageway at Dendara; Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari

to the airport for our evening flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, we check-in and enjoy dinner at our historic, luxurious hotel located on the banks of the Nile in the city center, near Luxor Temple and the bazaar. We stay in the original and more luxurious wing that has hosted royalty and celebrities for over a century. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel \(Old Wing\)](#) for five nights.* (B,L,D)

Monday, February 24: Karnak | Luxor Temple

A short drive through town brings us to Karnak, the world's largest temple complex (built over the course of two thousand years), where a generous amount of time is scheduled for exploring this astounding and immense archaeological site. Our visit will include Karnak's Open-Air Museum, which has on display many newly reconstructed buildings. We return to our hotel and enjoy lunch and some time at leisure. Before dinner we visit the adjacent Luxor Temple, which is illuminated to striking effect. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, February 25: Valley of the Kings | Deir el Bahari

In the Valley of the Kings, our morning exploration includes several royal tombs, including the legendary Tomb of Tutankhamen and the spectacular Tomb of Seti I. Continue on to the stunning mortuary temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari, including the Third Terrace Sanctuary of Amun with its beautifully preserved painted decoration and two newly opened sanctuaries featuring representations of Senenmut, Hatshepsut's architect. Return to our hotel and then gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, February 26: At leisure in Luxor OR Full-day trip to Abydos & Dendara

Today is a full day at leisure in Luxor or, alternatively, you may join a long day trip to see two magnificent ancient sites, Abydos and Dendara. AIA lecturer Stephen Harvey has worked since 1993 at Abydos, one of the oldest and most important ancient cities in Egypt. See one of the oldest standing massive brick structures in the world, an early Temple of Osiris with hundreds of stelae, the spectacular Temple of Seti I with seven chapels with exquisite reliefs and where was discovered the "Abydos King List"—the long, invaluable list of pharaohs. After lunch we begin our return drive to Luxor, stopping en route at the Temple of Hathor at Dendara, which has recently been extensively restored, revealing its startlingly well-preserved painted astronomical ceiling and reliefs. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Thursday, February 27: Valley of the Queens | Deir el Medina | Tomb of Ramose | Luxor bazaar

Spend the morning in the Valley of the Queens, where we gain access to the touching Tomb of Khaemwaset, a young son of Ramesses III; and the Tomb of Nefertari, often called the most beautiful tomb in Egypt. Continue on to Deir el Medina, the ancient village of the workers who built the pharaohs' tombs, where we visit the beautifully preserved and decorated tombs of Sennedjem and Inherkhau. Our last visit on the west bank is the Tomb of Ramose—the highest official (vizier) to serve the pharaohs Amenhotep III and Akhenaten. We return to our hotel and, before dinner, those who are interested may join us to explore the bustling Luxor *suq* (bazaar). (B,L,D)

Friday, February 28: Luxor Museum | Esna | Embarkation

This morning we visit Luxor Museum, one of the best museums in Egypt, and then drive to Esna to visit the recently restored temple of Khnum, with its wonderful astronomical ceiling with previously unknown names of ancient Egyptian constellations. Embark our sailing vessel, a traditional Nile sail boat called a *dahabiya*, which will be our home-away-from-home for the next three nights. Our group will sail aboard two of these smaller-sized vessels that will travel together and avoid the crowds cruising in a convoy of large Nile riverboats. We enjoy a late lunch as we sail up the Nile. The afternoon is at leisure until we gather for dinner onboard. *Overnight aboard an eight-cabin dahabiya for three nights.* (B,L,D)



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Abydos

Saturday, March 1: El Kab | Edfu | Sailing the Nile

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast onboard before visiting El Kab, one of the oldest settlements of Upper Egypt and now a famous necropolis with remarkable tombs of nobles and army generals. Continue to the city of Edfu for a tour of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus, Egypt's most complete and best-preserved temple. Return to our *dahabiyas* and relax as we sail up the Nile. This evening, enjoy an onboard dinner of Egyptian specialties presented with a performance of local music and dancing. (B,L,D)

Sunday, March 2: Gebel el-Silsila | Kom Ombo | Sailing the Nile

Set out this morning to visit Gebel el-Silsila, located at the narrowest point along the entire length of the Nile. It was the location of a major New Kingdom sandstone quarry and workshop, where artifacts and tombs have been discovered. Sail onward to the twin Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo, including a visit to the magnificent (though small), new Crocodile Museum. Continue cruising to Aswan, and partake in a final gala dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

Monday, March 3: Aswan: Disembarkation, Philae, Nubia Museum

Disembark this morning at Aswan and visit an ancient granite quarry with an unfinished obelisk. Set out on a short boat ride to the island of Philae for a visit of its Temple of Isis, which has been called Egypt's most beautiful temple. After lunch we check-in to our recently renovated hotel on the Nile and then visit Aswan's elegant Nubia Museum, which exhibits many of the more than 3,000 artifacts recovered during the excavations of Nubian sites that were threatened by the construction of the High Dam. We return to the hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan](#) hotel for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, March 4: Elephantine Island | Aswan

Embark *feluccas* (small, traditional sailing vessels) to visit the archaeological site on Elephantine Island. Then we take a motor boat ride through the Nile cataract for lunch at a Nubian restaurant. This afternoon, enjoy a walk through Aswan's *souq*, the most charming and traditional of the markets in Egypt, where one can find interesting Nubian ethnographic items such as baskets, pottery, and scarves that are unique to the Aswan area. We return to the hotel and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, March 5: At leisure in Aswan | Farewell reception and dinner

Today is at leisure, to relax at our luxurious hotel overlooking the famous cataracts of Aswan. Enjoy a final lecture with generous time for Q&A with both Stephen Harvey and our local Egyptology guide. This evening we gather for a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel hosted by our trio of leaders. (B,L,R,D)

Thursday, March 6: Fly to Abu Simbel | Fly to Cairo

Transfer to the airport early this morning for a short flight to Abu Simbel, where we visit the two world famous and fantastic rock-cut temples of Ramesses II (built to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari). Moved when the Aswan High Dam was built, they are a marvel of ancient and modern engineering. Transfer to the airport for a short flight to Aswan and our connecting flight to Cairo, where we check-in to our luxurious airport hotel featuring fully soundproofed rooms. Dinner is at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Méridien Cairo Airport](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

Friday, March 7: Fly home

Check out this morning and enter the airport (our hotel has direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge, as well as a free shuttle to Terminal 2) to catch flights homeward. (B)

"Hands down this was the best organized tour I have taken. The leaders were a joy to be with and our group were the nicest and most inclusive people I have had the pleasure to travel with. I hope to see anyone of the group on any AIA trip again."

- Sandra, Virginia



A statue of Ramesses with his wife at Karnak temple
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Abu Simbel, whose two temples were commissioned by pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century B.C.

Tour Prices Per Person (16 nights)

Double Occupancy (11-16 participants)	\$15,295
Double Occupancy (9-10 participants)	\$16,295
Single Supplement	\$3,995

*With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.
Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*

Additional Upgrade Options in Egypt:

Hotel Package: Our hotels are 5-star, but you may choose to upgrade to suites both in Luxor and Aswan for a total of 8 nights:

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total per person (8 nights)
Sofitel Winter Palace, Luxor (garden view) & Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan	Suites	Double	\$2,835
		Single	\$3,325

Nile River Cruise Upgrade:

Dahabiya (3 nights)	Upgrade to Suite (limited availability)	Total cost per suite (single or double) \$900

Flights and Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Complimentary private transfers in Egypt on arrival at Cairo airport (CAI) are included. In-program flights are included in the prices and will be booked for you. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Stephen Harvey**, plus a professional **tour manager** and a **local guide**
- **16 nights' accommodations** at 5-star hotels and aboard a private Nile sail boat (*dahabiya*)
- **All meals** with non-alcoholic beverages, plus **welcome and farewell cocktail receptions with open bar**
- **All entrance fees** to all sites listed in the itinerary
- **All airport transfers and portage** within Egypt, including a **private transfer** on your arrival day
- **All transportation** in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, **including four in-program flights**
- **Bottled water** during all excursions and motorcoach transfers
- **All gratuities** to local guide, tour manager, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and waiters for included meals
- Comprehensive **pre-departure information**, including what to pack and a suggested reading/media guide

Tour Prices Do Not Include: Passport and Egypt visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; meals and beverages (except as indicated); excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "Eos AIA-EgyptSH2/25." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be made by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. *By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.*



For questions, and to reserve your space, please contact AIA Tours at:

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Luxor

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Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request, and can be viewed online at www.aiatours.org.

The AIA & the AIA Tours Program

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.

"Astounding experience...fabulous leaders."

-Ann, California

What to Expect



MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry. Average daytime temperatures may range from the mid-60s to mid-70s F, and nighttime temperatures may dip into the high 40s F. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



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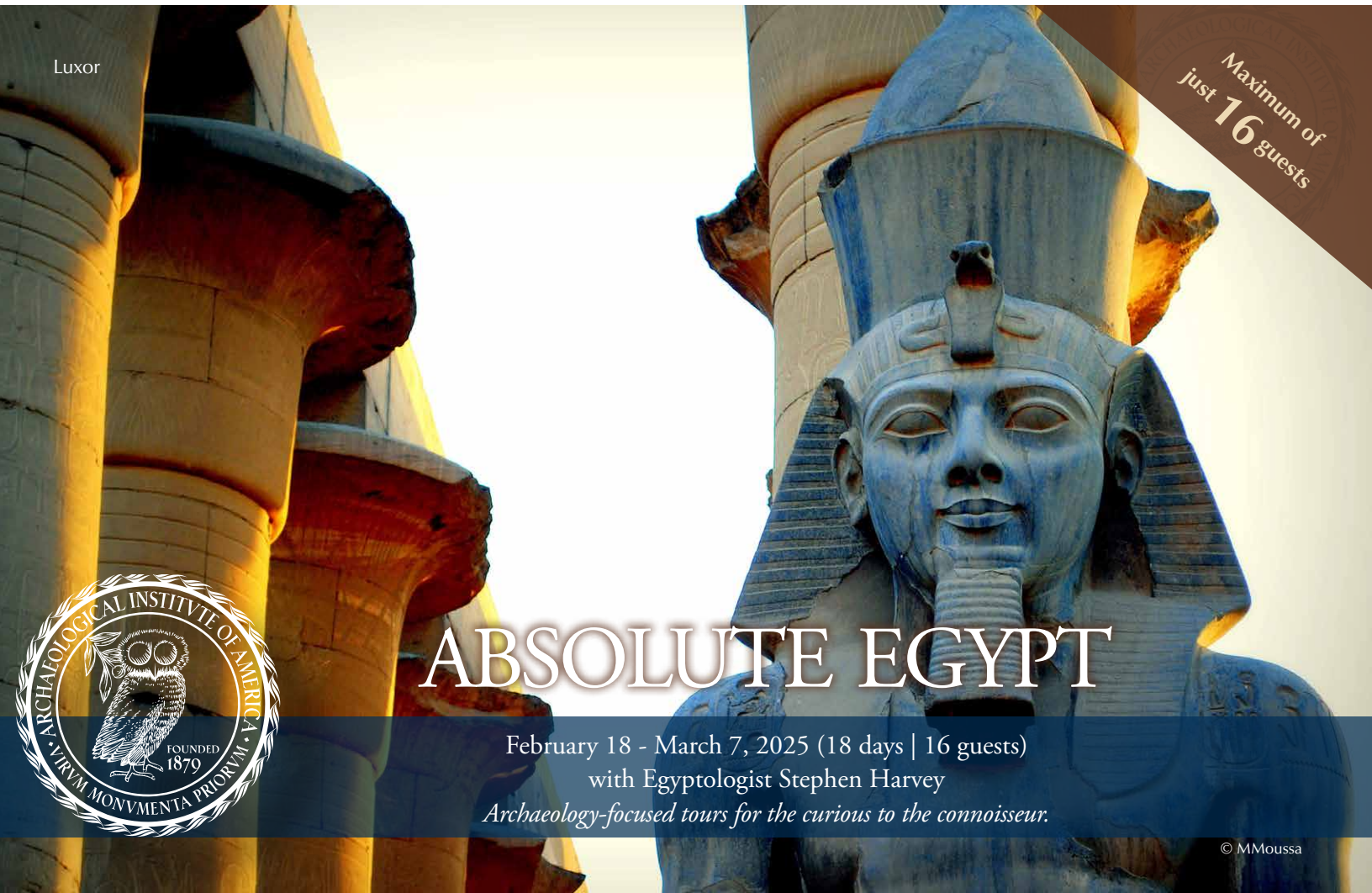
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“I’ve been to Egypt twice before. This tour was more comprehensive. Prof Harvey and [our guide] provided in-depth analyses of the various sites. More hands-on instruction (including actually exploring a recently-excavated cache of mummies). Excellent translation of hieroglyphs that provided greater understanding of tomb and temple reliefs. Mahmoud was more than helpful as manager.”

- Robert, Maryland



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RESERVATION FORM



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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org.

Name 1 _____
(as it appears on passport)

Name 2 _____
(as it appears on passport)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

Email(s) _____ | _____

I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

I/We wish to upgrade my/our room to suites at the *Sofitel Winter Palace* (Luxor) & at the *Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan*.

I/We wish to upgrade my/our room to a suite on the *dahabiya* (limited availability).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

Check payable to: Eos AIA-EgyptSH2/25 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

CC# _____

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Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below.

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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____

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