



Join the Houston Museum of Natural Science on a journey of a lifetime to tour the magical sites of ancient Egypt. Our Royal Tour includes the must-see monuments, temples and tombs necessary for a quintessential trip to Egypt, plus locations with restricted access.

We begin in Aswan near the infamous cataracts of the River Nile. After visiting Elephantine Island and the Isle of Philae, we experience Nubian history and culture and the colossal temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari at Abu Simbel. Our three night Nile cruise stops at the intriguing sites of Kom Ombo, Edfu and Esna on the way to Luxor.

We spend a few days in Luxor to enjoy the Temples of Luxor and Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, Queens and Nobles and the



massive Temple of Hatshepsut. In Cairo we will enjoy the historic

markets and neighborhoods of the vibrant modern city. Outside of Cairo we will visit the Red Pyramid and Bent Pyramid in Dahshur and the Step Pyramid in Saqqara, the oldest stone-built complex in the world. Our hotel has spectacular views of the Giza plateau where we will receive the royal treatment of special admittance to stand in front of the Sphinx and enter the Great Pyramid.

With permission from the Supreme Council of Antiquities of Egypt, our HMNS group has been granted access to visit many archeological sites not open to the general public:

- Interior of the Great Pyramid in Giza
- "Between the Paws" of the Great Sphinx in Giza
- An evening in the Temple of Luxor after other visitors have left
- Excavation of Temple of Khonsu in Luxor
- Excavation in the Valley of the Nobles with the American Research Center in Egypt
- Tomb of Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens
- Tomb of Seti I in the Valley of the Kings
- Private lecture by Dr. Salah El Masekh, Ministry of Antiquities Director of Excavations in Luxor
- Private lecture by Dr. Mostafa Waziri, Secretary General of the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities
- and more!

**Egypt 2020: The Royal Tour**

**\$8,880 HMNS Members Early Bird \***

\$9,130 HMNS Members per person \$9,300 non-members per person  
\$1,090 single supplement

**Optional Alexandria Extension**

\$1,350 per person double occupancy  
\$550 single supplement

**Optional Petra Extension**

\$2,630 per person double occupancy  
\$850 single supplement

**Registration Requires** (page 7)

- Per person nonrefundable deposit:  
\$1,000 HMNS Members  
\$1,500 non-members
- Completed registration form (page 11)
- Copy of your passport
- Final payment due August 14, 2020

Space is very limited.

Itinerary & registration information:

[www.hmns.org/Egypt2020](http://www.hmns.org/Egypt2020)



**\$250 off Members-Only, Early-Bird Registration through November 14, 2019**



We begin the optional post-trip extension to Jordan with a tour of Jerash, one of the world's best-preserved Greco-Roman cities, then on to our resort on the Dead Sea. As rich in history as it is in minerals, human evidence at the Dead Sea dates back approximately ten thousand years. The healing properties of the Dead Sea water have been noted throughout history with Aristotle moved to write about its remarkable waters, Cleopatra recognizing its qualities for cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, and Herod the Great establishing the world's first health resort.

En route to Petra, we will enjoy spectacular views of the Great Rift Valley with stops at significant Biblical sites. Petra was built by the Nabateans 2,000 years ago. From the Siq, the dramatic crack in the orange rock, we enter the fabled Rose City. The ornate buildings carved into pink sandstone mountains include the Treasury, Monastery, Basilica, Theatre and Royal Tombs.

We hope you will join us for this unique opportunity to visit Egypt and Petra with the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

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## Tour Leaders

### **Tom Hardwick, HMNS Consulting Curator of Egyptology**

Tom studied Egyptology as an undergraduate and postgraduate at the University of Oxford. He has worked as Keeper of Egyptology at Bolton Museum in the UK, as a researcher in the Wilbour Library of Egyptology in Brooklyn Museum, and as an Egyptologist in the Grand Egyptian Museum, Cairo, where he now lives. Tom is a specialist in Egyptian art, the history of collecting, and in the forgery of works of art. Joining the staff at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in 2012, Tom curated the Museum's new Hall of Ancient Egypt. A resident of Cairo, Tom lives and works in Egypt and visits HMNS several times a year.

### **Fadel Gad, Tour Leader & Guide**

Fadel Gad, noted Egyptologist and president of Joy Travel International located in Santa Monica, California, has been leading educational tours of Egypt and other countries for more than 20 years. Fadel earned his master's degree in Archaeology, Ancient Egyptology, and Islamic Art at Cairo University. Fadel has held positions with the Egyptian Department of Antiquities and conducted excavations in Lower and Upper Egypt. His field experience includes sites in Fostat, Saqqara, Cellia, and the Monastery of Abo Henes.

### **Special Lecturers**

**Dr. Mostafa Waziri, Secretary General of the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities**

**Dr. Salah El Masekh, Inspector of Ministry of Antiquities, director of excavations at Karnak**

Top Egyptologists will welcome our group and treat us to exciting behind-the-scenes looks at their work. Our group will be special guests at working archaeological sites and will also see conservation efforts in action.

### **HMNS Department of Adult Education**

HMNS trips are designed to include a careful balance of learning, exploration and fun. Destinations selected take advantage of our curator's expertise and the Museum's connections to unique opportunities.



## Tour Itinerary

### **Saturday, Nov 7, DAY 0 – USA**

Departure from USA. *(no meals)*

### **Sunday, Nov 8, DAY 1 – USA / Cairo**

Arrive Cairo and check into Le Meridian—not your typical airport hotel—a resort-style hotel with lovely views of Cairo. A perfect place to land after our overseas flight.

Overnight in Cairo, [Le Meridien Cairo Airport](#) *(no meals)*



### **Monday, Nov 9, DAY 2 – Cairo / Aswan**

We have a relaxed morning to acclimate to the time change before our midday flight to Aswan. In Aswan we will take a horse buggy to explore the Aswan African Market and visit to the Nubian Museum.

Overnight in Aswan, [Mövenpick Resort Aswan](#) *(B, L, D)*



### **Tuesday, Nov 10, DAY 3 – Philae / Aswan / Elephantine Island**

Our morning boat ride will take us to the Island of Philae where we will visit the temple of Isis, dedicated to the mother goddess Isis who gave birth here to her son Horus, god of kingship. The temple was carefully dismantled and moved to higher ground after the completion of the Aswan High Dam. We will visit the unfinished obelisk and the granite quarries where the Egyptians cut stones for their statues and obelisks. In the afternoon, we will sail by feluccas to Elephantine Island, the home of God Khnum. While there, we will also visit the archaeological excavations and the German Institute Open Air Museum. In the evening we take a boat ride to a Nubian village where we will be welcomed by a drum celebration. Dinner will be hosted on a veranda of a Nubian home overlooking the Nile.

Overnight in Aswan, [Mövenpick Resort Aswan](#) *(B, L, D)*



### **Wednesday, Nov 11, DAY 4 – Abu Simbel**

Our group will take a morning drive to Abu Simbel to visit the colossal rock-cut temple of Ramses II and the exquisite temple he built for his wife, Nefertari. On our way we will visit the Tombs of the Governors. In the afternoon we will board our river cruise ship which will be our floating home for the next three nights.

Overnight on *The Nile*, [Esmeralda Nile Cruise](#) *(B, L, D)*



### **Thursday, Nov 12, DAY 5 – Nile Cruise – Kom Ombo / Edfu / Esna**

Early this morning we set sail to Kom Ombo. After breakfast, we disembark to visit the temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the gods, Sobek and Horus. We continue sailing to the city of Edfu. After lunch, horse buggies will roll you through the ancient city of Edfu to the temple of Horus and his consort Hathor. This temple was dedicated to the reunion of the gods and goddesses.

Overnight on *The Nile*, [Esmeralda Nile Cruise](#) *(B, L, D)*

### **Friday, Nov 13, DAY 6 – Nile Cruise – Luxor / Karnak**

After a morning sailing to Luxor we will visit the Temple of Karnak and Open Air Museum at Karnak, followed by the Temple of Luxor. Here we have a private tour of an active excavation site at Karnak's Temple of Khonsu with Egyptologist Dr. Salah El Masekh who is leading the archaeological excavation and conservation project at this site. We return to the Temple of Luxor this evening for an exclusive private tour of the dramatically lit temple after it is closed to the public.

*Overnight in Luxor, [Esmeralda Nile Cruise](#) (B, L, D)*

### **Saturday, Nov 14, DAY 7 – Luxor / Valley of the Kings, Queens, Nobles / Hatshepsut / Deir el Medina**

This morning we check out from our ship *Esmeralda*. In the West Bank of Luxor, we visit the Valley of the Kings. The Valley of the Kings contains the exquisite tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, the Valley of the Queens, and the Valley of the Nobles. By special permission from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, we visit several tombs that are not open to the public—Tomb of Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens and Tomb of Seti I in the Valley of the Kings.

We will lunch at the historic courtyard of the venerable Sheikh Ali Restaurant, the watering hole for all renowned Egyptologists, including Howard Carter who discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Following lunch, we visit the great mortuary temples of Hatshepsut, Ramses II, and Ramses III, as well as the ancient village of Deir el Medina with its extraordinary tombs of the ordinary workers who built the tombs of the Valley of the Kings.

*Overnight Luxor, [Steigenberger Hotel](#) (B, L)*

### **Sunday, Nov 15, DAY 8 – Luxor**

This morning we return to the west bank of Luxor to complete our visit of tombs and temples. With special permission, our group will visit the active excavation of the American Research Center in Egypt at the Valley of the Nobles. This afternoon is free to enjoy the romantic city of Luxor and shopping. An optional hot air balloon ride over Luxor is available in the morning for a bird's-eye view of the spectacular temples and landscapes.

*Overnight Abydos, [House of Life Hotel](#) (B, L, D)*

### **Monday, Nov 16, DAY 9 – Luxor / Abydos**

After breakfast, we will conclude our Nile Cruise and drive north of Luxor through the exquisite, lush green countryside, to the sacred city of Abydos to visit the Temples of Seti I and Rameses II. We will stop at Denderah to visit the grand Temple of Hathor, goddess of love, motherhood and music. This temple has early astrological signs carved on its ceiling. After lunch, we visit the Temple of Osiris, ruler of the underworld, with colorful reliefs adorning the walls. Behind the temple there is a mysterious small temple, believed to be the tomb of Osiris.

*Overnight Abydos, [House of Life Hotel](#) (B, L, D)*



## Tuesday, Nov 17, DAY 10 – Abydos / Islamic Cairo

This morning we fly north back to Cairo where we visit Islamic Cairo, including Al Azhar Mosque. After lunch, we explore Khan El Khalili Bazar, known as “the old market.” Our hotel these last few nights has spectacular views of the Pyramids. This evening Mostafa Waziri, Secretary General of the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities, will join us for dinner and treat our group to a private lecture.

*Overnight Cairo, [Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel & Spa](#) (B, L, D)*

## Wednesday, Nov 18, DAY 11 – Cairo / Giza

The Giza Plateau is our destination today. Here we will visit the majestic Pyramids. Our group has special access to enter the interior of the Great Pyramid. As we stand between the paws of the Great Sphinx for the ultimate photo op, our group will be the envy of other tourists on the public viewing platform. We then visit the Solar Boat. You will have free time for shopping this afternoon before dinner.

*Overnight Cairo, [Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel & Spa](#) (B, L, D)*

## Thursday, Nov 19, DAY 12 – Cairo / Dahshur / Saqqara

This morning we will drive south along the Nile to visit the Pyramids of Dahshur—the Red Pyramid and the Bent Pyramid of Pharaoh Snefru, Khufu’s father. After lunch, at the Saqqara Palm Club, visit the Step Pyramid of King Djoser in Saqqara, the oldest major stone-built complex in the world. Also in Saqqara, we visit the Imhotep Museum and the sacred bull complex of the Serapeum, dedicated to the Greco-Egyptian god Serapis.

*Overnight Cairo, [Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel & Spa](#) (B, L, D)*

## Friday, Nov 20, DAY 13 – Old Cairo

This morning we visit the Cairo Museum to view the collection of the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom artifacts. Here we will see the famous collection of King Tutankhamen. After lunch in downtown Cairo, we visit the 16<sup>th</sup> century Street of the Tentmakers. We continue to the southern section to see Fatimid City famous for 10<sup>th</sup> century medieval houses, inns and marketplaces, as well as the oldest continuously operating university in the world, Al-Azhar. We will also visit Khan el-Khalili, the most famous Cairo market. We will go inside the walls of Coptic Cairo where churches mark the spot where the Holy Family stayed to escape King Herod’s order to kill the first born.

*Overnight Cairo, [Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel & Spa](#) (B, L, D)*

## Saturday, Nov 21, DAY 14 – Cairo / USA

Depart from Cairo on your homebound flight, or continue to Jordan for Petra extension.

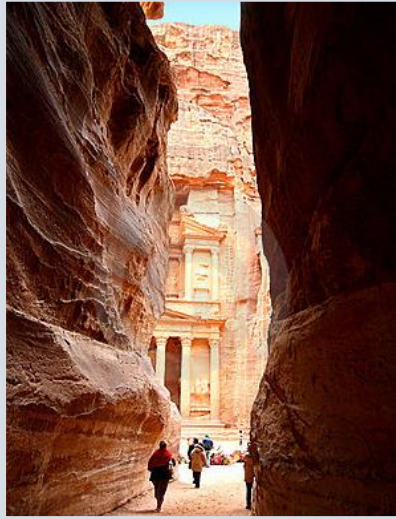
## Petra, Optional Post-Trip Extension

### Saturday, Nov 21, DAY 14 – Cairo / Amman / Jerash / Dead Sea

After our morning flight from Cairo to Amman, we drive to Jerash, one of the world’s best-preserved Greco-Roman cities. Visit the temples of Artemis and Zeus, the Roman Forum, Hadrian’s Arch and the Street of Column. We continue to the Dead Sea, the lowest elevation on the Earth’s surface. This closed sea with extreme content of salt and minerals is 420 meters below sea level. During our time at Mövenpick Dead Sea Resort, you can enjoy the Dead Sea beach and take a float in the fabled healing waters.

*Overnight in Sweimeh, [Mövenpick Dead Sea Resort](#) (B)*





### **Sunday, Nov 22, DAY 15 – Bethabara / Medaba / Moses Mountain / Petra**

This morning you have time to relax in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea or indulge in the legendary therapeutic secrets of the Dead Sea at Mövenpick's Zara Spa. A wide range of health and beauty therapies are available, including the signature purifying black mud facial or body wrap and the Ritual of Hamman, a wellness ceremony inspired by one of the world's oldest cleansing customs.

After lunch on your own at the resort, we visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Bethabara, "Bethany Beyond the Jordan." This is the site on the east bank of the River Jordan, referred to in the New Testament as the spot Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. This afternoon we will also stop in Medaba to see the oldest surviving mosaic map of the Holy Land and at Mount Nebo, believed to be where Moses died. As we continue to Petra, enjoy the spectacular views of the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley.

Our hotel in Petra is an actual archaeological site dating back to the Iron Age, possibly the Bronze Age. In the 1800s members of the Nawafleh tribe built the current structures in the Nabatean tradition of the first century. The tribe abandoned the village in 1975 to move to into town. The buildings have been converted to 4.5-star accommodations—with the same views of the valley and agricultural terraces enjoyed hundreds of years before.

*Overnight in Petra, [Old Village Resort](#) (B, D)*

### **Monday, Nov 23, DAY 16 – Petra**

The wondrous Petra built by the Nabateans 2,000 years ago. We enter this beautiful and mysterious city through the Siq, a dramatic crack in the orange rock. The narrow gorge creates a magical corridor that snakes towards the heart of Petra. From winding roads, you will gaze upon the exquisite rose-red Treasury building. This morning's roundtrip trek between our resort and the Treasury is a little over 3 miles. For those in good physical condition, continue further into Petra to the Monastery, Basilica, Roman Theatre and the Royal Tombs. This longer trek is about 9 miles roundtrip. The most daring will take the 800 steps to the top of the second Monastery.

*Overnight in Petra, [Old Village Resort](#) (B, D)*

### **Tuesday, Nov 24, DAY 17 – Little Petra / Amman**

This morning we visit Siq al-Barid commonly referred to as "Little Petra," perhaps one of the earliest suburbs known to archaeology. This area is actually part of both Petra Archaeological Site and its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After we return to Amman, there is time for sightseeing and shopping before our farewell dinner.

*Overnight in Amman, [Amman Intercontinental Hotel](#) (B, D)*

### **Wednesday, Nov 25, DAY 18 – Amman / USA**

Early this morning we depart for home.



## Alexandria, Optional Pre-Trip Extension

Visit the beautiful Mediterranean city of Alexandria—founded by Alexander the Great, popularized in the tales associated with Cleopatra, and memorialized in the works of 20th century writers. Home to one of the ancient wonders of the world and a world famous library, Alexandria was a beacon of civilization for centuries. Earning her nickname “Pearl of the Mediterranean,” Alexandria’s beautiful architecture and monuments stretch the shore of the Mediterranean.

### **Wednesday, Nov 4, DAY 0 – USA**

Departure from USA. *(no meals)*

### **Thursday, Nov 5, DAY +1 – USA / Cairo**

Arrive Cairo and check into Le Meridien—not your typical airport hotel—a resort-style hotel with lovely views of Cairo. A perfect place to land after our overseas flight.

*Overnight in Cairo, [Le Meridien Cairo Airport](#) (D)*

### **Friday, Nov 6, DAY +2 – Cairo / Alexandria**

Early morning departure to Alexandria will be by motor coach. Upon arrival we visit Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the new Alexandria Library famous for its modern design. We will enjoy lunch at Tikka Grill on the Mediterranean Sea, known for fresh seafood and Egyptian fare. Today we visit the Citadel of Qaitbay at the eastern point of the Pharos Island. This 15th century fortress from the Mamluke period is built on the foundation of the Ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria—one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

*Overnight in Alexandria, [Cecil Hotel](#) (B, L, D)  
(B, D)*

### **Saturday, Nov 7, DAY +3 – Alexandria**

This morning we visit Pompey's pillar, believed to contain the ashes of Pompey, one of the generals of the Roman army. This area is believed to be the site of the original library of Alexandria. We will tour the Catacombs of Alexandria, a private Roman tomb which later became a public burial place bearing the characteristics of the transformation of Egyptian art into Roman art. We will also see the Greco-Roman Theatre and the excavations that reveal the Old City of Alexandria. After lunch our destination is the Alexandria National Museum which houses monuments that have been recovered from the Mediterranean Sea.

*Overnight in Alexandria, [Cecil Hotel](#) (B, L, D)*

### **Sunday, Nov 8, DAY 1 – Alexandria / Cairo / Aswan**

Return to Cairo to meet the rest of the HMNS Group for *Egypt 2020: The Royal Tour*.

*Overnight in Cairo, [Le Meridien Cairo Airport](#)*

## Pricing - Egypt 2020: The Royal Tour

**\$8,880 HMNS Members-Only Early Bird Price\***

**\$9,130 HMNS Members** per person double occupancy

**\$9,300 nonmembers** per person double occupancy

**\$1,090 single supplement** for those registering as a single traveler

**\*\$250 discount** per person for HMNS Members registering by November 14, 2019

### Price Includes:

- 35 meals (12 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 11 dinners)
- Tips for guides, drivers, service staff
- Hotel accommodations for 13 nights
- Ground transportation in Egypt
- All activities included unless noted in the itinerary, except those listed as optional
- Accompanying experts: Fadel Gad, Tom Hardwick, Dr. Mostafa Waziri, Dr. Salah El Masekh
- Admissions and fees for group activities listed in the itinerary

### Prices Do Not Include:

- Adult beverages
- Optional excursions that require an additional payment
- Additional tip of your choosing to treat local drivers and guides

## Pricing - Alexandria Optional Extension

**\$1,350 per person** double occupancy for optional Alexandria pre-trip extension

**\$550 single supplement** for those registering as a single traveler for optional Alexandria pre-trip extension

### Price Includes:

- 9 meals (3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners)
- Tips for guides, drivers, service staff
- Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- All activities included unless noted in the itinerary, except those listed as optional
- Accompanying experts: Fadel Gad
- Admissions and fees for group activities listed in the itinerary
- Airport transfer

### Prices Do Not Include:

- Adult beverages
- Optional excursions that require an additional payment
- Additional tip of your choosing to treat local drivers and guides

## Pricing - Petra Optional Excursion

**\$2,630 per person** double occupancy for optional Petra extension

**\$850 single supplement** for those registering as a single traveler for optional Petra extension

### Price Includes:

- 7 meals (4 breakfasts, 3 dinners)
- Tips for guides, drivers, service staff
- Hotel accommodations for 4 nights
- One-way air Cairo to Amman and ground transportation
- All activities included unless noted in the itinerary, except those listed as optional
- Accompanying experts: Fadel Gad
- Admissions and fees for group activities listed in the itinerary

### Prices Do Not Include:

- Adult beverages
- Optional excursions that require an additional payment
- Additional tip of your choosing to treat local drivers and guides

## Pricing - International Air Package

The roundtrip International Air package is estimated at \$1,200 per person economy seats (exact price will be confirmed at time of booking). Seat upgrades are available for an additional charge.

For those on the optional Jordan extension, if purchasing the International Air package, Joy Travel International can arrange a direct flight from Amman to USA without return to Cairo.

## Registration

Registration requires (A) a per person deposit of \$1,000 for HMNS Members, \$1,500 nonmembers, (B) completed registration form (page 11), (C) copy of your passport valid until May 26, 2021.

By registering, you understand and agree to the *Cancellations & Refunds* and *Traveler Terms &*



*Conditions (pages 9-10) listing Physical Requirements; Participant Requirements, Responsibilities and Notices; Participation Advisory; Houston Museum of Natural Science - Release and Consent; and Joy Travel International - Responsibility and Registration.*

Availability is based by order of complete registration.

Final payment is required by August 14, 2020.

## Cancellations & Refunds

- Cancellations must be received by HMNS and Joy Travel in writing.
- Cancellations received on or before August 14, 2020 will have a penalty of 100% of the deposit.
- Cancellations received between August 15, 2020 and October 4, 2020 will have a penalty of 50% of the final payment and 100% of the deposit.
- Cancellations received between October 5, 2020 and October 25, 2020 will have a penalty of 75% of the final payment and 100% of the deposit.
- Cancellations received October 26, 2020 and beyond and “no shows” will have a penalty of 100% of the final payment and 100% of the deposit.
- No refunds will be made for missed group activities on the trip, including meals, accommodations, transportation transfers, tours and any other services voluntarily not taken.
- If for any reason HMNS or Joy Travel International must cancel this trip, HMNS will work with travelers and Joy Travel to refund all recoverable funds. It is recommended that travelers secure their own travel insurance policies to cover the unlikely circumstance that some funds are unrecoverable through HMNS or Joy Travel.

## Traveler Terms & Conditions

Acknowledgment and agreement to the below traveler terms and conditions by signature on the registration form is required for trip registration.

### Physical Requirements

- This trip requires physical independence and mobility. Participants should be in good physical condition and capable of traversing unpaved terrain.

- Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible to assist them.
- Participants are responsible for carrying their own luggage and belongings.
- Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches, vans and ships alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion, as well as climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance.
- Unfortunately, handicap accessibility is not available at all sites.
- In case of an emergency situation, any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or other assistance must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. This includes allergies, dietary restrictions, as well as mental, mobility, vision and hearing impairments. HMNS may make efforts to accommodate such condition or impairments in its sole discretion, but each participant is solely responsible for any physical or mental condition or other impairments.
- If asked, participants will provide a written release from your doctor stating your level of physical fitness or mental health is adequate for this trip.
- Notify [travel@hmns.org](mailto:travel@hmns.org) to inquire about accommodations that are necessary for you to enjoy the tour prior to registration. HMNS may make efforts to make special accommodations in its sole discretion, but each participant is solely responsible for such special accommodations.

### Participant Requirements, Responsibilities & Notices

- A passport valid until May 26, 2021 is required. A visa is required for those with USA passports to enter Egypt. Visas can be purchased at the airport upon arrival in Cairo. Specific instructions will be given to those who register for the trip.
- Participants should be in good physical condition and capable of traversing unpaved terrain. Unfortunately not all sites are handicap accessible. Please check with HMNS if you have any required accessibility accommodations that are necessary for you to enjoy the tour prior to registration. HMNS may make efforts to make special accommodations in its sole discretion, but each participant is solely responsible for accessibility accommodations.

- Participants must be self-sufficient and carry their own belongings and luggage.
- Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and courteous manner.
- Participants should be observant and respectful of trip guides and leaders for the safety and enjoyment of the group.
- The minimum age of participant for this trip is 15 years. Each minor must be accompanied by one adult guardian. Guardians are responsible for the supervision and safety of their minors.
- At times participants may be in isolated locations where response to a medical emergency could be lengthy, or emergency responses may not be available.
- Tobacco (including e-cigarettes) and alcohol are not permitted on motor coach, at sites or during group activities. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.
- Illegal substances and firearms are not allowed.
- All travelers must bring a device with WhatsApp for communication with trip leaders during trip.
- Participants are not considered registered participants until their receipt of Trip Confirmation Notification from HMNS. This requires a fully completed registration form, paid deposit and copy of passport.
- No partial refunds will be made for missed activities. Participants who are late to the departure time and miss the bus are responsible for making their own arrangements to meet the group.
- The trip itinerary and accommodations are subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen events.
- HMNS does not offer travel insurance, but will send our suggested provider and coverage package upon registration.
- Ground, air and water transportation in Egypt are included in the trip package.
- Participants have the option of booking their own flight and meeting the group at our Cairo hotel, or selecting the optional International Air package.
- Room configuration cannot be guaranteed. We will try to accommodate preferences of one queen bed or two twin beds.
- It is illegal to, and participants may not under any circumstances, take archaeological artifacts and organic materials outside of Egypt and bring such items into the USA.

### **Participation Advisory**

- Trip guides and leaders have the right to deny a participant's participation in an activity if, in the sole judgment and discretion of HMNS or Joy Travel, the participant and safety of others could be compromised. You should only sign up for this trip if you are confident you are capable of the physical requirements and responsibilities listed above.
- HMNS reserves the right to accept or decline any individuals as members of the tour.
- HMNS reserves the right to charge an extended service fee for travelers who require additional assistance during the trip.

### **Houston Museum of Natural Science - Release and Consent**

Although HMNS hopes that no participant is ever injured or hurt, injuries are a possibility of participation in this Trip. The risk of injuries and death is a risk that the participant voluntarily agrees to assume in exchange for the privilege of registering for and participating in the Trip. The participant understands and agrees that this risk is not a risk that HMNS, its contractors (including our tour operator Joy Travel International), or employees assumes and that HMNS is not responsible for any injuries to the participant.

Accordingly, the participant voluntarily releases, discharges, and waives the right to sue HMNS and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, representatives and all persons acting by, through under or in concert with HMNS (collectively, the "Released Parties") for any and all losses, demands, claims, suits, causes of action, liability, costs, expenses, and judgments whether arising in equity, at common law, or by statute, under the law of contracts, torts, or property, for personal injury (including without limitation emotional distress), death or damage to property, arising in favor of the participant or anyone claiming through us based upon, in connection with, relating to or arising out of, directly or indirectly, the participant's participation in the Egypt trip (collectively, "Claims") even if any such claims are due to the Released Parties' own negligence, strict liability without regard to fault, violation of statute, or other fault, including any negligent act, omission, or intentional act intended to promote my safety or well-being.

The participant hereby gives his/her permission to the Released Parties to obtain emergency medical treatment for the participant if any Released Party deems in its discretion that such emergency medical treatment is necessary. The Released Parties have no liability as to any such medical treatment, including the outcome of such medical treatment, or whether such medical treatment is provided to a participant.

The participant acknowledges and agrees that any photos, videos, pictorial images, voice recordings, or quotations including those of participant taken, created or shared by any Released Party (including without limitation any taken by any photographer or videographer paid by or volunteering for any Released Party) during or relating to the Program may be used by HMNS in future publications, web pages, promotions, advertisements, social media and exhibits of HMNS (or any other person authorized to use such images by HMNS) without the need of any additional permission from or consideration to the participant.

I release and waive for myself and anyone claiming through me all claims based on the right of privacy, right of publicity, moral rights, or any other intellectual property rights related to the rights granted by me to HMNS.

### **Joy Travel International Inc. – Responsibility**

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**The following page is the registration form,** when complete, scan and send to:  
travel@hmns.org | Fax: 866.828.8648 | Mail: Travel, HMNS, 5555 Herman Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77030

## Egypt – The Royal Tour, November 8 - 21, 2020

Optional Extensions: Alexandria, November 5 - 8 | Petra, November 21 - 25

### Traveler Registration Form

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Name as it appears on **passport**: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed/attached is a copy of my passport (required)

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ HMNS Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact name, cell, email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions / Allergies / Physical Limitations / Medical Conditions / Mental Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Selections

- HMNS Members-Only Early-Bird - Egypt 2020 Land Package, \$8,880 per person, double occupancy (deposit paid by November 14, 2019)
- HMNS Members - Egypt 2020 Land Package, \$9,130 per person, double occupancy
- Non-Members - Egypt 2020 Land Package, \$9,300 per person, double occupancy  
Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ (separate registration form required for roommate)
- Single Room Occupancy Supplement: + \$1,090
- I would like help finding a roommate but will pay the single supplement of \$1,090 if one is not found
- Optional Hot Air Balloon ride in Luxor, \$150 per person (may be possible to add in Luxor if space permits)
- Alexandria Extension:  Alexandria-double occupancy \$1,350  Alexandria-single room supplement \$550
- Petra, Jordan Extension:  Petra-double occupancy \$2,630  Petra-single room occupancy supplement \$850
- International Air Package, estimated at \$1,200 per person economy seats (exact price will be confirmed at time of booking)  I am interested in upgraded seats  I will book my own international flights

#### Preferences

- We/I prefer one double bed  My travel companion and I prefer two twin beds
- Smoking Room  Non-Smoking Room | Seat on plane:  Window  Aisle  Middle next to roommate

#### Deposit Due

Deposit is \$1,000 per person for HMNS Members, \$1,500 for non-members. Deposits are nonrefundable and will go towards the total cost of the trip. [Click here](#) to pay your deposit online.

#### Registration Confirmation

Registration requires a completed registration form, copy of traveler's passport and paid deposit. After HMNS Travel has processed your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with invoice for your final payment.

#### Final Payment

Final payment is required by August 14, 2020.

#### Traveler Agreement

I confirm that I am mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour, and that I have read this complete trip document and I understand and agree to the *Cancellations & Refunds* and *Traveler Terms & Conditions* (pages 8-10) listing *Physical Requirements; Participant Requirements, Responsibilities and Notices; Participation Advisory; Houston Museum of Natural Science - Release and Consent; and Joy Travel International - Responsibility and Registration*.

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Participant Signature

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Date