



EGYPT

2026 & 2027 JOURNEYS ALONG THE NILE





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TORSTEIN HAGEN, CHAIRMAN & CEO



Dear Traveller,

I have been honoured to travel to Egypt on multiple occasions and believe that you will be as enchanted by the marvels of this ancient land as I was. In the following pages, I am pleased to share details of our Egypt offering and invite you to discover the timeless wonders of this fascinating destination.

In my view, we have the most elegant fleet sailing the Nile by far. Accommodating just 82 guests in 41 staterooms, our ships boast the modern Scandinavian design for which Viking is known, featuring touches like the distinctive square bow and the inviting indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace.

Our fully escorted, small group tours are led by expert Egyptologists, providing an immersive experience through Egypt's ancient sites. Our passionate guides ensure a worry-free journey, allowing you to fully embrace the joy of exploration on our 12-day *Pharaohs & Pyramids* voyage along the Nile. This remarkable journey starts and ends in Cairo, sailing between Luxor and Aswan.

Personal highlights for me included an awe-inspiring excursion to the Valley of the Kings in Luxor. Here, in 1922, Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb brought global attention to this necropolis of kings and queens. Journeying here with the 8th Earl of Carnarvon, godfather of the *Viking Osiris*, was profoundly moving. It was his great-grandfather, the 5th Earl of Carnarvon—a renowned explorer and excavator—who discovered the tomb alongside Carter.

Another unforgettable experience was taking to the sky in a hot air balloon. Rising above the Nile's west bank at sunrise, we were treated to spectacular views. Floating over ancient temples and the Valleys of the Kings and Queens at dawn provided a once-in-a-lifetime perspective of this historic land.

What makes sailing the Nile so captivating are the incredible views from your modern Viking ship, showcasing unique landscapes, local life and the occasional *felucca* sailing by. It is an experience that completely engulfs you. Also, I have to say that it was very nice to enjoy a cocktail on the Sun Deck as the scenery passed by.

Thank you for your interest in Viking. We look forward to sharing the many treasures of Egypt with you.

Torstein Hagen
Chairman and CEO



ABU SIMBEL, EGYPT

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WHY EGYPT?

With 5,000 years of history, Egypt is one of the world's oldest civilisations. Sailing the Nile River is by far the best way to experience the heart of the country, as many key attractions are within easy reach.

Egyptian hospitality, combined with immense pride in its millennia of history and culture, makes Egypt uniquely enjoyable for first-time visitors. The people are warm and welcoming, and Egyptian cuisine is diverse and delicious. You will have the option to sample a variety of regional dishes during your time on board.

Egypt is a treasure trove of captivating attractions, from the iconic pyramids and majestic temples to vibrant bazaars and ornate mosques. Beyond its renowned landmarks, it offers countless experiences for the discerning traveller, making it an extraordinary destination to discover.

WHY VIKING?

Viking has been bringing visitors to Egypt for nearly 20 years. Throughout, we have built relationships no other travel company has, with the best trained and most knowledgeable guides in the region. The carefully balanced programme of sightseeing and sailing, which makes for an outstanding experience, has been perfected over the years. Add to that the prime docking locations in the main ports—Viking's Nile River voyages are the very best that Egypt has to offer.

A photograph of the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza under a clear blue sky. The Sphinx is in the foreground, showing its weathered face and nemes. The Pyramid is in the background, its triangular shape clearly visible. The sky is a solid, bright blue.

Egypt Experiences

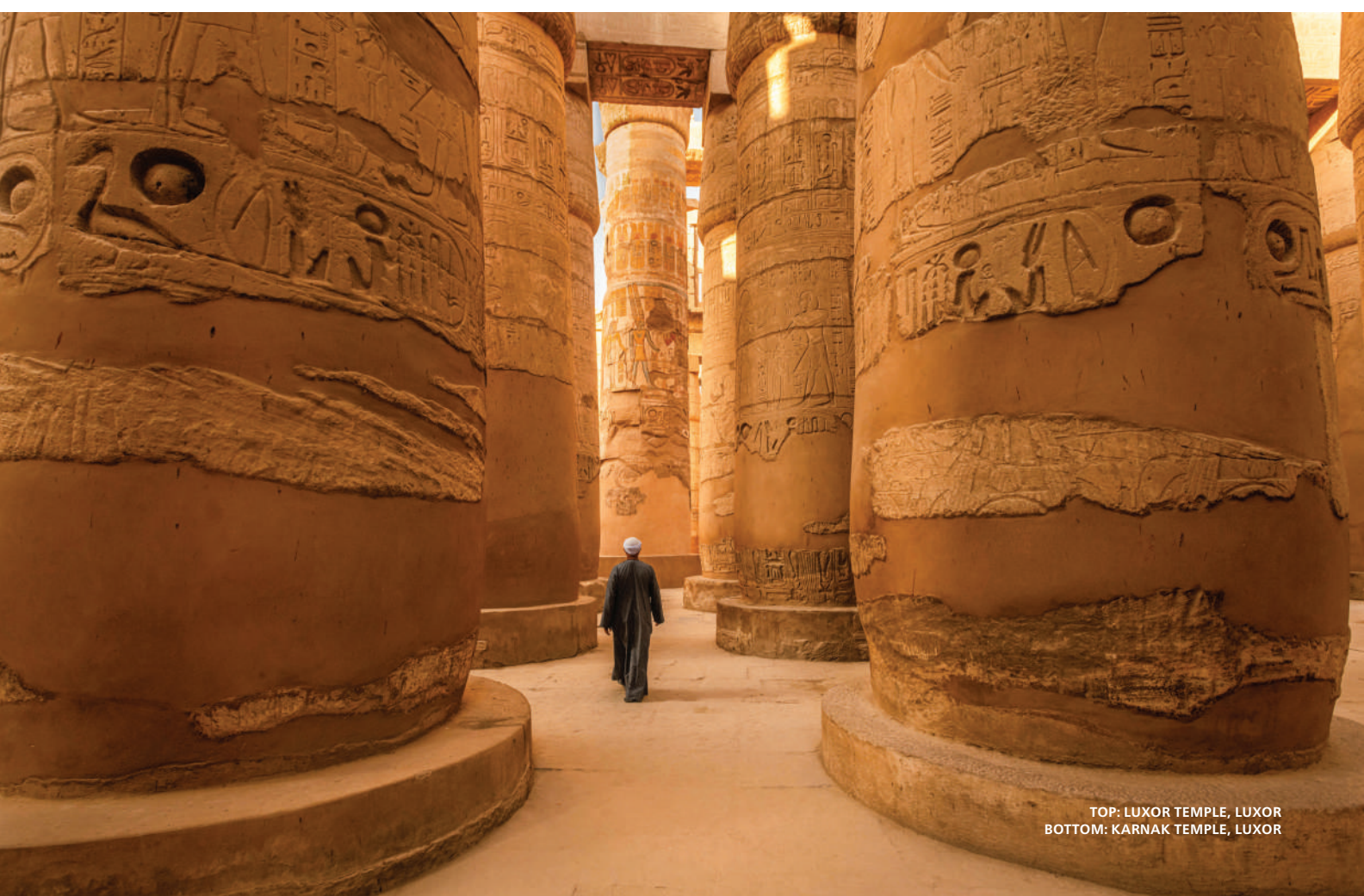


EGYPT'S PYRAMIDS, GIZA

THE PYRAMIDS

Led by an expert Egyptologist, visit the Sakkara Step Pyramid, the oldest stone structure in Egypt, representing a significant milestone in the evolution of pyramid construction. This ancient monument, designed by the architect Imhotep for Pharaoh Djoser, stands as a testament to early Egyptian ingenuity and architectural prowess.

Nearby, on the Giza Plateau, the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the last of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, dominates the landscape. Alongside it are the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure, each with their own unique features and historical significance. The Great Sphinx, known as Abu al-Hol, serves as a symbolic guardian of these monumental tombs that have endured for over 4,500 years. Together, these sites form part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Memphis and its Necropolis—the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur.



TOP: LUXOR TEMPLE, LUXOR
BOTTOM: KARNAK TEMPLE, LUXOR



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LUXOR & KARNAK TEMPLES

Egypt's spiritual capital, Luxor, is an enthralling blend of historic significance, architectural feats and vibrant market culture, characterised by its temples and richly decorated tombs. Often referred to as one of the world's greatest open air museums, historic Luxor, built upon the once-powerful city of UNESCO-listed Thebes, is home to the imposing Temple of Karnak—among the world's largest temple complexes—and the well-preserved Temple of Luxor, a spectacular example of Egyptian architecture.

ABU SIMBEL

Step into Egypt's storied past at the impressive Abu Simbel, where the monolithic temples of Ramses II were constructed in the 13th century BC. Rediscovered in the early 19th century, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was relocated in 1968 during the Aswan Dam's construction. Join the optional excursion to marvel at the colossal statues and intricate bas-reliefs depicting Ramses II's victories and divine connections.



TOMB OF KING TUTANKHAMUN

VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Explore the Valley of the Kings and delve into the ancient burial grounds of Egypt's pharaohs. This site, located near Luxor, is home to the tombs of legendary rulers such as Tutankhamun and Ramses II. Marvel at the intricate hieroglyphics and vibrant wall paintings that have stood the test of time, providing a glimpse into the rich history and vibrant culture of ancient Egypt.

HOT AIR BALLOON

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Egypt from above as you rise high over the Valley of the Kings in a hot air balloon. Offered as an optional excursion, this early-morning adventure provides stunning views of the sunrise illuminating the ancient landscape. It is a unique and serene way to appreciate the grandeur of Egypt's historic sites.



VALLEY OF THE KINGS





CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COPTIC CAIRO

THE GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

Located near the iconic pyramids on the Giza Plateau, the long-awaited Grand Egyptian Museum spans 120 acres and houses the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts, including treasures from King Tutankhamun's tomb. The complex—two decades in the making and billed as the world's largest archaeological museum—showcases approximately 100,000 artefacts, including the 3,200-year-old statue of Ramses II. Until they are moved to the new Grand Egyptian Museum, Tutankhamun's gold mask and sarcophagus will reside at the old Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square. A visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum promises an unparalleled journey through Egypt's rich history.

COPTIC CAIRO

Discover the rich heritage of Coptic Cairo. This historic area is home to some of the oldest churches in Egypt, including the Hanging Church, the Church of St. George and the Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus. Wander through the narrow streets, explore ancient religious sites and learn about the significant role of Coptic Christians in Egypt's history.



NUBIAN VILLAGE

NUBIAN VILLAGE & SCHOOL

Explore a local village with your guide and meet a traditional Nubian family. Discover their way of life and gain insight into the customs that have been preserved for thousands of years. You will also have the opportunity to visit a village school and engage with the lively children in their classroom.

ASWAN DAM

The Aswan Dam, built in the 1960s, stands as a remarkable feat of engineering that protects the Nile's fertile lands. Controlling the river's flow, it has transformed Egypt's agriculture by preventing devastating flooding and ensuring consistent irrigation. The dam also established Lake Nasser, a vast reservoir stretching more than 300 miles, which provides essential water, electricity and irrigation throughout Egypt.



THE NILE RIVER NEAR ASWAN

FULLY ESCORTED TOURS WITH EXPERT EGYPTOLOGISTS

Our small group tours, led by expert Egyptologists, offer an immersive and comprehensive journey through Egypt's ancient sites. With meticulously crafted itineraries, our English-speaking guides ensure meaningful interactions and discoveries while providing peace of mind so you can fully enjoy the exploration.

As specialists in their field, they also preview the next day's port of call, harmonising our onboard and onshore enrichment activities. Knowing that every detail is taken care of allows you to relax and absorb the rich history and culture of Egypt, making your travel experience both enlightening and worry-free.



Ahmed Hamdy Borham

Education: PhD in Egyptology, Ain Shams University in Cairo

Years guiding: 29 years

Years with Viking: 16 years

"What I enjoy most is the opportunity to connect with people and share different and mutual cultures. At the same time, it is great to share the glory and magic of ancient Egypt with our guests."



Ghada Nabil Fouad Doss

Education: Bachelor's degree, Guidance Section, Helwan University; Diploma Certificate in Ancient Archaeology Studies, Cairo University

Years guiding: 35 years

Years with Viking: 15 years

"I still keep in contact with Viking guests from 15 years ago, and we see each other whenever I come to the United States to visit my daughter who lives in Jacksonville, Florida."



Hanan ElDib

Education: Post Graduate Degree in Egyptology Diploma, Cairo University; Faculty of Archaeology Department of Egyptian Antiquities

Years guiding: 32 years

Years with Viking: 15 years

"I enjoy sharing the history and culture of Egypt with our guests who are inspired by the rich history and the beauty of the region."



Sherine Alaa Barakat

Education: Bachelor's degree, Guidance Section, Helwan University

Years guiding: 40 years

Years with Viking: 16 years

"My favourite thing about guiding is sharing my passion for Egypt with the rest of the world. I also like meeting new and interesting people who are eager to learn about this fascinating country."



Tarek Fawzy Fakhr

Education: Bachelor's degree in Egyptology, Helwan University

Years guiding: 32 years

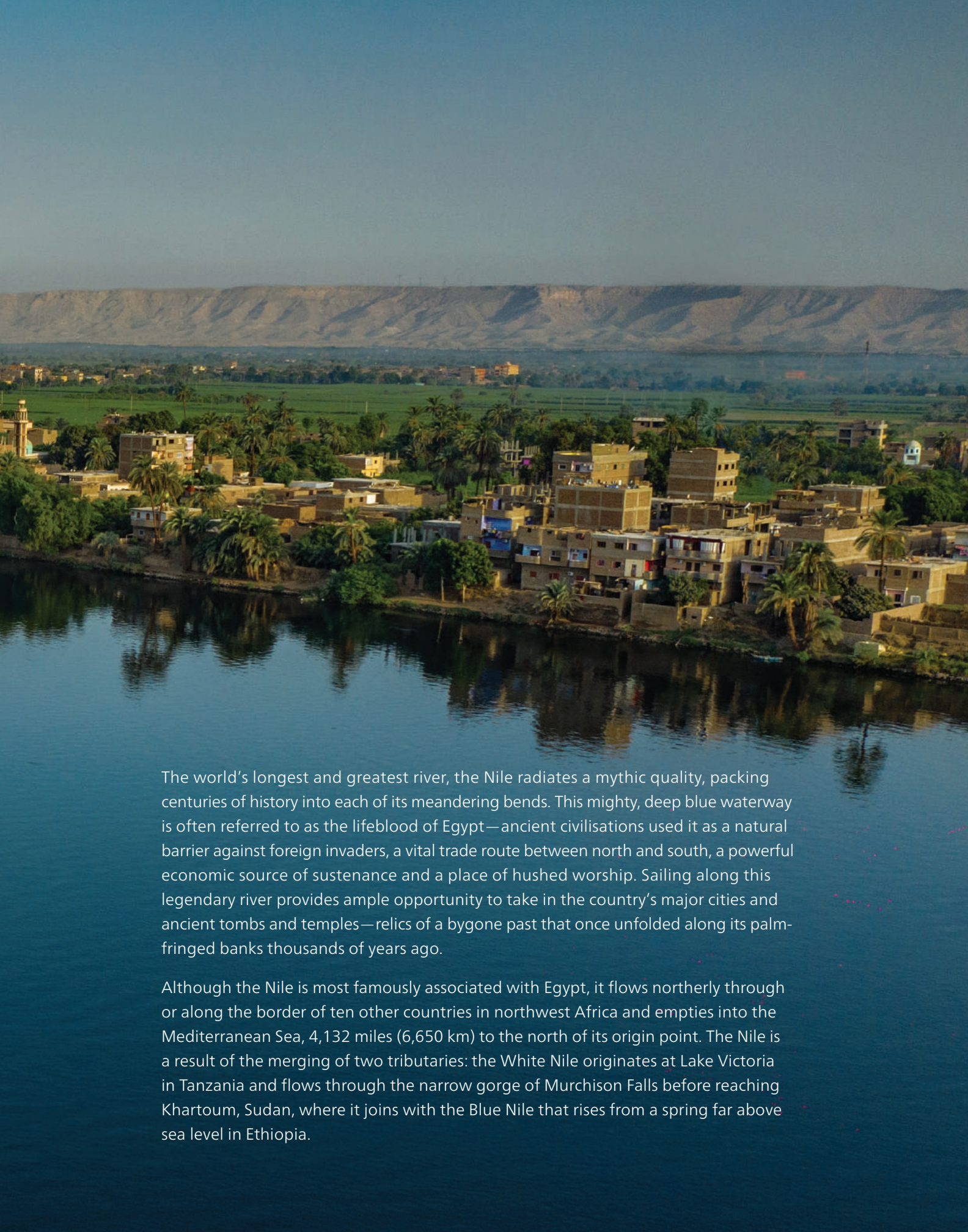
Years with Viking: 16 years

"I love my job because I get to share my knowledge, stories and passion for Egypt with our guests. It is exciting to see repeat guests who have returned with family so they can all share the Viking experience together."

The Enduring Nile

A voyage along the fabled Nile River
uncovers the many secrets of Egypt





The world's longest and greatest river, the Nile radiates a mythic quality, packing centuries of history into each of its meandering bends. This mighty, deep blue waterway is often referred to as the lifeblood of Egypt—ancient civilisations used it as a natural barrier against foreign invaders, a vital trade route between north and south, a powerful economic source of sustenance and a place of hushed worship. Sailing along this legendary river provides ample opportunity to take in the country's major cities and ancient tombs and temples—relics of a bygone past that once unfolded along its palm-fringed banks thousands of years ago.

Although the Nile is most famously associated with Egypt, it flows northerly through or along the border of ten other countries in northwest Africa and empties into the Mediterranean Sea, 4,132 miles (6,650 km) to the north of its origin point. The Nile is a result of the merging of two tributaries: the White Nile originates at Lake Victoria in Tanzania and flows through the narrow gorge of Murchison Falls before reaching Khartoum, Sudan, where it joins with the Blue Nile that rises from a spring far above sea level in Ethiopia.



KARNAK TEMPLE, LUXOR

The first cruise to set sail here occurred in the early 1870s when Thomas Cook & Son built a fleet of steamships that transported wealthy travellers between Cairo and Aswan. To this day, the Nile offers a most spectacular route, sailing close to cultural treasures that recount centuries of history akin to turning the pages of a history book.

While tourism plays a significant role in the Nile's modern identity, its banks are more than ornamental. Thanks to the nutrient-rich soil deposited by annual floods, they remain crucial to Egypt's vibrant agricultural and fishing industries. As a result, almost all Egyptians reside close to the river, and part of the pleasure of sailing the Nile is immersing oneself in the rhythm of everyday life along its shores.

Exploring Egypt is a journey of contrasts. Cairo, Egypt's vibrant capital city, is a bustling metropolis compared to the country's quaint Nubian villages. The ancient pyramids at Giza stand

side-by-side with the newly built, state-of-the-art Grand Egyptian Museum, housing approximately 100,000 ancient artefacts. And the Nile's lush and verdant riverbanks are juxtaposed with its sand-covered landscapes leading to golden-hued mountains.

Discover Luxor, previously known as Thebes, which many historians consider to be one of the world's greatest open air museums due to the scale and magnificence of the mudbrick relics that have remained intact since the 18th to 20th pharaonic dynasties. The Temples of Luxor and Karnak on the city's east bank are among the world's largest and most impressive ancient temple complexes, with their 21-foot-tall columns and majestic, sphinx-lined avenue. In the hills across the river, Ancient Egyptians constructed royal tombs dedicated to Egypt's great pharaohs, with the most famous being that of the boy-king Tutankhamun. Known today as the Valley of the Kings, this necropolis combined with Ancient Thebes, is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue sailing as Egypt's dramatic historic sites give way to scenes of everyday life along the Nile. Watch as fishermen in white cotton robes hum excitedly over a bounty of silverfish and water buffalo cool themselves in the arid heat. See farmers and their ox- drawn ploughs working in crop fields while traditional *feluccas* with their cream- coloured sails billow in the warm breeze. In the distance, the hazy backdrop of honey- coloured limestone cliffs contrasts with the verdant fertility of the Nile's plant-rich shores.

Qena is the gateway to the magnificent ruins of the Dendera Temple, located on the Nile's west bank. Admire its hieroglyphic-adorned crypts and columns, which are some of Egypt's best-preserved structures, as well as its many examples of Ptolemaic Egyptian art. Enjoy an exhilarating morning of spectacular sunrise views as you float high above the Valley of the Kings in a hot air balloon.

Travelling further along the riverbank lies the town of Esna. Its glorious Temple of Khnum is celebrated for its 1st-century Roman Hypostyle Hall, with 24 columns awash with mysteriously chiselled floral capitals in the form of palm leaves, lotus buds and papyrus fans.

An important port on the northern end of the First Cataract, Aswan is a gateway to experiencing the real Egypt. In ancient times it was a garrison town for military campaigns against Nubia. Today, the riverbank still buzzes with city life, and further along the water's edge, the landscape gives way to sleepy, sorbet- coloured Nubian villages dotted

with street murals and fragrant markets that are piled high with colourful spices, dried fruits and wooden crafts. It is an ideal place to learn about local culture by spending time with Nubian families and visiting local schools.

The Nile and its many archaeological wonders are a year-round destination for history lovers. Discovering the secrets of this ancient world is an unforgettable deep dive into how one of history's greatest civilisations came to life, with the Nile at the beating heart of its golden past.



BAS-RELIEF CARVING, DENDERA TEMPLE, QENA



GIZA, EGYPT

PHARAOHS & PYRAMIDS

Cairo–Luxor–Nile–Cairo | 12 Days

JANUARY–JUNE & AUGUST–DECEMBER DEPARTURES IN 2026 & 2027

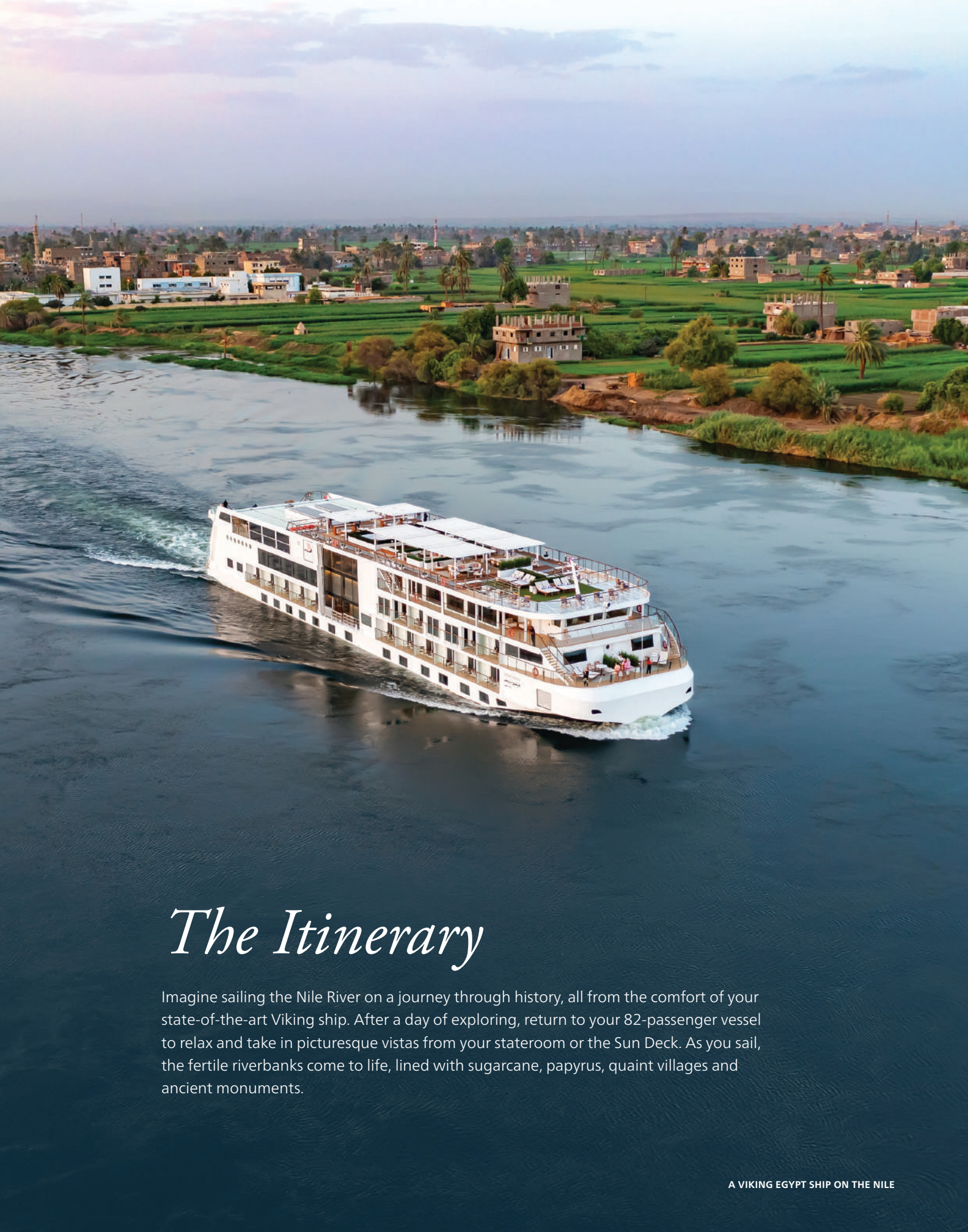
FROM £5,495 PER PERSON

Uncover the ancient secrets of Egypt amid the welcoming culture of today. See the pyramids from astride a majestic camel. Explore the Temple of Karnak's 136 soaring pillars. Visit Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens. Skim the waters of the Nile by traditional *felucca*. Enjoy the fragrances of Aswan's spice market. Join our expert Egyptologists on a 12-day cruisetour through Egypt on board our modern Nile ships, owned and operated by Viking.



DAY	DESTINATION
1	CAIRO Arrive and check in to your hotel; explore Egypt's exhilarating capital on your own
2	CAIRO See the Cairo Citadel and Mosque of Muhammad Ali; browse the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities
3	CAIRO Admire the Sakkara Step Pyramid; journey to Giza to witness the Great Pyramid and Great Sphinx
4	LUXOR Transfer from your hotel to your ship; walk through the ancient Temples of Luxor and Karnak
5	QENA View columns and hieroglyphics at the Dendera Temple complex, located on the Nile's west bank
6	LUXOR Explore the Valley of the Kings, Queen Nefertari's tomb and Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
7	ESNA Stroll the Temple of Khnum's well-preserved Hypostyle Hall with its intricately carved columns
8	ASWAN Learn about the Aswan Dam's flood control, browse a souk and sail the Nile in a <i>felucca</i>
9	ASWAN Meet locals in a Nubian village, explore Philae Temple and discover how papyrus paper is made NILE RIVER Enjoy sailing along the scenic Nile; attend a lecture or admire scenery from the Sun Deck KOM OMBO Encounter Kom Ombo Temple, dedicated to two gods, with both sides being identical
10	EDFU Discover the ancient Temple of Horus and see the multiple statues of its namesake falcon god NILE RIVER Sail the picturesque Nile, taking in its green riverbanks backed by hills of desert sands LUXOR Experience the east bank's "Hundred-Gated City"; browse a museum or the Luxor Library
11	CAIRO Transfer from your ship to your hotel; mingle with locals at an Egyptian souk or visit a museum
12	CAIRO Check out of your hotel for your return flight; consider extending your stay to further explore

A complimentary shore excursion in almost every port of call



The Itinerary

Imagine sailing the Nile River on a journey through history, all from the comfort of your state-of-the-art Viking ship. After a day of exploring, return to your 82-passenger vessel to relax and take in picturesque vistas from your stateroom or the Sun Deck. As you sail, the fertile riverbanks come to life, lined with sugarcane, papyrus, quaint villages and ancient monuments.



CAIRO

DAY
1

ARRIVAL IN CAIRO

Arrive in Cairo, Egypt's exhilarating capital. This historic, bustling city was made prosperous over millennia as a stopover for Sahara caravans on trade routes to Byzantium. Transfer to your centrally located hotel for a 3-night stay.



CAIRO CITADEL

DAY
2

EXPLORING CAIRO'S TREASURES

Today, the fascinating sights of Cairo unfold before you. Begin with a visit to the Citadel of Saladin, perched on a rocky hill. Then, your guide takes you to the remarkable Museum of Egyptian Antiquities to admire its impressive collection of artefacts, including items from the tomb of King Tutankhamun. This evening, consider an optional guided visit to experience a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds and scents at Khan el-Khalili, Cairo's centuries-old souk followed by a traditional dinner.

DAY
3

UNVEILING ANCIENT MARVELS

Start your day with a visit to Sakkara to see the world's oldest step pyramid. After lunch, continue to the Giza Plateau to witness the grandeur of the pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure plus the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the only Wonder of the Ancient World still standing. Capture the moment from atop a camel for that quintessential photo opportunity. As the sun sets, return to your hotel.

GIZA, EGYPT





KARNAK TEMPLE, LUXOR

DAY 4

JOURNEY TO LUXOR

Take a morning flight to Luxor, the ancient city of Thebes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, explore the magnificent Karnak Temple, one of the world's largest ancient temple complexes, and marvel at its great Hypostyle Hall. Later, experience the enchanting glow of Luxor Temple under the dusk sky. Enter through the massive pylons and your Egyptologist will interpret the hieroglyphics. Enjoy an evening on board.



VALLEY OF THE KINGS

DAY 5

DELVING INTO QENA'S MYSTERIES

Wake before dawn to enjoy an optional excursion soaring over the Valley of the Kings in a hot air balloon. Today's included tour visits Dendera Temple, dedicated to the goddess Hathor. Marvel at the impressive architecture and intricate carvings, reflecting ancient devotion and ingenuity. Relax on the Aquavit Terrace as the sun sets, knowing tomorrow brings more discoveries.



TEMPLE OF KHNUM, ESNA



KING TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB

DAY
6

LUXOR'S TIMELESS CHARMS

Journey to the Nile's west bank to explore the Valley of the Kings, where ancient pharaohs were entombed deep in the hillsides, and visit the tomb of Tutankhamun, discovered in 1922. In the Valley of the Queens, discover the grandeur of the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, one of the world's most remarkable architectural feats. After a day of exploration, return to your ship, which is docked in the centre of town.



ESNA

DAY
7

ESNA

Explore Esna and its temple, dedicated to the god Khnum. Admire its intricate carvings, towering columns, ancient hieroglyphics and its well-preserved Hypostyle Hall. Later, take a guided walking tour through the town. See its 19th-century houses with elaborate *mashrabiya* and stroll the lively covered market. Rest well tonight, as Aswan awaits.



ASWAN

DAY 8

ASWAN'S ENIGMATIC BEAUTY

Today's excursion offers a variety of experiences including a tour to the Aswan Dam, a market visit and a ride in a traditional *felucca* along the Nile. Or you can choose an optional tour of the Abu Simbel temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is dominated by four colossal statues of Ramses II. Constructed in the 13th century BC and rediscovered in the 19th century, it was relocated from its original location in 1968 during the construction of the Aswan Dam. Enjoy a relaxing evening on board.



PHILAE TEMPLE ON AGILKIA ISLAND

DAY 9

MYSTICAL ENCOUNTERS IN ASWAN

Traverse the Nile by boat to visit a traditional Nubian village. Learn about their culture and lifestyle, and spend time engaging with children at a local school. Then, journey to Agilkia Island to visit the enchanting Philae Temple built to honour Isis. This afternoon, walk right off your ship to explore Kom Ombo, a dual temple dedicated to the gods Sobek and Horus. Return to your ship for an evening at leisure.



HORUS TEMPLE, EDFU

DAY
10

EDFU'S ANCIENT SPLENDOR

To gain a local perspective, take a traditional horse-drawn calèche ride through the village streets to the well-preserved Edfu Temple, dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Later, unwind with a cocktail on the Sun Deck, then make sure your bags are packed as you prepare for your return to Cairo. After dinner, enjoy your last night on board.



KHAN EL-KHALILI MARKET, CAIRO

DAY
11

RETURN TO CAIRO

Disembark, fly back to Cairo and check in to your hotel. You have the day at leisure to explore more of Cairo on your own. Or consider an optional tour to discover the winding alleys of Old Cairo and the Coptic Quarter, a UNESCO Site, or a tour to the browse exhibits at the brand-new Grand Egyptian Museum.

DAY
12

DEPART CAIRO

As your journey ends, bid farewell to your fellow travellers and head home or extend your stay abroad with one of our land extensions programmes.

Viking Nile Ships Jan-Jun & Aug-Dec 2026; Jan-Jun & Aug-Dec 2027 departures	STANDARD	VERANDA	VERANDA SUITE	EXPLORER SUITE
2026 price per person from:	£6,995	£8,195	£10,195	£12,595
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IMPORTANT: VISA REQUIRED A visa is required for countries featured in this itinerary and must be arranged in advance of travel. Please note that the cost, process and countries that require a visa can change any time. The cost of the visa is additional and not covered by Viking.

PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

CAIRO 2 nights from £699 Immerse yourself in the historic city's vibrant culture

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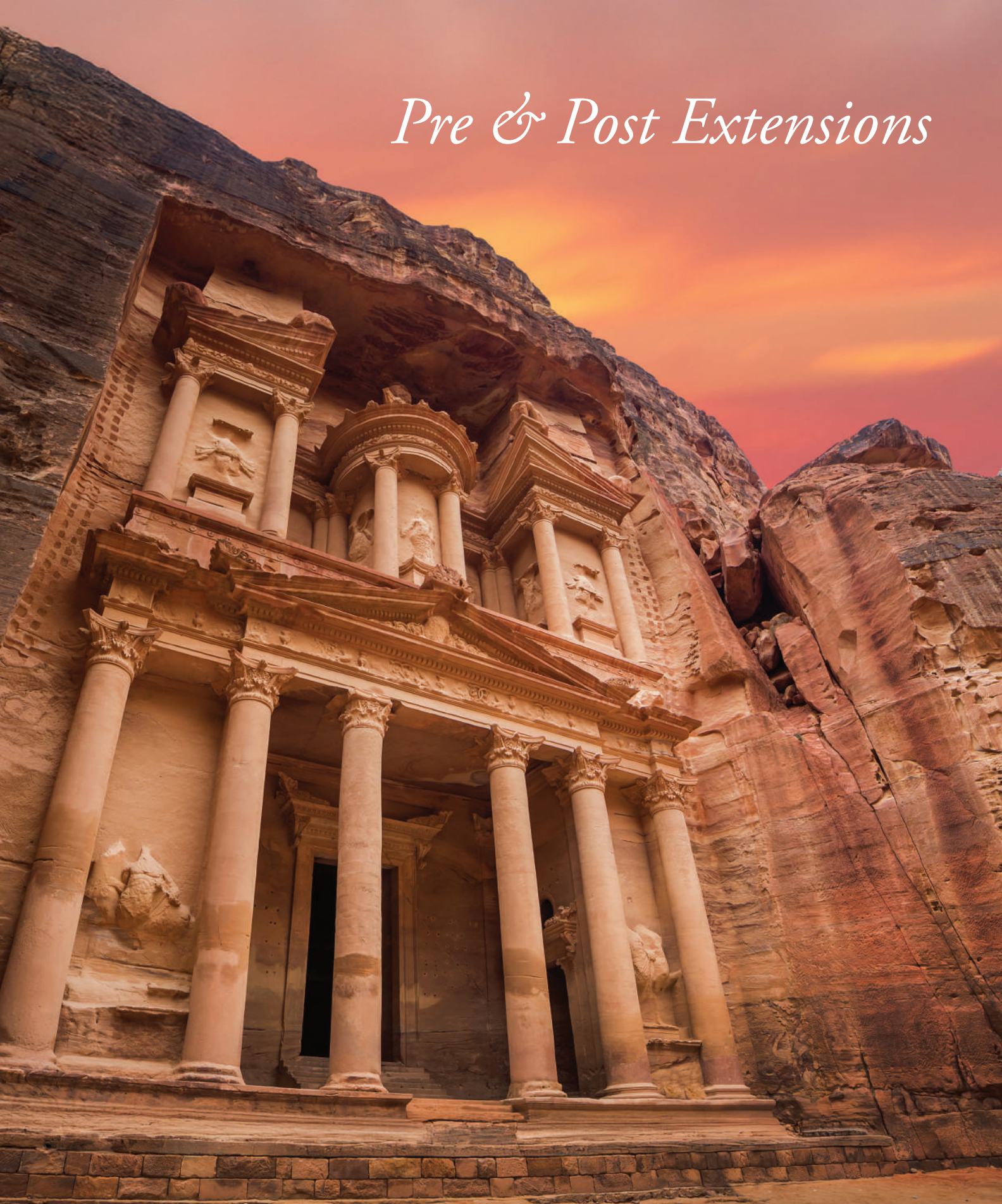
ISTANBUL 3 nights from £1,199 Admire Istanbul's iconic "Blue Mosque" and Hagia Sophia

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JORDAN 4 nights from £2,199 Enjoy guided tours of Petra, the Dead Sea and Amman

Pricing above is per person

Pre & Post Extensions



JORDAN

Extend your journey with 4 nights in Jordan. Marvel at the Roman ruins in Jerash, an ancient city with well-preserved theatres, temples and colonnaded streets. Visit the Crusader-era castle at Shobak, a fortress with a rich history. Uncover the wonders of Madaba, known as the “City of Mosaics,” and explore Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rock-cut architecture and stunning landscapes.

DAY 1 *Cairo & Dead Sea*

Check out of your Cairo hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Amman. Upon arrival, drive through rolling hills and spectacular scenery before a guided tour of the Dead Sea Museum to learn about the area’s geological and cultural history. Transfer to your hotel along the shores of the Dead Sea and spend the remainder of the day relaxing; perhaps take a dip in the Dead Sea and experience the floating sensation for which it is renowned. Its mineral-rich waters have been enjoyed for centuries. (D)



THE DEAD SEA

DAY 2 *Petra*

After breakfast, check out of your hotel, then head to Mt. Nebo—where tradition tells us Moses was buried—before continuing to the ancient town of Madaba, known as the “City of Mosaics,” for a guided tour. See the Madaba Map in the Byzantine church of St. George, the oldest cartographic depiction of the Holy Land. After a tasty local lunch, journey to Petra, pausing to see Shobak Castle, built by the Crusader king Baldwin I in 1115. Arrive in Petra and check in to your hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 *Petra*

This morning, enjoy a half-day tour of Petra, carved by the Nabateans into the rose-red Sharah Mountains. Walk through the *Siq*, a narrow fissure between cliffs, to visit *Al Khazneh* (the Treasury), the Roman amphitheatre cut into the hillside, the monastery and other monuments. Before dinner, enjoy free time to explore more of Petra on your own. This evening, you may join an optional tour to experience the hospitality of a local family and a traditional Jordanian meal at their residence. (B)

SHOBAK CASTLE, PETRA



DAY 4 *Jerash & Amman*

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and travel to Jerash, an ethnically diverse city and one of the best-preserved Greco-Roman cities in the world. Enjoy a guided visit of the “Pompeii of the Middle East,” then continue to Amman and check in to your hotel. After a brief orientation tour, spend the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure to explore Jordan’s capital city on your own. Enjoy the city’s liberal culture, thriving art scene, and beautiful churches and mosques. (B, L)

DAY 5 *Amman*

This morning, check out of your hotel before proceeding to the airport for your flight home. (B)

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- 1 hotel night at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea; 2 hotel nights at Mövenpick Resort Petra; 1 hotel night at the Fairmont Amman (or similar)
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- 4 guided tours: Ancient Town of Madaba; Dead Sea Museum; Petra; Amman & Jerash
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Flight from Cairo to Amman
- All transfers

Post Extension – 4 nights from £2,199 per person

JERUSALEM

Enhance your voyage with a 4-night extension in Jerusalem, Israel's fascinating capital. Walk the ancient streets of the Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the Western Wall, a sacred site for Jewish prayer and pilgrimage. Experience the sacred significance of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, and explore its historic and religious landmarks.



DOMES OF THE ROCK, JERUSALEM



THE WESTERN WALL, JERUSALEM

DAY 1 *Jerusalem*

Arrive at the airport, then transfer to your hotel, stopping at Mt. Scopus to enjoy panoramic views of Jerusalem's Old City. Your Viking Host is available to help you plan your time in Jerusalem so you can make the most of your visit.

DAY 2 *Jerusalem & Bethlehem*

Begin on the Mount of Olives and drive down to Gethsemane to see its garden and church. Proceed through the Kidron Valley and see the Western Wall, then visit the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, home to ancient discoveries from the Second Temple period. Take a scenic drive past the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and Rachel's Tomb on your way to picturesque Bethlehem. After lunch, tour a local olive wood factory and visit the Church of the Nativity before returning to Jerusalem for dinner. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 *Jerusalem's Old City*

Explore the Tower of David, a citadel on the city wall offering panoramic views. In the Muslim Quarter, see the Pools of Bethesda and follow the *Via Dolorosa* up to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In the Christian Quarter, enjoy a traditional Israeli lunch, then walk through the Old City Bazaar. Tour the Jewish Quarter, see the ancient Cardo and Mt. Zion, and step inside the building that houses King David's Tomb and the Cenacle, where the Last Supper and Pentecost took place. (B, L)

DAY 4 *Jerusalem*

Begin your tour with a stop at the Hadassah Hospital and visit the chapel to see a set of stained glass windows by Marc Chagall depicting the 12 tribes of Israel. Continue to the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed in the incomparable Shrine of the Book. See the scrolls and spend an hour exploring on your own. After lunch, enjoy free time in the Old City or explore Yad Vashem, Jerusalem's official museum of Holocaust remembrance. (B, L)

OLD MARKET, JERUSALEM



ANCIENT WALLS, JERUSALEM



DAY 5 *Jerusalem*

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo to begin your cruisetour. (B)

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- 4 hotel nights at the Orient Isrotel Jerusalem (or similar)
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 dinner
- 3 guided tours: Bethlehem Walking Tour; Jerusalem City Tour, Israel Museum Tour and Marc Chagall Stained Glass
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Flight from Tel Aviv to Cairo
- All transfers

Pre Extension – 4 nights from £2,399 per person

MARC CHAGALL STAINED GLASS WINDOW, JERUSALEM





THE ACROPOLIS, ATHENS

NEW! ANCIENT GREECE

Extend your journey with a 4-night stay in Athens, the “birthplace of democracy.” Immerse yourself in the wonders of antiquity at the renowned Acropolis Museum, showcasing a breathtaking collection of treasures spanning thousands of years. Explore the remarkably preserved cities of Mycenae and Epidauros. Venture further with a captivating excursion to Delphi, the ancient sanctuary celebrated as the mythical centre of the world. This enriching experience offers a deeper connection to the cultural heritage of Greece, making your time in Athens truly unforgettable.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- 4 hotel nights at the InterContinental Athenaeum Athens (or similar)
- 6 meals: 4 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- 3 guided tours: Mycenae & Epidauros; Delphi & The Oracle; Athens & the Acropolis
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Flight from Athens to Cairo
- All transfers

Pre Extension – 4 nights from £1,599 per person



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: APOLLO TEMPLE, DELPHI;
AMPHITHEATRE, EPIDAUROS;
PARTHENON FRIEZE MUSEUM, ATHENS



LEFT: PASHA MOSQUE, ISTANBUL; RIGHT: GALATA TOWER, ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL

Enhance your journey with a 3-night stay in Istanbul, a city where East meets West. Uncover Egypt's turbulent Byzantine history and explore iconic landmarks such as the magnificent Blue Mosque and the legendary Hagia Sophia. Immerse yourself in Ottoman heritage at the historic Topkapi Palace while delving into Istanbul's rich cultural tapestry.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- 3 hotel nights at the Westin Istanbul Nisantasi (or similar)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- 2 guided tours: Istanbul Old City Tour with the Hippodrome of Constantinople, "Blue Mosque" & Hagia Sofia; Topkapi Palace Tour
- Services of a Viking Host
- Flight from Istanbul to Cairo
- All transfers

Pre Extension – 3 nights from £1,199 per person



CLOCKWISE: BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON; HIGHCLERE CASTLE; EGYPT EXHIBIT AT HIGHCLERE CASTLE

BRITISH COLLECTIONS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

Enrich your journey with a 4-night extension in Oxford and London. Trace the footsteps of Howard Carter and the 5th Earl of Carnarvon with Privileged Access to the archives at Highclere Castle, famously known as the “real Downton Abbey.” Discover the extensive collections of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum and the Ashmolean Museum, offering insights into ancient Egyptian civilisation.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- 2 hotel nights at the Old Bank Hotel Oxford; 2 hotel nights at the Rosewood London (or similar)
- 6 meals: 4 breakfasts & 2 lunches
- 4 Privileged Access visits: Highclere Castle, Griffith Institute; British Museum; Sir John Soane’s Museum
- 3 guided tours: Oxford Walking Tour; Ashmolean Museum; Petrie Museum
- Fully escorted by your Viking Egyptologist Tour Director
- Flight from London to Cairo
- All transfers

Pre Extension – 4 nights from £3,999 per person



MOSQUE OF MUHAMMAD ALI, CAIRO

CAIRO

Extend your journey with a Cairo pre-extension to explore the dynamic treasures of Egypt's vibrant capital. Discover the architectural wonder of the Baron Empain Palace, an iconic gem from the early 20th century. Soak in panoramic views of the city from the iconic Cairo Tower or delve into the luxurious history of Egyptian royalty at the Manial Palace & Museum, where Ottoman, Persian and European influences create a truly opulent experience.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- 2 hotel nights at the Sheraton Cairo Hotel (or similar)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- 1 guided tour: Old Cairo & its Coptic Quarter
- Services of a Viking Host
- All transfers

Pre Extension – 2 nights from £699 per person



Our Nile Fleet





SUN DECK

Joining the *Viking Osiris* and the *Viking Aton*, Viking's newest Egypt ships, the *Viking Hathor* and the *Viking Sobek*, are the latest additions to our state-of-the-art fleet designed to navigate the Nile River. These vessels, hosting 82 guests in 41 staterooms, embody the clean Scandinavian design for which Viking is known. With features such as a distinctive square bow and an indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace, these ships offer a serene retreat for seasoned travellers.

AS THE NEWEST FLEET ON THE NILE, Viking's Egypt ships are by far the most elegant vessels in the region. By 2027, we will expand to 12 ships, with the addition of the *Viking Amun*, the *Viking Thoth*, the *Viking Sekhmet* and the *Viking Ptah*.

THESE SHIPS ARE METICULOUSLY CRAFTED to provide unparalleled comfort and exploration opportunities, ensuring that guests can fully experience the rich history and stunning landscapes of Egypt. As the largest US operator on the Nile, Viking's award-winning fleet provides unparalleled access to Egypt's timeless wonders.



AQUAVIT TERRACE



THE RESTAURANT





THE ATRIUM STAIRCASE



THE 5TH EARL OF CARNARVON'S PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION

On November 4, 1922, the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun by the 5th Earl of Carnarvon and Howard Carter was considered the first global media event and has provided a legacy of understanding, knowledge and insight into a remarkable civilisation. Among many talents, the 5th Earl was an avid amateur photographer with an artistic eye for composition. His photographs are at Highclere Castle in Hampshire, England stored in photo albums in the library, and show the process of discovering and excavating the tomb of Tutankhamun, as well as scenes of daily life in Egypt during this period.

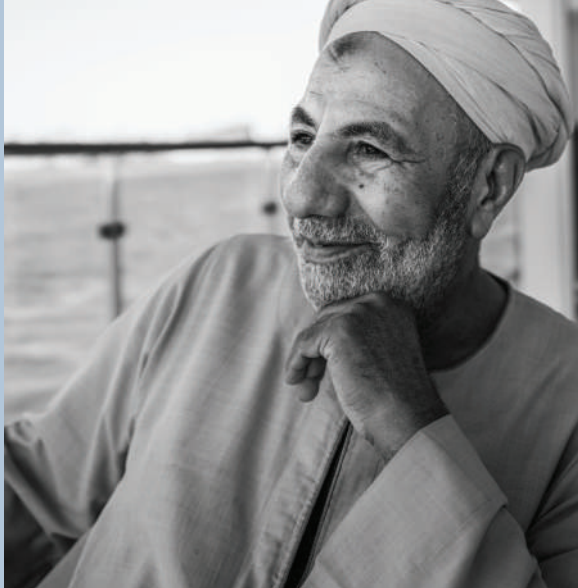
With kind permission, George Herbert, the 8th Earl of Carnarvon, who is a longtime close friend of Viking and the godfather of the *Viking Osiris*, has allowed us to share this private collection for guests sailing on board “his ship,” as well as its identical sister ships. These images were carefully selected by the designer and godfather of the *Viking Aton*, Richard Riveire, to complement the light-filled interiors of this vessel and highlight destinations along the Nile.



THE ATRIUM



THE LOUNGE



CAPTAIN *Abdel Fattah*

Photographer Alastair Miller talks to Captain Abdel Fattah, as he steers the *Viking Aton* along the Nile and through ancient history.

Conjure up in your mind's eye an image of a cruise ship's captain. Tall? Possibly. Male? Perhaps. A neatly pressed uniform with a glitter of gold braid, as befits his rank? An unmistakable air of authority as he strolls the bridge, in calm command of his vessel? Well, the fabulously named Captain Abdel Fattah Muhammad Khalil Abbas Abu Shouq fits none of these stereotypes—other than being male.

The vessel he commands is the *Viking Aton*, one of the newest Viking river ships sailing the Nile River between Luxor and Aswan. His beard—now turned white—and the turban on his head frame sharp, coal-black eyes that constantly monitor his ship and the river it sails on. He wears a traditional Egyptian *galabia*, which flutters and flows behind him in the wind. High up on his forehead sits a dark, bruise-like stain, a sign of religious devotion, caused by decades of praying five times a day.

Few people alive know this river better than him, with its constantly shifting sandbanks and currents. He has been sailing on it since he was six years old. When I spoke to him (through a translator), he told me about his father, older brother and their *felucca* sailboat, and how together, they transported cargoes of traditional ceramic water containers from the north of Egypt and delivered them along the Nile.

And years later, after getting qualified, completing his military service and marrying a wife chosen by his family, he was offered a job as an assistant captain on an Italian river cruise ship. And now, at age 69, he has spent more than 40 years sailing river cruise ships up and down the Nile.

I am curious to know about the difficulties of navigating a ship on the Nile and so he tells me about the high and low water levels, depending on the season. Of hidden rocks, whose position has to be memorised, of sediment deposits and sandbanks that appear and disappear. And of the winds and the currents that can push a ship this way and that.

Navigating the Nile is not easy, so at the start of every season he sails alone, in a small *felucca*, from Luxor to Aswan to inspect the river for himself, leaning over the side of his boat with a long stick, testing the depths of water. Skilfully combining the cutting-edge technological equipment you would expect to find on a modern just-built ship with his decades of experience and intricate knowledge of the river, Captain Abdel proudly guides the *Viking Aton* safely and efficiently along the legendary Nile.

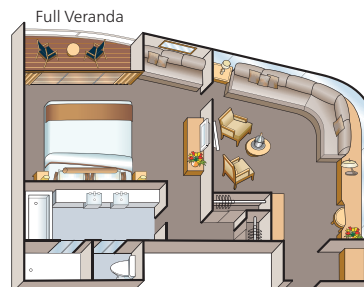
OFFERING YOU A CHOICE OF STATEROOMS

Explorer Suite (ES) | Stateroom size: 525 sq ft **A TRUE (TWO-ROOM) SUITE**

River-view suite with a spacious, separate sitting room and a floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door that leads to a private veranda from the sleeping quarters.



EXPLORER SUITE

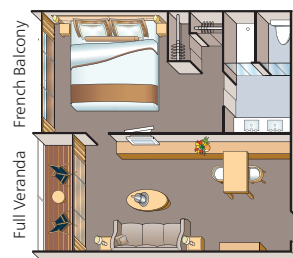


Veranda Suite (AA) | Stateroom size: 409 sq ft **A TRUE (TWO-ROOM) SUITE**

River-view suite with full-size veranda off a spacious, separate sitting room and a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door) in the sleeping quarters.



VERANDA SUITE

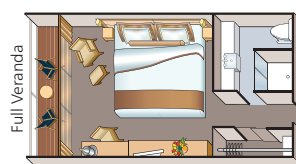


Veranda (A) | Stateroom size: 239 sq ft

River-view stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door opening to full-size veranda.



VERANDA STATEROOM

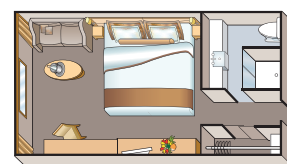


Standard (B) | Stateroom size: 232 sq ft

River-view stateroom with a half-height picture window.



STANDARD STATEROOM





VIKING EGYPT SHIPS

GUESTS: 82 LENGTH: 236 FT. DECKS: 5 STATEROOMS: 41

Pool

A narrow plunge pool at the aft of the ship is perfect for a quick dip to cool off and take in the views.

Aquavit Terrace®

Dine al fresco with this revolutionary indoor/outdoor seating area at the aft of the ship.

Library

Read up on your next destination with our thoughtfully curated book collection.



Floor-to-Ceiling Windows

Maximise natural light and offer expansive views.

The Restaurant

The main dining room features daily-changing menus, including regional specialities made with fresh, local ingredients.

The Shop

Featuring Egypt-inspired and personalised jewellery.

Atrium

Our bright, airy lobby is the heart of the ship, where Guest Services staff welcome you on board and assist throughout your journey.

Our elegant fleet of identical, state-of-the-art Nile River ships were designed specifically to navigate Egypt's iconic river. Owned and operated by Viking—and the newest on ships the river—the vessels feature our signature Scandinavian design and offer the ultimate in comfort.

The Bar

Enjoy a cocktail or coffee and settle in to watch the passing scenery.

Sun Deck

Relax and enjoy the fresh air from a comfortable chair while you watch the ever-changing landscape.

Complimentary Wi-Fi

Stay connected with the world around you.

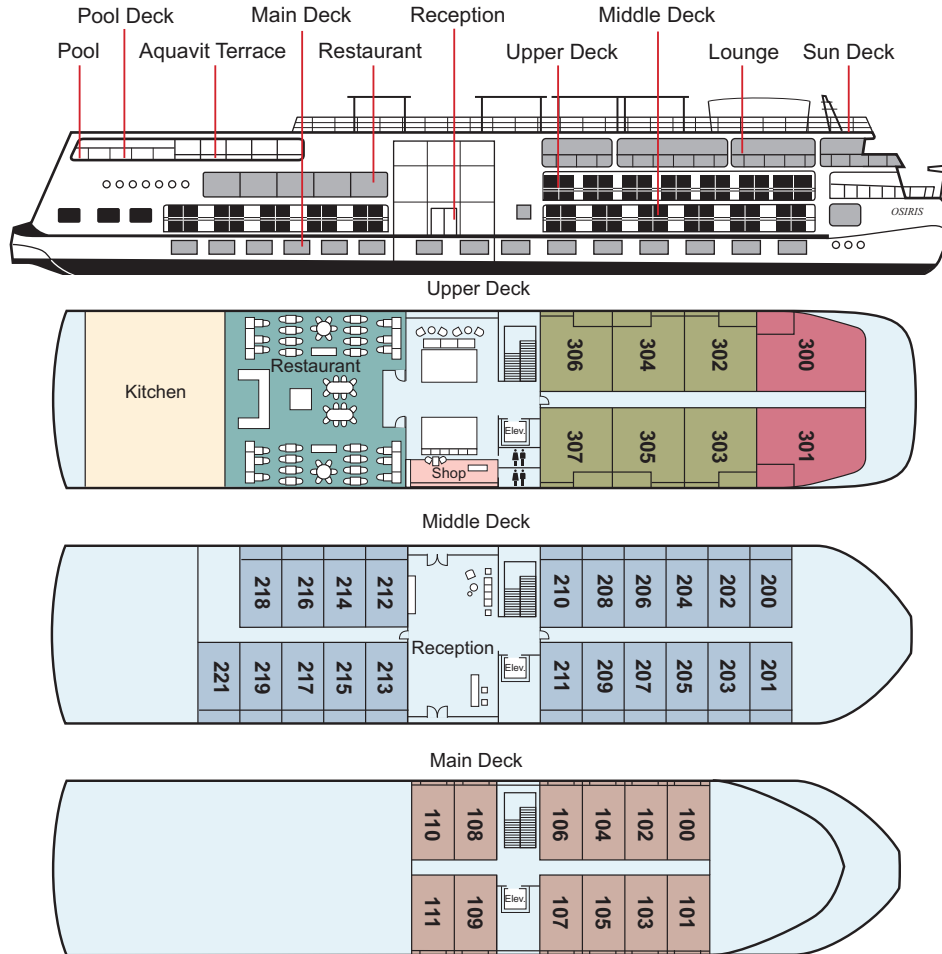


The Lounge

With comfortable seating, expansive views and live piano music, this is the ideal place to gather with fellow explorers.



VIKING EGYPT SHIPS DECK PLAN



Length: 236 ft. Crew: 48 Guests: 82 Decks: 5 Staterooms: 41 Registry: Egypt
(2 Explorer Suites, 6 Veranda Suites, 21 Veranda, 12 Standard)

- All staterooms are outside with river view
- The Lounge & Bar with floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Aquavit Terrace & Lounge, a revolutionary indoor/outdoor viewing area to enjoy al fresco dining
- Restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows for panoramic views
- Sun Deck with 360-degree views & shaded sitting area
- Library & onboard shop
- Lift, Main to Pool Deck only
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- Laundry service
- Voltage: 220V & 110V (US outlet) & USB ports in stateroom

*Scan to take an interactive tour
of the Viking Egypt ships*





LEFT: AQUAVIT TERRACE; RIGHT: REGIONAL SPECIALITIES

THE FLAVOURS OF YOUR DESTINATION

Experiencing Egyptian culture through its food and wine

A GREAT JOY OF TRAVEL lies in sampling the fresh fare and culinary traditions for which a place is known. Locally sourced ingredients—such as chickpeas, figs and freshly baked pita bread—inspire our highly trained chefs to create a variety of authentic regional dishes on every departure.

DINING ON A VIKING SHIP offers impeccable service and casual elegance. On our Nile fleet, choose between The Restaurant and the indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace, both with spectacular views of passing scenery.

SAMPLE REGIONAL CUISINE while sailing through the heart of Egypt. Enjoy traditional starters including tahini and baba ghanoush. Dine on main courses of beef kofta, chicken shish kebabs or shawarma. Or sample vegetarian dishes such as koshari. And for dessert, try a date tart or pistachio cake.

ENJOY A TASTE OF THE FAMILIAR with a selection from our daily offerings. In addition to a variety of dishes, you can choose from a Caesar salad, steak, salmon or chicken, all on Viking's always-available menu.



WARM, FRIENDLY STAFF

OUR VIKING FAMILY

Thoughtful attention from dedicated staff

ONLY THE VERY BEST. Our knowledgeable and highly experienced Swiss management oversees your entire journey and handpicks each member of our onboard team. Rigorous training and inspiring leadership have also made Viking the employer of choice.

A WARM WELCOME. We are dedicated to ensuring everyone feels at home on board our ships. We are also proud that 80% of our staff return year after year, so you can expect familiar faces and the same quality service every time you travel with us.



NO UMBRELLA DRINKS

WHAT VIKING IS NOT

We do not try to be all things to all people

In addition to being known for all that we do, Viking stands apart for all that we do not do.

- **No** children under 18
- **No** casinos
- **No** charge for Wi-Fi*
- **No** charge for beer & wine at lunch & dinner
- **No** inside staterooms
- **No** smoking
- **No** waiting in queues
- **No** formal nights

*Connection speed may vary; restrictions or incremental charges may apply



FREYJA® TOILETRIES

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Elegant design that is simple and functional

Our aim has always been to create a comfortable environment on board our ships, so we have focussed on making things as straightforward and as easy to operate as possible. Our TV remote controls have just a few, intuitive buttons. Our bathrooms have spacious showers, with simple-to-use controls. They also feature anti-fog mirrors and heated floors, and our toiletries are clearly labelled and feature flip-top caps. EU plug sockets power outlets and USB ports in staterooms are plentiful and conveniently located, offering a variety of choices to charge devices within reach. In public spaces, you will find square-backed chairs that are easier for hanging jackets and purses. Even our waste baskets are square, to better catch a tossed piece of paper. At Viking, we think of every detail, so you can focus on exploring and learning about the destination.

TV REMOTE



SHOWER CONTROLS



SQUARE-BACKED CHAIRS



VIKING INCLUSIVE VALUE

Pricing that covers everything you need—and nothing you do not

Our goal is to provide you with great value, so we have designed our voyages to give you more for your money with a fare that includes:

- Return scheduled flights from London, Manchester, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow or Aberdeen
- One shore excursion in every port of call, led by a knowledgeable local guide
- Free Wi-Fi*
- All onboard meals featuring regional specialities & always available classics
- Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- 24-hour speciality coffees & teas
- Visits to UNESCO Sites
- Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- All port taxes & fees
- Ground transfers
- Viking is a member of ABTA and is ATOL licensed

Plus, additional tools and services available to assist with travel planning include:

- Online booking to price & build your voyage in just a few steps
- My Viking Journey online guest portal to select shore excursions and personalise your voyage in advance of travel
- Viking Voyager mobile app to personalise your onboard experience

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THE POOL DECK

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