

# Expedition Egypt 2022

## TERMS, CONDITIONS, & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PACKAGE

- **Air Transportation:** Roundtrip airfare in coach class from Chicago O'Hare International or Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Cairo International Airport, and local roundtrip airfare from Cairo to Aswan. Airfare and regulations are subject to change without notice and can carry penalties and surcharges until final payment has been received. Any upgrades to business or first class is the responsibility of the participant.
- **Accommodations:** Quality hotels ranging from Four to Five Star class based on double occupancy with private bath. Timeless Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels in similar categories if needed.
  - **Single Accommodations:** Timeless Tours will attempt to arrange for a congenial roommate if you are traveling alone. If this is not possible or you prefer to room alone, then an \$510.00 supplement will be required.
- **Meals:** Continental and buffet style breakfast daily. Buffet or set meal lunch and dinner daily throughout the tour. Food in Egypt will offer a Middle Eastern and/or Western diet. An extra charge may be applied for coffee, tea, or other beverage not included in the menu of the day. If a passenger chooses not to have a meal, there will be no refund for unused meals.
  - Please note that while we will provide vegetarian options for meals, we cannot accommodate other special dietary needs including gluten free, dairy free, allergy free, or other specific dietary needs.
- **Transfers:** International arrival and departure transfers plus group transfers are provided in conjunction with tour flights.
- **Sightseeing/Transportation:** All sightseeing tours described in the itinerary include transportation by the best available air-conditioned motor coaches or other vehicles depending upon the circumstances at the time of the tour operation. A camel ride, hot air balloon flight, small water craft, and cruise ship are some of the features on this tour. All entrance fees to the sites listed on the itinerary are included.
- **Lectures/Guides:** Professors Robert Bates and Stefanie Elkins will provide background lectures at all the sites visited. Our onsite travel agency, Maryland Tours, and local guide Max will also be employed for the duration of the tour and will give expert talks on site as well.
- **Baggage:** Includes the transportation and handling of ONE piece of luggage per person plus a carryon throughout and within the limits of airline regulations. Each person is responsible for ensuring that their luggage has been loaded onto the plane, bus, cruise ship, or other transportation.
  - **Each person should be prepared to pay for extra baggage fees in Egypt if two bags per person are brought on the tour.** Air transportation within the country of Egypt only allows for ONE checked bag only.
- **Gratuities and Taxes:** All local/government taxes on hotels, meals, and services listed included. Tips to drivers, security, escorts, boat staff, and local guides are included. Tips to your Timeless Tours guides are optional and at your discretion.
- **Tour Price & Arrangements:** The tour price is based on international tariffs and rates in effect as of the date of the tour proposal (May, 2021) and includes planning, handling, and operating charges. The tour price is based on a minimum of 16 participants. An additional fee of \$250 may be charged for any deviation from the printed itinerary when requested in writing up to 60 days prior to departure and are not accepted after this time. All deviations are subject to the terms and conditions stated herein. In the event that the tour does not fulfill the minimum number of passengers within 45 days of departure, Timeless Tours reserves the right to cancel or re-cost the tour. Late booking or changes may result in an additional fee.
- **Water:** You will receive one complimentary bottle of water daily while we are on the tour. Please note that you will need to purchase additional water (available at hotels and on the bus) to ensure you are properly hydrated throughout the trip.

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PACKAGE

- Cost of personal/trip cancellation and baggage insurance and transportation of excess baggage.
- All items of a personal nature such as the cost to do laundry, beverages, extra gratuities, optional excursions, souvenirs, or deviations from the scheduled tour.
- Individual transfers to join or leave the group once the tour has commenced.
- Meals not shown as included or menu items not on the table/buffet.
- Travel insurance.
- Extra baggage fees
- \$25 Visa for Egypt (payable when we arrive in Cairo – please have \$25 US dollars in cash)
- Special visa's for non-US citizens.
- Connecting flights to Chicago or Atlanta.

### PASSPORTS/VISA

- A visa is required for entry into Egypt. Please note that this ONLY applies to US citizens. Your visa for entry into Egypt is NOT provided and you will need to have at least \$25 in US currency to purchase the visa upon arrival in Egypt. If you are not a US or EU citizen then please check with your consulate to see if you are eligible for a visa to EGYPT. If you are, it is your responsibility to apply and pay for the required visas.
- A valid passport is required for all members of this tour. If you do not have a passport, please contact your local passport office (available through most US post offices) or consulate to ensure that you are eligible for a passport and apply right away. Passports can take months to process. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to check their eligibility and apply for a passport. **Passports must be valid 6 months after the return date of the tour.** If your current passport is near expiration, please renew it. Please note that TSA/KTN passes do not apply to international travel to the Middle East.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Timeless Tours is not responsible or liable for loss, damage, or theft of personal baggage and belongings. Timeless Tours is also not liable for personal injury, accident, or illness. Timeless Tours does NOT provide travel insurance. We strongly suggest checking with your insurance agent to determine if your current policy is adequate to cover any eventuality. We highly encourage trip cancellation/travel insurance. You may purchase travel insurance through Gospel Travel who will be arranging our international flights (gospeltravel.net) or you can purchase it through the following recommended travel insurance companies:
  - [travelinsurance.com](http://travelinsurance.com)
  - [Insuremytrip.com](http://Insuremytrip.com)
  - [travelexinsurance.com](http://travelexinsurance.com)

## CANCELLATION, REFUND, & UNUSED PORTIONS

- All cancellations must be in writing by letter or e-mail to Timeless Tours, and will be in effect on the date of receipt. There are no exceptions to the cancellation fees listed below unless an exceptional circumstance arises on the part of Timeless Tours. Any exceptions will be made in writing from Timeless Tours. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time the ticket is issued. Cancellations are subject to the following charges: Based on March 16, 2022 departure.
  - Up to 6 months before departure (Sept. 16, 2021): \$300 per person
  - Between 6 to 3 months (Sept. 17 – Dec. 16, 2021): \$350 per person
  - Between 89 to 61 days (Dec. 17, 2021 – Jan. 14, 2022): \$400 per person
  - Between 60 to 45 days (Jan. 13 – Jan. 30, 2022): \$450 per person
  - Between 44 to 15 days (Jan. 31 – Mar. 1, 2022): 25% of the package price + non-refundable airline ticket.
  - Between 14 days ( Mar. 2, 2022) to departure date (Mar. 16, 2022): Full package price
- For these and other reasons mentioned herein, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (see above). A cancellation by a shared room occupant could result in the need to accommodate the other person in single accommodations, and this cost will be deducted from the refund that might be due to the person canceling. Timeless Tours does not assume responsibility for cancellation fees imposed by air carriers and ground operators due to itinerary departure changes, and cancellations made after ticketing. Nor are we responsible for any individual air arrangements made in connection with group flights.
- **A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations of which \$200 is non-refundable.** This amount will be applied to the price of the tour. The balance is to be paid in full no later than 50 days (Jan. 27, 2022) prior to the departure of the tour. Thereafter, a \$100 late payment fee will be assessed. Reservations made within 30 days of departure are also subject to a \$75 late reservation charge.
- The prices quoted are based on group participation; there will be no refund for unused services, airline tickets, or portions of the tour not taken.
- Refunds cannot be made to tour members who for any reason, do not complete the tour.

## RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

- Land arrangements including surface transportation: Timeless Tours, and the participating tour company Meryland Tours (based in Cairo) operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the car rental contractors, cruise ship, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors, and others which provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, or damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements.
- International air carriers and other IATA carriers, cruise ship lines, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage. Timeless Tours is also not held responsible nor is not liable for the roundtrip airfare within the country of Egypt (Cairo to Aswan).
- Timeless Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary, or to delete or substitute sites when they feel it to be in the best interest of the tour. Furthermore, Timeless Tours is not responsible for delay, accident, sickness, loss of personal property, strikes, armed conflict, additional expenses due to weather, disruption of advertised schedules, refusal of visas, or any other causes beyond their control. The releasees are also not responsible for war, terror or acts of God. Furthermore, the operation of the vehicles used in their tours is the full responsibility of the companies and individuals engaged in the conveying of passengers; said companies or individuals are governed by laws of the country of operations and recourse for any mishap must be filed locally.
- It is expected that the participant is fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected with any activities undertaken while participating in the tour Expedition Egypt, including, but not limited to, navigating uneven, steep terrain, and various other environments; tripping, falling, minor cuts, scrapes, bruises, and other incidents; damage to clothing, footwear, and other personal effects; and serious personal injury and/or death, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to oneself and personal property. The participant must assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained, or any loss or damage to personal property as a result of being engaged in such an activity, whether caused by negligence of releasees or otherwise.

## EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS

- Foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. It is often difficult to set the price of a tour when we cannot predict what exchange rates will do. We price our tours at a set exchange rate and adjust for fluctuations at final billing. If the rate drops below the original rate, we pass the savings on to our passengers. If rates increase, then we must pass those costs on as well.

## SMOKING & DRINKING

- This is a nonsmoking tour and smoking is not permitted where the group is gathered. If you choose to consume alcohol, please do so in moderation.

## HEALTH

- We suggest that tour members contact their personal physician. By applying to the tour and paying the deposit the passenger certifies that he/she does not have a physical condition that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.
- We consider this a moderately strenuous tour. Walking on rough terrain and climbing stairs are part of several excursions. All tour participants are expected to be in good health, enjoy traveling as part of a group, and be ready to experience cultural differences with grace and patience.

## TOUR PHILOSOPHY

- This tour is designed to explore the relationship between the Bible, the ancient Near East, and archaeology. While all people and denominations are warmly welcome, we will generally follow traditional Seventh-Day Adventist practices which may include a worship activity on Saturday.
- We work hard to ensure that Saturday/Sabbath activities on the tour reflect Seventh-Day Adventist traditions. However, given the diversity of Adventist practices, Timeless Tours reserves the right to plan activities that reflect the best interests of the group within the context of our environment. If you have any issues, please contact the tour leaders with your concerns and we will consider them with all due diligence.
- Sabbath activities may involve traveling by bus, visiting museums, hiking to selected historical and archaeological sites, and eating at restaurants.

**CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- We at Timeless Tours have great respect for the culture and people of the Middle East. Timeless Tours has developed this tour in order to introduce you to the people and places that hold a special place in our hearts. Therefore, as a condition for going on this tour all participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is in harmony with the values of the Christian faith which include respecting the beliefs of the people of Egypt. It is therefore understood that tour participants will conduct themselves in ways that will be harmonious with the sensibilities of local people, even if those sensibilities seem unfamiliar to one’s own.
- Egypt is a Muslim and developing country. To this end, all tour participants are expected to do their best to approach the tour with an open mind and a cooperative spirit. This assumes that you will take personal responsibility for any offensive behavior that includes but is not limited to the following:
  - Making off-handed remarks that reflect negatively on Islam or Egypt.
  - Commenting on the “primitive” or “terrorist” ways of all those of Middle Eastern or Arabic decent.
  - Making statements that can be misconstrued as racist, sexist, or demeaning.
  - Overtly proclaiming your American citizenship by wearing clothing with pictures of our flag, military branches, or similar types of outward expressions of American patriotism.
  - Wearing clothing that is too revealing or clingy.
  - Engaging in excessive discussions with the locals about political events including the war in Syria, ISIS, Palestinians, or American politics in general.

***As a condition to the acceptance on this tour, each applicant must agree to and sign the statement set forth below. This is a legal document affecting your legal rights. Your signature(s) below signifies that you have read the document carefully, understand it, and that you agree with its terms as a prerequisite to any participation in tour activities.***

I have read carefully the itinerary for this tour, and I understand the Terms, Conditions, & Assumption of Risk, and refund policies set forth within. My signature below and my deposit constitutes my acceptance and agreement of the above items. I represent that I am physically and mentally fit to be able to participate in this tour and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein, including the refund policy. I also understand and hereby agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and agree to abide by the conditions set forth under this Terms, Conditions & Assumption of Risk, to release, defend and hold harmless Timeless Tours, Maryland Tours (in Egypt) and guides, any of their officers, agents, licenses or representatives from any and all liability for delays, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to my property, however it may occur, during any portion of, or in relation to the Expedition Egypt tour, taking place on the dates of March 16 - 27, 2022.

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**\*Please print this document, sign it, scan it, and email it (along with a scanned copy of your passport) to: [selkins@andrews.edu](mailto:selkins@andrews.edu)**

**You may also mail your documents to:**

**Timeless Tours  
3549 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Niles, MI 49120**

***\*It is advised that you keep copies for your records.***