

TREASURES OF THE PHARAOHS

featuring a four-night Nile River Cruise



Four nights accommodations aboard the *MS Mayfair*

10 DAYS • 21 MEALS

2017 Departure Dates:
February 16; March 2, 9; October 12


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Facemask of the boy king is among King Tutankhamen's treasures

The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 21 Meals (6 dinners, 7 lunches and 8 breakfasts)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Three nights in Cairo, Egypt, before your river cruise
- ✓ Local English-speaking Egyptologist and Mayflower Tours expert staff
- ✓ Included tours to the Pyramids of Saqqara, the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx of Giza
- ✓ Included tour of the Egyptian Museum including the spectacular treasures of King Tutankhamen
- ✓ A visit to the iconic Citadel of Saladin and the Mosque of Muhammad Ali
- ✓ A four-night river cruise on the Nile with all meals onboard
- ✓ Included visits to the impressive Karnak and Luxor Temples on the right bank of the Nile River
- ✓ Included visit of the stunning tombs at the Valley of the Kings with entrance to King Tut's tomb
- ✓ A visit to the Temple of Horus in Edfu and the Temple of Kom Ombo
- ✓ Sail aboard a felucca and enjoy scenic views along the Nile
- ✓ Included visit to the Temple of Philae and the High Dam in Aswan
- ✓ \$50 in Mayflower Money

Local Insights

- ✓ Visit to King Tut's tomb and mummy at the Valley of the Kings
- ✓ Guided visits by a local Egyptologist
- ✓ Entertainment by local artists onboard the ship

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your transatlantic overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt.

DAY TWO – Cairo, Egypt

Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Tours and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in this remarkable city that offers renowned history and culture.

DAY THREE – Sphinx and the Great Pyramids of Giza

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a tour to the Pyramids of Saqqara located south of Cairo. Close to the Ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis, it contains burials from much of Egypt's history. You'll enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, you'll visit the great Pyramids of Giza followed by a visit of the Sphinx. The last remaining 'wonder' of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramids of Giza are perhaps the most famous and discussed structures in history. The Great Sphinx of Giza, commonly referred to as the Sphinx, is a limestone statue of a reclining or couchant sphinx that stands on the Giza Plateau on the west bank of the Nile. The Sphinx of Giza is a symbol that has represented the essence of Egypt for more than 4,500 years. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner)*

DAY FOUR – Tour of Cairo

Your day begins with a tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. Here you'll see the spectacular treasures of King Tutankhamen and the extensive collection of approximately 160,000 Egyptian artifacts covering 5,000 years.

Following an included lunch, you'll visit the iconic Citadel of Saladin. The citadel was used as the seat of the king and his government in Egypt for many centuries and dynasties. You'll continue on to visit the Mosque of Muhammad Ali. Round out your day in Cairo with a visit to the world's oldest marketplace which dates back as far as 1382. *(Breakfast and lunch)*

DAY FIVE – Nile River Cruise, Karnak and Luxor Temples

Depart for the Cairo airport for an early morning flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your river ship, *MS Mayfair*, for a four night cruise on the Nile River. Following lunch onboard, you'll visit the Karnak Temple Com-



Camels await your arrival at the Great Pyramids of Giza



Ancient statues greet you at the Karnak Temple complex

plex which comprises a vast mix of decayed temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings. This complex, a city of temples built over 2,000 years ago, is the largest religious building ever constructed. Luxor Temple is a large Ancient Egyptian temple complex in the city today known as Luxor which was founded in 1400 BC. Luxor is unique among the main Egyptian temple complexes in having only two Pharaohs leave their mark on its architectural structure. (Breakfast) (Lunch and dinner onboard)

DAY SIX – Valley of the Kings and Edfu

Today's excursion visits the stunning tombs at the Valley of the Kings where, for a period of nearly 500 years from the 16th to 11th century BC, tombs were constructed for the Pharaohs and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom. This ancient site has given Egyptologists the opportunity to study the life and death beliefs of the ancient Egyptians. The walls of the tombs are covered with hieroglyphic writing including text from the Book of the Dead. You'll visit the Queen Hatshepsut Temple which took fifteen years to complete, between the 7th and the 22nd years of her reign. A photo stop is made by the giant Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon we sail to Edfu located on the west bank of the Nile River, some sixty miles south of Luxor. Its ancient name was Wetjeset-Hrw, or "The Place Where Horus is Ex-tolled." (Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

DAY SEVEN – Kom Ombo

After breakfast, visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu which is dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god. Not only is this the best preserved ancient temple in Egypt, but it is the second largest after Karnak. In the afternoon, sail to Kom Ombo, a small town situated on the east side of the Nile. Surrounded by fields of sugarcane and corn, Kom Ombo is a pleasant agriculture town and home to many Nubians. Visit the unusual Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to both Horus and the Crocodile God Sobek. After re-embarking, the ship sails for Aswan.

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

DAY EIGHT – Aswan

Your morning is at leisure in Egypt's third largest city, Aswan – small enough to walk around and graced with the most beautiful setting on the Nile. Spend the day strolling the broad Corniche, watching the sailboats or sitting in a floating restaurant listening to Nubian music and eating freshly caught fish. Or choose an optional excursion to the Abu Simbel Temples. This afternoon, enjoy a scenic felucca ride on the Nile. A felucca is a



traditional sailboat, relying solely on wind-power, used to transport people and goods on the river. What a great way to enjoy some of the stunning views of the Nile just as Cleopatra did so many centuries ago! (Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

DAY NINE – Return to Cairo

After breakfast onboard, disembark the ship and enjoy a short tour to visit the lovely Temple of Philae followed by a visit of the High Dam. Philae was one of the last outposts of Egyptian religion, surviving two centuries after the Roman Empire converted to Christianity. Lunch is included at a local restaurant during the tour. On your visit to the High Dam, which separates Lake Nasser from the Nile, you'll be astounded at the size which is over 11,000 feet long. Following the tour, transfer to the Aswan airport and return to Cairo. Tonight your Tour Manager hosts our Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

(Breakfast onboard) (Lunch and dinner)

DAY TEN – Cairo / USA

This morning, transfer to the Cairo airport and return home with memories of the life enriching experiences from Egypt and your cruise along the Nile River. (Breakfast)

Itinerary is subject to change.

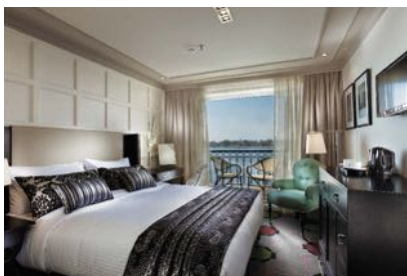


Mystique abounds at Queen Hatshepsut Temple in the Valley of the Kings

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Spend four nights aboard the luxurious *MS Mayfair*



Stateroom aboard the *MS Mayfair*



Ship's lobby provides an inviting welcome

MS Mayfair

The 150-passenger *MS Mayfair* is a five-star deluxe river ship with modern elegance and uncompromising luxury. The sophisticated staterooms offer tranquil surroundings. The public areas are comfortable and superbly furnished, the meals are delectable. With the friendly staff, remarkable ship and the unprecedented sense of discovery, this will be a holiday filled with memories of amazing life-enriching experiences.

The staterooms on the *MS Mayfair* blend unmatched intimacy and comfortable individuality with tasteful attention to details. Dark wooden pieces set off by black and crème tones create a soothing ambience, to provide a haven of comfort for relaxation after a day of sightseeing. Connecting staterooms are available.

Built: 2010 Staterooms: 74 Suites: 2 Length: 244 ft. Crew: 70

Standard River View Stateroom (226 sq. ft.):

- ✓ Stylish furniture, luxurious bedding, individual climate control, 220V voltage
- ✓ Mini-fridge, mini-bar, personal safe, tea/coffee maker
- ✓ LCD flatscreen TV with satellite reception, several English-language stations, including news and movie channels
- ✓ Free WiFi Internet
- ✓ All staterooms have a private bathroom with glass door shower hair dryer and deluxe bath products

Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- ✓ Swimming pool and Jacuzzi
- ✓ Spa - steam and sauna with aromatherapy and massage
- ✓ Swimming pool bar
- ✓ Nile Avenue Restaurant
- ✓ Bel Air Lounge and Bar
- ✓ Library, table games and business corner
- ✓ Boutique, gift shop and hairdresser
- ✓ Medical service (onboard doctor on call)
- ✓ Egyptologist onboard
- ✓ Laundry and dry cleaning service
- ✓ 220V Electricity

2017 DEPARTURES	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
February 16	\$1,649	add \$749
March 2, 9	\$1,649	add \$749
October 12	\$1,649	add \$749

Please add \$325 pp for flights between Cairo and Luxor and from Aswan to Cairo

Pricing based on Standard River View Stateroom. Call for rates to upgrade.

HOTEL AND CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two through Four – Four Seasons First Residence, Cairo, Egypt

Days Five through Eight – Aboard the *MS Mayfair*

Day Nine – InterContinental City Stars Hotel, Cairo, Egypt



Call for air rates and schedules between your city and Cairo, Egypt

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **ENERGETIC**



FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$199 land only / \$249 with air

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure 100% of the total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Tours.



Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

