# Luxor and Cairo Extension Option

## May 19-26, 2023

For those of you who would like to see more of Egypt, I have arranged an optional land tour that will follow the Red Sea diving excursion. Instead of returning to the airport for your travel home, we will board a motor coach for a guided drive to see the Aswan Dam, stopping to visit some of the most remarkable archaeological sites on the planet!



## Luxor and Valley of the Kings

Described as the "world's greatest open-air museum," the ruins of the Egyptian temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor are iconic when one thinks of Egyptian history. We will also visit a valley in Egypt where, for a period of nearly 500 years from the 16th to 11th century BC, rock-cut tombs were excavated for the pharaohs and powerful nobles.

### Aswan and Abu Simbel

We will travel to Aswan, on the shores of Lake Nassar. A day tour the next day will take us to the Temple of Abu Simbel. This temple, threatened by the rising lake waters after the construction of the Aswan Dam, was moved by UNESCO to a site 500 feet higher in elevation than originally constructed, but is identical in all other aspects. The Abu Simbel Temple is a site not to be missed!





## Cairo

After several days in the south of Egypt, we will board a plane to fly to Cairo. Here we will explore the great pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the bazaar (old market), the Egyptian Museum, and other locations. We will fly back home from Cairo on whatever flights you have booked.

#### Cost

\$1,950 per person. This includes guides, ground transportation from Hurghada to Aswan, 4- and 5-star hotel accommodations (2 persons per room), air transportation from Aswan to Cairo, all breakfasts, and standard entry fees. Not included: other meals, guide tips, photographic permit fees, beverages.