

Bowers Museum and Joy Travel International Present

Egypt: The Royal Tour

Led by Egyptologist Fadel Gad

Accompanied by Dr. Tianlong Jiao, VP of Collections and Chief Curator, Bowers Museum



March 15- 25, 2025



On this VIP tour, our travelers will enjoy the following perks:

- ❖ Private lectures and discussions with experts in the field, including Dr. Zahi Hawass.
- ❖ Private access to the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx before public opening.
- ❖ Access to the newly excavated site by Dr. Zahi Hawass. These excavations are not open to the public.
- ❖ Exclusive VIP badge from the Egyptian Antiquities Department which allows our group access to specific tombs on the West Bank of Luxor, such as the tomb of Nefertari and the tomb of Seti I, and much more.
- ❖ Firsthand observation of conservation being done by the American Egyptian Research Center at the West Bank and Karnak Temple.
- ❖ Site visit in Luxor with noted Egyptologist and Director of Excavations at Karnak Temple, Mr. Salah Elmasekh.
- ❖ Deluxe superior room accommodations with view at 5-star hotels, including historic hotels like the Old Winter Palace in Luxor and the Old Cataract in Aswan.



TOUR ITINERARY:

Saturday March 15 / DAY 1 – CAIRO

- Arrive in Cairo and settle into the hotel.

[The Fairmont Nile City Hotel](#)

Sunday March 16 / DAY 2 – CAIRO

- Spend the morning viewing the Egyptian Museum's famous collection of King Tutankhamen as well as the treasures from the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, and New Kingdom.
- Visit the Museum of Civilizations where all the royal mummies are on display including the well-preserved mummy of Ramses II.
- Sunset private cocktail on small boat on the Nile while cruising around Cairo.

[The Fairmont Nile City Hotel \(B, L\)](#)

Monday March 17 / DAY 3 – CAIRO

- Spend the day with Dr. Zahi Hawass and share the extraordinary experience he had while working on the Giza Plateau Excavation.
- Visit the Giza pyramids with private access to the Sphinx. Visit The Grand Museum.

[The Fairmont Nile City Hotel \(B, L\)](#)

Tuesday March 18 / DAY 4 – CAIRO/ASWAN

- Morning flight to Abu Simbel.
- Visit to Abu Simbel in the land of Nubia.
- Visit the colossal temple of Ramses II cut into the mountain.
- Explore this extraordinary site along with the smaller temple that Ramses dedicated to his wife, Nefertari.
- Flight to Aswan.

[The Cataract Hotel Aswan \(B, L\)](#)

Wednesday March 19 / DAY 5 – ASWAN

- Visit the Temple of Isis on Philae Island.
- Explore the ancient granite quarries where workmen once carved and left the Unfinished Obelisk.
- In the afternoon, sail by felucca (sailboat) to Elephantine Island and the Temple of the creator god, Khnum.

[Nile Cruise \(B, L, D\)](#)



TOUR ITINERARY cont.

Thursday March 20/ DAY 6 – NILE CRUISE

- In the morning, Sail to Kom Ombo.
- Visit on the way the temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to Sobek the Crocodile god and Hours the falcon god. Continue sailing to Edfu. After Lunch visit to the Temple of Horus, this temple was dedicated to the union of Hathour and Horus. Overnight at Esna.

[Nile Cruise \(B, L, D\)](#)

Friday March 21 / DAY 7 – NILE CRUISE/LUXOR

- Early morning sailing to the City of Luxor.
- Visit the West Bank of Luxor, including the Tomb of King Tut and Ramses VI in the Valley of the Kings.
- Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut.
- After lunch visit the Tomb of Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens.

[Nile Cruise \(B, L, D\)](#)

Saturday March 22 / DAY 8 – CAIRO

- Visit the Temple of Karnak and the Temple of Luxor. Visit the avenue of the Sphinx that connects the two temples together.
- Early evening flight to Cairo.

[The Fairmont Nile City Hotel \(B, L\)](#)

Sunday March 23 / DAY 9 – CAIRO

- Morning drive to Sakkara to visit the Step- Pyramid of King Djoser and the Old Kingdom tombs dated back to 2500 BC.

[The Fairmont Nile City Hotel \(B, L\)](#)

Monday March 24 / DAY 10 – CAIRO

- Morning flight home

Bowers Museum: Dr. Tianlong Jiao, VP of Collections and Chief Curator



Dr. Tianlong Jiao, VP of Collections and Chief Curator at the Bowers Museum, holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard, an M.A. in archaeology from the graduate school of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, and a B.A. in archaeology from Beijing University. Dr. Tianlong Jiao's academic prowess is evident in his extensive research in Chinese archaeology, art history, Pacific archaeology, and Japanese ceramics. An author of seven books and over a hundred academic papers in both English and Chinese, Dr. Jiao was also the honored recipient of the Philip and Eugenia Cho Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Asian Studies in 2007 for book "The Neolithic of Southeast China" (Cambria Press, 2007).

Fadel Gad : Tour Leader & Guide



Fadel Gad, noted Egyptologist and President and Founder of Joy Travel International, has been leading educational tours to Egypt and other countries for more than 20 years. Originally from Memphis, the first capitol of Egypt, he received his Master's degree in Archaeology, Ancient Egyptology, and Islamic Art at the Cairo University. He served as an Archaeologist of Antiquities in Egypt for many years. His field experience includes excavations in Fostat, Saqqara, Cella, and the Monastery of Abo Henes. His comprehensive knowledge of ancient Egypt has enabled him to fill lecture halls as well as participate in broadcast programs where he speaks about a myriad of topics including Egyptian mythology and the ancient Egyptian concept of gods and goddesses. Fadel most recently served as Executive Producer for specials on Egyptian archaeology for public television.

Tour cost:

- **\$7,700 per person in double room**
- **\$ 9,500 Single room**

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Guest Lecturers and English-speaking tour guide
- ✓ Hotels as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Meals as specified in the itinerary
- ✓ Private charter domestic flights, Cairo Aswan, Abu Simbel, Aswan, and Luxor Cairo.
- ✓ Entry fees to the sites
- ✓ Meeting and assistance at all airports
- ✓ All site fees
- ✓ Bottled water



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TOUR DATES: _____

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PREFERENCE: WINDOW ____ ISLE ____
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