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## STARGATE IV EGYPT:

**January 17–Jan 29 , 2010**

With

William Henry, Presenter and Mary Lomando, Facilitator

### 17 January 2010 Departure from U.S.

### 18 January 2010

**Arrive** at Cairo International Airport, where A&K Egypt Tour Coordinator will assist you with all customs and visa formalities.

**Transfer:** Transfer to Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel in Giza.

**Check-in:** A&K Tour coordinator will assist you with check-in at your hotel.

You will meet our Egyptian guide, Hazem El Gabry.

**Overnight:** At your hotel in Cairo.

### 19 January 2010

**Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Today we visit the Egyptian Museum and the Citadel of Old Cairo.

Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, exhibiting over 120,000 objects in its 107 halls; it comprises the world's greatest collection of Ancient Egyptian artifacts. Marvel at the many rooms filled with golden treasures extracted from the world-famous tomb of boy king, Tutankhamen.

After lunch, we will visit a world-famous Egyptian art and jewelry bazaar; as well as papyrus gallery.

Evening free. Group overview meeting, if time permits.

**Overnight:** At Meridien Giza. (B,)

### 20 January 2010

**Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast at hotel.

**Saqqara:** Today, we visit the stepped pyramid of Saqqara, built by the high priest, architect, physician and magus, Imhotep. Saqqara is said to be the oldest known of Egypt's 107 pyramids. Although the original structure was a burial chamber 28 meters

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underground, Imhotep enlarged it several times to eventually reach a six tiered rectangle 60 meters high. Saqqara seems to have been the first area where limestone was employed, not only for the outer casing of the pyramid but also to cover interior walls.

We will also visit the newly opened Imhotep Museum, which houses rare and mysterious artifacts from the Old Kingdom capital of Memphis.

**Lunch:** We will enjoy lunch at the oasis-like Saqqara Palm Club, which has an amazing view of the stepped pyramid and Saqqara village.

After lunch, we will visit one of the village carpet schools famous for its silken weavings and traditional handicrafts.

Dinner on your own. After dinner, lecture with William.

**Overnight:** At Meridien Pyramids, Giza. (B, L )

### 21 January 2010

Breakfast: Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Special visit by private permission to the Sun temples of the 5<sup>th</sup> Dynasty: Abu Sir, and Abu Gurob. We will have an archaeologist overseeing the site as our guide today.

Lunch at Saqqara Palm Club restaurant in view of the Stepped Pyramid of Zoser.

Later, we will visit a local perfumery to experience and sample some famous Egyptian essential oils and perfumes. Overnight Le Meridien. (B, L)

### 22 January 2010 Cruise Day 1

**Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast at hotel.

**Check-out:** An A&K Egypt Tour Coordinator will be on hand to assist you with all check-out procedures.

**Transfer:** Your A&K Egypt Tour Coordinator will escort you to Cairo Domestic airport by air-conditioned vehicle for your Aswan flight approximately one hour flight).

**Those flying to Abu Simbel will continue on with A&K guide to Abu Simbel And meet the rest of the group later in the day aboard our boat.**

**Transfer:** Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to your A&K cruise, the Sunboat IV.

After lunch on board, we will visit the gorgeous island temple of Isis at Philae, called the "jewel" of the Nile. Here, we can spend time in the healing sanctuary of Isis, Mistress of Magic, as well as the chanting rooms dedicated to the deified Imhotep. Philae Temple was the last functioning temple in Egypt and was used well into Roman times. We will see evidence of what may, indeed, be a Templar altar in Egypt.

Captain's cocktail dinner on board ship. Overnight cruise. (B, L, D)

**Overnight:** Sunboat IV cruise (B, L, D)

### 23 January 2010 Cruise Day 2

Breakfast on board. **Defy Temple:** This afternoon, we visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu, which is the largest and most completely preserved of the Ptolemaic temples in Egypt, and dedicated to Horus, the Son of Light, who continually overcomes the forces of chaos and darkness. Afternoon tea served on deck.

Dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight cruise. (B, L, D)

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### 24 January 2010 Cruise Day 3

**Breakfast:** Breakfast buffet on board.

**Morning: Valley of the Kings & Queens:** We begin our day with a visit to the West Bank of Luxor.

**Hatshepsut Temple:** Rising out of the desert plain in a series of terraces, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut (ancient Egypt's only female Pharaoh) merges with the sheer limestone cliffs that surround it, as if nature herself had built this extraordinary monument.



#### **Medinet Habu Temple:**

We will make our final stop on the West Bank at Medinet Habu, one of the most important temples during the New Kingdom, spanning the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> dynasties.

**Lunch stop: Habu Cafeteria, West Bank**

**Return to Sunboat IV for sunset tea.**

Farewell Dinner aboard Cruise

**Overnight:** Sunboat IV (B, L, D)

### **25 January 2010 check out cruise- Luxor**

**Check-out:** After breakfast, our A&K Egypt Tour Coordinator will be on hand to assist with check-out from the the Sun Boat IV. A& K will assist us with transferring to our 5-star hotel on the Nile, The Steinberger Hotel.

We will have a free day to explore Luxor on our own in Luxor. Evening Lecture with William Henry at the hotel. Overnight: Steinberger Hotel (B)

### **26 January 2010**

**Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast at Steinberger Hotel in Luxor.

**Dendera & Abydos** (Box lunch provided).

EARLY wake-up call for our 2 hour drive to Dendera to visit the beautiful Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to Hathor, Goddess of beauty, love, music, and astrology. In her chapel of the New Year, dedicated to the star Sirius, we will see one of the most beautiful depictions of the sky Goddess Nut, the Galactic Mother. Inscriptions at Dendera speak of

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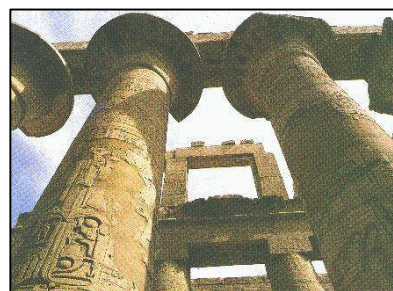
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the original site being built at a time “when the gods walked on Earth”, and Dendera housed one of the most important healing centers of ancient Egypt. We also have time to explore the initiation crypts and tunnels beneath the temple. We then continue on to the Temple of Seti I at Abydos, the “mecca” of ancient Egypt and the necropolis for pre-dynastic kings and Pharaohs dating back to the fourth millennium BC. This magnificent 19th Dynasty Temple has some of the most exquisite artwork in all of Egypt. Abydos is the site of the enigmatic monument, known as the Osirion.

**Overnight:** At your hotel in Luxor. (B, L)



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**Check out:** A&K Tour coordinator will assist with check out and escort us to Luxor Airport for Cairo flight.

**Transfer:** Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to [Meridien Pyramids Hotel](#), Giza.

**Check-in:** A&K Tour coordinator will assist you with check-in at your hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at the Pyramids and Sphinx on the Giza Plateau, the Great Pyramid being the only survivor of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World". We will view the gorgeous panorama of the Giza plateau, as well as the Valley Temple of the Sphinx. After dinner, group “briefing” before pyramid initiation.

Overnight Le Meridien Pyramids. (B)

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### 28 January 2010

*Pre-dawn wake-up call for Private initiation time inside Great Pyramid and the paws of the Sphinx.*

Free afternoon to explore the Giza plateau.

Farewell dinner.

**Overnight:** LeMeridien (B)

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**29 January 2010**

Check-out of hotel and transfer to Cairo International Airport with A&K Representative, who will assist you with international flights.

**(Note: Some international flights have early am departures, so you may be transferring to the airport on the night of Jan 28<sup>th</sup> depending on your flight).**

**BON VOYAGE!!**

**Tour Cost Includes:**

- Domestic Egypt Airfare
- 5- Star Accommodations
- All Meals as indicated (B, L,D)
- Bottled water on tour bus
- All lectures with William Henry
- Full day Dendera & Abydos include lunch box
- Private Permission to Abu Sir & Abu Gurob (closed to the public)
- Imhotep Museum Entry Fee
- Private time inside Great Pyramid and Sphinx enclosure
- All Airport & hotel Transfers
- All Group tipping

**Excludes:**

Single Supplement of \$1400

- International airfare
- Private requirements, such as laundry, bar, room service, etc.
- Video Camera fees on site
- Personal Tipping for Egyptologist/Guide
- Extra hotel nights/options
- Travel Insurance

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