

Middle Egypt: A Cruise on the Nile

MAY 11 – 26, 2023

Study Leader: Dr. Meghan Strong, Adjunct Assistant Professor in Classics





Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join your fellow travelers through a stretch of the River Nile identified as 'Middle Egypt'. This expedition be led by none other than our own Dr. Meghan Strong, Adjunct Assistant Professor in Classics and Research Associate at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Dr. Strong has deep ties with this region where she has led trips.

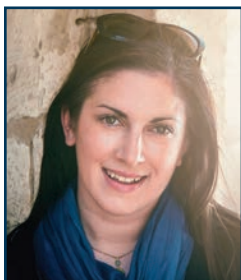
Middle Egypt today can be identified as the part of the Nile Valley that, while geographically part of Upper Egypt (the southern part), is culturally closer to Lower Egypt (the northern part). This luxury cruise on the *M/S Darakum* will begin in Cairo stopping along the important sites of the Middle Kingdom eventually ending in Aswan. Spanning 7,000 years of history, guests will experience the heartbeat of this desert region delving deep into the history of the ancient Egyptian kingdoms and various dynasties. You will get a flavor of a civilization that played a crucial role in influencing regional and international politics as well as commerce and technology that continues to resonate until today. During this expedition you will visit Medieval Cairo, archaeological sites in ancient places such as Beni Hasan, the fascinating rock-cut Middle Kingdom tombs and the Greco-Roman city of Hermopolis before stopping at the more well-known areas of Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel.

Due to the nature of the destination and limited cabin accommodations, space is limited and I encourage you secure your spot today by contacting our tour operator at (917) 686-2620/ info@immersionjourneys.com or by filling out the enclosed tour reservation form.

Sincerely,

Brian Amkraut
Executive Director
The Laura & Alvin Siegel Lifelong Learning Program
Case Western Reserve University

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STUDY LEADER:

Meghan Strong

Adjunct Assistant Professor in Classics; Research Associate, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Meghan completed her PhD in the Division of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge where she examined the impact of lighting, environment and the senses on the ritual practices of the

ancient Egyptians. She has trained as both an Egyptologist and an art historian and elements of both disciplines impact on her research. Meghan has lectured on archaeology and Egyptology throughout the UK and United States and has worked in Egypt for over a decade as a writer, photographer, and archaeologist.

Her photographic work has been featured on National Geographic, NBC, CNN and LiveScience. Meghan currently serves as an Assistant Director at Nuri, Sudan, an expansive cemetery used by the rulers of the ancient kingdom of Kush.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Cairo, including medieval quarters, the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, and the Citadel.

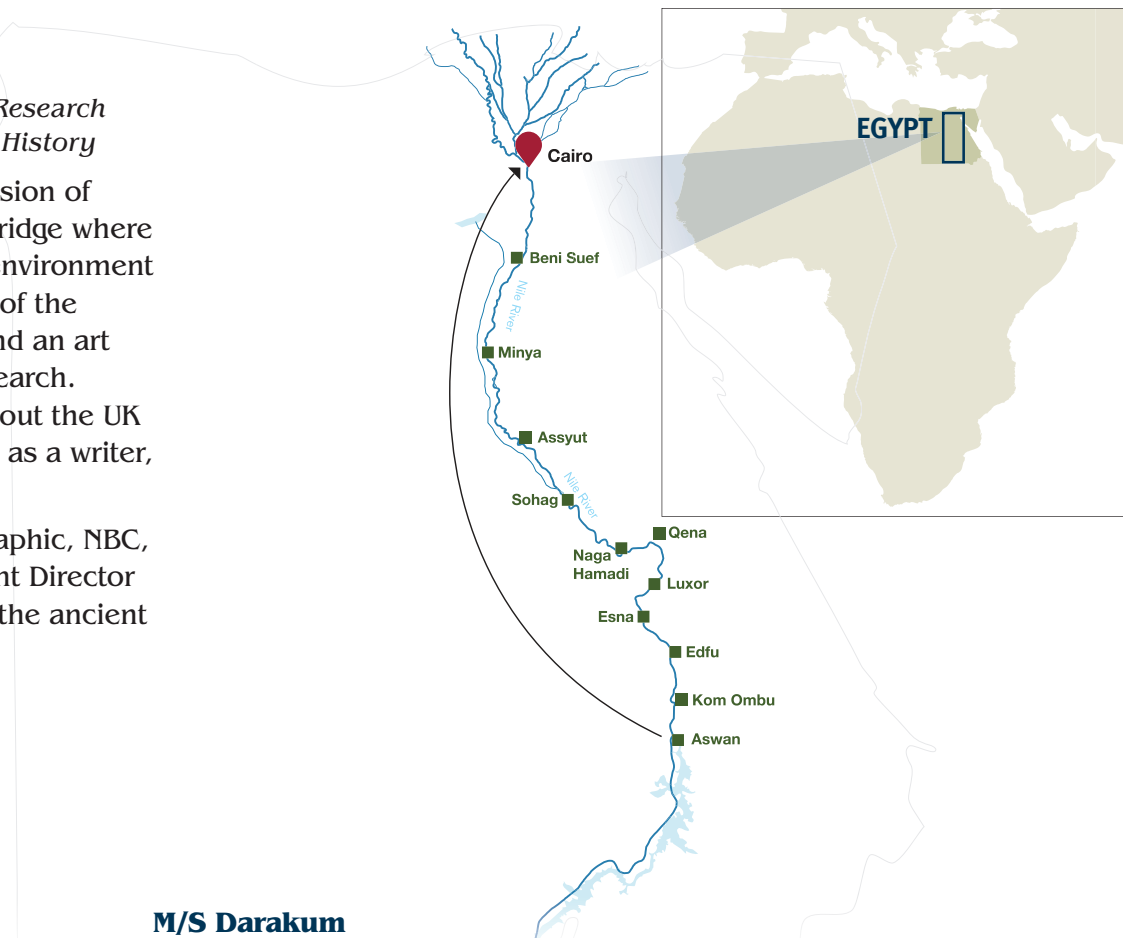
In Fayoum, view the Hawar and Maydom pyramids that outdate the famous pyramids of Giza.

Learn about the history and dynasties of the Middle Kingdom that lie between Minya and Qena.

In Luxor, view Karnak Temple—one of the largest religious buildings in the world.

Learn about the engineering feat to build the Aswan High Dam.

View the temples of Abu Simbel, which were relocated after building the High Dam in the early 1960s.



M/S Darakum

Your luxury accommodations (standard cabin) will be on the *M/S Darakum*. Its Moroccan inspired design makes it stand out and it offers an unforgettable journey while cruising through 7,000 years of history. A variety of recreational activities are available including a swimming pool, sun deck with a recreational area, and a gym.



Please note: In order to purchase this tour, proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required. This is for the safety of the M/S Darakum crew members, land staff and other guests. Please submit a copy of the COVID vaccination card along with the tour reservation form.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

May 10, 2023 – Depart U.S.

May 11 – Arrival Cairo

Met on arrival and transferred to the MS Darakum river cruise. Complete all embarkation protocols and settle into your cabin. Trip briefing by your tour manager/ guide.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 12 – Sightseeing in Cairo

Disembark and visit the famous Grand Egyptian Museum where there are tens of thousands of items on display. You will also have free access to the museum's Treasures Room where you can see all the beautiful artifacts that were recovered from the tomb of King Tutankhamen when it was excavated in 1922.

Brief stop for lunch.

Next, you will be taken to see Egypt's most iconic ancient monuments, the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Return to the ship in the late afternoon.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 13 – Sightseeing in Medieval Cairo & Citadel

Morning visit of the Citadel and Mohamed Ali followed by visits to Sultan Hassan and Ibn Touloun Mosques.

Brief stop for lunch.

Afternoon Visit to Khan el Khalili and walking tour. This is the medieval part of Cairo and a historic center of this ancient city. The Khan el-Khalili today is occupied by local merchants and traders, and one of the most popular *souqs* (bazaar) in the region.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 14 – Cairo to Fayoum (excursion by road). Re-embark at Beni Suef

Disembark and depart by coach to Fayoum. This the most significant center of the cult of Sobek, the crocodile-god, a protective deity who was believed to protect against the dangers of the Nile. View the ancient Hawara and Maydom Pyramids, which outdate the famous Pyramids of Giza. Meet the cruise ship in the evening in Beni Seuf around 6:00pm.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 15 – Beni Seuf to Minya

Full day sailing to Minya. Travel past palm tree lined communities that dot the banks.

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May 16 – Minya

A full day of sightseeing begins with a visit to Beni Hasan to visit the fascinating rock-cut Middle Kingdom tombs of Baqet, Khety, Amenemhet and Khnumhotep II. Afternoon visit to Tuna El Gebel, the necropolis of the ancient Greco-Roman city of Hermopolis, and el-Ashmunein, the site of the ancient city itself.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 17 – Minya to Assyut

The day begins with a visit to Tel el-Amarna (formerly known as Achetaton), the northern tombs of Ahmose, Meryre, Pentu, Panehesy and the Royal Tomb of Akhenaten. Continue your tour with the Great Palace of King Akhenaten and the Small and Great temples of Aten. As the ship cruises south, it will stop in front of the Prince Tawdrous Monastery, allowing you to get a glimpse from the deck. Continue to Assyut.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 18 – Assyut to Sohag

The day will be spent sailing to Sohag.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 19 – Sohag to Naga Hamadi

This morning travel to El Balyana, where you'll visit the Abydos Temple. Return to the ship and set sail towards Luxor via the via Abu Homar's Lock. Arrive at Naga Hammadi.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 20 – Naga Hamadi to Luxor

Sail to Qena for a visit to the Dendara Temple. Discover the beautifully-preserved temples which were constructed during the 4th century BC. Continue on to Luxor.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 21 – Luxor

There's a full day visit to the archaeological paradise that is the West Bank of Luxor today. Home to the spectacular Valley of the Kings, the area offers a wealth of ancient treasures with Pharaohs' tombs dating back between the 16th and 11th Century BC. The visit also includes a visit of King Tut's tomb and the magnificent Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut (Deir el-Bahri) that sits within the valley.

Evening visit to Luxor Museum.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 22 – Luxor to Edfu

This morning the focus is on the treasures of the East Bank of the Nile. Here you can see the magnificent temples of Karnak and Luxor, which were built in honor of the Egyptian sun god Amun Ra. Take a walk through the majestic hypostyle hall with its magnificently painted pillars and gaze at the collective work of 13 centuries of successive pharaohs.

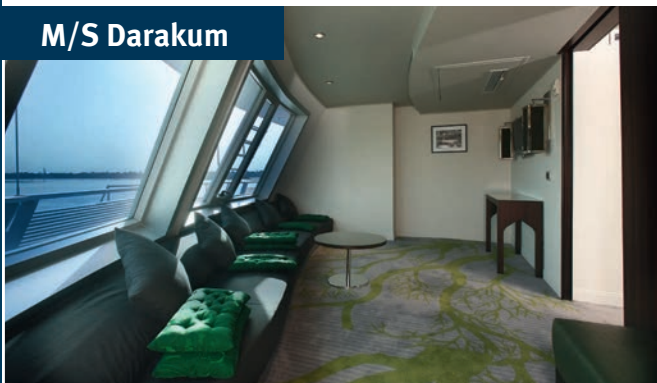
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May 23 – Edfu to Aswan

Today includes a visit to the incredible Kom Ombo temple. This double temple is perfectly symmetrical and was built during the Ptolemaic dynasty (4th-1st Century BC). The two temples are dedicated to the Egyptian gods of Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. Cruise towards Aswan.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

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May 24 – Daytrip to Abu Simbel

Morning flight to Abu Simbel. Abu Simbel is a village in the Egyptian part of Nubia, about 240 km southwest of Aswan and near the border with Sudan. It is best known as the site of the Abu Simbel temples, which were built by King Ramses II and are now in the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Return back to Aswan and visit the Nubian Museum.

Overnight: Onboard the M/S Darakum – Standard Cabin (B, L, D)

May 25 – Aswan- Cairo (flight)

Disembark after breakfast and visit the Philae Temple complex followed by a stop at the Aswan High Dam. The dam is significant for Egypt as it provides much of the water for irrigation, flood control and hydro-electric power for the nation.

Fly to Cairo and check into the hotel.

Farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Intercontinental City Stars (B, L, D)

May 26 – Departure

Airport transfers for departure flights home or onward to your Jordan extension (see details on the next page). (B)



GROUND COSTS*

\$7,999 per person (double occupancy)

Single Room Supplement: \$2,299

INCLUDES:

- Land and cruise accommodations. Cruise accommodations will be in a standard cabin (20 square meters).
- Domestic group flight (economy): Aswan – Abu Simbel & Aswan – Cairo.
- 15x breakfasts, 14x Lunches, 15x dinners.
- All airport meet/ greet and transfers.
- Port fees.
- Dedicated full time expert Egyptologist Guide/ Tour Leader.
- All monument and museum entry fees.
- Gratuities to guide and shore-excursion coach drivers (**cruise crew to be tipped directly by guests at the end of the cruise.*)

EXCLUDES:

- International flights.
- Early arrival/ departures (contact Immersion Journeys for preferential hotel rates.)
- Beverages during meals (Note: 2 drinks are included on day 2 and day 16 per inclusions above.)
- Laundry, dry cleaning.
- Telephone, fax, wifi (if applicable).
- Any additional meals and beverages not included above.
- All additional services not mentioned above.
- Egypt entry visas, passport services.
- Pre-arrival COVID testing as required by Egyptian health authorities for entry and testing for re-entry into the U.S. as required by the CDC.
- Mandatory travel insurance including medical evacuation to your home country. ***Guest should have enough coverage in case of any additional in-country COVID testing and any necessary hospitalization/ treatment/ isolation/ transport.*
- Vaccinations (if applicable.)
- Gratuities/ tips cruise staff.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO JORDAN

Continue your adventure in scenic Jordan. This quick trip shows you the main highlights of the country including the ancient kingdom of Petra, the Byzantine mosaics in Madaba, religious icons of the Holy Land and the Dead Sea.

This visit can also be arranged prior to arriving in Egypt. If you wish to customize a pre/port tour, please contact the tour operator.

May 26 – Fly to Amman, Jordan. *Jordan Intercontinental (L)*

May 27 – Mount Nebo & Madama. *Petra House (B, L, D)*

May 28 – Petra. *Petra House (B, L, D)*

May 29 – Dead Sea. *Kempinsky Ishtar (B, L, D)*

May 30 – Transfer to the airport and depart. *(B)*

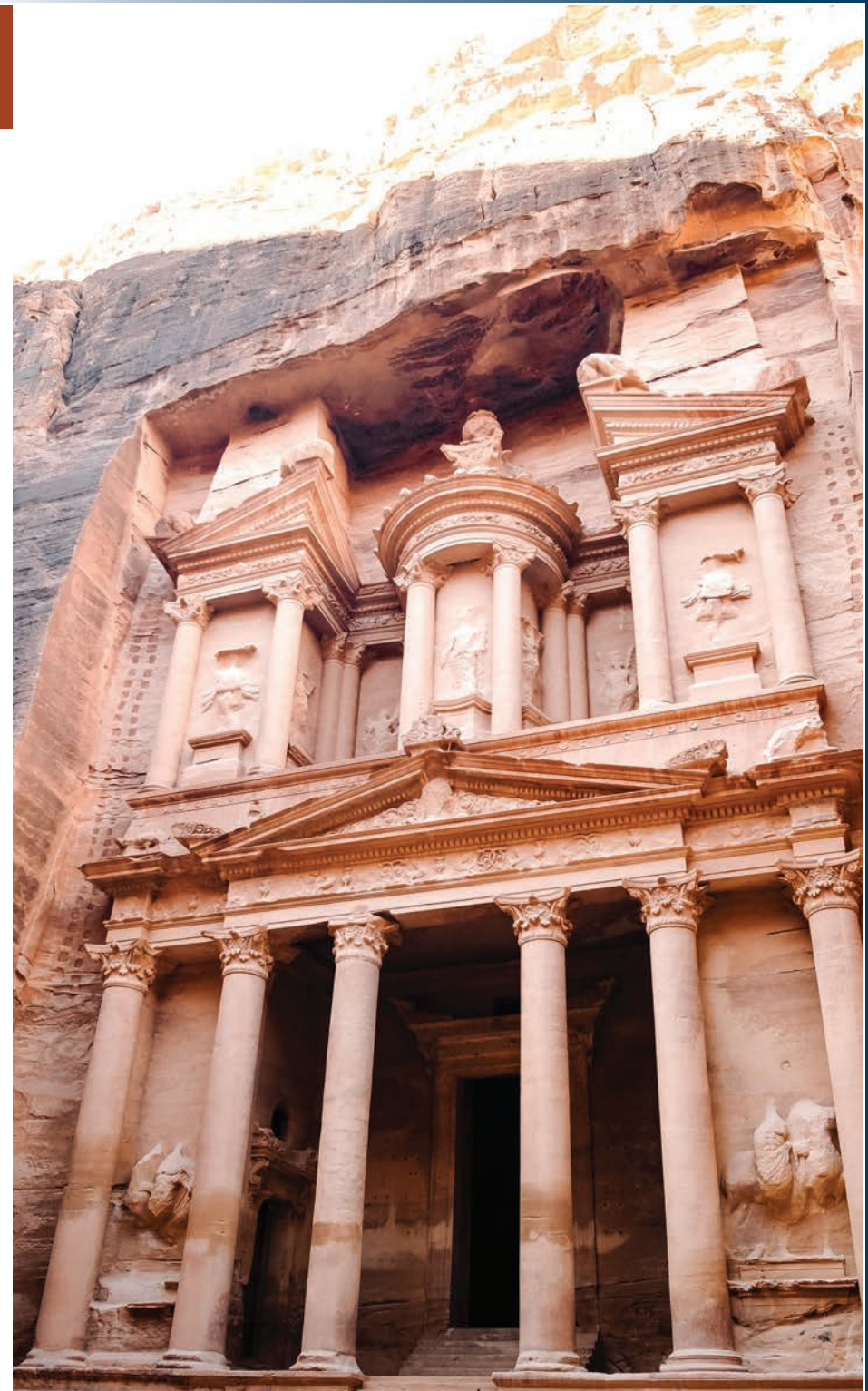
GROUND COSTS*

\$3,165 per person (double occupancy)

Single Room Supplement: \$450

Includes: All accommodations as indicated above, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, English-speaking guide and transport on a private basis, monument and historical sites entry fees, airport and hotel transfers, one-way flight from Cairo to Amman

Excludes: Visa for Jordan, gratuities for drivers, guides, beverages during meals, meals not included above, laundry/ dry cleaning, internet/ fax/ phone, international flights for onward journey.



TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form along with a copy of your passport biometric page, proof of COVID-19 vaccination and your deposit of \$1,000 payable to **Immersion Journeys**. Mail to **455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044**/ E-mail: info@immersionjourneys.com. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 or 302-743-7005 if you have any questions about the registration process.

Check one: Enclosed is my/our check of \$_____ (\$1,000 per person)

Please charge my/our deposit check of \$_____ to my: VISA MasterCard American Express

Name: _____ Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

The balance of the trip is due on February 10, 2023 and is payable by check only. Credit card payments for the balance will be charged a 3.5% fee.

Authorized Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

Passenger Information

Name 1 (as on passport) _____

Name 2 (as on passport) _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

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Street Address _____

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City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email (write clearly) _____

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I prefer single accommodations (***Extremely limited and only on first come basis***)

I plan to room with _____ Double Twin (separate beds)

I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

Emergency Phone # and Contact Name (during trip): _____

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility, etc.): _____

*By submitting my/our deposit, I/we am/are registering for the above trip program and have read and agreed to the Participant's Agreement. I/we understand that portions of this trip will range from being easy to moderately strenuous and may include unpaved paths, steps and will be outdoors. The cruise vessel has no elevator and access between decks will be by stairs only. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk and climb stairs without a full time walking aid or need a wheelchair. I/we also take responsibility for purchasing our own **supplemental travel insurance** including medical coverage and medical evacuation coverage and will provide a copy of the policy to Immersion Journeys.*

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

By signing our tour reservation form, or otherwise indicating your assent in writing, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document. These terms and conditions apply to the Tour, the itinerary for the Tour and payment for the Tour

INTRODUCTION: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, Engaging Journeys, Inc., Case Western Reserve University (collectively "Immersion Journeys", "Engaging Journeys", "Case Western Reserve University" "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A prepayment deposit \$1,000 along with a completed and signed Tour Reservation Form, proof of COVID-19 vaccination and copy of passport are required in order to confirm your reservation. Upon receipt of these forms and your deposit, we will confirm your trip. This Agreement. The signed Reservation form and the signed Credit Card Authorization section of the Tour Reservation Form are all part of your agreement with us.

The balance of your Tour cost is due of 90 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is **mandatory**. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel Tour, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation. In addition, medical evacuation coverage may be required as a condition of booking. **Please contact Sarah Doody at sxd618@case.edu or 904-432-3141 with any questions.**

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Our cancellation charges are based on the stringent payment policies of our suppliers of local services and therefore represent a reasonable estimate of our loss. Cancellation charges are expressed as a percentage of your total trip cost (excluding commercial airfare) and also depend on the day you cancel and the day of your scheduled departure from your home. Our cancellation charges are in addition to whatever the airline may charge you:

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$750	Ninety-one (91) or more
50 percent (50%)	Between Ninety (90) and sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%)	Less than sixty (60)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, cancelled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the Tour due to State Department or Centers for Disease Control advisories or warnings, fear of travel, or for any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Tour on the Tour start date, you will be considered a no-show. No refunds will be available, but you may join the Tour late if you wish.

Commercial airline tickets must be paid in full at the time of ticketing. Airline cancellation charges are set forth on the invoice.

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel Tour; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure; any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel Tour

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, Immersion Journeys.

BAGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the trip. Airlines, buses, vans and other modes of transportation may all have weight and size restrictions on luggage. It is your responsibility to comply with all baggage restrictions

PRICE INCREASES: Destination countries increase their VAT taxes from time to time. Some suppliers impose energy surcharges or other price increases. Prices are also subject to increase due to currency fluctuations. Any such increases will be applied to your total due at the time of final payment.

PASSPORTS, VISAS, and OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In most cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. If one parent or guardian plans to bring a minor child without the other parent or parents, some countries and airlines have strict documentation and permission requirements. Birth certificates may be required for children under 18. Some nations require proof of vaccinations for all travelers. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination. You are solely responsible for complying with passport, visa, and other foreign entry requirements and vaccinations.

RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Immersion Journeys, its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, and assigns (collectively "Immersion Journeys"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your Tour including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, safari or guide services, local ground or safari operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Immersion Journeys is not liable for any negligent or willful act, failure to act, financial failure or other defaults of any such person, entity, supplier or any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, Immersion Journeys is not responsible for any injury, financial or other loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by wild or domestic animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat

thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. Further, I release Immersion Journeys from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

We have no special or unique knowledge regarding the financial condition of the suppliers of services, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. For useful information regarding your destination, we strongly recommend reviewing the destination-specific information at www.travel.state.gov, and the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/travel.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a Tour participant, or remove from a Tour, without refund, any person Immersion Journeys judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other Tour participants, leaders or third parties, or who Immersion Journeys determines to detract from the enjoyment of the Tour by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the lodge or hotel.

Assumption of Risk of Exposure to COVID-19: you agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, diseases, or conditions, including but not limited to the coronavirus known as COVID-19. The coronavirus COVID-19 is primarily transmitted via exhaled respiratory droplets, most often through coughing, sneezing and breathing in close proximity to another person. These droplets can travel up to six feet and are more commonly transmitted between persons rather than from equipment to persons. You understand and agree that (a) COVID-19 is extremely contagious and there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any place where people are present; (b) no precautions, including the protocols that will be implemented as part of the trip, can eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19; (c) people of all ages and health conditions, including healthy young people, have been adversely affected by COVID-19; (d) certain people have been identified by public health authorities as having greater risk based on their age or underlying medical conditions; (e) exposure to COVID-19 can result in being subject to quarantine requirements, illness, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death, regardless of a person's age or health condition. You understand and agree to hold the Immersion Journeys, its officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of COVID-19 or any other disease, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, disease or condition, and you fully agree to accept these and all other known and unknown risks of receiving services from Immersion Journeys.

CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS BY IMMERSION JOURNEYS: Immersion Journeys reserves the right to change the itinerary, the lodges or hotels utilized or any Tour features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Immersion Journeys shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Immersion Journeys may cancel or postpone a Tour (or an option) for any reason whatsoever. Seasonal changes (for example, from low to high season) may result in higher prices. In any event, for cancellations (or postponements) based upon acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, epidemics or the threat thereof, pandemics, terrorism or the threat thereof, strikes or labor disturbances, demonstrations, riots or civil unrest, criminal activity, supplier default or insolvency, or other similar circumstances, its sole obligation is to issue credits in the full amount of moneys paid to Immersion Journeys, but only to the extent its suppliers are crediting Immersion Journeys with those monies paid by Immersion Journeys

to them. Under no circumstances is Immersion Journeys obligated to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Immersion Journeys is not required to cancel any Tour for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Immersion Journeys is not responsible for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Immersion Journeys makes the flight arrangements or cancels the Tour. Immersion Journeys reserves the right to substitute lodges, hotels, vessels or attractions for those listed in the tour description if same is required by circumstances beyond its control or for the convenience or well-being of clients.

OTHER TAXES AND FEES: Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

FORCE MAJEURE: Immersion Journeys, Engaging Journeys, Case Western Reserve University assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, financial or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation of a flight that causes you to miss all or any portion of the Tour, acts of God, acts or orders of government, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather events, or strikes.

INDEMNIFICATION: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Engaging Journeys, Case Western Reserve University and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All Tours require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark vans or motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside the United States.

CONDUCT DURING TOUR: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. This includes following local government health laws requiring the proper use of face masks and following proper sanitization protocols. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods. .



MEDICAL PROXY: If you are unable to authorize your own medical attention and treatment, you authorize Immersion Journeys or its subcontractors or agents to authorize medical attention and treatment on your behalf. You agree to hold harmless and release Immersion Journeys from any liability for medical attention arranged or not arranged on your behalf. Immersion Journeys assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or evacuation services.

CHANGES: Changes in this Agreement may be made only in writing, signed by an officer of Immersion Journeys.

BINDING ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the Tour, or the Tour itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) State of New York law and will take place in New York City, New York. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Immersion Journeys are waiving the right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Immersion Journeys must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who travelled with signatory, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

By signing the Tour Registration form, you agree to the terms of this Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement. If your party includes a person under 18, then you represent that you are that person's parent or legal guardian.