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FEBRUARY 12: ARRIVAL

Welcome to Egypt! You will be greeted by your driver that will be waiting for you there to escort you to the Fairmont Hotel with the rest of the group. Everyone will be arriving at different times, so this day will be to settle in and relax from your flight.

You can use the day to chill by the rooftop pool at the hotel or explore the Downtown of Cairo till we meet at night for dinner at one of the best homemade food restaurant in downtown.

Hotel: <u>Kempinski Nile Hotel, Cairo</u>. Meals included: None.

FEBRUARY 13: JOURNEY TO THE LAST WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, THE GIZA PYRAMIDS THEN VISIT GEM

- There's no better way to start our trip to Egypt than by visiting the country's most iconic sites- the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx (extra ticket, approximately \$30).
- After the Pyramids we will visit the Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum in the world with more than 100000 Pieces exhibited.

**I don't recommend riding Camels or any animals at the Giza Pyramids as they're malnourished and treated badly!

Hotel: <u>Kempinski Nile Hotel, Cairo</u>. Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch.

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FEBRUARY 14: DAHSHUR AND SAQQARA & THE BLUE LOTUS GARDEN

- Pyramids older than the Giza ones, and the first pyramid ever built in history!
- We will start by Dahshur where the Red and Bent pyramids are, a city so lush and known for its palms groves. After that we will venture to Saqqara, the oldest necropolis of ancient Egypt where tombs are getting excavated as we speak!
- We will spend most of our days in Saqqara exploring and seeing different archeological sites, then head to Neferka, a beautiful farm where the sacred Blue Lotus is growing and we will have an open-buffet lunch of amazing authentic Egyptian food.

Hotel: <u>Kempinski Nile Hotel, Cairo</u>. Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch.

FEBRUARY 15: THE BLACK AND WHITE DESSERT

We begin the day very early in the morning Upon arrival, we settle into our lodge. A simple desert lunch awaits, setting the tone for our adventure.

Following the meal, we kick off our exploration in the Black Desert, named for the striking layer of black powder and rocks formed over years of erosion. There will also be an exciting session of sandboarding to add a touch of thrill to our day. We then venture into the Black Mountain, enjoying a panoramic view of the surrounding area.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT WE'LL LOSE PHONE NETWORK ON SOME PARTS OF THE DAY.

Hotel: Le Jardin sous la Lune lodge. Meals included: Lunch, Dinner.

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FEBRUARY 16: THE BLACK AND WHITE DESSERT

- Today kicks off early with a simple breakfast and checking out from the lodge, gearing up for a day of exploration. Our first stop is the famous Djara Cave, where we take it easy and enjoy some quality time before a relaxed picnic-style lunch.
- After exploring the cave, we head back to the White Desert, making a cool stop at the Crystal Mountain. Continuing our desert journey, we go deeper until we reach the Agabat Desert.
- As the day winds down, we set up camp in the tranquil White Desert, surrounded by its beauty. Dinner is simple but satisfying, cooked up in the heart of the desert with a cozy campfire. We wrap up the night with some starry-eyed stargazing, adding a magical touch to our desert adventure.

Hotel: white desert camp. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

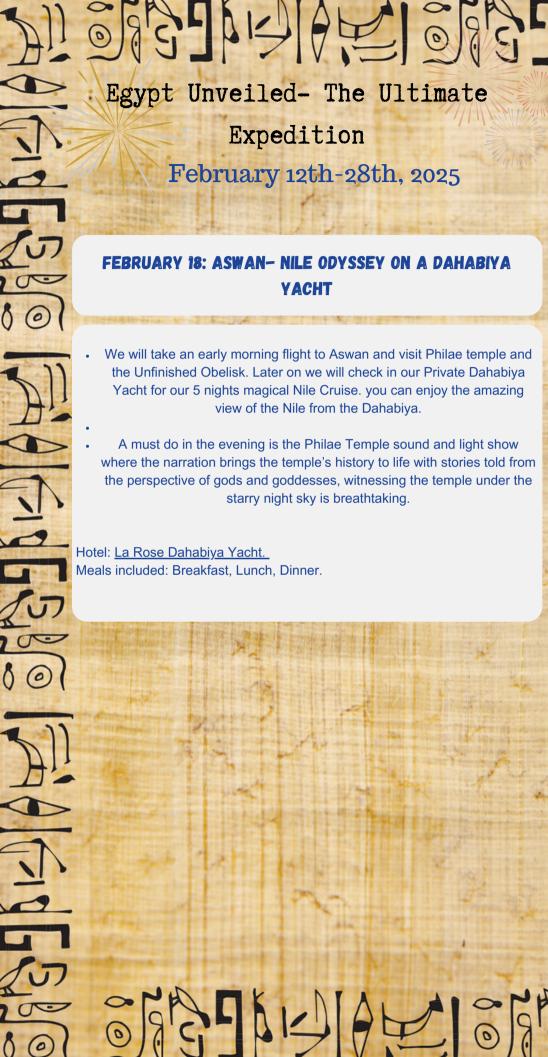
FEBRUARY 17: SAYING GOODBYE TO THE DESERT

After waking up in the middle of the desert and savoring our breakfast, we set out for one last desert exploration. Before wrapping up our adventure and making our way back to Cairo, we make a final stop at the lodge for one last lunch.

Visiting Flower stone and Crystal mountain.

We move back at around 3 pm and arrive at Cairo at 8 pm.

Hotel: white desert camp. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch.



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FEBRUARY 18: ASWAN- NILE ODYSSEY ON A DAHABIYA **YACHT**

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- We will take an early morning flight to Aswan and visit Philae temple and the Unfinished Obelisk. Later on we will check in our Private Dahabiya Yacht for our 5 nights magical Nile Cruise. you can enjoy the amazing view of the Nile from the Dahabiya.
- A must do in the evening is the Philae Temple sound and light show where the narration brings the temple's history to life with stories told from the perspective of gods and goddesses, witnessing the temple under the starry night sky is breathtaking.

Hotel: La Rose Dahabiya Yacht. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



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FEBRUARY 19: ABU SIMBEL

- Departure to Abu Simbel very early in the morning at 4:00 am by a Private Vehicle to see its iconic rock-cut temples and HUGE Statues.
 - We then return to Aswan to begin our magical Nile Cruise on the Dahabiya.

Hotel: <u>La Rose Dahabiya Yacht</u>. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

FEBRUARY 20: CRUISING THE NILE

Time to relax! We will be sailing across the Nile seeing lush lands and agricultural fields on both sides of the Nile, farmers herding animals and people having picnics by the Nile shores. You can enjoy the views while soaking in the Jacuzzi, doing Yoga or just chilling reading a book or nothing at all haha.

We will stop at the Kom-ombo Temple to visit, a unique double temple honoring two gods. One half of the temple is dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god of fertility, and the other half is dedicated to Horus, the falcon god of kingship and the sky.

Hotel: <u>La Rose Dahabiya Yacht</u>. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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FEBRUARY 21: CRUISING THE NILE

We will continue sailing north and stop at Gebel el Silsilla, known in Pharaonic times as Khenu (Place of Rowing), that was an important centre for the cult of the Nile. Every year at the beginning of the inundation season, sacrifices were made here to ensure the fertility of the land. The Nile at its height flowing through the narrow gorge must have been a particularly impressive sight, and noisy, which no doubt explains why the location was chosen as a cult centre.

- Then we visit Edfu Temple, a must-see on the journey between Aswan and Luxor. This imposing structure is one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt and the largest dedicated to Horus.
- If wind will be in our favor this day we might stop at Esna Visiting the marvelous Khnum temple where they discovered the Ancient Egyptian Zodiac, the hypostyle hall of the temple has been exceptionally preserved.
- And CHILL again sun bathing on the Dahabiya, you know the drill by now.

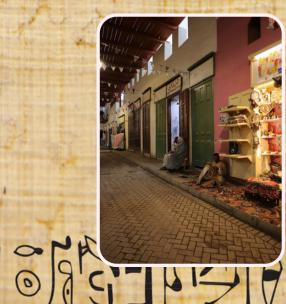
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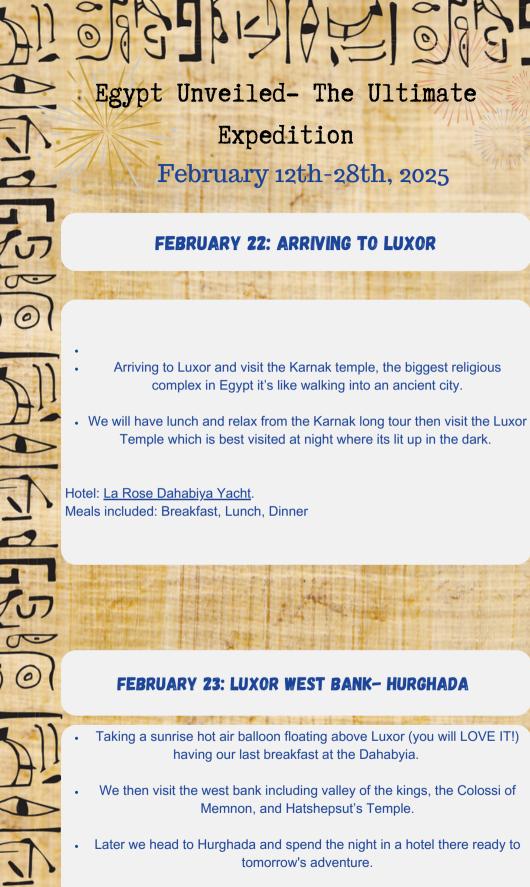
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FEBRUARY 22: ARRIVING TO LUXOR

- Arriving to Luxor and visit the Karnak temple, the biggest religious complex in Egypt it's like walking into an ancient city.
- We will have lunch and relax from the Karnak long tour then visit the Luxor Temple which is best visited at night where its lit up in the dark.

Hotel: La Rose Dahabiya Yacht. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

FEBRUARY 23: LUXOR WEST BANK- HURGHADA

- Taking a sunrise hot air balloon floating above Luxor (you will LOVE IT!) having our last breakfast at the Dahabyia.
- We then visit the west bank including valley of the kings, the Colossi of Memnon, and Hatshepsut's Temple.
- Later we head to Hurghada and spend the night in a hotel there ready to tomorrow's adventure.

Hotel: Hurghada Marriott Beach Resort Meals included: Breakfast



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FEBRUARY 24: ISLANDS HOPPING

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 A mesmerizing 3 nights experience awaits us on one of the most luxurious floating resort Yacht (HammerHead II).

- Arrival to Hurghada Marina, check-in, enjoy breakfast onboard, and get ready for an amazing day ahead.
- Ice-breaking session with the crew, safety tips, and overview of the day's plans.
- Start sailing northwards from Hurghada and enjoy breathtaking coastal views.
- Dive into water games and lunch onboard upon reaching Qaysum Island.
- Kick off your shoes and feel the sand between your toes! Relax on the sandy shores until sunset.
 - Indulge in a gourmet dinner onboard as night falls.
- After a day of excitement, retreat to comfortable cabins for a peaceful night's sleep.

Hotel: HammerHead II Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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FEBRUARY 25: ISLANDS HOPPING MADNESS CONT...

- Enjoy a delicious breakfast before setting sail for Jubal Island.
- Dive into the wonders of the Red Sea with snorkeling, exploring vibrant coral reefs and sea creatures.
- Take a break for lunch before heading to the island's sandy beach.
- Enjoy a sunset swim and prepare for a BBQ dinner on the island. Return to the yacht for a comfortable night's rest onboard.

Hotel: HammerHead II Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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FEBRUARY 28: FINALLY THE MUSEUMS...MUMMIES TIME

Today will be dictated to visit the Cairo Museums, the original 19th Century Egyptian Museum in Tahrir square, and the The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, where the Mummies found their last way home. We will have lunch in between the two museums for a needed break after too much history information! Jesus IT'S A LOT!!

An optional open buffet dinner on a Nile boat with a bellydancinggg show will...just kidding nothing is optional here you're not leaving Egypt with seeing a bellydance performance.

Hotel: <u>Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino</u>. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch.

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LA ROSE DAHABIYA



Suite with balcony

Featuring King-Size bed, Wardrobe, Safe, bathroom, and a cozy balcony overlooking the Nile.

COSTS: \$9380 PER PERSON FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (\$3420 PLUS FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY)



Deluxe Cabin

Featuring a queen-size bed, wardrobe, safe, bathroom and an incredible panoramic view of the Nile.

COSTS: \$9100 PER PERSON FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (\$3140 PLUS FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY)



Twin Cabin

Featuring two twin beds, wardrobe, safe, bathroom and double windows overlooking the Nile.

COSTS: \$8820 PER PERSON FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (\$2860 PLUS FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

Includes: Accommodation for 14 nights, all meals and drinks, Private Egyptologist tour guide for all of our site visits, Privately chartered Dahabyia boat for our Nile Cruise, Private Yacht for islands hopping, 2 domestic flights, all tips and gratuities, and all tickets to enter tourist sites.

Excludes: International airfare to/from Egypt, \$25 entry visa fee to Egypt, 4 dinners, personal expenses, optional hot air balloon ride (\$100), optional ticket to enter the Great Pyramid (around \$30), optional camel ride at the Pyramids (around \$20), alcoholic beverages, optional tips for hotel cleaning staff.