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Cruising the Red Sea & Aegean Sea

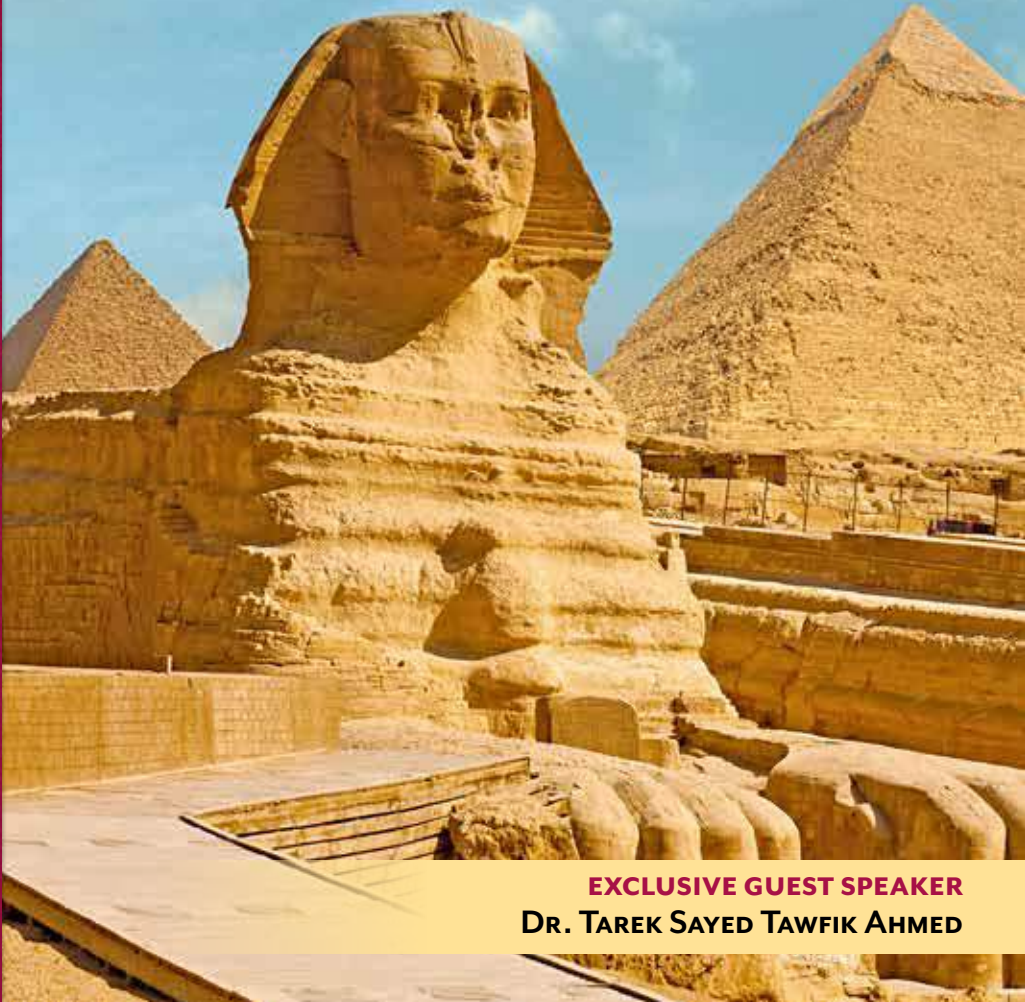
INCLUDING A TRANSIT OF THE SUEZ CANAL

aboard the exclusively chartered, small ship
five-star LE BOUGAINVILLE

March 8 to 21, 2024

October 28 to November 10, 2024

Featuring Study Leaders **Barbara Horlbeck** (Mar. 8 departure)
and **Grace Gary** (Oct. 28 departure)



EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKER
DR. TAREK SAYED TAWFIK AHMED



CRUISING THE RED SEA & AEGEAN SEA

Stand at the crossroads of religion and cultural enlightenment as you journey to the storied lands of Jordan, Egypt, and Greece. This one-of-a-kind, 14-day, land and sea itinerary includes visits to centuries-old sites across three continents—cruising from the Red Sea to the Aegean Sea via the Victorian-era Suez Canal. Portals of antiquity lead to a treasure trove of ancient wonders and UNESCO marvels that defy the limits of the imagination. The achingly beautiful Greco-Roman temples of Jerash, the “rose-red city” of Petra, the ethereal desert majesty of Wadi Rum, and the pharaonic riches of Egypt summon awe and wonder like few other sites in the world. Attend on-board lectures by renowned Egyptologist Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed throughout the tour and enjoy exclusive, up-close visits to The Great Sphinx of Giza and the tomb of Queen Nefertari. Our exploration of these ancient civilizations concludes in Crete with a visit to the labyrinthine palace of King Minos—the site where, according to Greek myth, Theseus defeated the legendary minotaur.



Luxor Temple Entrance Pylon



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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Join us on a carefully curated, 14-day journey to the classical world's cradle of civilization, featuring five nights in ideally located, luxury hotels and an eight-night 5-star cruise.

Visit three continents; navigate the legendary waterways of the Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and Aegean Sea; and transit the seminal Suez Canal on a world antiquities tour like no other.

Follow in the footsteps of nomadic Bedouins across Wadi Rum, an orange-hued sea of sand where Lawrence of Arabia established his base. Enjoy excursions to the revered sites of the Nile Valley city of ancient Thebes, including the magnificent Karnak Temple Complex, Luxor Temple, and a specially arranged visit to Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens. Stand in the shadows of the three iconic pyramids of Giza, an incredible engineering feat that still dominates the horizon and stands guarded by The Great Sphinx. Marvel at one of the greatest sites of the ancient world, the Minoan Palace at Knossos in Crete.

Enjoy expert lectures from special guest speakers as you cruise aboard the exclusively chartered LE BOUGAINVILLE, which features just 92 elegant suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony. Enhance your journey with our Pre-Program Option to visit the Holy Land of Israel and our Post-Program Option in ancient Athens, Greece.

Reserve your place today on this incredible itinerary while space and early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

Study Leaders



Barbara Horlbeck, M.A., is an arts and culture professional with extensive global experience. She is a lecturer, writer, independent researcher and adjunct instructor of art history, and has developed and teaches innovative virtual and face-to-face college-level art history courses. As Founder of Arts and Influences, Barbara developed the successful Food for Thought Lecture and Lunch Series and created a series of in-depth seminars covering a broad range of topics from "Arts of the Medieval World," to "Collectors, Collections, and the Modern Museum." As a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Barbara has led tours for educators, specialists and the general public for 15 years. She has traveled in more than 35 countries, including five continents and the North Pole. Barbara will help travelers focus on developing a deeper understanding of our artistic and cultural legacy while placing works of art and architecture within their rich historical context. **(March 8 departure)**



Grace Gary, an architectural historian with degrees from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and the University of Virginia, is a veteran leader of more than 30 Trust tours. Most recently she served as the executive director of Nemours Mansion and Gardens in Wilmington, DE, where she oversaw an award-winning, multi-year, \$70 million restoration of building and gardens. She and fellow National Trust lecturer Dwight Young are the authors of Nemours: A Portrait of Alfred I. duPont's House, which was published by Rizzoli in 2011. Grace also is the author of two volumes in the Trust's "Information" series and has also served as director of the Trust's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, Preservation PA, and Longue Vue House and Gardens. She was the first director of Colonial Williamsburg's Tourism Leadership Center. **(October 28 departure)**

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European Coastal Civilizations
May 2 to 11, 2024

Village Life in Dordogne
May 2 to 10, 2024
October 17 to 25, 2024

Village Life around the Italian Lakes
May 4 to 12, 2024
September 21 to 29, 2024

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GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed

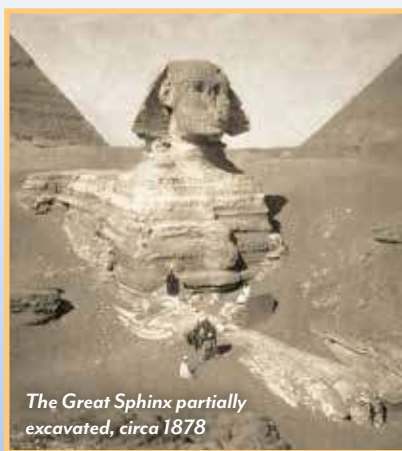
Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed joins us on board for exclusive lectures on the culture, way of life, and iconic creations of ancient Egypt. With a BA and MA of Egyptology from Cairo University and a PhD in Egyptology from the University of Bonn, Germany, this renowned Egyptologist serves as Director of the Centre for Archaeological Studies and International Héritage in Luxor and is the former Director General of the Grand Egyptian Museum Project. Paired with his esteemed positions, experience lecturing in Italy, Malta, India, Jordan, and other countries, Dr. Ahmed is well equipped to illuminate our experiences as we visit some of antiquity's most legendary sites.



THE LEGENDARY GIZA PLATEAU

Walk in the path of pharaohs and kings as we journey to one of the most famous historical sites in the world—the limestone plateau at the Egyptian city of Giza. Located just south of Cairo on the left bank of the Nile River, its sprawling desert necropolis includes three main tombs that are the largest pyramids in Egypt.

Among them is The Great Pyramid built for King Khufu (also known by his Greek name, Cheops) during the Fourth Dynasty. Constructed over a period of ten to 20 years in the 26th century B.C., experts continue to marvel at how this ancient masterpiece was achieved. Standing at 281 feet, The Great Pyramid was the tallest man-made structure in the world for 3,800 years and was a tourist attraction as early as the Roman times. Today, it remains the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one to be largely intact. Our guided excursion to the Giza Plateau includes visits to the newly unveiled Grand Egyptian Museum and The Great Pyramid, followed by lunch with panoramic views of all three pyramids. We conclude our immersion in the storied land of Old Kingdom Egypt with a specially arranged visit to one of the most iconic monuments of antiquity—The Great Sphinx of Giza.



The Great Sphinx partially excavated, circa 1878



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.





14-DAY/12-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1

Depart home city for Amman, Jordan.

Amman, Jordan

Day 2

Arrive in Amman and check in to the 5-star FAIRMONT HOTEL AMMAN.

Amman

Day 3

Discover Amman's ancient Citadel to see the ruins of the Temple of Hercules and walk through the Umayyad Palace. Marvel at the modern architecture of the blue-domed King Abdullah Mosque and visit the Jordan Museum, which contains the Ain Ghazal statues, the oldest in the world. (B,R)

Amman/Jerash/Amman

Day 4

Embark on a scenic journey to Jerash, Jordan's most captivating

Greco-Roman site. See baths, theaters, plazas, fountains, and arches—incredibly still as they were 2,000 years ago. Gaze up at the three-gated Hadrian's Arch, walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Artemis, and savor the sublime architecture of the Forum. Enjoy lunch in Jerash before heading back for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Amman/Petra

Day 5

Walk the narrow Siq gorge to explore the ancient "rose-red city" of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Its majestic ensemble of temples, dwellings, and tombs—carved directly into the sandstone cliff face—still holds a mythical appeal. Tonight, check into an ideally located hotel. (B,L,D)

Petra/Wadi Rum/ Embark the ship/Aqaba

Day 6

Check out of the hotel and traverse the awe-inspiring wilderness of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Wadi Rum, known as the "Valley of the Moon." Enjoy a Jeep ride through this ethereal landscape of striated canyons, soaring mountains, undulating sand dunes, and rocky caverns. After lunch, travel to Aqaba to embark LE BOUGAINVILLE at 3:00 p.m. (B,L,R,D)

Safaga for Luxor, Egypt

Day 7

Travel into the mountains and across the arid desert to Luxor to see the great temples of ancient Thebes. Arrive in Luxor and enjoy an overnight stay in a Nile-view room. Explore UNESCO-designated Thebes with a visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple complex.

Wadi Rum, Jordan





Jerash Hadrian's Arch



Suez Canal, Egypt

Walk along the avenue of the ram-headed sphinxes into the Great Court and then continue to the Luxor Temple. (B,L,D)

Luxor/Hurghada

Day 8

Cross the Nile to visit one of the world's most important archaeological sites, the Necropolis at Luxor in the Valley of the Kings. Explore the tomb of Tutankhamen and enjoy an exclusively arranged visit to Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens. (B,L,D)

Ain Sokhna for Giza Plateau

Day 9

See the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, The Great Pyramid, along with two other pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs at Giza. Visit the Grand Egyptian Museum and enjoy a specially arranged excursion to see

The Great Sphinx up close. (B,L,D)

Transit the Suez Canal

Day 10

Experience one of the most momentous voyages between continents as you transit the 120-mile Suez Canal. Enjoy a lecture on board the ship with renowned Egyptologist Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed. (B,L,D)

Alexandria

Day 11

Walk back in time in Egypt's most enchanting city—founded by Alexander the Great in the fourth century B.C. Visit the Alexandria Library, the Roman Amphitheater, and tour Qaitbey Fort. (B,L,D)

Cruising the Mediterranean Sea

Day 12

Enjoy stunning views as you spend a day cruising the Mediterranean Sea. (B,L,D)

Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Day 13

Journey to one of the most legendary sites of antiquity, the Minoan Palace at Knossos where, in Greek myth, Theseus defeated the Minotaur in the labyrinth built by Daedalus. Dating from the 17th century B.C., the palace is a maze of chambers, staircases, and courtyards. Continue to Heraklion to visit the Archaeological Museum. This evening, attend the Captain's Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Athens/Disembark the ship/Return to home city

Day 14

Disembark the ship and join the Ancient Greece Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**Tour operates in reverse order on the Oct. 28 departure.*



Qaitbey Fort, Alexandria



Minoan Palace at Knossos



LE BOUGAINVILLE Join us aboard this exclusively chartered, 5-star small ship, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. Each of the 92 staterooms and suites (up to 484 square feet) features an ocean view and most have a private balcony. All accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages and internet access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included.



2024 DEPARTURE DATES: March 8 to 21 (Tour Begins: March 9)

October 28 to November 10 (Tour Begins: October 29)*

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Early Booking Rate through Nov. 3, 2023	<i>Rates after Nov. 3, 2023</i>
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,545	\$9,494
7	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.	\$9,265	\$10,294
6	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship and aft.	\$9,985	\$11,094
5	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship and aft.	\$10,705	\$11,894
4	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$11,605	\$12,894
3	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$12,325	\$13,694
2	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.	\$13,225	\$14,694
1	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.	\$14,125	\$15,694
Prestige Suite II	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability)	\$15,025	\$16,694
Prestige Suite I	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability)	\$15,925	\$17,694
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$16,645	\$18,494
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$17,545	\$19,494
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 5, aft. (limited availability)	\$18,445	\$20,494

Single cabins are available in all categories at 160% of the per person double rate.

*Register now. Early booking savings WILL expire after August 31.

Port taxes are an additional \$655 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment.

This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while on board. Deck plans available upon request.

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ISRAEL OPTION EXTENSION

Pre-Program for Mar. 8 departure: March 4 to 9, 2024
(Tour Begins: March 5)

Post-Program for Oct. 28 departure: November 10 to 15, 2024
(Tour Ends: November 14)

Begin your exploration of ancient civilizations with a four-night tour of captivating biblical, historical, and cultural sites in and around Jerusalem. Discover UNESCO World Heritage-designated Masada, see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit Bethlehem, and enjoy an unforgettable float in the Dead Sea. In historic Jerusalem, a holy city for three of the world's major religions, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, see evocative religious sites, and visit the poignant Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Enjoy four nights in the 5-star hotel.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,695

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$3,595



ATHENS OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Post Program for Mar. 8 departure: March 21 to 23, 2024
(Tour Ends: March 22)

Pre-Program for Oct. 28 departure: October 26 to 29, 2024
(Tour Begins: October 27)

Continue your antiquities tour with an immersion in the city of Athens. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. At the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Acropolis, see the archaeological treasures in the Acropolis Museum and tour the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. Explore Plaka, Athens' oldest neighborhood, at leisure. after an included lunch at an authentic local restaurant. Accommodations are for two nights in the 5-star GRAND BRETAGNE ATHENS HOTEL.


Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,095

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,535

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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