

2024 Egypt Tour



October 13-24

Your Host:

Dr. Steven Wunderink

Steve and his wife Frankie:

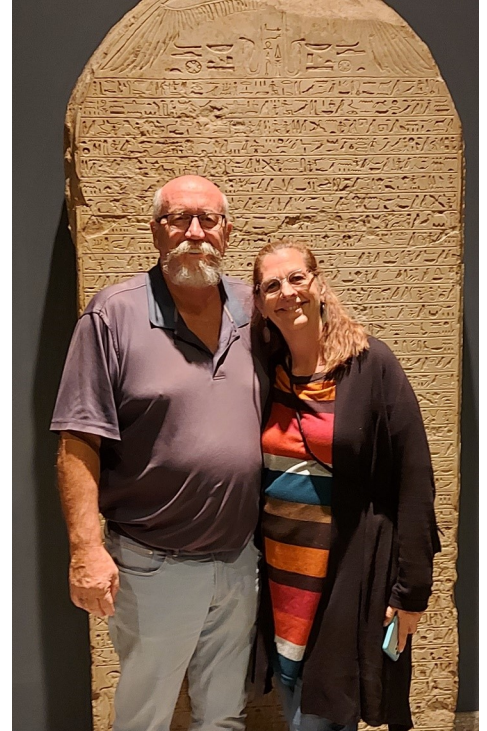
- 1) Married for 43 years, 3 children, 8 grandchildren.
- 2) Served as church planting pastors for the CRC in Allendale, MI and Las Vegas, NV.
- 3) Served with Resonate Global Mission for 9 years in Cairo.

Steve

- 1) Bachelors in Business, Masters from Calvin Seminary, Masters in Philosophy from Middlesex University, UK, Doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary, Doctoral candidate with Oxford School of Missions, Oxford, UK
- 2) Old Testament professor for 9 years
- 3) Spiritual Journey tour leader for 16 years

"I love the connections of Ancient Egypt and the Old Testament, my two passions in study, writing and teaching."

"You can learn more about your Bible in Ancient Egypt than you ever could in Ancient Israel. Israel is the 101 intro class; where Egypt is the 401 masters level class."



Oct. 13: Arrival

Typical arrival times are anywhere from early afternoon to evening. Since you are all probably coming from the same flight then it will be much easier to arrange.

We will have a representative to take you through the immigration area. You will purchase a visa for \$25 before the immigration lines, OR you can get it ahead of time for only \$20 and just stand in line. Our guide will take you through the lines and then to the luggage carrousel where you will pick up your luggage. Then through customs where they will x-ray your bags one last time.

Our representatives will take you outside to a waiting bus, load your luggage, and you are on your way. I, Steve, will meet you outside and ride with you to the hotel for our first night.

LECTURE: We will have a room reserved for us. The first night I will introduce myself and since you will mostly know each other it will be a brief introduction to each other. Then we will answer the questions:

- 1) **What do you know about Egypt?**
- 2) **Why are you here? What do you REALLY hope to see?**
- 3) **Where is Egypt in the Bible?**
- 4) **Timeline, Ages, and Dynasties**



Oct. 14: Cairo

Saqqara and Giza

We will start the day with breakfast in the hotel then leave on an hour drive to the Pyramids of Saqqara:

- 1) Step Pyramid Complex: the oldest and first of all pyramids
- 2) Unas Pyramid: we will go inside this pyramid and see the old stone writing in Egypt and a special sarcophagus room.
- 3) Mastaba's of leaders: Leaders and family of the pharaoh wanted to be buried next to their king so they would have their tombs surrounding the pyramids. We will go inside a few and see the inscriptions there of every day life in Ancient Egypt.

Next we will drive to the pyramids of Giza, these are the GREAT pyramids you have heard of:

- 1) Pyramid complex: we will walk around the pyramids and take pictures ON the pyramids as you can climb up a few levels
- 2) Great Sphinx: we will go into the temple next to the Sphinx to get a eye level view of the great guardian.
- 3) Camel ride from lookout to the sphinx.

Onsite LECTURE: I will give mini-lectures onsite to let you know and see the biblical connections while we are at the site

- 1) **Why did the Hebrews choose the golden calf to make an idol out of while there are so many other animals that represent gods in Egypt?**
- 2) **What is scripture? Was the writings of Ancient Egypt their scripture?**

Evening LECTURE: back at hotel

- 1) **Creation, Pyramids, and Temple Theology**



Oct. 15: Cairo

Grand Egyptian Museum

Not much more to say here ... we will be at the greatest museum designed for only one culture: Egypt. Over 100,000 artifacts, including the complete collection of King Tut's tomb, within 872,000 square feet (81,000 sq mtrs).

I will give you a guide to help you find the most important things, and those connected to the Bible.

Onsite LECTURE: I won't give any specific lectures here, just point out things as we go along with the connections to scripture.

Evening LECTURE: back at hotel

- 1) Guardians of the Sacred
- 2) Joseph and the dream culture



Oct. 16: Aswan

Aswan Sites

This morning we will check out of our hotel after breakfast and head to the airport for a short (1 hour) flight to Aswan in the south of Egypt.

We will check into our hotel for just one night.

The sites we will see our first half day:

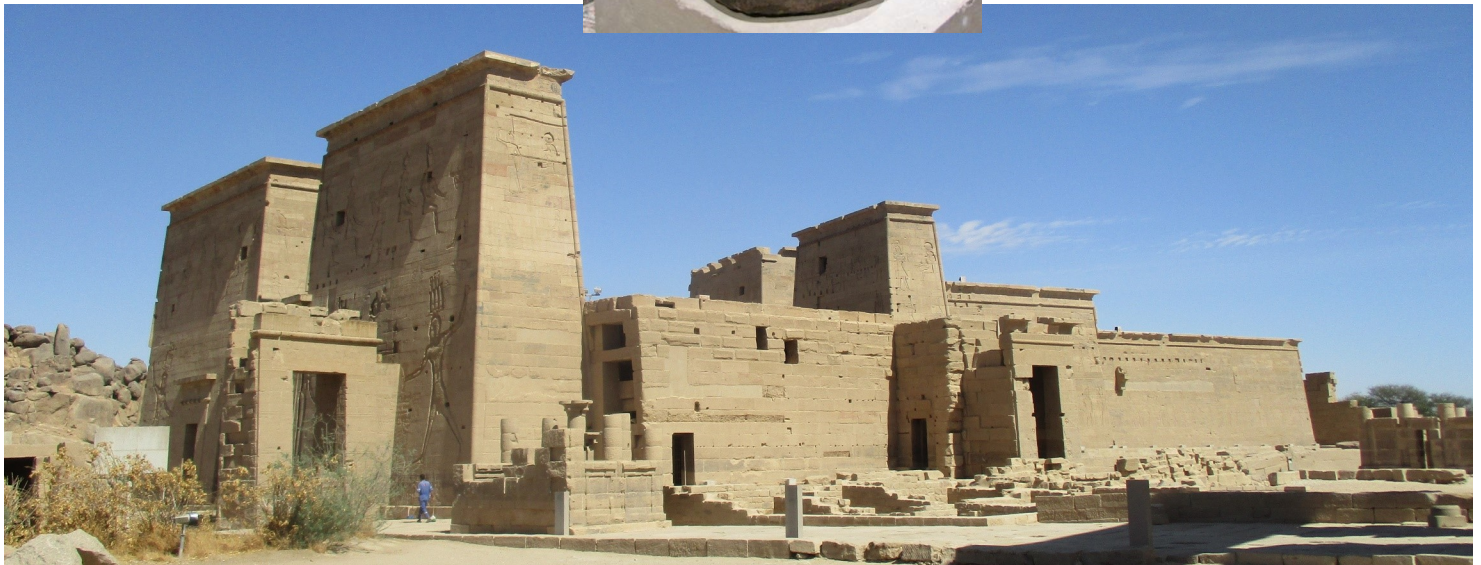
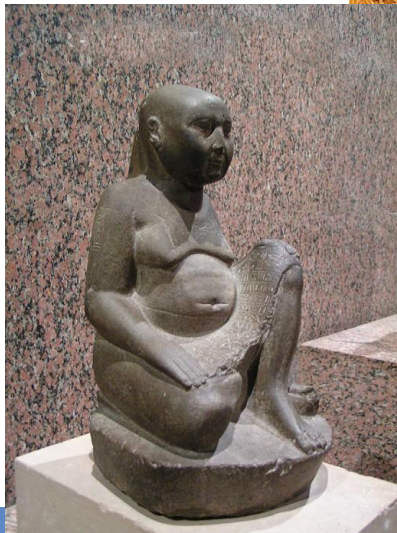
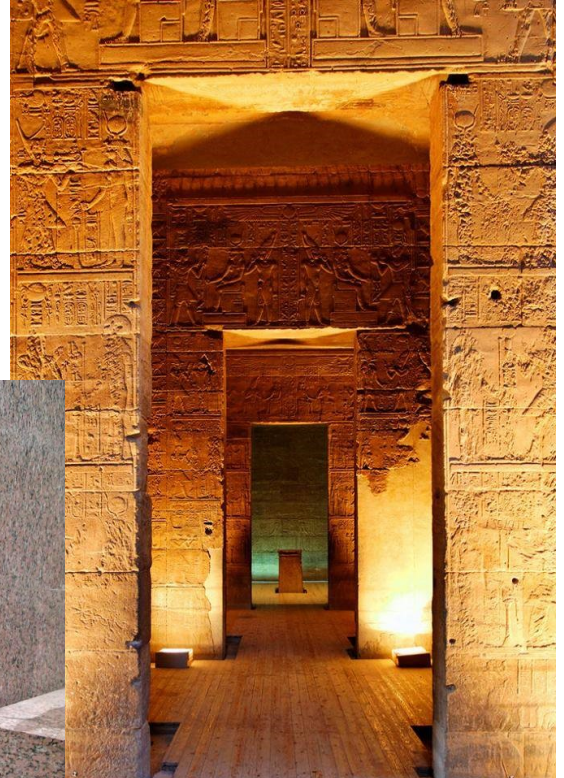
- 1) Philae Temple: our first real temple experience
- 2) Nubian Museum

Onsite LECTURE:

- 1) Temple structure

Evening LECTURE: back at hotel

- 1) Temple structure
- 2) Pharaoh Taharka



Oct. 17: Aswan

Aswan Sites and Cruise

We will start the morning with breakfast at hotel, then check out for our cruise ship.

We will check into our cruise after our first activity

The sites we will see:

- 1) Camel ride to St. Simeon Monastery
- 2) Small boat ride around Elephantine Island

Then we will check into cruise for lunch and we will cruise to Kom Ombo for the late afternoon

- 3) Kom Ombo temple
- 4) Crocodile museum

Onsite LECTURE:

- 1) Picture of the 40 years wandering
- 2) Monasticism and Christianity in Egypt
- 3) Jewish Temple in Egypt
- 4) Medical instruments, Shiprah and Puah

Evening LECTURE: no evening lecture, we will relax on cruise ship



Oct. 18: Cruise

Kom Ombo and Edfu

This will be a relaxing day as we cruise the Nile and actually see cows coming out of the water is in the Pharaoh's dream. Overnight we cruised to Edfu Temple where we will take a carriage ride to the temple. This is the temple I based my PhD thesis on so I will have a lot to say about this most intact temple we will see. Afterwards we will cruise to Luxor.

- 1) Carriage ride
- 2) Edfu Temple

Onsite LECTURE:

- 1) Founding the temple, holy of holies

Evening LECTURE: on the top deck of the cruise we will gather for a lecture

- 1) The cornerstone



Oct. 19: Luxor

Luxor West Bank

We will wake up in the morning at Luxor the Spiritual center of Ancient Egypt. We will stay on the cruise ship for our third night even though it won't move from Luxor. These are the sites we will see:

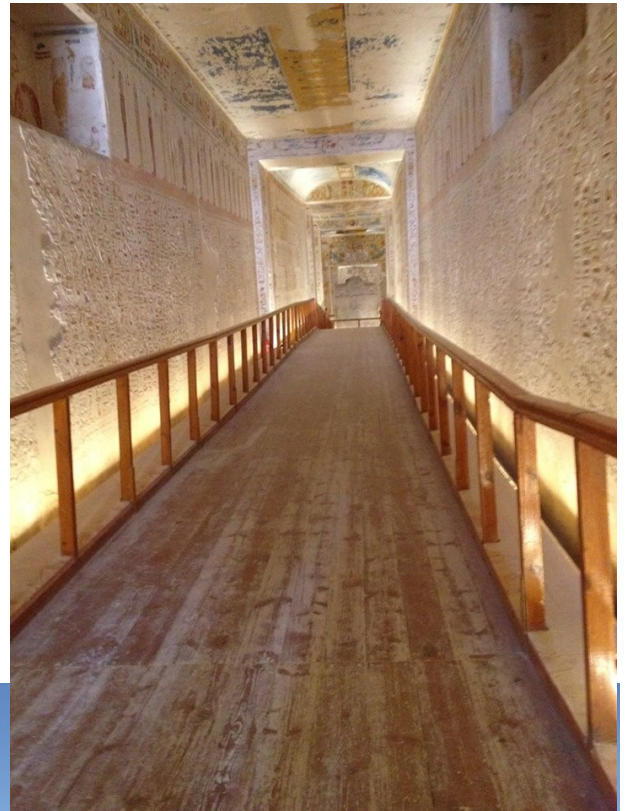
- 1) Valley of the Kings (optional visit to King Tut's tomb)
- 2) Habu Temple
- 3) Rameseum

Onsite LECTURE:

- 1) Gates to the underworld
- 2) Psalm 24
- 3) Who was the Pharaoh of the Exodus

Evening LECTURE: on the top deck of the cruise we will gather for a lecture

- 1) Israel Monarchy and Egypt
- 2) Impact of Egypt on Solomon's temple



Oct. 20: Luxor

Luxor West Bank again

First, we will check out of the cruise ship after breakfast. Our second day on the West Bank (because there is so much to see) These are the sites we will see:

- 1) Valley of the Queens (including the famous tomb of Nefatari, the Sistine Chapel of Ancient Egypt, it looks like it was painted yesterday but it is over 3000 years old!)
- 2) Worker Village
- 3) Colossi of Memnon

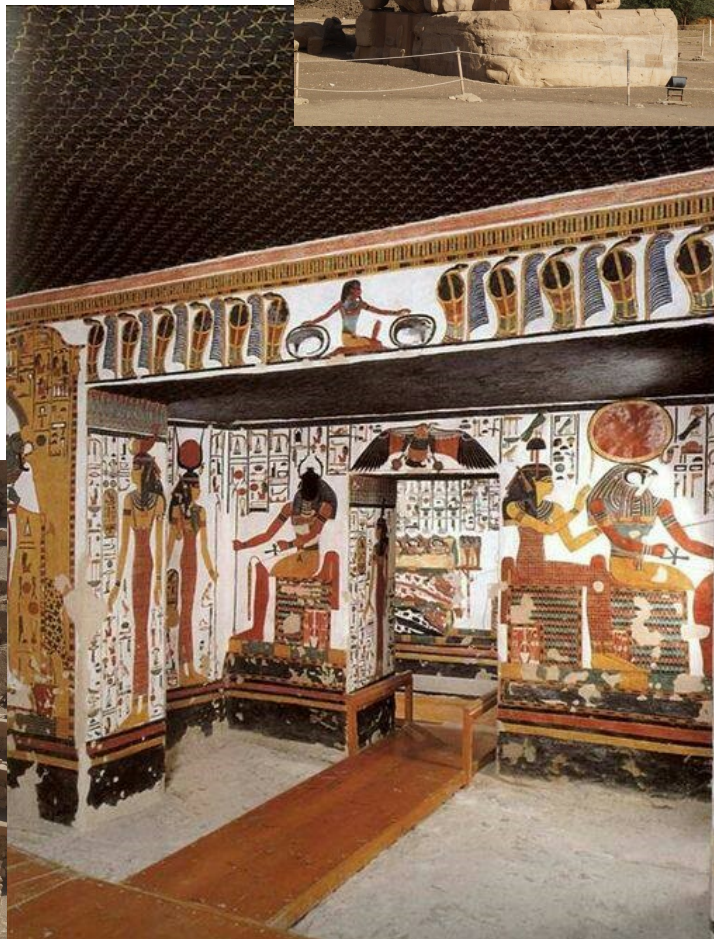
After we will check into our hotel for two nights.

Onsite LECTURE:

- 1) Evidence of Hebrews in Luxor
- 2) Genesis 3:15

Evening LECTURE: on the top deck of the cruise we will gather for a lecture

- 1) Was there an Exodus? What evidence is there?
- 2) Temple Theology and the Church's mission



Oct. 21: Luxor

Luxor East Bank

Now we go to the side of the Living ... the East Bank. The tombs were on the West Bank, but life is on the East. The sites we will see:

- 1) Karnak Temple
- 2) Luxor Museum
- 3) Luxor Temple in the evening
- 4) Avenue of the Sphinx

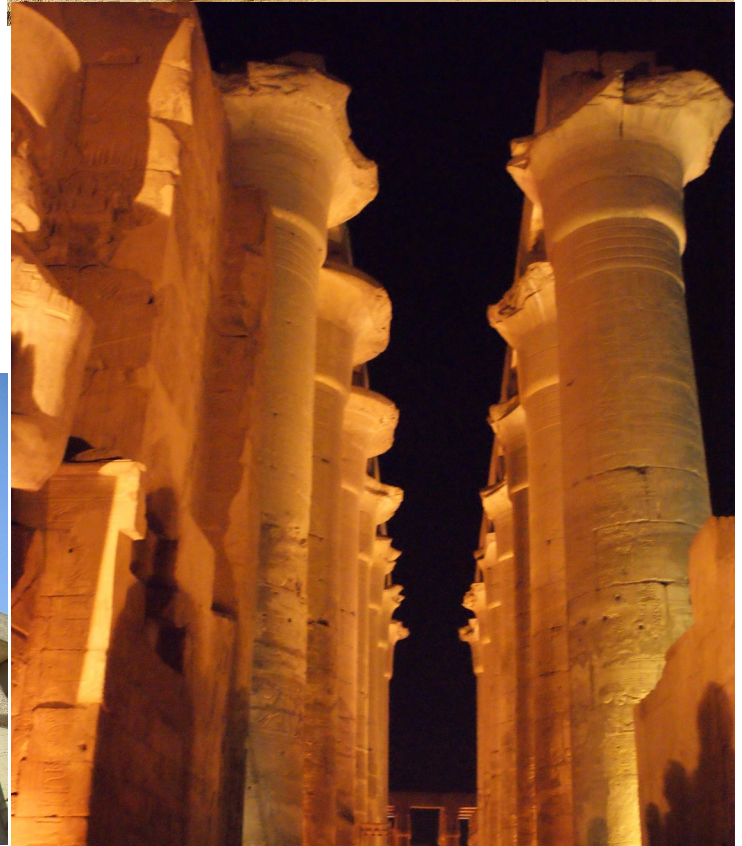
We will go back to our hotel for an afternoon lecture and then go to the temple at night.

Onsite LECTURE:

- 1) **Cornerstone, further up and further in**
- 2) **Obelisks**
- 3) **Sheshak and Rehoboam**
- 4) **Taharkah**
- 5) **Ramses Battle Tent**

Evening LECTURE: Hotel room

- 1) **Pharaoh's in the Bible**
- 2) **Why so much Egypt in the Bible**



Oct. 22: Cairo

Cave Church, Civil' Museum

On our last day of touring, we will have breakfast at our hotel then fly back to Cairo. We will check into our hotel and then visit:

- 1) Cave Church and St. Simeon Monastery
- 2) Civilization museum (Royal Mummies)

We should have time for a stop at Khan el Khalili for shopping at the oldest souk in the Middle East.

Onsite LECTURE: We will talk about the church but no lectures. I will tell you what mummies to look out for as possible pharaoh's of the Exodus.

Evening LECTURE: Wrap up and last questions

- 1) Last Questions Ancient Egypt and OT questions and wrap-up



Oct. 23: Cairo

Ministry Day

This is a day of seeing various ministries that we are connected with in Cairo:

- 1) The River Member Care Center
- 2) Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo
- 3) Synod of the Nile

Evening LECTURE: We will have an evening with New Believers, Cohort, and others that we work with in our work here.

1) Last Questions and wrap-up

Depending on flights we might reorganize this day and our flight to Cairo (maybe night before). Typically your flight is in the evening so we will get another night in the hotel even though you may be leaving for the States by midnight to catch a 3am flight. So we will remain flexible with this day.



The Cost

And the fine print

Price will be

\$3300 per person

Single Supplement \$900

Prices are including.

All hotels as listed

3 Nights Sofitel El Gezerah Nile view room.

1 Night Movenpick Aswan Nile View room.

3 Nights Movenpick Royal lily Ultra Luxury Nile cruise.

2 Nights El Diwan Luxury Boutique hotel.

Two meals per day off the cruise, full 3 meals while on the cruise.

Meals aboard the cruise will be starting by Lunch Day 1 ends by breakfast the last day.

Entry Visa to Egypt.

Private Egyptologist Tour Guide.

Private Modern Bus with AC

Entrance fees for all listed sites.

2 bottles of water daily for each.

Tea and coffee at breakfast and during teatime.

Domestic flights, Cairo Aswan and Luxor Cairo.

Tips for tour guide, cruise, luggage, etc...

Price does not include.

Any extras like shopping or alcoholic drinks and sodas (water provided)