



Classical Egypt: A Private Travel Journey

Experience not only the wonders of Egypt in 11 days and 10 nights, but the best of Egyptian hospitality from the moment you arrive in Cairo until you depart! In Cairo, stay at the superbly designed Four Seasons at Nile Plaza, with commanding views of both the Nile River and the Citadel (with a spa the largest of its kind in Cairo). Explore the Pyramids and the ancient sites of Memphis and Saqqara. Have lunch at a restaurant within the Khan el-Khalili souq, unchanged since the 14th century. Visit the Egyptian Museum, containing one of the greatest collections of antiquities, including the spectacular treasures of Tutankhamum's tomb.

Cruise the Nile from Luxor to Aswan aboard the deluxe all-suite Sonesta Star Goddess (5 days and 4 nights). Your shore excursions are in small groups organized by the ship's egyptologists. Then, fly south to Abu Simbel to see the famous Temples of Ramses II, carved out of a mountainside in the 13th century B.C.

Classical Egypt is priced from \$4125 (lowest season) to \$5615 (highest season) per person, double occupancy. For a detailed itinerary, [click here](#). With a modest additional supplement, you may use the services of a private Egyptologist throughout your entire journey. To book, contact **Nicole Beattie** at 1-800-999-1758.





Tulipe: Ancient Sun Culture of Ecuador

After years of archeological work, Tulipe, the heart of ceremonial of the Yumbo culture, is now open for visitors. The Yumbo were pre-Hispanic merchants who controlled the crucial trade route between the Pacific Coast, the Andes and the Amazon to the east. On a day trip from Quito, pilgrimage to this sacred site where shamans (priests) and yachaks (sage men) performed astronomic observations and ceremonies to the sun and the moon. Tulipe sits next to a river of crystal clear water, and features a new interpretative center. A full day tour, including lunch is priced at \$240 per person (based on 2 people). To book, contact **Rachel Robar at 1-800-999-1758**.

Bali Arts Festival — June 14 – July 12, 2008

The 30th Annual Bali Arts Festival is a full month of daily performances, handicraft exhibitions and other related cultural activities during which literally the whole of Bali comes to the city of Denpasar to present its offerings of dance, music and art. On display are trances from remote mountain slopes, forgotten or recently revived village dances, food and offering contests, classical palace dances, stars of Balinese stage, musical performances, “kreasi baru” (new creations) from the dance schools of Denpasar, as well as contemporary choreography and dance companies from other islands and from abroad.

For more details about this festival, or other colorful festivals taking place throughout the year in Bali, contact, **Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758**.

A Perfect Safari to Kenya and Tanzania

Alan and Ursula recently traveled to Kenya and Tanzania: “We write to share our travel experiences as we had such a good time that we highly recommend travel to East Africa. We traveled when political problems were the subject of extensive media coverage regarding Kenya. With the help of Cox & Kings and their office on the ground in Kenya, we had no problems and did not encounter or hear of any problems at any time during our trip. We did, however, see first hand the resulting severe adverse impact on the tourist industry itself. Now that a political agreement has been reached, hopefully the tourists are returning. When we took the trip in February, we experienced a wonderful reception when arriving at Nairobi, and throughout our stay in that city. The subsequent camps we stayed at were outstanding, first quality, and of a high professionalism as well as attention to detail. We would not hesitate to return.”

A Perfect Safari to Kenya and Tanzania (continued)



[Read more](#) on their safari experiences. View our Signature Travel Journeys [Classic East Africa](#), [Quintessential Kenya](#) or [Splendors of Tanzania](#). To book your journey, contact **Jeanie Fundora** at 1-800-999-1758.

Just Back From — India's Pench National Park

Our President, Nathaniel Waring is just back from searching for Bengal tiger in Pench National Park, India. [Read about the highlights of his trip](#). To book your Indian safari to Pench or other parks in India, contact **Nicole Beattie** at 1-800-999-1758.

Splendors of the North Tour adds The Oberoi, New Delhi

Our Signature Escorted Travel Journey [Splendors of the North](#) now includes stays at The Oberoi New Delhi (Premier Room). Begin and end your trip to India at this 5-star property—a harmonious blend of tradition and contemporary sophistication. The hotel overlooks the prestigious Delhi Golf Club. To book Splendors of the North, contact **Nicole Beattie** at 1-800-999-1758.

Summer Olympics, China—Superior Hotel Available

Need a great hotel to stay while you're at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China? Five Superior rooms just became available for the [Grand Mercure Xidan Hotel, Beijing](#). Dates are August 6-14, 2008 (all 8 nights must be booked together), \$950/room/night, inclusive of taxes and American daily breakfast. Tickets for Olympic events during the Games are available from various companies in the U.S. To book your rooms, contact **Dianna Upton** at 1-800-999-1758.

World Heritage Sites — China, Part Two

China's UNESCO sites number 35. Here are just a few:

Potala Palace, Lhasa, Tibet Autonomous Region:

The Potala Palace, winter palace of the Dalai Lama since the 7th century, symbolizes Tibetan Buddhism and its central role in the traditional administration of Tibet. Also founded in the 7th century, the Jokhang Temple Monastery is an exceptional Buddhist religious complex. Norbulingka, the Dalai Lama's former summer palace, constructed in the 18th century, is a masterpiece of Tibetan art.

Dazu Rock Carvings, Chongqing:

The steep hillsides of the Dazu area contain an exceptional series of rock carvings dating from the 9th to the 13th century. They are remarkable for their aesthetic quality, their rich diversity of subject matter, both secular and religious, and the light that they shed on everyday life in China during this period.

Mogao Caves, Dunhuang County, Gansu:

Situated at a strategic point along the Silk Route, at the crossroads of trade as well as religious, cultural and intellectual influences, the 492 cells and cave sanctuaries in Mogao are famous for their statues and wall paintings, spanning 1,000 years of Buddhist art.

Old Town of Lijiang:

The Old Town of Lijiang, which is perfectly adapted to the uneven topography of this key commercial and strategic site, has retained a historic townscape of high quality and authenticity. Its architecture is noteworthy for the blending of elements from several cultures that have come together over many centuries.

South China Karst:

The South China Karst region extends over a surface of half a million square km lying mainly in Yunnan, Guizhou and Guangxi provinces. It represents one of the world's most spectacular examples of humid tropical to subtropical karst landscapes.

Our Signature Travel Journey [Journey on the Silk Road](#) includes visits to the Mogao Caves, and [Timeless Tibet and China](#) includes visits to the Potala Palace and the Dazu Rock Carvings. Our Private Travel Journey [Yunnan: Gateway to Shangri La](#), visits both Lijiang and the karst stone forests near Kunming. To book your trip, contact **Dianna Upton** at 1-800-999-1758.

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