



## • WHAT TO PACK • EXPLORING EGYPT

First of all, the atmosphere aboard is casual. There is no expectation of any formal dress whatsoever; after all, it is an expedition. However, for the welcome and farewell dinners during your stay at the Four Seasons in Cairo and the Mena House Oberoi in Giza, you may want to have something slightly dressier, such as a blouse and skirt or a simple dress for women and a sports jacket and tie for men – although this is entirely optional.

**Please plan to travel light.** Laundry will be done on a complimentary basis aboard Salacia. Luggage capacity is limited on our private charter flights, and you may store luggage in Cairo that you do not need for your time aboard the ship. It is best to travel with one medium-sized suitcase per person, plus a reasonable amount of hand baggage.

In terms of weather conditions, please remember that the sun is strong in Egypt, even in winter, and you can sunburn easily. We recommend that you be prepared with sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat, and limit your exposure to direct sunlight.

Please remember that Egypt and Jordan are predominantly Moslem countries, with conservative standards of dress. These apply particularly to women. Except aboard the Salacia and by swimming pools, it's best not to wear bare-backed dresses or short skirts.

Below is a packing list developed by one of our expedition leaders. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

- Windbreaker and sweatshirt or sweater. (Also, please bring a heavy sweater or warm jacket if you are traveling during the months of December through February – it can be quite cold. Please do not assume that it is always hot in Egypt!)
- Comfortable walking shoes with rubber soles. (You may want to bring two pairs so that you will have a spare pair should one get dusty or dirty.)
- 1 or 2 bathing suits and cover-up.
- Usual assortment of short and long-sleeved pants and shirts and other layered clothing.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat for sun protection.
- Waterproof insect repellent.
- A pair of binoculars.
- A small backpack or rucksack; a waterproof bag to hold your camera and/or binoculars.
- Lightweight flashlight (and spare batteries) for illuminating the inside of tombs.
- Canteen or water bottle. (Note, though, that water is provided on all your excursions.)
- Camera, lenses, and plenty of film and/or memory cards, and extra batteries.
- Travel alarm clock.

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