

# GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD

EXPLORING THE AMAZON, THE MEKONG & THE NILE | 2019-21







DEAR TRAVELER,

What imagination is not swept away by the romance and exploration of a river, winding around bend after curious bend? Nothing entwines our sense of mystery and exploration with comfortable observation and tranquility like a voyage on a river. Clearly, it appeals since many of the world's great rivers today are crowded with large river-cruisers, vying to dock at overwhelmed riverbank towns.

Our three voyages—on the Amazon, Mekong, and Nile rivers—are worlds apart, yet all are a complete immersion in the authentic life, nature, and hydrology of three of our planet's greatest rivers, experienced from very comfortable and beautifully appointed ships, in areas that are otherwise either difficult to access by land, as is the case in the Amazon, or even more rewarding than a land-only sojourn, as you'll discover in Vietnam and Cambodia, and in Egypt.

Viewing the river and riverbanks from the stable platform of the quietly meandering *Delfin II* or *Jahan* and then boarding smaller skiffs for more intimate exploration of tributaries, eddies, landfalls, and villages, totally immerses you in a riparian world where everything depends in one way or another on the river's temperament. And seeing how little life has changed along the Nile from the luxurious deck of the *Oberoï Philae*, prepares you perfectly to experience Egypt's timeless treasures. Personally, I love the river sunrises and sunsets, not just for the serenity and photo ops, but because it is when all life is drawn to the river's edge and the river is most alive.

Both the Amazon and the Mekong river journeys are “word of mouth” expeditions: guests learn about them from other guests—effusively praised as very special voyages that they “simply must do before it's too late.” And when Lindblad Expeditions decided to resume travel to Egypt after a hiatus of some 7 years, the voyage filled instantly just by guests telling other guests.

We have space available on each ship, so, I hope this invitation to join us, with your companion, on your own, or with friends or family, means our teams will soon welcome you aboard the *Delfin II*, the *Jahan* or the *Oberoï Philae*, each the finest ship on their respective rivers.

All the best,



Tom O'Brien  
Expedition Leader



# GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD: THE AMAZON, ME

Rivers are the heart and soul of countries and cultures, a pulsating lifeline. And no three rivers are teeming with more life than these. The awe-inspiring Amazon flows 4,000 miles from the headwaters in the Peruvian Andes to the Atlantic. The mighty Mekong wends its way through the lush lowlands of Cambodia and Vietnam, braiding two different countries and cultures into its vibrant strand. And, the legendary Nile is the lifeblood of Egypt; civilization arose from the Nile Valley around 5000 B.C.E.

Though separated by continents, these rivers are kindred in beauty, mystery and vitality. Slip into a deck chair at dusk as the *Delfin II* voyages the Upper Amazon, the most biologically diverse area on the planet, and see a panoply of feathered, finned and furred life—as well as the people who call this ancient habitat home.

*Each bend in the river reveals wonders like villages perched crane-like above the water.*





# MEKONG, AND NILE

Look out from your beautifully appointed cabin on *Jahan* and see the bustle of morning life along the Mekong and its tributaries: fishermen casting giant nets, children splashing as women hang colorful laundry, where homes float, and the white of a cow or an ibis punctuates a landscape of green and crimson.

Or travel far back in time aboard the *Oberoï Philae*, whose elegance, spacious cabins and incomparable views provide a sublime way to encounter the timeless scenes of life along the Nile, highway to ancient treasures.

Each of our river journeys offers the rewards of seeing what you came for—the temples of Angkor in Cambodia; elusive pink river dolphins on the Amazon; Luxor and the Pyramids of Giza via the Nile—and far more. Trust each with your sense of awe and wonder, and they will deliver genuine discovery, beauty, and insight.

# RIVER TRIPS THAT GO IN-DEPTH WHILE

Distinctions abound between our Amazon, Mekong, and Nile voyages, but they share key commonalities that make exploring these mighty rivers with us an investment in meaning and magic.

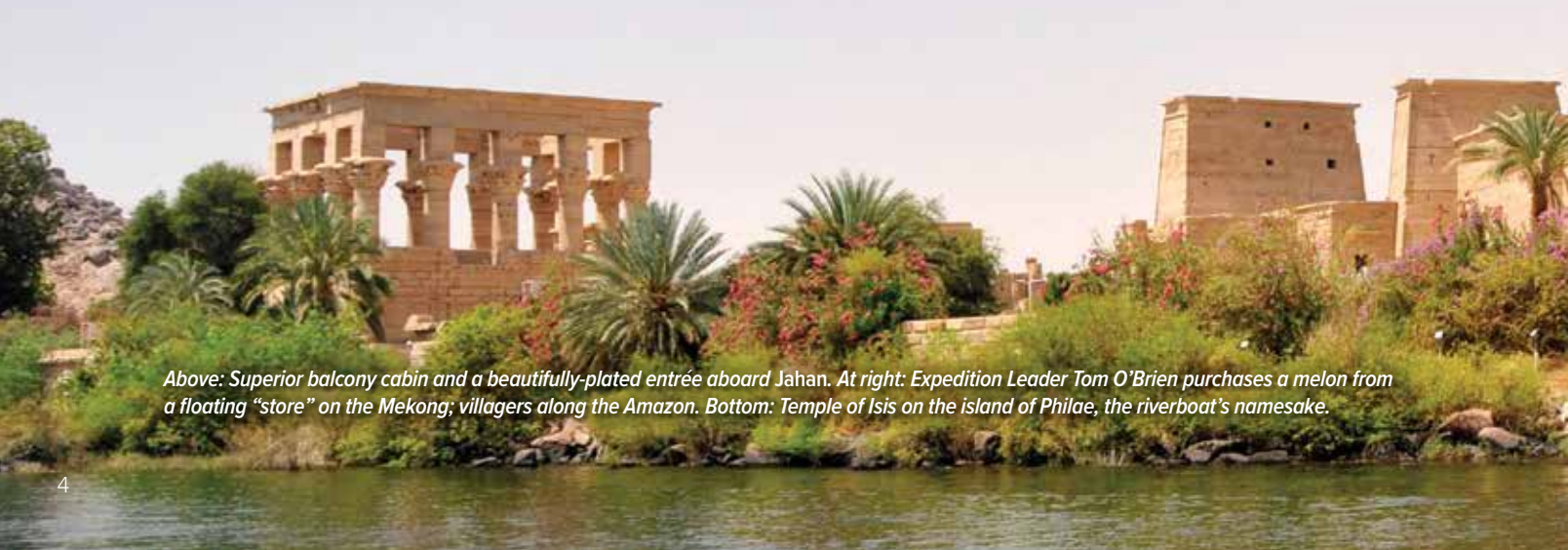
## EXTRAORDINARY SHIPS

The *Delfin II* on the Upper Amazon, the *Jahan* on the Mekong, and the *Oberoï Philae* on the Nile are the loveliest ships on their rivers, with furnishings and amenities that reward body, mind, and spirit—and reflect the inspiring essence of the regions they represent.



## SUPERB DINING

The cuisine aboard *Jahan* is an outstanding blend of Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Western, with choices and accommodations for vegan or other special diet requests. Dining on the *Delfin II* reflects the extraordinary cultural diversity of Peru and its flavorful fusion cuisine, featuring sustainably sourced, mostly local ingredients from the Upper Amazon. And aboard the *Oberoï Philae*, the elegant dining room features a four-course menu largely continental in style, with an occasional buffet, and some local favorites, to add variety and another window on the region to your enjoyment.



Above: Superior balcony cabin and a beautifully-plated entrée aboard *Jahan*. At right: Expedition Leader Tom O'Brien purchases a melon from a floating "store" on the Mekong; villagers along the Amazon. Bottom: Temple of Isis on the island of Philae, the riverboat's namesake.



# KEEPING YOU IN COMFORT

## RENOWNED STAFF & REGIONAL EXPERTISE

Our river ships, like our ocean-going vessels, are staffed by veteran expedition leaders, photo instructors, naturalists or cultural experts. In the Upper Amazon, our guides are river-raised, keen at spotting and explaining behaviors of elusive jungle creatures. On the Mekong, where ancient monuments and local cultures are the focus, our guides are experts in the spiritual and historic significance of all we'll see. In Egypt, our Egyptologists have been working with us for decades, and are specialists in Egyptian culture, art, history, and archaeology.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



The Lindblad-National Geographic Fund—with donations from our guests—supports conservation, education, research, storytelling, and technology projects in the regions we explore. In the Amazon, our grantee is Minga Peru, a nonprofit working to improve the lives of *riberaños* (river people) through education in income-generating projects like agroforestry, fish ponds, and sustainable management of natural resources. In the Cambodian village of Kampong Tralach, local leaders received funding to build a community library providing English-language instruction to children and adults free of charge. With support from LEX-NG guests and expedition staff, the library employs local teachers and enables villagers to engage directly with travelers. This helps draw more tourists to the region, creating economic opportunities for the village, among other goals.



UPPER AMAZON:

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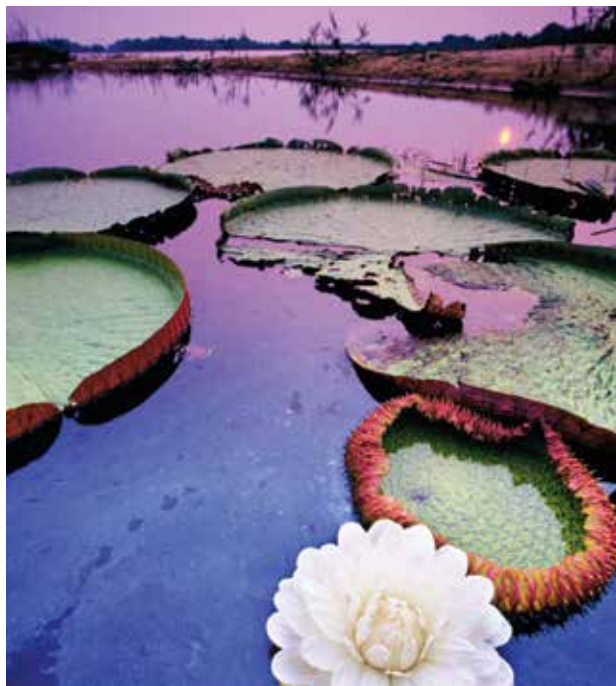


# JUNGLE'S SPELL SENSES IMMERSION

Discover the rain forest's wild pulse. Hear it in the noisy silence of bird calls at dusk. Feel it in the shroud of fog across the morning river. See it in the creaks and crashes of its cathedral canopy of green. And then enter the jungle and discover the all-five-senses experience of exploring here.

*Twilight creates an enchanting landscape transformation.*









# EXPLORE THE PLANET'S MOST DIVERSE RAINFOREST



Get ready to actively explore. You'll head out on one or more outings each day, in a group lead by a naturalist who's guided by your interests and those of your fellow guests, not following a pre-packaged tour.

Board the *Delfin II*'s three skiffs, guided by

drivers who are agile navigators and eagle-eyed spotters, to discover the intricate networks of the flooded forest. Perhaps you'll spot elusive pink or gray dolphins feeding, while chattering terns dive for prey they've chased to the surface. Or in the brown water tributaries, common squirrel monkeys, a yellow handed titi, or perhaps a small group of shy monk saki monkeys, plus myriad, wildly colorful bird species might make entrancing appearances. On a trail walk, you might see poison dart frogs, a tarantula, night owl monkeys high in a tree nest, or a young green anaconda in a small pool of water. Or find yourself astounded by 'house plants gone wild'—huge strangler fig, traveling palm, heliconia and other recognizable species. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to take kayaks for personal forays into the stillness of narrow tributaries in this watery wilderness.

## EMPOWER LOCAL ARTISANS & COMMUNITIES

Through our partnership with innovative nonprofit Minga Peru, you have the chance to visit and support indigenous women and families who have developed a sustainable living creating beautiful handcrafts. See firsthand how Minga Peru, with the support of Lindblad-National Geographic travelers like you, has developed a network of local women leaders, known as *promotoras*, to empower their communities. Minga invites only Lindblad-National Geographic guests into these communities, giving you a highly personal opportunity to talk to these women and their families.

▶ TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/MINGA](https://www.expeditions.com/minga)

*Clockwise from top left: Guests explore at dusk, a magic hour for both light and wildlife; daily life in a small community on the river; thriving local communities; monk saki monkey; giant Amazon water lilies, seen seasonally.*

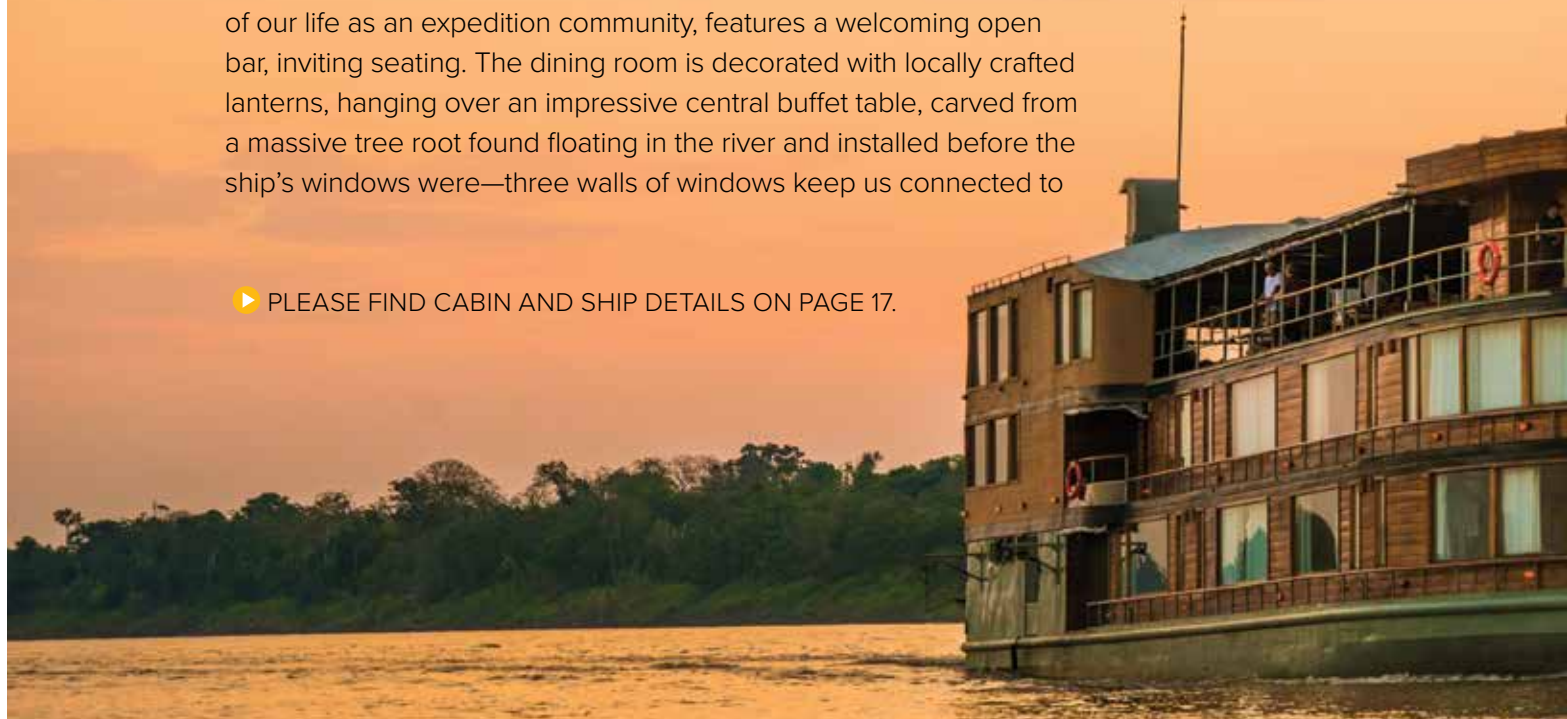




# THE PERFECT BASE CA

As much of the river as on it and locally built, the *Delfin II*'s iron exterior is clad in tropical hardwoods, and her interior gleams with wood floors and lacquered palm ceilings. Wood stairs floating between decks, and lazily turning ceiling fans add the right tropical notes, while the air conditioning invisibly cools and dehumidifies. The Lounge, center of our life as an expedition community, features a welcoming open bar, inviting seating. The dining room is decorated with locally crafted lanterns, hanging over an impressive central buffet table, carved from a massive tree root found floating in the river and installed before the ship's windows were—three walls of windows keep us connected to

▶ PLEASE FIND CABIN AND SHIP DETAILS ON PAGE 17.



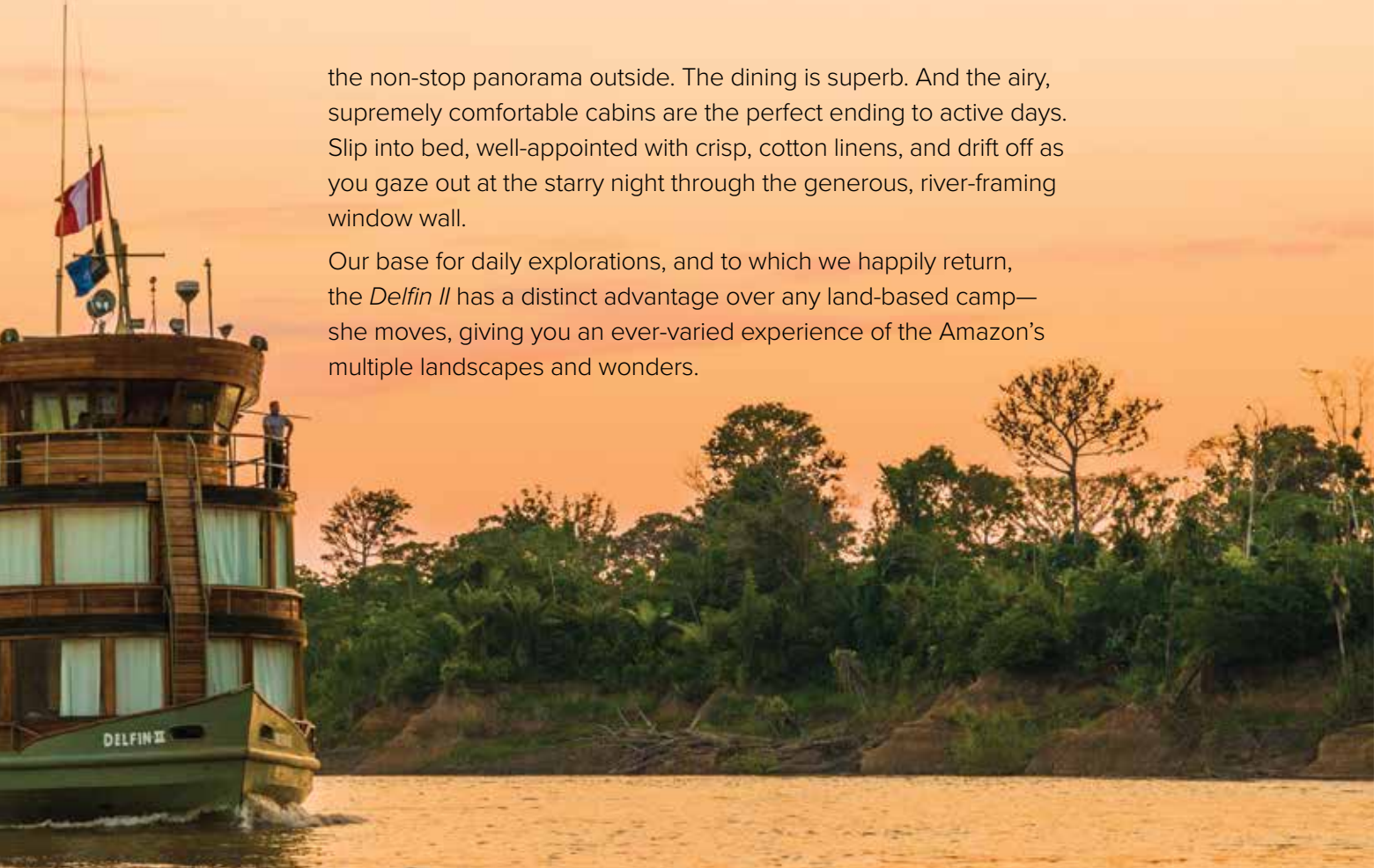
*Dining is a mirror on the region. From the rainbow of fresh squeezed juices in the morning to the chocolate placed on your pillow each night, most of the ingredients used aboard are sustainably sourced from the surrounding rain forest. And Peru's tradition of flavorful fusion cuisine ensures that each day will offer fresh palate pleasures. Watch the river go by and look for wildlife from the spacious, airy Observation Deck.*



# MP: *DELFIN II*

the non-stop panorama outside. The dining is superb. And the airy, supremely comfortable cabins are the perfect ending to active days. Slip into bed, well-appointed with crisp, cotton linens, and drift off as you gaze out at the starry night through the generous, river-framing window wall.

Our base for daily explorations, and to which we happily return, the *Delfin II* has a distinct advantage over any land-based camp—she moves, giving you an ever-varied experience of the Amazon's multiple landscapes and wonders.



*Panoramic windows bring extravagant river views inside the air-conditioned staterooms and enclosed lounge. Cool, beautiful woven rattan sofas in the lounge are perfect for relaxing and watching the riverscapes glide past in the afternoon, and ideal for cocktail-hour recaps, and lively presentations on wildlife photography, medicinal plants in the Amazon, and much more.*



# FLAVORFUL FUSION CUISINE

Modern Peruvian cuisine is a fusion of flavors, a meeting of tastes from the Inca, European, Asian, and African immigrants, all with an emphasis on what is available in this geographically diverse land. As you travel along the Amazon, you experience this internationally acclaimed cuisine (the first to earn a Cultural Heritage of the Americas award) from the comfort of a welcoming dining room, crafted by local artisans. Wake up to a rainbow of fresh-squeezed juices, experience seasonal ingredients relatively unknown outside the region—like the superfood camu camu (pictured right) and the tomato-like cocona—and end your night with chocolate placed on your pillow. Take the recipes back with you, too, as you'll have the opportunity to make ceviche, Peru's national dish, and a pisco sour, its national drink.



# RENOWNED STAFF & REGIONAL EXPERTISE



*Clockwise from top: Carlos Romero, Expedition Leader; Lucho Verdesoto, Expedition Leader; Reninger Coquinche Arevalo, Naturalist; Jose Calvo, Photo Instructor.*

A seasoned Lindblad-National Geographic expedition leader and an experienced team of Peruvian naturalists accompany each voyage. Many of the naturalists were born in towns along the riverbanks and educated in schools in Iquitos. All are fluent in English, and their personal knowledge, along with their scientific training makes for a fascinating story, as authentic as it is well informed.

One naturalist for every ten guests and a spectrum of specialties—biology, ornithology, ichthyology, and lepidopterology—ensures a daily diversity of interest and personalities for you.

In addition to local naturalist guides and our experienced expedition leader, you also travel with a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on every expedition, trained to help you with your camera and how to best capture images of the rain forest and its inhabitants.



## AMAZON PHOTO EXPEDITIONS



*Hands-on photo instruction.*

We add a National Geographic photographer—the ones who shoot the magazine stories you know and love—to give photo enthusiasts an exclusive advantage on select departures.



Join National Geographic photographer:  
**JEFF MAURITZEN:**  
Mar. 7 & 14, 2020



# UPPER AMAZON

## 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD *DELFIN II*

PRICING FROM: \$7,290 (See page 17 for details.)

Voyage to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon in the heart of Peru's rain forest aboard the elegant riverboat *Delfin II*. Slip through an intricate network of jungle waterways in a skiff or kayak, spotting diverse birds, as well as caimans, tamarins, and sloths. Skim past massive lily pads, peer up at towering ceiba trees, and witness glorious sunsets on the still waters of the Amazon River basin.

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced naturalists.
- ▶ Spot elusive Amazon wildlife, including pink and gray dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- ▶ Get acquainted with native *ribereños* on a visit to a community at the river's edge.
- ▶ Gaze at the wilderness from the comfort of the *Delfin II*, and enjoy delicious, local meals.
- ▶ Learn from a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board.
- ▶ Add Galápagos or Machu Picchu to your Amazon experience, and save 10% on the combination. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com), or call.

### EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**35+**  
**YEARS**  
EXPERIENCE

We have conducted numerous Amazon expeditions in our history, and launched our first voyage aboard the beautiful, 28-guest *Delfin II* in

August 2010. In order to provide expedition leadership in this pristine region, we tapped our tenured expedition leaders to lead our Amazon voyages, providing our guests with the same in-depth interpretation they find on our other expeditions.

Our veteran team is highly knowledgeable about this region, and trained to illuminate all the discoveries you'll make.

*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*



*Red-and-green macaw.*



#### DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima in the late evening and transfer to our conveniently located hotel, Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel.

#### DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/EMBARK

After breakfast, fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—stretching more than five million acres, and harboring some of the Amazon’s most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by the glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, by foot on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety

of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive *paiche* fish, the Amazon’s largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve’s interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a birdwatching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then look for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.

One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the upper Amazon of Peru is the interaction we have with the local *riberieños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the communities and see the projects that we support through a local non-profit, including a variety of handicrafts, women’s health initiative and sustainable farming. (B, L, D Daily)

#### DAY 9: DISEMBARK/NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon Rescue Center on the drive to Iquitos. Fly to Lima, where we visit Museo Larco and celebrate with a farewell dinner. Overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: LIMA/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



#### EXPEDITION DETAILS

2019 May 4, 11, 18; Jun. 8, 15, 22; Aug. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 30; Dec. 7, 14

2020 Jan. 4, 11, 18; Feb. 1, 8; Mar. 7 📷, 14 📷, 21, 28; May 2, 9, 16, 30; Jun. 6, 13, 20; Jul. 4, 11, 18; Sep. 19, 26; Oct. 3; Nov. 7, 14; Dec. 12, 19

📷 Photo Expedition

Limited availability.

#### EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE & SAVE

Make the most of your time in the region by combining your Upper Amazon expedition with a voyage to the [Galápagos](#) and/or [Machu Picchu & the Land of the Inca](#) and take advantage of a 10% savings. Call for details.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Travel with Eliana Elias, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Minga Peru, Aug. 10 & Nov. 30, 2019. [Learn more at expeditions.com/minga](#)



#### ENJOY MORE OF LIMA

Arrive early or linger later—let us help arrange a pre- or post-voyage stay in Lima at the luxurious **Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel**, set along a stunning seaside promenade in the city’s chicest district. [Call for details.](#)





## WHY NOT ADD MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA?

Venture to the verdant Sacred Valley and journey to fabled Machu Picchu. Freshly inspired by your time in the Amazon, revel in the sophistication of Inca builders and visionaries, marvel at the imperial Inca Cusco and sample the pleasures of colonial Lima.

**Add Peru to your Amazon expedition and save 10%.**

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[WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PERU](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PERU)



*Machu Picchu.*

## SEE & DO MORE: ADD THE GALÁPAGOS

From the lush Peruvian Amazon to the volcanic Galápagos—the ease of connecting these two very different wonders makes it inviting to experience both these facets of authentic wildness. Encounter the endemic tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and marine iguanas up-close, and be transformed by your contact with the pristine and singular islands of the Galápagos. **Add Galápagos to your Amazon expedition and save 10%.**

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*Galápagos tortoise.*

*Flooded Village, Pacaya River, Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve*





# DELFIN II

**CAPACITY:** 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

**REGISTRY:** Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 120 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, open-air lounge and bar up top, and dining room with a 270-degree panorama. With a small library, exercise room and spa. Open bridge, where you are welcome to visit and watch the river go by.

**MEALS:** The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

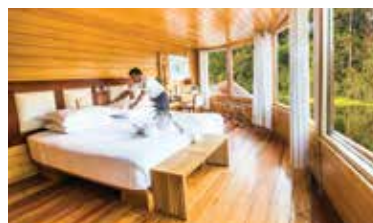
**SUITES:** Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** 12-person skiffs — with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for up-close, personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided when needed.

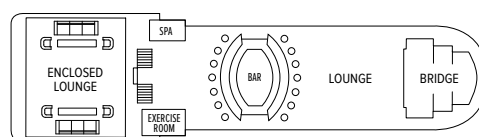
**SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 — Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area. Suites 4/6 and 3/5 are available as interconnecting.

**MASTER SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 — The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90 degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck and Upper Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king.

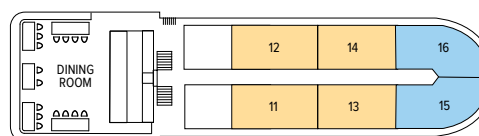
**SOLO OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Due to the limited number of cabins available, solo occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.



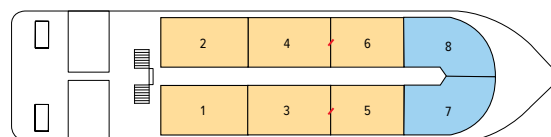
*Insets clockwise from top left: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious master suites offer comfort and panoramic views.*



OBSERVATION DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

*indicates adjoining cabins*

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

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Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve – Pages 14-15					
Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve	2019	\$7,290	\$8,690	\$750	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/Miami: Economy from \$800; Business from \$1,340. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos Lima: From \$440.
	2020	\$7,410	\$8,850		
Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve Holiday: Dec. 19, 2020	2020	\$8,520	\$9,760	\$1,500	
Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca + Upper Amazon – Page 16					
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca	2019	\$13,180	\$14,580	\$1,500	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/Miami: Economy from \$800; Business from \$1,340. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Cusco/Lima: From \$435. Lima/Iquitos/Lima From \$440.
	2020	\$13,480	\$14,920		
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca Holiday: Dec. 22, 2019	2019	\$13,910	\$15,310		
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca Holiday: Dec. 19 & 27, 2020	2020	\$15,340	\$16,580		
Galápagos + Upper Amazon – Page 16	2019 2020	Call or visit our website for pricing.			

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A full-page photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds against a deep orange and yellow background. In the foreground, the water is calm with gentle ripples. Two people are visible in traditional wooden boats; one is in the middle ground, and another is further away on the right. The background features a line of trees, including several tall palm trees, silhouetted against the bright sky.

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM:

# EXPERIENCE THE RH LIFE ON



A full-page photograph of a person in a small boat on the Mekong river at sunset. The person is in the lower left, silhouetted against the water. The sky is a deep blue with soft, white clouds. The water reflects the sky and the distant shoreline with silhouettes of trees. The title 'RHYTHM OF THE MEKONG' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the upper left portion of the image.

# RHYTHM OF THE MEKONG

Discover the deep history of two very different countries linked by a mighty river. See it in Cambodian villages where pottery is made as it has been for generations; in the floating houses and hand-thrown fishing nets; and in the water buffaloes working with people in the rice paddies that have been the foundation of Cambodian life for 1,300 years. Vietnam is a cosmopolitan adventure, with its industrious nature and varied influences from France and China—most evident in Saigon, where food carts, motorbikes, and construction equipment thrum in the streets of a vibrant city of 10 million.

*Fishermen on the Mekong river in the evening, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia.*



# A RIVER ROUTE THROUGH HISTORY & TWO CULTURES

## EXCITING WAYS TO GET AROUND

You can enjoy many indigenous forms of transportation during unforgettable daytrips from *Jahan*. Travel through rice paddies and lotus lily farms using a traditional two-wheeled oxcart, a bouncy but exhilarating ride. Jump into a *tuk-tuk*—a three-wheeled, motorized rickshaw—and zip through the countryside to visit a local temple. Wend your way through Phnom Penh's traffic on a *cyclo*, a bicycle that pulls a two-seater car, ending with a tour of the Royal Palace. And to explore tributaries too small for *Jahan* to navigate, you can board a longboat to immerse yourself in this fascinating way of life on the water.

▶ SEE OUR VIDEO AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/MEKONGINMOTION](https://expeditions.com/mekonginmotion)

## AN INSPIRING INTERACTION

For years, Lindblad-National Geographic guests have supported extracurricular education in the village of Kampong Tralach, funding local schools that provide English language instruction and a place for children to share their growth through storytelling. A journey from *Jahan* via oxcarts takes you through the rice paddies to a school where you will be welcomed by the students. This is one of many moments of cross-cultural connection and mutual curiosity that make this such an unforgettable experience for our guests.

▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR IMPACT IN THE REGION AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/GS\\_MEKONG](https://expeditions.com/GS_MEKONG)

*Clockwise from right: Guests traveling to a local village by oxcart; twisted tree roots are slowly reclaiming the evocative temple of Ta Prohm; guests interact with students and teachers; guest on cyclo.*









# SUPERB ACCOMMODATIONS ON LAND & ON THE RIVER

The 48-guest *Jahan* is an artistic masterpiece, handcrafted with hand-painted walls and ceilings, inlaid and hand-carved woodwork, and a decorative treasure of irreplaceable antiques collected from East India and Sri Lanka. The ship's deluxe accommodations include 24 spacious cabins, two of which are suites. All are configured with queen or twin-sized beds, and glass-door private balconies for enjoying the timeless views of life along the Mekong.

▶ PLEASE FIND CABIN AND SHIP DETAILS ON PAGE 29.

## WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS:

To add a further gracious note to your stay aboard the *Jahan* your bar tab and crew gratuities are on us.



*Each hotel we'll stay in when off-ship has been specially chosen for its unique ambience, the attentiveness of the service, and for how it enhances your stay. Over the years we've been staying at these hotels, we've developed special relationships with the staff, who share Lindblad-National Geographic Expeditions commitment to delivering an exceptional experience.*



## LA RÉSIDENCE D'ANGKOR

*This elegant Siem Reap hotel, a member of the Belmond group, is built in traditional Khmer style and finished in teak and bamboo. The indoors and outdoors are beautifully integrated, with balconies and large windows letting in ample light and allowing for great views of the lush gardens (which make for fine strolling).*





*Opposite page: The lovely riverboat Jahan. Above (from top to bottom): Attentive, expert hotel staff create a uniquely gracious shipboard atmosphere; the ship offers myriad spaces to socialize or seek silence—always with a river view. Below (left and right): the pool at La Résidence d'Angkor; the perfectly sited, luxury Park Hyatt hotel in Saigon.*



## PARK HYATT SAIGON

*A remarkable combination of colonial and modern elegance, the Park Hyatt is situated in the heart of Saigon, steps from the city's grand squares, shopping streets, and the Saigon River. Its rooms are spacious and beautifully appointed, and its grand public spaces provide a welcoming atmosphere.*

# EXCLUSIVELY YOURS, WITH MEANING & MAGIC

## A PRIVATE DINNER AT TEMPLE PRASAT KRAVAN, ANGKOR

It's an experience so evocative that many guests have told us it was the highlight of their voyage. The incomparable setting uses gentle illumination to conjure the temple's mystery and magic, as costumed dancers, looking like the celestial dancers adorning the walls of Angkor's temples, perform classic music and dance for us as they have for dynasties of Khmer kings and queens.

## DINNER AT HENRY CABOT LODGE'S RESIDENCE, SAIGON

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. was a U.S. senator, vice presidential candidate and U.N. ambassador who was asked by both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to be U.S. ambassador to Vietnam. His former home has been beautifully restored and we'll enjoy a private dinner there, along with a performance of traditional Vietnamese music.



*Traditional dancers at a private dinner  
at an illuminated Angkor temple.*





## A REAL TASTE OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA




Although their foods share many elements, the cooking in each country is distinctive. Whether it's aboard *Jahan*, at fine city restaurants or our private dinners, eating local food on this journey is a rewarding part of your experience. (You'll always have a choice of continental foods, as well.) You'll look forward to mealtimes—and perhaps return home with new recipes and skills gleaned from our visits to local markets and our on-board cooking class.

▶ SEE A VIDEO OF OUR CULINARY JOURNEY AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/CULINARYMEKONG](https://www.expeditions.com/culinarymekong)


## EXPERT TRAVEL COMPANIONS

### BARRY TILL | NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ART HISTORIAN

 **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** A curator of Asian art with a wide knowledge on culture, history and archaeology, Barry Till has traveled extensively throughout Asia and lectured on numerous expeditions for more than 30 years. He has also published more than 100 catalogs, books, and articles on various Asian art topics. **Dec. 30, 2019 Departure**



### JAN NIJMAN | NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

 **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** The author of five books, Nijman's expertise is in urban and regional development and the history of world cities. He has received numerous awards including the Nystrom Prize and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has been travelling to Southeast Asia for research since 1984. **Feb. 10, 2020 Departure**



# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA: ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER

## 15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *JAHAN*

PRICING FROM \$11,760 (See page 29 for details.)

Linked by the mighty Mekong River, Vietnam and Cambodia abound with magnificent carved temples, lush landscapes, and cities where rich imperial and colonial legacies mingle. Encounter the incomparable treasures of Angkor, and take a river voyage aboard the elegant *Jahan* between the Tonle Sap River and Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Explore traditional villages, and gain insight into the daily lives of farmers, monks, and craftspeople.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **NEW!** Spend the holidays on the Mekong on our Dec. 16, 2019 departure. (Holiday rates apply.)
- ▶ Watch the sunrise at Angkor Wat, and spend two full days immersed in the splendor of Angkor's temples and palaces.
- ▶ Take in the magic of a private candlelit dinner at a temple of Angkor, and dine at the residence of former U.S. ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant cities of Phnom Penh and Saigon, and experience rural life on visits to floating homes, farms, and traditional villages.
- ▶ You're traveling far; see more on an eight-day pre- or post-voyage extension. Discover Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi, and Halong Bay. Visit [expeditions.com/vietnamext](http://expeditions.com/vietnamext) for details.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



This journey has been made possible by the launch of the outstanding river ship *Jahan*, which offers a level of accommodation that has not previously been available on the Mekong. Our expedition staff aboard ship consists of an expedition leader, experts on Southeast Asian cultures, a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and an American doctor, along with top local guides in each region.

*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*

*Fisherman tossing net on Mekong River.*





**DAYS 1–3: U.S./SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**  
Depart in the evening, “lose” a day crossing the international date line, and arrive in Siem Reap on Day 3. Settle into our outstanding Khmer style hotel, La Résidence d’Angkor, on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

#### DAYS 4 AND 5: ANGKOR

Rise early to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat. This 12th-century Khmer temple, one of the world’s largest religious monuments, is adorned with elaborate bas-reliefs and sculptures. Ride a *tuk-tuk*, or motorized rickshaw, to the walled city of Angkor Thom. Discover the shrines of Ta Prohm and the temple of Banteay Srei. Enjoy traditional Cambodian music and dance at a beautifully lit private dinner at one of Angkor’s temples. Visit a workshop where local youth are trained in age-old Khmer arts. (Day 4: B,L,D; Day 5: B,D)

#### DAY 6: KAMPONG CHAM/EMBARK

Drive to the bustling city of Kampong Cham and embark the *Jahan*, our home for the next seven nights. (B,L,D)



*Kids in a local school, Kampong Chhnang.*

#### DAY 7: WAT HANCHEY OR KOH DACH/ ANGKOR BAN

At Wat Hanchey, see a variety of temples, including an 8th-century temple from the pre-Angkor Chenla period, or see the silk-weaving village of Koh Dach. Continue to the village of Angkor Ban, with its traditional houses and friendly residents. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: KAMPONG TRALACH/ KAMPONG CHHNANG

In the morning, take an oxcart ride through rice paddies to a local school in Kampong Tralach. Later, visit a village where artisans make traditional pottery, and board local boats to see the clustered houses and shops that float in midstream. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: PHNOM PENH

Explore the Cambodian capital by *cyclo*

(bicycle taxi), and visit the Royal Palace and the National Museum of Cambodia. Learn about the reign of the Khmer Rouge on a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening, enjoy an apsara dance performance. (B,L,D)



*Banteay Srei temple abounds with fine carvings.*

#### DAY 10: CRUISING THE MEKONG

Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by our experts, and join our chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. Cross the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: CHAU DOC, VIETNAM

Chau Doc has one of Vietnam’s most interesting markets, with an astonishing variety of tropical fruits, vegetables and other goods. We continue to a floating market on the river and a fish farm, where we see fish being fed through trap doors in the floating platforms. In the afternoon, we continue sailing the Mekong. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 12: SA DEC/CAI BE

Take a local boat to experience rural life in the Mekong Delta. See the floating market of Cai Be, step into a rice “factory” to watch rice-based candies being made, and cruise among floating markets and fish farms. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner aboard the *Jahan*. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: MY THO/SAIGON/DISEMBARK

Disembark in My Tho and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Then journey to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) and check into the Park Hyatt Saigon for two nights. Meet with a local expert on Vietnam’s modern development, and have a private dinner at the former residence of U.S. ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 14 AND 15: SAIGON/U.S.

Embark on a tour of Saigon’s landmarks, including the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. Visit the Cu Chi tunnels. Depart Saigon on Day 15, arriving home the same day. (B)



#### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Dec. 16<sup>+</sup>, 30; 2020 Jan. 7<sup>+</sup>; Feb. 4<sup>+</sup>, 10

\*These departures travel from Saigon to Siem Reap.

\*Holiday rates apply. See page 29.

#### SPECIAL OFFER:

Starting Dec. 2019, your bar tab and tips to the crew are complimentary aboard all departures on *Jahan*.

#### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Head north to explore more of Vietnam’s historic and beautiful locales on our eight-day extension in [Hanoi](#), [Halong Bay](#), [Hoi An](#), and [Hue](#). Visit our website or call for details.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Travel with art historian **Barry Till** (right) (Dec. 30, 2019) or expert **Jan Nijman** (Feb. 10, 2020). See page 25 for their bios or visit our website for more information.



*A vendor holds out fresh chillies at a market in Cambodia.*

SEE & DO MORE:

## EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY TO HANOI, HALONG BAY, HOI AN, AND HUE\*

**8 DAYS | 2019/2020 PRICING:** \$5,260 per person double occupancy, \$6,560 per person single occupancy

\*Offered as a pre-extension for departures traveling Saigon to Siem Reap and as a post-extension for departures Siem Reap to Saigon.

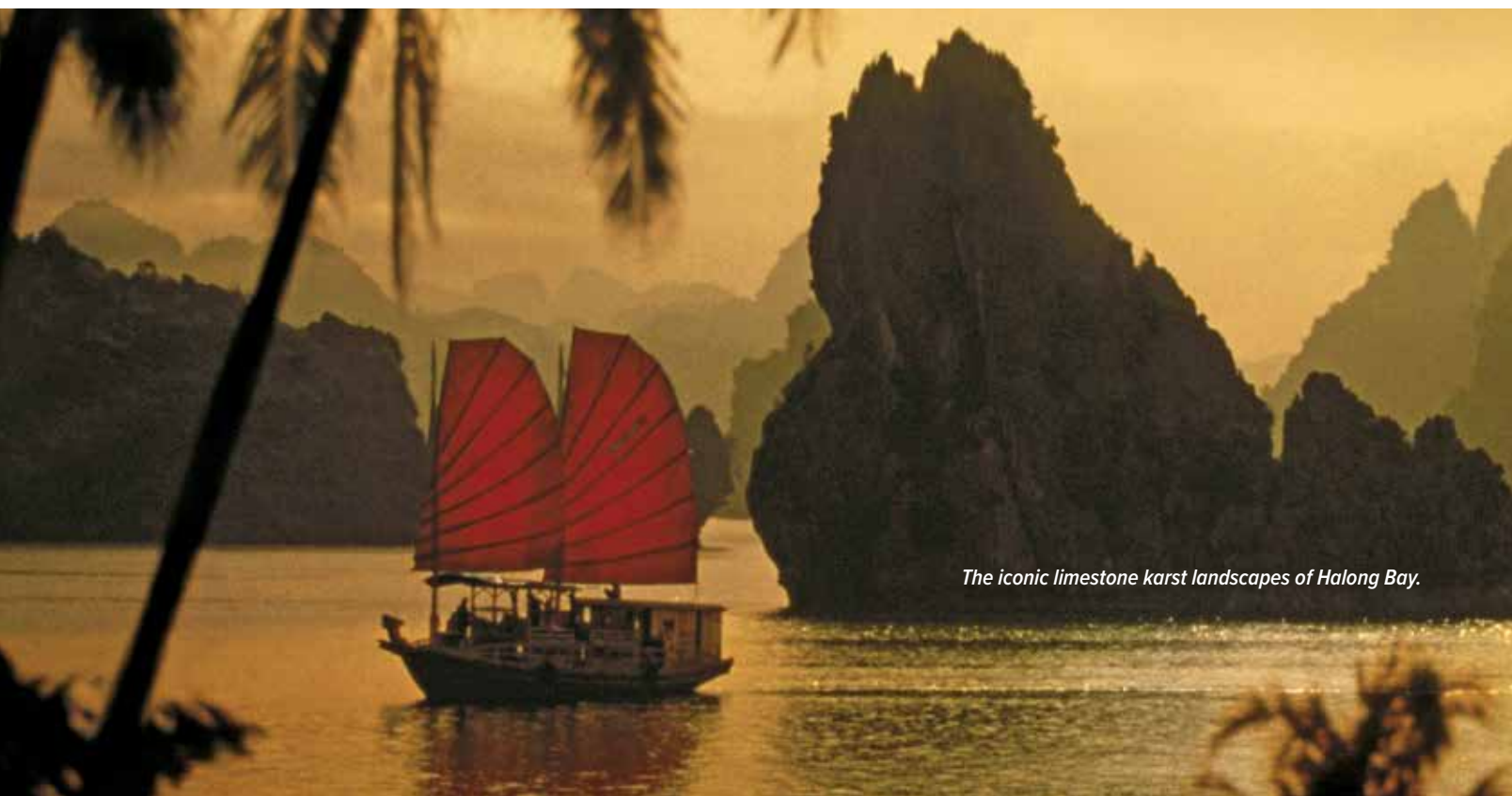
Vietnam has a wealth of historic and beautiful locales, and on our eight-day extension we will have the chance to explore a number of them, including the World Heritage sites of Hoi An, Hue, and Halong Bay.

The city of Hanoi has a lively old quarter, vibrant present-day culture and fascinating monuments to Ho Chi Minh. The spectacular limestone pinnacles of Halong Bay's nearly 2,000 islands—which we'll explore on an overnight voyage on the *Halong Jasmine*—are an iconic UNESCO World Heritage landscape. Hoi An, a vital trading center with China and Japan between the 16th and 18th centuries, retains its international flavor. And the great Citadel and Forbidden City of Hue, Vietnam's former imperial capital, evoke the grandeur of Vietnamese culture in remarkable fashion.

You'll travel in the company of Lindblad staff and well-informed local guides, and you'll learn a great deal about the many things you see.



*Vietnamese woman in traditional dress Ho Chi Minh City.*



*The iconic limestone karst landscapes of Halong Bay.*



# JAHAN

**CAPACITY:** 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.  
**REGISTRY:** Vietnam. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 230 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** The ship is fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the Terrace Deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a small swimming pool, and a full service bar. The lounge, located on the Upper Deck, has a library and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations. Guests are welcome on the "open bridge" to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

**CABINS:** Every cabin is exceptionally spacious and comfortable. All face outside, and all have glass doors and private balconies for enjoying the scenery along the Mekong River and its tributaries. There is a mix of twin-bedded and queen-size bedded cabins. Each has private facilities and hair dryer, individual climate control, and a mini bar. A choice of pillows is provided on request.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** There is a spa, offering a choice of massage treatments, and fitness room with steam bath and treadmill, stationary bicycle, and elliptical trainer. The boutique has a fine selection of local artwork and textiles. Morning Tai Chi classes are offered on the Terrace Deck. DVD and iPod players are available on request.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #103-112. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 103-104 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #105-112 have queen-size beds.

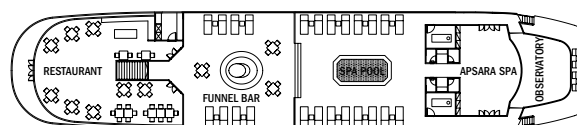
**CATEGORY 2:** Upper Deck #201-208. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 201-202 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and 203-208 have queen-size beds.

**CATEGORY 3:** Main Deck #113-114 and Upper Deck #209-210. Each exceptionally large cabin has a queen-size bed and a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. There is a television and private DVD player. Each balcony has two sun beds and a table.

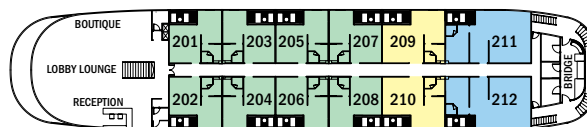
**SUITES:** Upper Deck #211-212. These are the largest and finest accommodations on board. Each has a queen-size bed, a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light, a television, a DVD player, and a private Jacuzzi.



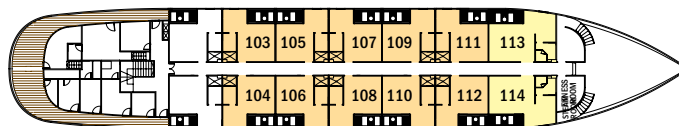
Insets clockwise from top: The river ship Jahan; Category 2 cabin; Category 3 cabin.



TERRACE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

## WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB & ALL CREW GRATUITIES ARE INCLUDED.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	SUITES	CAT. 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Vietnam & Cambodia: Along the Mekong River – Page 26	2019	\$11,760	\$12,620	\$14,780	\$17,650	\$17,520	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: U.S./Siem Reap, returning Saigon/U.S. or vice versa. Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$5,600.
Vietnam & Cambodia: Along the Mekong River Holiday: Dec. 16, 2019 – Page 26	2019/ 2020	\$12,580	\$13,500	\$15,800	\$18,760	\$18,740	\$1,500	

Prices quoted in this brochure are valid as of the time of printing, are subject to modification, and are not guaranteed until booking and required deposit is made. See our website at [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for the most up-to-date pricing.

EGYPT:

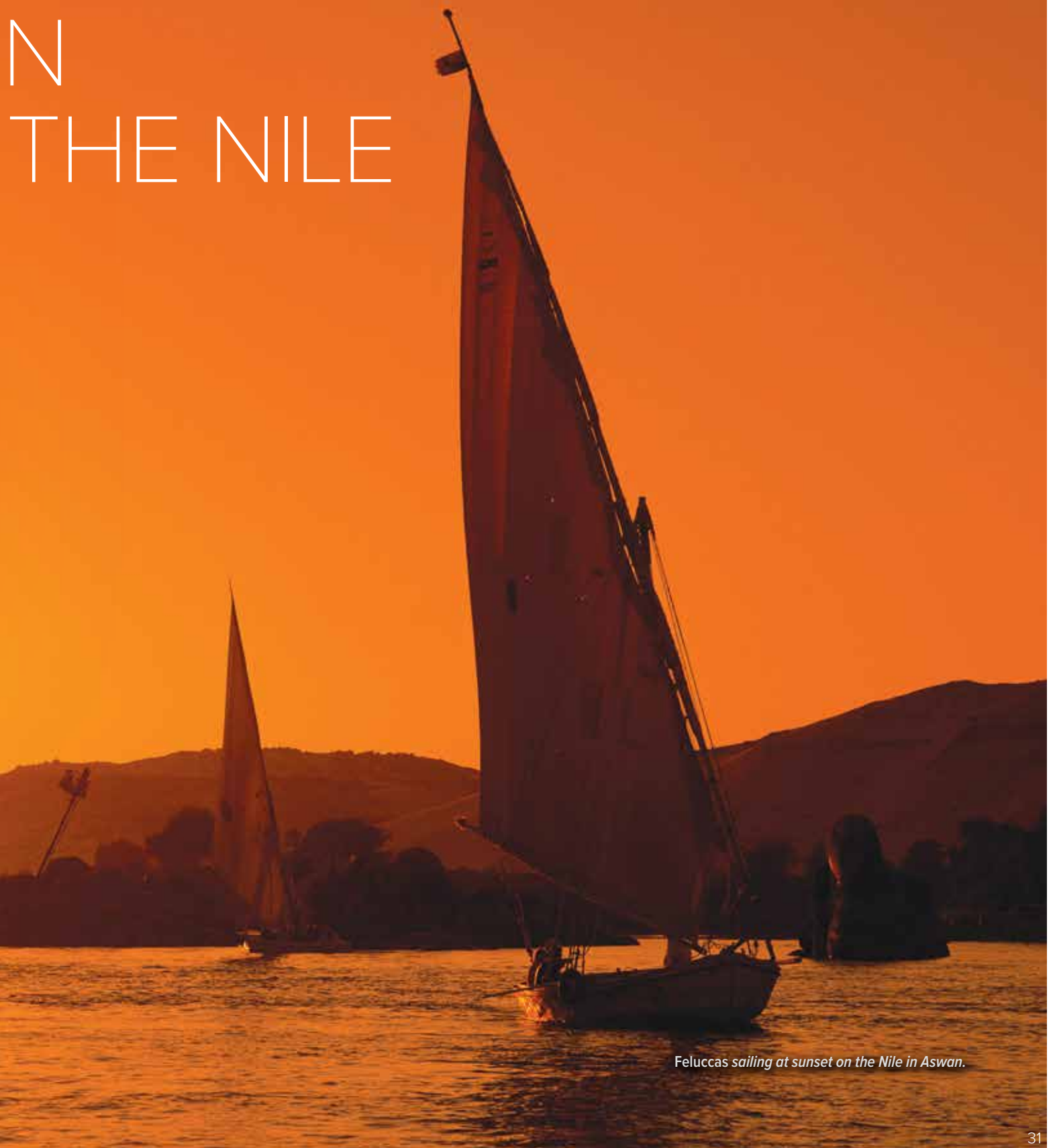
# AWE AND INSPIRATION ALONG

Civilization arose from the Nile Valley around 5000 B.C. By the third millennium B.C., the Early Dynastic period of Egypt's Pharaonic rule had begun. The scope of Egypt's accomplishments over the next 3,000 years is astounding. Who designed the great pyramids and grand temples? How were the stones fashioned, transported, and hoisted? When and how was mummification perfected? Visits to Luxor, Aswan, the Pyramids of Giza and Old Cairo—even King Tut's tomb—will inspire these thoughts and provide a deeper understanding.

Egypt is different from the other remote, wild destinations we explore, in that it is a well-traveled path. But we take the same expedition-style approach and have chosen the pre-eminent experts, hotels, ship, and private aircraft, that meet our standards and your highest expectations.



# N THE NILE



*Feluccas sailing at sunset on the Nile in Aswan.*







# EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF DISCOVERY

## ENJOY SPECIAL ACCESS

Certain tombs on Luxor's west bank require special permission, and we've obtained permits for some of the most remarkable ones. You'll enjoy privileged access to Tutankhamun's tomb, which was piled with treasures now on display in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. The tomb of Seti I, closed for many years, but extensively restored and reopened on a limited basis by special permit, is one of the finest and most colorful tombs in all of Egypt. The tomb of Nefertari, the favorite wife of Ramses II located in the Valley of the Queens, is open to only a few visitors each day and has colors so vivid they could have been painted yesterday.

## TRAVEL WITH ENGAGING EXPERTS

You'll be accompanied on your Nile voyage by outstanding, highly experienced Egyptologists, specialists in Egyptian culture, art, history, and archaeology—ancient and modern. Many have worked with us for years. Warm and wonderful people, their companionship will greatly enhance your Egypt experience.

## PHOTOGRAPHS TO TREASURE

We've obtained photo permits, at no additional cost to you, for many of the sites you'll visit, including some usually restricted. Each departure features a Lindblad certified photo instructor, to help you improve existing skills or learn new ones. Whether your camera is a smartphone or a DSLR, you're bound to return home with some of your best images ever.



*Clockwise from top left: Temple of Nefertari at Abu Simbel; Hieroglyphics in the tomb of Nefertari; guest taking in the view of the pyramids; Egyptologist Ghada Doss with guests in Kom Ombo Temple.*

# ENJOY THE FINEST ACCOMMODATIONS

*Where you stay matters, and we've chosen some of the finest accommodations, in iconic locations with unsurpassed, often mind-boggling views, for your Egyptian journey. These places will contribute to your enjoyment of Egypt, and their proximity to the sites of antiquity makes travel easy and fun.*



## THE NILE RITZ-CARLTON

This beautiful hotel occupies arguably the most favorable location in downtown Cairo. It's along the Nile, in the heart of the city, a short walk to the Egyptian Museum and well-located for seeing Cairo's other sights. We've reserved splendid Nile-view rooms: look across the river to Gezira Island and the Cairo Tower (North Africa's tallest structure), and if the weather cooperates, you may see the Pyramids in the distance. Rooms are spacious and elegant with floor-to-ceiling windows.

## THE MENA HOUSE HOTEL

The Mena House occupies one of the most fabled locations in the world, at the foot of the Pyramids of Giza. It was originally a hunting lodge for the Khedive Ismail, and in 1869 was expanded to accommodate guests at the opening of the Suez Canal. Over the years it has hosted royalty, heads of state, and celebrities. The Lindblad rooms are all in the pyramid view wing.

▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SHIP  
AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/EGYPT](https://www.expeditions.com/egypt)

*From left: Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo; Mena House Hotel, Cairo; standard cabin; rear deck and pool of the Oberoi Philae.*







▶ PLEASE FIND CABIN AND SHIP DETAILS ON PAGE 39.

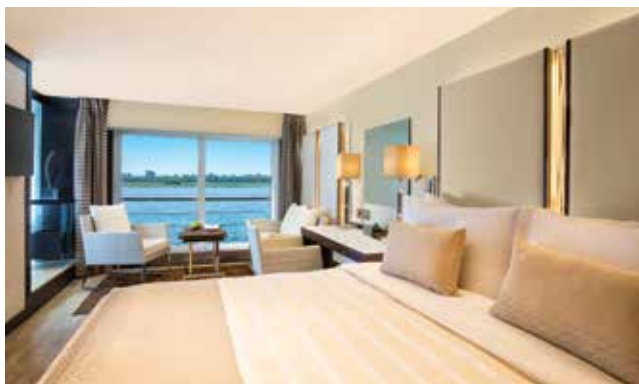
## THE OBEROI PHILAE

A Nile cruise is the centerpiece of your journey, and which ship you take is important. There are many ships on the Nile, but few if any can match the elegance, ideal size, and spacious cabins of the *Oberoi Philae*. Built originally for 100 guests, the *Oberoi Philae* was completely remodeled in 2015 to accommodate just 42. Beautiful, gracious, and exceptionally well equipped, she offers the finest and most exclusive accommodations on the Nile.

Her 22 cabins, including 4 suites, are large and comfortable, with ample space for storage. Bathrooms are

large too. Windows are nearly floor to ceiling and slide open, offering idyllic views of the Nile and the passing scenery. The topmost deck has a swimming pool that is among the largest of any Nile ship, and an al fresco restaurant where lunch is served, weather permitting. Downstairs, there's a stylish enclosed restaurant as well. A spa and a professional wellness specialist add an extra level of amenity and comfort.

The lounge is the venue for talks and recaps, and there are a number of other public spaces for you to discover—to relax, read, and enjoy the views.





# PASSAGE THROUGH EGYPT

**13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD THE *OBEROI PHILAE***

PRICING FROM \$9,320 (See page 39 for details.)

Our Egypt program has been specially crafted to show you Egypt's many facets, and to give you special access.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the great sites of Egypt in depth, from the pyramids and Sphinx to the Valley of the Kings and Abu Simbel. See the monuments and art that have made Ancient Egypt a subject of fascination for millennia, and learn about contemporary life.
- ▶ Enjoy special access to the tombs of Seti I, Tutankhamun, and Nefertari.
- ▶ Sail aboard the privately chartered 42-guest *Oberoi Philae*, one of the finest ships on the Nile, and stay in remarkable hotels in Cairo.
- ▶ Fly chartered aircraft within Egypt, to make the most of your time and ensure your comfort.
- ▶ Rely on your certified photo instructor to help you take advantage of photo ops and take your best photos ever.
- ▶ Choose an optional extension to Jordan, to add Petra and other sites to your experience.

*Reliefs and hieroglyphs at the Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel.*



#### DAY 1: US/CAIRO, EGYPT

Fly overnight to Cairo, Egypt.

#### DAY 2: CAIRO

Arrive in Cairo and transfer to the Nile Ritz-Carlton, your home for the next two nights. Situated in the heart of the city, your room will face the Nile (with the pyramids visible in the distance, weather permitting).

#### DAY 3: CAIRO

Explore Old Cairo, known for its Coptic churches, including the 4th century “Hanging Church” and the Church of Abu Serga. Stroll winding streets to the 1,000-year-old Ben Ezra Synagogue. In the afternoon, tour the Egyptian Museum, home to masterpieces including the treasures of Tutankhamun, the brightly painted limestone sculptures of Prince Rahotep and Princess Nofret, and the bizarre relief of Akhenaten. This evening, we have welcome drinks and dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: LUXOR

Fly by private charter to Luxor. Visit Karnak Temple, where for 2,000 years 30 pharaohs added their own monuments and shrines. Then embark the *Oberoi Philae*, our home for the next six nights. After lunch, explore exquisite Luxor Temple, guarded by massive statues of Ramses II—a place of worship for millennia. Later visit Luxor Museum. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: LUXOR

Explore Luxor’s fabled west bank, traveling through the desert to the Valley of the Kings, an area that for centuries served as the burial ground for Egypt’s greatest pharaohs. Visit three tombs in the Valley including those of Tutankhamun and Seti I (which require special permits that we will obtain for you). After lunch, by special arrangement visit one of the most remarkable tombs of all: that of Nefertari, located in the Valley of the Queens. Continue to the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, set dramatically beneath sandstone cliffs. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: DENDERA/SAILING THE NILE

Visit the beautifully preserved temple of Dendera with reliefs depicting the empress Cleopatra. As we set sail in the afternoon, get a glimpse into traditional Egyptian life along the banks of the Nile. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: ESNA/SAILING THE NILE/EDFU

The Temple of Khnum at Esna was one of the last temples built during the dynastic era. Its columns are striking, and many of the capitals retain their colors. Later discover Esna on foot, for a view of small-town life in Egypt. Continue sailing to Edfu Temple and see one of the best-preserved monuments of the Ancient World: the temple of Horus, the falcon god. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: SAILING THE NILE/KOM OMBO

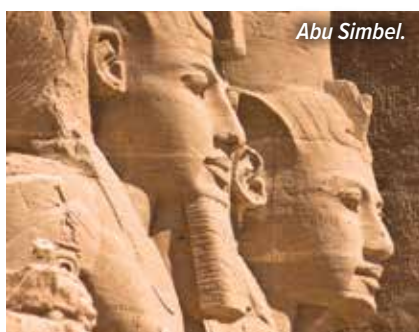
Sail to Kom Ombo, strikingly set atop a hill overlooking the Nile. Built during the Ptolemaic era, it is unique in being dedicated to two gods—hawk-headed Haroeris and crocodile-headed Sobek. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: ASWAN

Aswan is gloriously located on the Nile: backed by hills, with granite rocks protruding from the riverbed and sailboats (called *feluccas*) plying the water. Visit the lovely island temple of Philae. Later tour the fine Nubian Museum, drink high tea at the legendary Old Cataract Hotel, and sail on a *felucca*. This evening, enjoy a Nubian cultural show onboard the *Oberoi Philae* followed by dinner. (B,L,D)

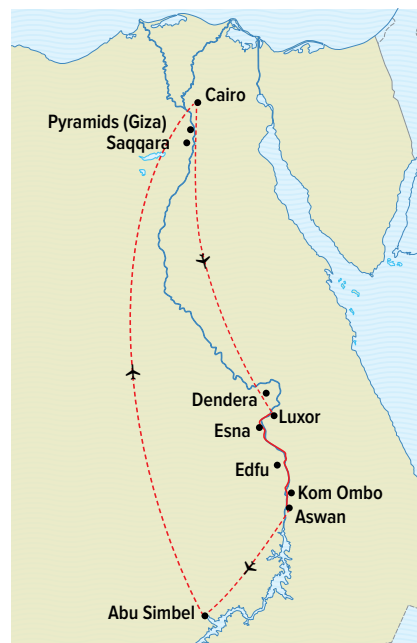
#### DAY 10: ABU SIMBEL/CAIRO

Take a private charter flight to Abu Simbel, where we visit the two great temples built by Ramses II. When the Nile was dammed at Aswan, the temples were disassembled and moved, block by massive block, to higher ground. Take a private flight to Cairo and transfer to the Mena House Hotel, located at the foot of the Pyramids. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 11: SAQQARA, PYRAMIDS, AND THE SPHINX

Begin in Saqqara with the Step Pyramid, a revolutionary design that initiated the art of



pyramid-building. Then spend the afternoon exploring the pyramids and Sphinx. Go inside the Great Pyramid and follow the narrow passageway of the Grand Gallery to the burial chamber of Cheops. See the Solar Boat, built about 2500 B.C., and have the chance to ride a camel if you wish. Tonight, return to the pyramids for the renowned Sound & Light show. (B,L)

#### DAY 12: CAIRO

Cairo is a treasure trove of Islamic architecture and art; explore some of its greatest monuments, including the Muhammad Ali Mosque, the elegant Ibn Tulun Mosque, and a jewel: the Gayer-Anderson Museum. Explore the Khan el Khalili bazaar, with shops selling everything from filigreed silverwork to camel saddles! This evening gather for a farewell reception and dinner at the Mena House. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: CAIRO/HOME

Transfer to the airport for flights home, or to Jordan for our extension. (B)

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Sep. 29; Oct. 13\*, 27; Nov. 24; Dec. 8\*  
2020 Jan. 19; Feb. 2\*, 16; Mar. 1\*, 15, 29\*;  
Sep. 27; Oct. 11\*, 25; Nov. 8\*, 22; Dec. 6\*  
2021 Jan. 17, 31\*; Feb. 14, 28\*; Mar. 14, 28\*;  
Sep. 26\*; Oct. 10\*, 24; Nov. 7\*, 21; Dec. 5\*

\*These voyages travel in reverse.

Limited availability.

SEE & DO MORE:

## EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY TO JORDAN

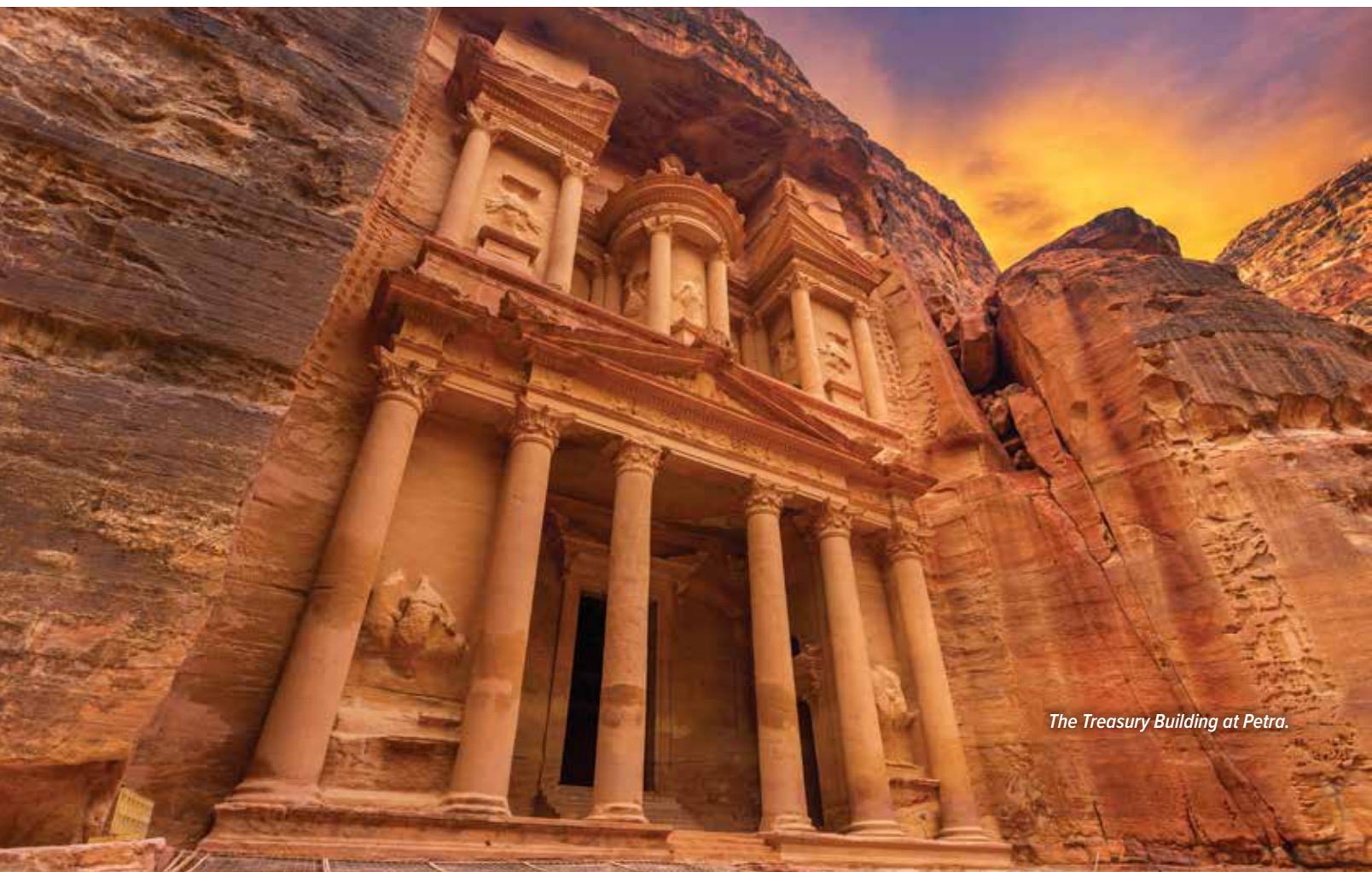
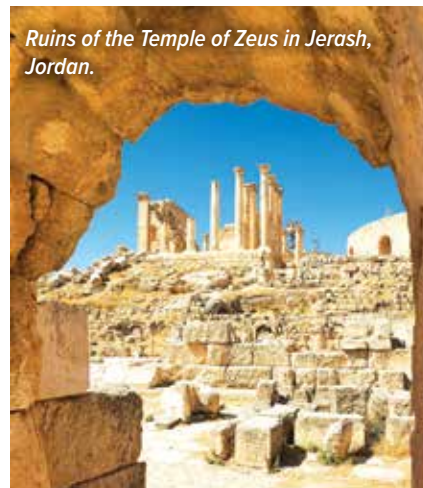
**5 DAYS | 2019 PRICING:** \$3,240 per person double occupancy, \$3,710 per person solo occupancy.

**2020 PRICING:** \$3,340 per person double occupancy, \$3,820 per person solo occupancy.

**2021:** Please call for pricing.

Jordan is breathtaking, with the fertile Jordan Valley, the Moabite Mountains, the shores of the Dead Sea, and of course the compelling site of Petra—a place that simply must be seen. In the span of just five days, we'll explore all of them. Beginning in Amman, Jordan's modern capital, we'll step into the past at the Roman ruins of Jerash, where one hundred years of excavation have unearthed only 1% of the city. We continue to Petra, the Nabatean city whose iconic rose-hued facades are carved directly into sandstone cliffs. In Madaba we see the remarkable 6th-century mosaic map. And we'll visit the Dead Sea with a chance to float in its waters and enjoy the amenities of our hotel. We'll be accompanied by a top guide and will stay in superb accommodations throughout.

*Ruins of the Temple of Zeus in Jerash, Jordan.*



*The Treasury Building at Petra.*



# OBEROI PHILAE

**CAPACITY:** 42 guests in 22 cabins including 4 suites.

**REGISTRY:** Egypt. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 235 feet.

The *Oberoi Philae* originally began service in 1996, configured at the time with 50 cabins and with a maximum capacity of 100 guests. A multiyear renovation completed in 2015 converted her into an extraordinarily beautiful and private ship, with just 22 cabins, modern amenities, and a relaxed, elegant ambiance.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** There is a great deal of attractive and comfortable public space. Deck E is a perfect place to relax and watch life along the Nile. The 36-foot-long swimming pool, surrounded by lounge chairs, is among the largest of any Nile ship. Some meals are served al fresco in the covered sitting area. D Deck has a fully equipped spa with treatment rooms, and there is a selection of spa treatments and massages available (a professional masseuse is on board). There is a fitness room with cardio and weight machines. C Deck has lounge and library, ideal for reading about Egyptian history. On B Deck you'll find the main lounge, which is the venue for talks and presentations. And A Deck has the elegant restaurant.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings, meals focus on fine Egyptian, Middle Eastern, and Continental cuisine. Refreshments are always available. Lunch is occasionally served on the E Deck, weather permitting.

**CABINS:** All cabins and suites are elegant and very spacious. All face outside, with large windows that are almost floor to ceiling, and which open to offer great views of the Nile. There is ample storage space. Each cabin has a 40-inch flat panel TV, DVD player, mini-fridge, safe, hair dryer, individual climate controls, and remote-control-operated blackout blinds. Laundry service is available. There is a mix of queen-bedded and twin-bedded cabins.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Her spaciousness and ideal size sets the *Oberoi Philae* apart from virtually all other ships on the Nile. She has the feel of a luxurious private yacht. There is complimentary wireless internet access throughout the ship.

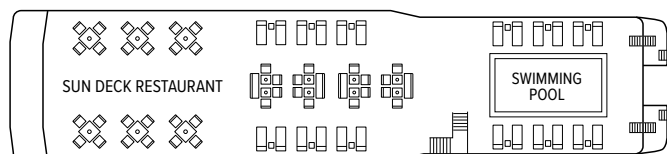
**CATEGORY 1:** #B01-B06: These spacious cabins have a mix of queen beds or two single beds, a large window and a shower.

**CATEGORY 2:** #C01-C10: These spacious cabins have a mix of queen beds or two single beds, a large window and a shower.

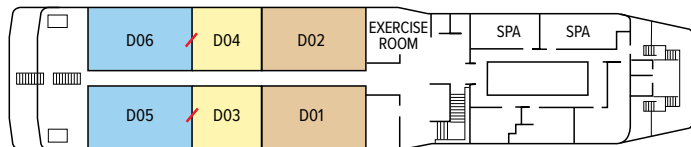
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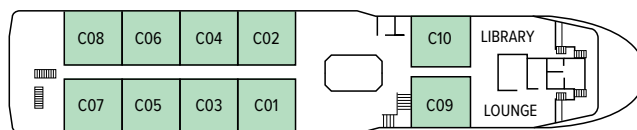
**CATEGORY 5:** #D05-D06: These very large suites have a queen-size bed, side and stern-facing windows that open, a shower and a bathtub. Each has a large private outdoor terrace with private spa tub.



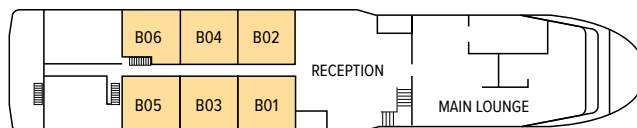
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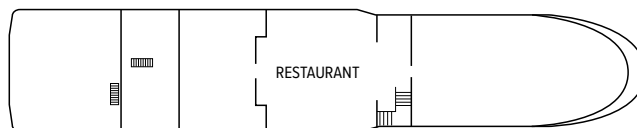
DECK D



DECK C



DECK B



DECK A

*indicates adjoining cabins*



*Suite (Categories 4 and 5 are similar); a typical queen-bedded cabin (Categories 1, 2, and 3 are similar).*

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Passage Through Egypt – Page 36	2019/20	\$9,320	\$9,990	\$10,620	\$11,920	\$12,920	\$13,980	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Economy from \$900; Business from \$3,300 Charter airfare from \$860 (round-trip Cairo).
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- ✓ Fully stocked library
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