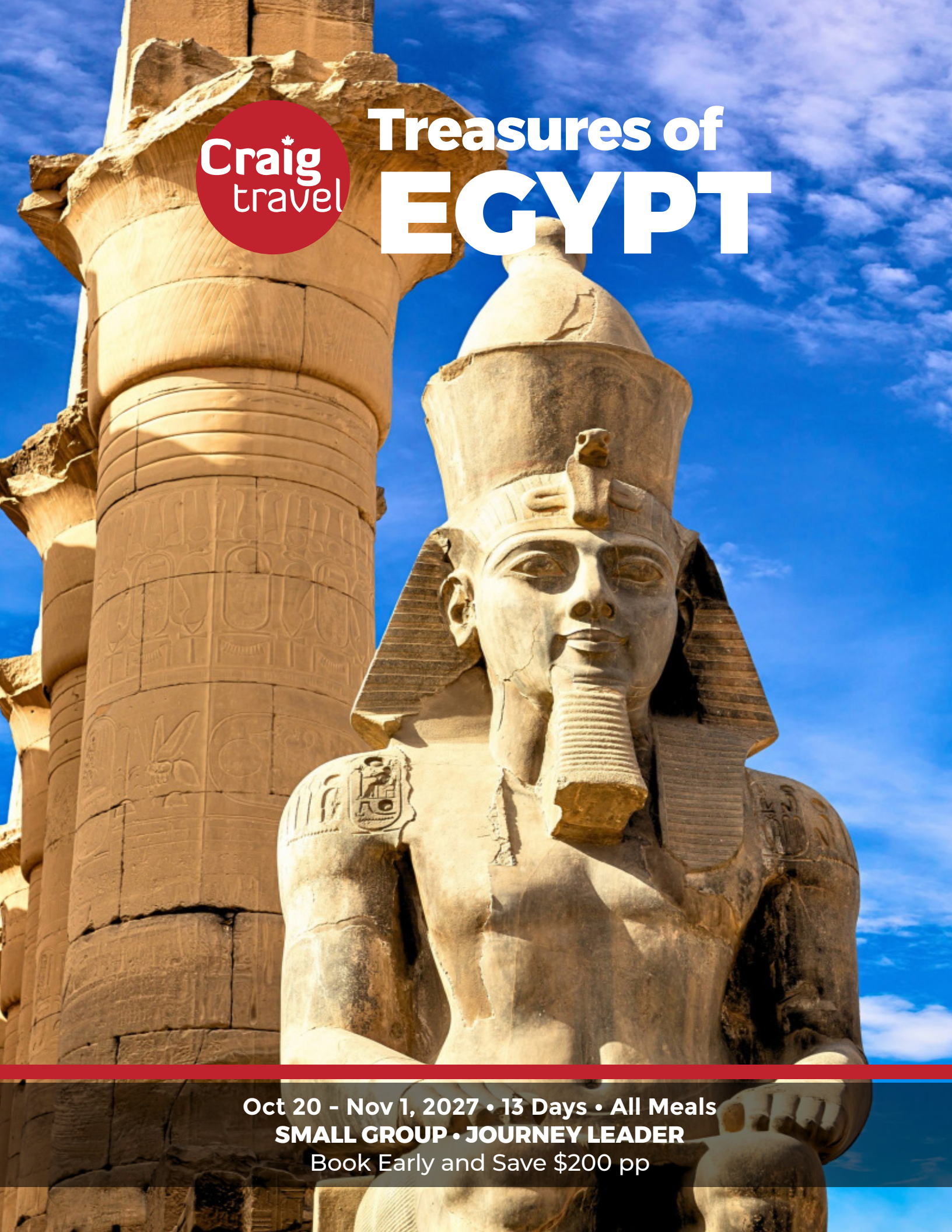
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MS ROYAL RUBY I

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

UNESCO GEMS
Stand before the Pyramids and Great Sphinx of Giza, explore Sakkara's Step Pyramid, Egypt's oldest colossal stone structure. See the Colossus of Ramesses II at Memphis, the first capital of ancient Egypt.

ANCIENT THEBES & CRUISING THE NILE
Walk Karnak's Hypostyle Hall and Luxor Temple, descend into Seti I's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, and cruise to Aswan aboard the Royal Ruby I via Edfu and Kom Ombo.

TEMPLES SAVED FROM THE NILE
Sail by felucca to El Nabatat Island and view the Unfinished Obelisk and the Aswan High Dam. See Philae's Temple of Isis and the cliff-carved temples of Abu Simbel, illumunated during the Sound and Light Show.

CAIRO BEYOND THE PYRAMIDS
Discover the Grand Egyptian Museum and the Coptic Museum, enter the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali and the Hanging Church, and browse Khan El Khalili, which has bustled with trade since the 14th century.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Limited to 25 members

OUR CRUISE SHIP

The MS Royal Ruby I offers a comfortable way to explore the Nile between Luxor and Aswan. All 67 cabins feature panoramic river views, private bathrooms, climate control, satellite TV and Wi-Fi. The Sun Deck has loungers, a swimming pool and bar overlooking palm-lined banks and villages. Enjoy afternoon tea in the panoramic lounge, evening entertainment and varied cuisine in the restaurant. An elevator and laundry service add convenience between visits to Egypt's remarkable archaeological treasures.

CT RATING: 3.5/5

CHALLENGING:
This journey features full days of exploration and travel through warm, arid environments where dust and sand are common, with several very early starts. Several domestic flights allow us to explore Egypt's remarkable historical sites across the country. Members should be in good health and comfortable walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs, navigating sloping tomb passages, and standing for extended periods of time at outdoor historical sites.

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OCT 20 | DEPART CANADA
Tour members from across Canada gather in Toronto for the overnight flight to Cairo.

OCT 21 | CAIRO
Welcome to Egypt! After a warm airport welcome, we settle into our hotel and share our first dinner together.
Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezirah - 4 nights (D)

OCT 22 | GIZA
Standing in the shadow of the Giza pyramid complex, we marvel at the sheer scale of one of the world's greatest engineering achievements. Their remarkable alignment places them within a fraction of a degree of true north. We also gaze upon the enigmatic Great Sphinx of Giza, a silent guardian watching over these monumental tombs for millennia. After an optional camel ride across the golden sands, we uncover more wonders at the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to one of the world's largest collections of ancient Egyptian antiquities. Here, remarkable treasures bring the story of ancient Egypt vividly to life. (BLD)

OCT 23 | CAIRO
We begin our morning at the 12th-century Citadel of Salah El-Din, the stronghold that served as the seat of Egypt's rulers for centuries. Stepping within its imposing stone walls, we take in the gleaming Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. After lunch, we travel into the heart of Old Cairo to trace the region's rich religious heritage. We first visit the Coptic Museum to view the world's most extensive collection of Egyptian Christian antiquities. Just steps away, we visit the Church of Abu Serga and the nearby Hanging Church, which was built above an ancient Roman fortress gatehouse. (BLD)

OCT 24 | SAKKARA / MEMPHIS
Our drive takes us to the UNESCO-listed necropolis of Sakkara, where we step back to the dawn of monumental architecture. Here, the Imhotep Museum introduces us to the engineering genius behind the Step Pyramid, celebrated as Egypt's oldest colossal stone structure. The legacy of the pharaohs continues at Memphis, the first capital of ancient Egypt, where the magnificent Colossus of Ramesses II presides over a remarkable open-air museum. On our way back to Cairo, we stop at a papyrus workshop to learn how Egyptians first transformed river reeds into writing material. (BLD)

OCT 25 | CAIRO / LUXOR / EMBARKATION
A short flight carries us south to Luxor, where we board our Nile cruise ship for lunch. Immersing ourselves in the ancient capital of Thebes, we explore the sprawling Karnak complex to marvel at the Great Hypostyle Hall, a forest of 134 colossal sandstone columns. From there, we trace the Avenue of Sphinxes, walking the 2.7-kilometre path once used during the sacred Opet festival. We continue to Luxor Temple, where we stand before the soaring pylon gateways and giant granite statues of Ramesses II. ***Royal Ruby I - 4 nights*** (BLD)

OCT 26 | VALLEY OF THE KINGS / EDFU
After an optional hot-air balloon ride over the West Bank, we pause beside the Colossi of Memnon, twin statues of Amenhotep III that have guarded the plain for 3,400 years, before continuing on to the Valley of the Kings. Descending into the magnificent Tomb of Seti I, we encounter exceptionally well-preserved, vibrant wall reliefs detailing the afterlife. We then admire the terraced Temple of Hatshepsut, an architectural triumph carved directly into limestone cliffs for a legendary female pharaoh. Back on board, we relax on deck as our ship navigates the Esna locks toward Edfu. (BLD)

OCT 27 | EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN
Horse-drawn carriages carry us through Edfu's quiet streets toward the Temple of Horus, the best-preserved temple in Egypt, shielded for centuries beneath drifting sand. After sailing towards Kom Ombo, we explore a rare double temple, its symmetrical halls honouring both the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus the Elder. Our ship then glides onward, arriving in Aswan this evening. (BLD)

OCT 28 | ASWAN
Taking to the waters of the Nile, we set sail aboard a traditional felucca to El Nabatat, a lush botanical island. Our journey then brings us to the graceful Temple of Philae. Sacred to Isis, the goddess of motherhood and magic, this stunning complex was carefully relocated stone by stone to Agilkia Island during a monumental UNESCO rescue project to save it from rising waters. We also discover engineering marvels from two vastly different eras. First, we visit the Aswan High Dam, a modern achievement that successfully tamed the annual flooding of the river. And finally, we view the Unfinished Obelisk still resting in its bedrock, offering a fascinating glimpse into ancient stonemasonry techniques and the sheer scale of what would have been the largest monument of its kind. (BLD)

OCT 29 | ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL
A short flight south brings us to Abu Simbel, on the shores of Lake Nasser. Here, Ramesses II comissioned two magnificent temples carved into the sandstone cliffs, honouring himself and his beloved queen Nefertari. Four seated colossi, each some 20 metres tall, guard the entrance of the Great Temple. In the 1960s, both temples were cut into blocks and reassembled on higher ground, safe above the rising lake. After dark, we return for the Sound and Light Show as the temples' story plays across their illuminated facades.
Seti Abu Simbel Hotel - 1 night (BLD)

OCT 30 | ABU SIMBEL / CAIRO
We fly back to Cairo via Aswan. After lunch at a local restaurant, we return to our hotel for a relaxing evening and dinner.
Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezirah - 2 nights (BLD)

OCT 31 | CAIRO
Our last day takes us along El Moaz Street in Historic Cairo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its remarkable concentration of medieval Islamic architecture. Nearby, the labyrinthine lanes of Khan El Khalili have bustled with trade since the 14th century, their air fragrant with spices and shops aglow with brass lanterns. After a leisurely afternoon, we gather for a farewell dinner to celebrate our journey. (BLD)

NOV 1 | RETURN HOME
This morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home, taking with us the memories of Egypt's timeless treasures. (B)

B: BREAKFAST (11) L: LUNCH (10) D: DINNER (11)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Pyramids of Giza are the last surviving Wonder of the Ancient World and part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rising above the desert for more than 4,500 years, they remain among humanity's most astonishing achievements, a testament to the ingenuity and ambition of ancient Egyptian civilization.

GIZA

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Deposit is $1,200 per person
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ABU SIMBEL

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Prices are in Canadian dollars per person. Land only excludes international flights but includes all domestic flights within the destination. Land only members join and leave the group at the Cairo hotel. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective October 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 20 members. For full terms and conditions, visit our website: craigtravel.com/terms-conditions. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended. Canadian passport holders require a visa for Egypt, this fee is included in the tour cost.

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