



# Pre-Departure Information

IN THE WAKE OF CLEOPATRA



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# Reminders Before You Go

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## WELCOME!

We're delighted to welcome you on this adventure! This booklet is designed to guide you in the practical details for preparing for your trip. As you read, if any questions come to mind, feel free to give us a call or send us an email—we're here to help.

## PLEASE SEND US

- Trip Application:** Complete, sign, and return your Trip Application form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- Medical Form:** Complete, sign, and return your Medical Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- Air Schedule:** Please forward a copy of your email confirmation, which shows your exact flight arrival and departure times. Refer to the Arrival & Departure section of the Detailed Itinerary for instructions. Please feel free to review your proposed schedule with Wilderness Travel before purchasing your tickets if you have any questions about the timing of your arrival and departure flights or would like to confirm we have the required minimum number of participants to operate the trip.
- Passport Photocopy:** Scan\* a COLOR copy of your passport photo page and email it to us as a JPG or PDF attachment, or send us a high quality photocopy by mail (immediately upon reserving your trip).
- Vaccination Card:** Please send us a photo or scanned copy of your completed Covid-19 Vaccination Card if you have not already done so. Just the front side of the card is sufficient.

*\*If you are scanning documents to email, we suggest a maximum resolution of 300 dpi.*

## PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW

- Travel Documents & Medical Information:** Carefully review the Travel Documents and Medical Information sections of this booklet to familiarize yourself with Passport and Visa entry requirements for your destination, as well as any recommended inoculations.
- Optional Travel Insurance:** Review the Trip Cancellation & Transfer Fee Schedule included in the Detailed Itinerary. We recommend that all trip members purchase Travel Insurance.
- Final Documents:** Approximately three weeks before your trip, we will send you final departure documents, including hotel and local contact information and rendezvous instructions.

## QUESTIONS?

Call: 1-800-368-2794, go to our **website** ([www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com)) or e-mail us at: [info@wildernesstravel.com](mailto:info@wildernesstravel.com).

# Travel Information

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## PASSPORT

A valid passport is required for your trip. Be sure to check the expiration date. Your passport must be valid for six months after your date of exit from Egypt. In addition, we recommend your passport have at least two completely blank visa pages for every country you will be visiting. It is very important that the blank pages say “Visas” at the top. The last few pages of your passport, which say “Amendments and Endorsements,” and the final page of your passport, which may not have a page number, are not considered to be legitimate visa pages. The service of adding pages for visas was discontinued as of January 1, 2016. You can request a new passport through **US Passport Services Office** (<http://travel.state.gov/passport>) or use a visa service agency, which can take care of your passport renewal and expedite the process, if needed. We recommend **Passport Visas Express** (<http://www.passportvisasexpress.com/?affId=2120>). Be sure to allow sufficient time to acquire this before your trip.

It is a good idea to carry photocopies of your passport’s photo page and any acquired visa pages for your trip (if applicable) in case your passport is lost or as an additional piece of identification, as well as two extra passport photos.

## VISAS

US citizens need a visa for Egypt and for Jordan (if you are doing the Petra Extension). Visas can be obtained easily on arrival at the Cairo Airport in Egypt and the Amman Airport in Jordan respectively.

**Egypt:** Visas can be obtained at the Cairo Airport in Egypt. US citizens pay \$25 USD per person on arrival for a visa. Upon arrival, in the arrival hall before the immigration counters, you will need to find one of the many bank kiosks which sell visa stamps. After purchasing a stamp you will place it on the first empty page in your passport and then proceed on to the immigration counters.

**Jordan:** You can purchase your visa on arrival. Upon arrival at the Amman International Airport, your WT guide will assist you with the visa process. Be prepared to pay 40 Jordanian dinars (approx \$60 USD per person) for your visa. Note that in many cases Wilderness Travel is able to acquire a visa fee waiver, but this is not guaranteed and you must be prepared to pay the visa fee if necessary.

If you prefer to get your visas prior to your arrival you may contact our recommended passport and visa processing service, **Passport Visas Express** (<http://www.passportvisasexpress.com/?affId=2120>) (PVE). On the PVE website, purchase the Egypt Tourist Single Visa (valid for 3 months) and the Jordan Tourist Single Visa (valid for 3 months). PVE can also be reached by phone at 888-596-6028. Let them know you are booked on a Wilderness Travel trip. If you are a citizen of any country other than the US, check with a local consulate for entry requirements.

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## MONEY

The unit of currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). Major credit cards are accepted at larger hotels and shops in Egypt and Jordan (for the extension). Traveler's checks are not recommended as they can be difficult and time-consuming to cash. You will need to budget spending money for gratuities, for any meals not included in the trip itinerary, for international and domestic airport departure taxes (see below), and for personal items as snacks, phone calls, etc. Beer, wine, and sodas are complimentary at our welcome and farewell dinners and available for purchase during the trip.

We recommend you bring approximately \$400 USD in cash in small bills and one or two major credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) for shopping and hotel extras. If you plan to use your credit cards, inform your credit card company before your departure that you will be using the card abroad. To use an ATM internationally, you must have a four-digit PIN.

Plan to not have too much Egyptian or Jordanian (for the extension) currency left over at the end of the trip as they can be difficult to convert back to dollars.

## DEPARTURE TAX

**Egypt:** Departure tax is included in international tickets.

**Jordan** (for Petra Extension): Departure tax is 15 Jordan Dinars (about \$22 USD) payable in dinars or dollars.

## TIPPING

Tipping is completely discretionary, but over the years, clients have asked us for tipping guidelines to reward guides for outstanding service.

A range of reference would \$75-100 USD per trip member for the Lazuli III crew, and \$165-220 USD per trip member for the Trip Leader. Tips can be in either US dollars or Egyptian pounds. The Trip Leader takes care of gratuities for group meals in restaurants, luggage handling at hotels, local staff, and drivers.

**For the Alexandria Extension:** We suggest \$15-20 USD per person, per day for the guide, and \$7-10 per person per day for the driver, and 10% of the bill in restaurants. For tipping in restaurants and for extra spa services, we suggest 10-15% of the bill.

**For the Jordan: Petra and Wadi Rum Extension:** We suggest \$15-20 USD per person, per day for the Jordan guide, and \$7-10 USD per person, per day for the driver. For the horse boy at Petra, we suggest \$5-8 USD per person. For tipping in restaurants and for extra spa services, we suggest 10-15% of the bill.

## SPECIAL DIETS

We will do our best to accommodate special dietary needs, however, please keep in mind that certain cultural differences or limitations due to logistics can make it extremely difficult and at times impossible to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please inform us at least eight weeks before your trip if you have a restricted diet. It is important to bring a flexible attitude and supplemental snacks.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Telephone**

The international dialing code for Egypt is 20, and for Jordan 962. Please contact your cell phone company for specific instructions for international use.

### **Email & Internet Access**

Internet access is available at all our hotels. Email access is available aboard the Lazuli III with the use of cell phones.

## ELECTRICITY

Egypt and Jordan have 220-volt current. In Egypt, plugs usually have two round pins, while in Jordan, you may encounter plugs with two round pins, three round pins in a triangular configuration, or three rectangular prongs. Bring a converter and plug adapter kit for appliance use.

# Medical Information

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The following recommendations should be used as a guideline only; consult your physician for medical advice. It is vital that you let Wilderness Travel know of any medical problems, allergies, or physical limitations you may have. Please fill out and return the personal medical questionnaire, and feel free to consult us if you have any questions about your ability to undertake this particular trip.

Wilderness Travel is not a medical facility and has no expertise or responsibility regarding what medications or inoculations you and your physician decide are necessary for your safe participation in the trip.

Traveler's health information is available from the **Centers for Disease Control**. (<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm>)  
Medical travel products are available from **Travel Health Medicine** (<http://www.travmed.com>) and from **Magellan's Travel Supplies**. (<http://www.magellans.com>)

## INOCULATIONS

Entry requirements are subject to change; check with the Centers for Disease Control for updates. All shots should be entered on your International Health Card (yellow card), which is provided by the facility giving the shots. Keep it with your passport while traveling. This provides an important personal record for you to refer to when making future travel plans. We recommend you discuss the following with your physician:

### **Yellow Fever**

This is the only vaccination currently subject to international health regulations. The vaccination is required for entry into many African countries if you are arriving from an “endemic yellow fever zone” country (most of sub-Saharan Africa and South America). For more information, refer to the **CDC website**(<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm>).

### **Polio**

People who have received the primary series of at least three doses of polio vaccine are considered fully immunized. People who are unsure of their status should receive the vaccine (three doses spaced at intervals).

### **Hepatitis**

The vaccines HAVRIX and VAQTA (two injections, six to 18 months apart) give long-term protection against Hepatitis A and are worthwhile if you travel regularly to developing countries.

### **Tetanus Booster**

A booster is strongly recommended (effective for 10 years).

### **Typhoid**

The CDC recommends the shot or the oral vaccine, Vivotif Berna, a course of four capsules, one every other day for a week, with full effectiveness reached in a week. You may not be able to take the oral vaccine simultaneously with mefloquine (for malaria prevention).

## MALARIA PREVENTION

Malaria is uncommon in Egypt so we do not recommend that you take antimalarial medications for travel in Egypt. For further malaria information, consult your doctor or the **CDC Malaria Hotline**(<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/malinfo.htm>): 888-232-3228.

## STAYING HEALTHY

In hotels and aboard the boat, don't brush your teeth with tap water; use bottled water. Don't use ice in your drinks unless you are sure it was made with treated water. When in doubt, ask your Trip Leader for guidelines.



# Helpful Information

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## SHOPPING

Good buys in Egypt include gold and silver items (a favorite is the cartouche, an insignia bearing a pharaoh's or the buyer's name in hieroglyphics) and precious stones. Topaz, aquamarine, alabaster, and Sinai turquoise can be found in a variety of forms and settings. Intricate brass and copper trays, plates, lamps, leather and textile goods, glass, tapestries, woodwork, incense, and perfumes are also popular. Prices in the fashionable downtown department stores are not negotiable, but bargaining is expected in the handicraft shops and the Khan El Khalili Bazaar. In Egypt, bargaining is a sport and way of life, combining the power of persuasion, the exercise of psychology, and above all, patience. It can be fun and economical once you get into the spirit.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Camera Recommendations

With the many advances in digital technology, a simple compact digital camera or even your smartphone is capable of taking pictures suitable for the needs of most people. For higher quality images and the ability to use long lenses for closer wildlife pictures, a DSLR camera is well worthwhile, though heavier. Most digital cameras and phones have good video options, but you may want to consider a GoPro for a lightweight, waterproof option. Always practice ahead of time with new equipment and bring your manual with you. Camera equipment is available for rent from **Borrow Lenses** (<https://www.borrowlenses.com/discount/wildernesstravel>), with a 10% discount offered to Wilderness Travel clients. This is an especially good idea for renting large zoom lenses that you may need for just one trip.

### Camera Accessories

We recommend bringing at least two large capacity memory cards or a small digital storage unit (or tablet) to back up your photos, freeing space on your memory cards. Don't forget to bring a battery charger and a backup battery so one is always charged and ready to use. For trips where you may be away from power sources for multiple days, consider looking into a solar-powered battery charger or buying additional backup batteries, and check that you have the appropriate adapter for the electrical outlets in your destination.

### Sharing Your Images

We would love for you to share photos from your trip, and with your permission, may even use your photos in our marketing materials or on our photo blog. We request that you send us a small sample of your best images. Please email your photos to [wtphotoblog@gmail.com](mailto:wtphotoblog@gmail.com) or tag us **@WildernessTravel** on social media.

### Photography Etiquette

When taking pictures of local people, be aware of cultural considerations. Approaching people with a warm smile and using polite gestures or simple phrases to ask permission to photograph them usually works well. It is always recommended to engage people in conversation before asking to photograph them, but if people do not wish to have their photo taken, please honor their requests. We urge travelers to avoid giving money in exchange for photo opportunities, which makes it harder for future travelers to have a meaningful personal interaction with local people. Please always heed your Trip Leader's guidelines for what is appropriate.

## BEING A CONSIDERATE TRAVELER

Please show respect for the cultures we are visiting by observing local customs concerning appropriate dress, particularly in sacred places. Your Trip Leader is always available to answer any questions that you may have regarding this. If it is necessary to use a cell phone during the trip, please do so privately. Smoking is rarely an issue these days, but if you do smoke, please do so only away from the group.

## WORDS AND PHRASES

Arabic is the official language in Egypt and Jordan, although English and French are used in business and education. Knowing a few words of Arabic is fun and always appreciated by the local people:

Good morning	<i>Sabah-el-khair</i>
Good evening	<i>Mesa-el-khair</i>
Hello	<i>Marhabah</i>
Goodbye	<i>Ma'assalama</i>
Thank you	<i>Shukran</i>
You're welcome	<i>Afwan</i>
Yes	<i>Aiwa, Na'am</i>
No	<i>La'a</i>
Please	<i>Min fadlak (masc.)</i>
Please	<i>Min fadlik (fem.)</i>
My name is . . .	<i>Ismi . . .</i>
I do not have . . .	<i>Maa endee . . .</i>
I have . . .	<i>Endee . . .</i>
Excuse me	<i>Afwan</i>
How are you?	<i>Keef halak?</i>
How much? (cost)	<i>Aadesh</i>
I want . . .	<i>Oreed</i>

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The hotel	<i>Al fondock</i>
I do not know	<i>a baaref</i>
God willing	<i>In sha'alallah</i>
Happy	<i>Mepshut (masculine)</i>
Happy	<i>Mepshuta (fem.)</i>
Thank God	<i>Ahum de l'allah</i>
Pleased to meet you	<i>Ana saeed ashram shoftek (masc.)</i>
Pleased to meet you	<i>Ana saeeda ashram shoftek (fem.)</i>
I understand	<i>Ana fahemt (masc.)</i>
I understand	<i>Ana fihemt (fem.)</i>

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# Packing List

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## THE ESSENTIALS

- Air tickets (or E-tickets)
- Passport
- One other picture ID, such as a driver's license
- Expense money
- Credit card used to purchase local flights if flying before or after the trip (some airlines may deny boarding without verification of the original credit card used for purchase)

## WT GEAR STORE

To help you prepare for your next WT adventure, we've put together a great collection of top brands including Patagonia, Outdoor Research, Eagle Creek, and more at our **WT Gear Store** (<http://wildernesstravel.newheadings.com>).

## LUGGAGE

- Soft suitcase (wheeled versions are OK), with small padlock (must be unlocked for air travel)
- Daypack for camera gear, water bottle, and personal items needed during the day
- (optional) Small roll-up duffel to carry home purchases. It can be stored at the hotel in Cairo.

## WEIGHT LIMITS

Note: Baggage weight limit is 50 lbs. on internal flights in Egypt.

## CLOTHING NOTES

Egypt is accustomed to tourists, and for sightseeing in popular areas such as the Pyramids or the main tourist sights of Upper Egypt, hiking shorts and T-shirts are fine. However, for walking in central Cairo and other cities, and when in rural areas, more modest, conservative dress is preferred, such as long pants and long-sleeved shirts; this also applies to visiting mosques, other religious sites, or homes.

Laundry service: All our hotels have laundry service, even the Lazuli (but the Lazuli staff may not wash socks or undergarments for cultural reasons). Most hotels do not have dry cleaning service.

## CLOTHING

This list is meant as a guideline only. We encourage you to pack light.

- Fleece jacket or sweater (it can get very chilly at night)
- Lightweight hooded windbreaker
- Knee-length walking shorts for the tourist sites
- Light cotton or quick-drying synthetic pants
- Long-sleeved shirts
- T-shirts
- Warm sleepwear. Flannel or thermal underwear work well for cold nights. Note: there is no heat aboard the boat.
- Shade hat with wide brim
- Sturdy walking shoes. Good traction and ankle support are important.
- Tevas or other sturdy sandals
- Swimsuit (for hotel pools)
- City/hotel attire—men will feel comfortable with a jacket for some dinners in Cairo

## EQUIPMENT

- Good quality sunglasses with case
- Personal toiletries

## PERSONAL FIRST AID SUPPLIES

Every trip member must bring a small kit for personal use.

- Sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher. We recommend mineral-based sunscreens with zinc oxide or titanium dioxide because they do not contain harsh chemicals that are harmful to the environment. Brands such as Honest Company, Badger, and Alba Botanica are found in most sporting goods stores and drugstores.
- Lip balm with sunscreen
- Aspirin, ibuprofen, or Tylenol, Tylenol PM
- Topical antibiotic (such as Neosporin) for cuts, bites, or sores
- Insect repellent
- Dramamine for seasickness
- Blister kit. Look for the long-lasting gel-type bandages that you can apply directly on blisters, such as Band-Aid Advanced Healing Bandages or Curad Gel Multi-Day Bandages. “Liquid band-aids,” such as New-Skin, are useful because they dry rapidly to form a tough protective cover over a blister.
- Anti-bacterial gel for hand washing
- Antihistamine such as Benadryl and cold remedy such as Sudafed
- Imodium for diarrhea. If you wish to bring an antibiotic for diarrhea prophylaxis, please consult your physician.
- Prescription medications properly labeled
- Spare contact lenses or spare prescription glasses

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Converter/plug adapter kit for appliance use in hotels
- Camera, spare batteries or charger, spare memory cards. **Please note that cameras, particularly high-end cameras, are often subject to increased scrutiny at airport checkpoints in Egypt, and especially in Jordan. They have been known to be confiscated by authorities in the past, so please be aware of this when packing. Additionally, cameras may not be allowed at some tourist sites, or a fee may be charged for camera use. If this is the case, your Trip Leader will advise you in-country. Phone cameras are usually allowed without any issues.**
- Reading/writing material
- Small tape recorder
- Binoculars. Please note: If you are continuing on to Jordan, it's best not to bring binoculars into Jordan. Past travelers have had difficulties, as they have endured long delays while their bags are searched.
- Travel clock
- Gatorade-type powdered mixes or packets of ORS (oral rehydration salts) to add to your water bottle from time to time on really hot days
- Money belt or neck pouch. Always carry your passport, credit cards, and cash with you in a money belt or neck pouch tucked down inside your shirt or blouse.

# Reading List

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## ESSENTIAL READING

### **The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Egypt**

*Bill Manley*

1996, 144 PAGES

Ingenious color maps, site plans, photographs and accompanying essays trace Egyptian civilization from the founding of Memphis through the sacking of Thebes and the invasion by Alexander the Great in 332 BC.

### **Egypt Map**

*Nelles*

2011

This easy-fold map, featuring insets of Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Giza, the Nile River Valley, Cairo and other sites, also covers Petra, Jerusalem and most of Israel.

### **Eyewitness Guide Egypt**

*Eyewitness Guides*

2016, 360 PAGES

This visually rich guide to the history, culture and monuments of Egypt includes 1,000 color photographs, maps and 3D site diagrams.

### **The Search for Ancient Egypt**

*Jean Vercoutter*

1992, 207 PAGES

This pocket encyclopedia, packed with illustrations, tells the tale of Greek travelers, buried treasure, international intrigue and scholarship as it delves into the world's long-standing fascination with Egypt's glorious heritage.

## ALSO RECOMMENDED

### **The Nile**

*Toby Wilkinson*

2015, 320 PAGES

Renowned Egyptologist Toby Wilkinson guides readers through Egyptian history on a Nile River journey. Readers are swept from the river's mythical sources to famous historical and cultural sites all the way to Cairo.

### **Egypt Adventure Map**

*National Geographic Maps*

2011

A double-sided folded map of Egypt by the National Geographic Society and World Mapping Project at a scale of 1:1,250,000.

### **Cairo Map**

*Cartographia*

2007

A colorful, folded map of Cairo on thick paper. Insets of Luxor, Alexandria and Heliopolis. Scale 1:13,000.

### **Culture Smart! Egypt**

*Jailan Zayan*

2013, 168 PAGES

A handy pocket guide to understanding local customs and etiquette.

### **Egyptian Hieroglyphs for Complete Beginners**

*Bill Manley*

2003, 160 PAGES

Museum-goers and armchair travelers alike can gain a basic knowledge of the language and culture of ancient Egypt with this excellent step-by-step guide to decoding tomb scenes and inscriptions. With illustrations, photographs, a handy list of kings and gods and vocabulary.

### **The Ancient Egypt Guide**

*William J. Murnane*

2012, 528 PAGES

With sections on history, individual sites and practical details, this new edition of the classic Penguin Guide to Ancient Egypt has been thoroughly updated by Aidan Dodson.

### **Ancient Egypt, Everyday Life in the Land of the Nile**

*Bob Brier*

2013, 312 PAGES

An accessible overview of daily life in Egypt -- how common people worked, lived, played and worshiped. Part of Sterling's "Everyday Life" series.

### **Egypt, A Short History**

*Robert L. Tignor*

2011, 371 PAGES

Princeton historian Tignor distills five decades of study and travel for this vivid account of the sweep and tumult of Egyptian history from the settlement of the Nile to the present.

### **Explorers of the Nile**

*Tim Jeal*

2012, 592 PAGES

Tim Jeal widens his scope in this spirited new history of the great 19th-century quest for the origins of the Nile, covering the many expeditions and complex rivalries of Burton and Speke, Livingstone and Stanley and other Victorian adventurers with panache.

### **Say It in Arabic (Egyptian)**

*Farouk El-Baz*

1968, 185 PAGES

A guide to common words and phrases in the widely spoken Cairo dialect.

### **The Rough Guide to Egypt**

*Dan Richardson*

2013, 649 PAGES

A comprehensive guide to Egypt in the somewhat hip, literate and very informative Rough Guide style. It's divided cleanly between practical information and illuminating background on culture and history.

### **Egypt on the Brink**

*Tarek Osman*

2013, 300 PAGES

Osman brings his thoroughly readable history of divided, complex modern Egypt since the rise of Nassar up to date with the events of the Arab Spring, the fall of Hosni Mubarak, the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood and current uncertainty.

### **Egypt-Omania**

*Bob Brier*

2013, 229 PAGES

Bob Brier, AKA "Mr. Mummy," informs and entertains in this wide-ranging exploration of Egyptology's cultural influence -- from the Romans' fascination with the ancient culture to the transportation of Egyptian obelisks to Paris, New York and London to Tin Pan Alley songs featuring King Tut and Cleopatra.

### **Inside Egypt**

*John R. Bradley*

2012, 256 PAGES

A reporter in the region since 1999, Bradley pulls no punches in this highly readable expose of the politics and policies of Mubarak's military and modern Egypt.



**Luxor Illustrated, With Aswan, Abu Simbel and the Nile**

*Michael Haag*

2009, 96 PAGES

The ideal companion to a Nile cruise, Haag introduces all the famous monuments and temples of Upper Egypt from Luxor, Karnak, the Valley of the Kings and the tomb of Tutankhamun to the marvels of Aswan and Abu Simbel in full color.

**On the Nile in the Golden Age of Travel**

*Andrew Humphreys*

2015, 216 PAGES

Colorfully illustrated, this history celebrates centuries of travel down the Nile, from the earliest trips in a dahabiya (houseboat with sails) through Thomas Cook's paddle steamers to modern cruise ships. Includes period photographs, vintage posters and promotional materials.

**The Blue Nile**

*Alan Moorehead*

2000, 320 PAGES

In this grand history of exploration and events on the great river from 1798 to 1869, Moorehead follows the course of the Blue Nile from the Ethiopian highlands through Sudan and Egypt to the Mediterranean.

**The Explorers, A Story of Fearless Outcasts, Blundering Geniuses, and Impossible Success**

*Martin Dugard*

2014, 288 PAGES

Bestselling author Martin Dugard argues that all fearless explorers share seven key traits, providing as a case study the Burton-Speke expedition to find the source of the Nile.

**Ancient Egyptian Art and Architecture, A Very Short Introduction**

*Christina Riggs*

2014, 144 PAGES

Exploring the art and buildings of the ancient Egyptians, this survey accounts for the culture's major pyramids, mummies and visual styling. Primarily, Riggs answers the question: why have Egyptian art and architecture had such an enduring appeal?

**Nine Parts of Desire, The Hidden World of Islamic Women**

*Geraldine Brooks*

1996, 256 PAGES

A highly readable overview of the role of women in Islamic society, drawn from the author's many interviews with women throughout the Arab World.

**Rock the Casbah, Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World**

*Robin Wright*

2012, 307 PAGES

A veteran journalist in the Middle East, Wright (Dreams and Shadows) interviews the youth at the forefront of the Arab revolt in this insightful portrait of the region at a moment of change.

**The Complete Cities of Ancient Egypt**

*Steven Snape*

2014, 240 PAGES

A comprehensive overview of settlements during Egypt's dynastic period, including Memphis, Thebes and Amarna.

**The Struggle for Egypt, From Nasser to Tahrir Square**

*Steven Cook*

2011, 408 PAGES

The Hasib J. Sabbagh Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a leading expert on Arab and Turkish politics, Steven Cook illuminates Egyptian modern history with exceptional insight

**Alexandria, A History and Guide**

*E. M. Forster*

2014, 320 PAGES

In this first-rate travelogue, Forester immortalizes the fabled city of Alexander the Great, the beacon of light and culture symbolized by the greatest library of the ancient world and the place where Antony and Cleopatra played out their doomed love affair. Originally published in 1922.

**Alexandria, The Last Nights of Cleopatra**

*Peter Stothard*

2014, 400 PAGES

Times editor Peter Stothard explores Egypt and the life of Cleopatra in this book, part memoir and part travel literature. Stothard revisits places he had known as a child, wanders Egypt on the brink of revolution and walks in the footsteps of Cleopatra.

**Walking the Nile**

*Levison Wood*

2016, 352 PAGES

Beginning in a Rwandan forest and ending at the Mediterranean coast, Levison Wood became the first to walk the length of the Nile, trekking 4000 miles through jungles, deserts, war zones and six nations in nine months.

**Death on the Nile**

*Agatha Christie*

2004, 333 PAGES

How could we resist? Christie wrote Egypt's most famous murder mystery on the terrace of the Old Cataract Hotel in Aswan.

**The Egyptian Myths, A Guide to the Ancient Gods and Legends**

*Garry J. Shaw*

2014, 224 PAGES

A survey of Egypt's myths that explains how the ancient Egyptians encountered their gods in nature and in the day-to-day. You might be surprised how many you're familiar with! Through his engaging narrative, Shaw guides us through the mythic adventures of the deities -- from the popular gods Osiris, Seth and Horus to Nemty, Geb and Shu.

**The Yacoubian Building**

*Alaa Al Aswany*

2006, 255 PAGES

The politics, repressed desires, hopes and dreams of Cairo are reflected through the lives of the inhabitants of a once grand apartment house in this deft novel of contemporary Egypt.

**Down the Nile, Alone in a Fisherman's Skiff**

*Rosemary Mahoney*

2008, 273 PAGES

Mahoney weaves the tale of her quest to row the Nile with deft portraits of the people she meets in this marvelously engaging chronicle.

**A Cairo Anthology, Two Hundred Years of Travel Writing**

*Deborah Manley*

2013

From Herodotus to Julian Huxley, this sweeping anthology entwines travelers' accounts of the ancient Egyptian capital over two centuries.

**Palace Walk**

*Naguib Mahfouz*

2011, 504 PAGES

The first volume in the monumental Cairo Trilogy, a family saga set in post-WWI Egypt. Nobel Prize-winning Mahfouz provides insight into life in Egypt and the revolution against the British.

**The Visitors**

*Sally Beauman*

2015, 544 PAGES

Bestselling author Sally Beauman writes from the perspective of a young girl entangled in the lives of fortune-hunters Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter as the two archaeologists search for the tomb of King Tut.

**Red Nile, A Biography of the World's Greatest River**

*Robert Twigger*

2014, 480 PAGES

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