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Round-Trip from Cairo, Egypt

Speakers: Anne Lamott & Neal Allen

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Date	Itinerary
26 Sep	Arrive in Cairo (2 nights) Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, transfer as a group to your hotel. Private transfers at additional charge can also be arranged if needed. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner (included).
27 Sep	The Egyptian Museum and Citadel Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist at the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb. Explore Cairo Citadel and see the Great Alabaster Mosque. Later, you will have free time to enjoy as you wish. Breakfast included
28 Sep	Fly to Luxor, Cruise the Nile (4 nights) In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts and see two royal mummies. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure, enjoy dinner on the ship before relaxing in its lounge or in the comfort of your room. Breakfast, lunch & dinner included
29 Sep	Valley of the Kings to Edfu This morning travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, whilst they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Visit Luxor Temple which was unearthed by Mariette in the 1860s, before returning to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. Breakfast, lunch & dinner included
30 Sep	Kom Ombo to Aswan In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and falcon-headed Horus the Elder. The powerful tale of Isis and Osiris is one of Ancient Egypt's most momentous legends. Fanciful Egyptian gods and goddesses, as well as the fascinating history of Philae Temple is brought to life before your eyes through the magic of sound and light. The atmospheric temple setting, engaging narration by world-famous celebrities and moonlit boat ride across the lake make it an unforgettable experience. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on board your ship. Breakfast, lunch & dinner included
01 Oct	Aswan's High Dam and Nile Felucca In the morning, visit the Aswan High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis. Rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae, it was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style. Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and about traditional sailing practices. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. After that, enjoy the sound and light show at Philae Temple. Breakfast, lunch & dinner included
02 Oct	Aswan and Back to Cairo (3 nights) In the morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an Optional Experience and travel by air to the magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Located in a village in Nubia, they are found in Upper Egypt. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. Perhaps soak up the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar or visit one of the many points of interest nearby, such as the Botanical Gardens, Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night. Breakfast included
03 Oct	Cairo at Leisure or Optional Alexandria Excursion Spend the day at leisure to explore Cairo at your own pace. Perhaps consider joining an Optional full day exploration of historic Alexandria. Your sightseeing tour shows you the National Museum, the well preserved Roman Amphitheatre, Roman Catacombs, Quayet-Bey Fortress and Pombey's Pillar. Later, visit the Mosque of Abdul Abass and the gardens at Montaza surrounding a former palace of the Royal family. Breakfast included
04 Oct	The Great Pyramids of Giza Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of the Chephrenis Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids. Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back 2686 B.C., making it the oldest pyramid in the world. Visit the Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and learn more about the art and process of Egyptian weaving. Breakfast included
05 Oct	Depart Cairo Your wonderful journey ends with a group transfer to Cairo International airport. Breakfast included

About the Speakers:

Anne Lamott is a best-selling author of *Bird by Bird*, *Traveling Mercies*, *Help, Thanks, Wow & Almost Everything*. She uses humor, faith and personal life experiences to craft stories we can all relate to.

Neal Allen is a Spiritual Coach & the author of *Shapes of Truth*. For more information on Neal's practice, have a look at his website shapsoftruth.com.

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