

EGYPT 2023



TOUR FEATURES (October 11-19, 2023)

- Round trip air on Egyptair from JFK (also including domestic air CAI-LXR and ASW-CAI)
- All transfer in Cairo (CAI), Luxor (LXR) and Aswan (ASW)
- 2nts accommodation at Conrad Cairo hotel 5* or similar based on bed & breakfast basis
- 4nts accommodation on board of the H/S Nebu or similar on full board basis starting with lunch & ending with breakfast
- 1nt accommodation at Intercontinental City Stars or similar on bed & breakfast basis
- Full Day tour including the Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum, Old Cairo including lunch in a local restaurant while touring
- Camel ride and balloon ride over the Nile
- Visits on board of the boat : Karnak & Luxor Temple West Bank : Valley of Kings, Hatshepsut & the colossi of Memnon
- Edfu, Kom Ombo
- Aswan : Philae temple, the High Dam & Obelisk
- Felucca around Kitchener islands
- Farewell traditional dinner at El Azhar Park
- English speaking guide throughout

NOT INCLUDED: Visa (approx. \$25 USD on arrival) and gratuities

Price: \$4,795.00 per person (based on a minimum of 15 passengers). A passport (with six month validity is required), a deposit of \$500 pp plus insurance \$326 (To cover pre-existing conditions this must be taken with deposit, otherwise with final payment. A more detailed itinerary will be provided at deposit. Single surcharge is \$985.

Call Nancy with any questions or to make a deposit. Check or credit card (no AMEX).

Gibraltar: A Bite of Britain in Spain

Gibraltar is hardly signposted in Spain, as if Spain wishes the British colony didn't exist.

The 30,000 people living along a 2.5-mile lip of land under the famous and strategic rock are happily English.

Gibraltarians have the big three-pronged British electrical plugs, their own currency (it's the pound sterling — but, like the Scots, they have their own version), and their own Web domain (.gi). Gibraltar's Anglican Church is proudly "headquarters of the Anglican Church in Europe" (not very centrally located for the business of administering that vast parish).



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The town of Gibraltar is pretty humble. Spaniards come for duty-free sugar, tobacco, and booze. For sightseers, the attraction here is the rock itself, with its viewpoint on the summit, gregarious "apes" (actually a gang of about 200 tailless monkeys — whose presence here supposedly assured the continued British control of the colony), and siege galleries — tunnels drilled for military purposes over the centuries. Several hundred yards of tunnel are open to visitors, allowing you to hike across the face of the rock and actually peer out of the cannon holes back at Spain. You can ride a cable car to the rock's summit, or get there on a taxi tour. Gibraltar's taxi drivers are trained to give a fun circuit around the rock with several stops, grand views, and — the highlight for many — some fun with those precocious monkeys. The lift and the 90-minute taxi tour each cost about \$40.

Nevertheless, tourism is booming. Midday the pedestrianized main street (which locals call "Main Street") is a virtual human traffic jam. And more planes are landing in the colony than ever before. While that only comes to a handful of planes a day, it's now more important than ever that when you walk across the military airstrip that marks the border between Spain and this quirky remnant of the British Empire — you look left, right...and up.

One-Pot Cacio e Pepe

This simple and classic pasta dish just got easier – all of the ingredients are cooked together in the same pot, and the sauce reduces while the pasta cooks, no draining necessary! Don't wait for water to boil again.

Ingredients:

12 ounces thin spaghetti, broken in half (see Cook's Note)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 cup grated Pecorino-Romano, plus more for serving
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/2 cup grated Parmesan
2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper, plus more for serving

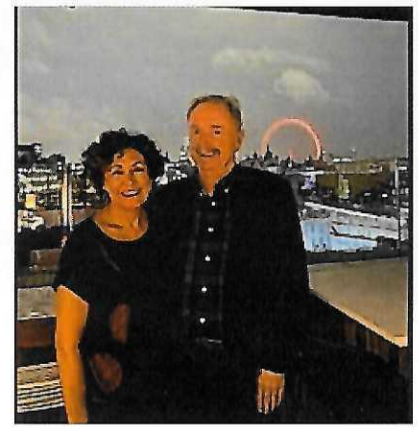


Cook's Note

The success of this recipe is dependent upon the specific pasta shape suggested, so we don't recommend substitutions.

Directions:

Put the spaghetti, olive oil, 1 teaspoon salt and 5 1/2 cups of water together in a high-sided medium skillet. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Continue to cook, stirring the spaghetti frequently to keep it from clumping, until it is al dente, about 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Gradually sprinkle in the Pecorino and stir until completely melted, then add the butter. Sprinkle in the Parmesan, pepper and 1/2 teaspoon salt and stir until melted and smooth—the cheese will clump at first but will melt into the sauce and thicken it up after about 4 minutes. Divide the spaghetti among 4 bowls and garnish with additional Pecorino and pepper.



Bonjour Nancy!

Dan and I just returned from our amazing trip to London and Paris! Nancy, thanks to you and your team everything was seamless and could not have been easier! We spent 5 days in London seeing all the sights and taking in the local flair of the city! We had a great guide for two half days who provided us with a lot of "insider" information!

We then headed to Paris on the Eurostar, seeing the French countryside was a treat! Paris was wonderful! We were in the Latin Quarter and the jardin du Luxembourg was across the street! The people, food and wine were all amazing! Thank you for getting us to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower at night, the view was spectacular!

We are looking forward to working with you again and planning our next trip!

Warm regards,

Dan and Amy O'Neill



NEW YORK CITY



New York City wasn't always named so. Its original name was New Amsterdam, coined by the Dutch immigrants that founded the city.



The original concrete jungle is the source of endless cliches. But while a hardy New Yorker might suggest steering clear of the likes of Times Square, working your way through the bustling tourist Meccah, it's hard to shake the feeling that you're at the center of the world.

Ride the romanticism, plain slice – it's plain, not cheese pizza here – in hand, and discover the world-beating experiences in one of the planet's greatest cities. Incomparable museums and art galleries pull in hoards by the million while the dazzling lights, both on and off Broadway, set evenings ablaze.

If it gets too much, take a minute in the city's lungs, Central Park, before taking a deep breath and diving back in.

Welcome to New York.



2022 US Editors' Picks Awards: Best New Ocean Cruise Lines

Ocean Winners

Norwegian Prima

Best New Ship



"Norwegian Prima has launched a new ship class that continues what the line does best – lots of specialty dining choices; wide-ranging entertainment; oodles of activities for families – and made the entire experience more upscale. The ship's suite complex is expanded and reconfigured to become the best in the fleet. But even non-suite guests will appreciate Norwegian Prima's high-end decor and fresh, modern cabins all paired with new thrills, fun shows and fantastic dining choices."

"Celebrity seems to have thought of everything you could ever want in your cabin, from exceptional storage space and multiple charging options, to a breathtaking, modern design. Best of all, it doesn't matter if you're sailing the newest ship in the fleet or the oldest, in a suite or an interior stateroom: Celebrity's cabins are consistently outstanding, and the wide variety ensures there's something for everyone."

Celebrity Cruises

Best Cabins



Royal Caribbean International

Best Suites



"Royal Caribbean is nothing if not creative when it comes to its suites, where it offers some of the most imaginative and lavish residences at sea. We're talking about two-story suites, family suites with built-in video game rooms and in-suite slides from one level to the next, plus the services of a Royal Genie -- the line's own concierge service."

Disney Cruise Line

Best for Families

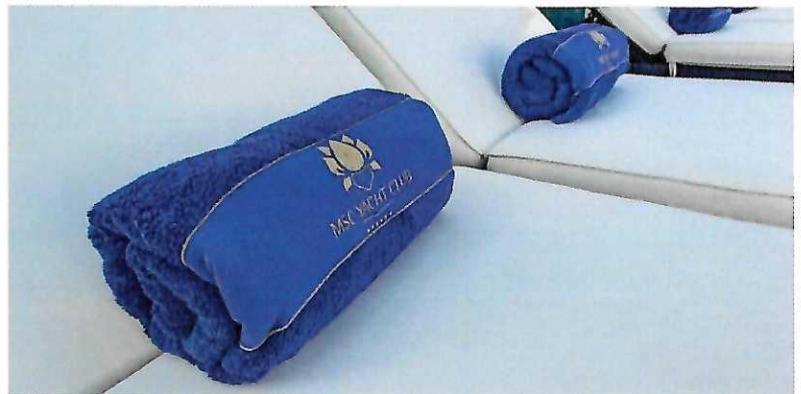


"It should come as no surprise that Disney Cruise Line knocks it out of the park where families are concerned. The line's kid's programs are top-notch, and the company never stops innovating ways to ensure families all enjoy their time onboard, from spacious staterooms with segmented bathrooms to the quality of the crews onboard who delight in ensuring everyone experiences the magic."

MSC Cruises

Best Suite Complex

"Want the best of a big ship, while still being pampered? That's what you'll find in MSC Cruises' Yacht Club, where you can live large at a lower price point than you would elsewhere. There, passengers enjoy their own dedicated pool, sundeck, lounge and restaurant – along with a host of benefits that make you a VIP on the rest of the ship too, like priority seating and a special beach on MSC's private island."



Celebrity Cruises

Best Specialty Dining



"When it comes to specialty dining, Celebrity keeps upping the ante. On its new ship, Celebrity Beyond, Michelin-star chef Daniel Boulud takes the spotlight with his first restaurant at sea. But you won't want to miss popular other venues across the fleet, including the contemporary Eden, or Raw on Five, our favorite cruise ship sushi venue. The fanciful Le Petit Chef adds a touch of whimsy on several ships, while Italian lovers indulge their cravings at the Tuscan Grille."

"Royal Caribbean's app offers everything you might need on your cruise in one in-your-pocket-spot. It's loaded with features that cover every part of your journey. Check-in on the app is simple, and it's made the required safety drill a self-guided breeze that no longer interrupts your cruise vacation. A useful daily planner that allows you to schedule your day and a fully formed method of keeping in touch with your cruisemates round out this powerful app."

Royal Caribbean International

Best App

