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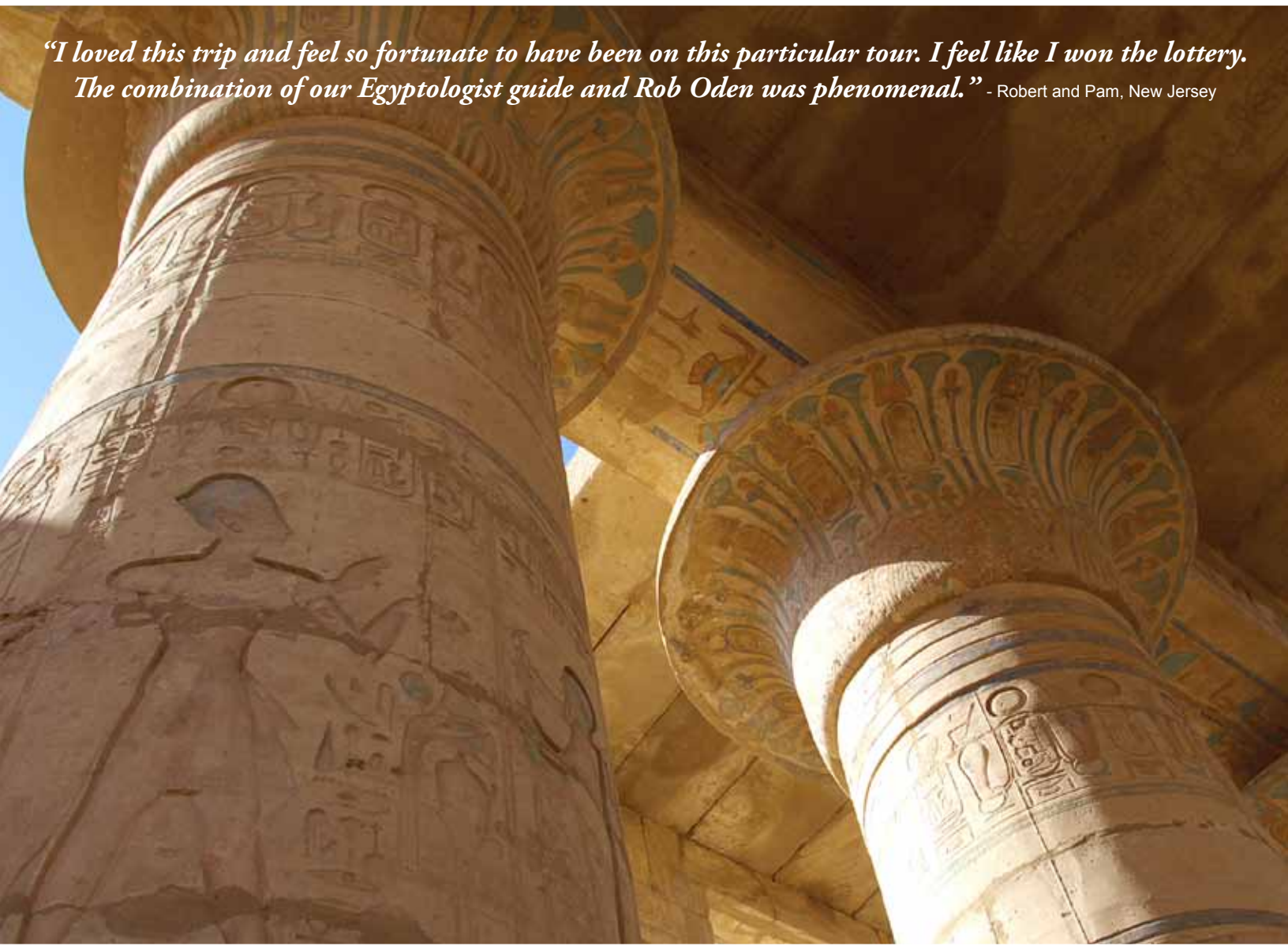
ALUMNI ADVENTURES

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## ANCIENT EGYPT & THE RIVER NILE

January 8 – 23, 2017 (16 days) with former Carleton President Robert Oden, Jr.

*"I loved this trip and feel so fortunate to have been on this particular tour. I feel like I won the lottery. The combination of our Egyptologist guide and Rob Oden was phenomenal."* - Robert and Pam, New Jersey



Travel with former Carleton President Robert Oden, Jr., on our meticulously-planned itinerary, featuring premium accommodations and a deluxe, 7-night Nile River cruise. Visit all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan including, thanks to special permissions granted to our group, the stunning tombs of Seti I and Nefertari.

*All testimonials within this brochure are from our latest trip to Egypt in 2016*

## Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to invite you to join former Carleton President Rob Oden, Jr., to experience the best of ancient Egypt on this extensive 16-day program that explores Egypt's cultural, historical, and intellectual heart.

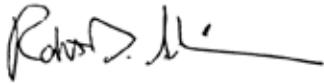
You will travel with a top-notch team of experts, including our congenial Carleton hosts, Rob and Teresa Oden, who hope you will join them for an unforgettable experience designed for intrepid minds and curious souls. Rob, long a Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Religions, will share insights about ancient Egypt and its influences via illustrated lectures and ongoing conversations throughout the tour. In addition, a superb Egyptian guide will accompany you on all excursions and a professional trip manager will handle all of the travel logistics and details.

Visit sites and museums that no trip to Egypt would be complete without. Plus, thanks to special permissions granted to our group, visit two tombs that are closed to the public: the spectacular Tomb of Seti I and the Tomb of Nefertari (often called the most beautiful tomb in Egypt). Delight in the ambiance and elegance of some of Egypt's finest hotels, including a luxurious, seven-night Nile cruise aboard a five-star riverboat with only 33 cabins, all of them suites.

Every detail has been carefully planned to maximize your sightseeing time. Two flights within Egypt are included, as well as all meals and excursions (except for an optional excursion to the temples at Abu Simbel), airport transfers in Egypt, and tips for group services, to allow you peace of mind, time, and energy to thoroughly immerse yourself in your travel experiences.

We hope that you will join fellow Carls for this special adventure!

Sincerely,



Robert D. Smulian, Class of '78  
President, Carleton College Alumni Association



Above, the Step Pyramid of Djoser, Saqqara.  
Below, the mortuary temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari.



## CARLETON STUDY LEADER & HOST



**Robert A. Oden, Jr.**, retired on July 1, 2010 from the Presidency of Carleton College, a position he had held since 2002. Previously, he served as the President of Kenyon College and, from 1975 to 1989, he was a Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College. Rob's chief research interests are in Near Eastern languages, history, and religion, and he is the author of five books and more than 100 scholarly articles. He reads most of the languages of the ancient Near East, including Akkadian, Egyptian Hieroglyphs, Canaanite/Phoenician, and Nabataean.

Rob has led numerous alumni trips to Egypt and to Turkey and the former Ottoman Empire for Dartmouth and Carleton, and in the Winter Term of 2008 he led and taught a Carleton Off-Campus Studies Program in Egypt. He served as a Trustee of the American University in Cairo for 25 years, and is today the Chair of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Board of Trustees and a Trustee of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

*"By far, the best part of this tour was the high level of scholarship brought by the leaders."* – Janice, California

**Teresa Oden** was the administrator of a small foundation for a dozen years, before turning to historical research. She has written magazine articles and plays based on the history of towns where she has lived. In 2007 she published *Spousework: Partners Supporting Academic Leaders*, a book which offers insight into the lives of college presidents and their families.

# ITINERARY

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(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)= Reception, (D)= Dinner

## Sunday, January 8, 2017: Depart Home

## Monday, January 9: Arrive Cairo, EGYPT

Upon arrival at Cairo's airport you will be met and transferred to our palatial hotel, set amid forty acres of gardens, located less than half a mile from the Giza pyramids. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. *Overnight at the Mena House for four nights.* (R,D)

## Tuesday, January 10: Cairo | Giza Plateau | Cairo

After a morning introductory lecture, we explore the Giza Plateau, including the Great Pyramid of Khufu, Solar Boat Museum, and tombs in the Eastern Cemetery. After lunch nearby, take a walking tour of the pyramids and remains of the mortuary temples of Khafra and Menkaura, ending at the Sphinx and Valley Temple of Khafra. (B,L,D)

## Wednesday, January 11: Cairo | Saqqara | Serrapeum | Cairo

Visit the necropolis at Saqqara, with its Step Pyramid of Djoser, Pyramid of Teti, tomb of Mereruka, and pyramid temple and causeway of Unas. A short drive takes us to the fascinating Serrapeum, ancient burial place of the sacred (and mummified!) Apis bulls. Also visit the Mastaba of Ti, whose wall paintings are rich with imagery of daily life in ancient Egypt. (B,L,D)

## Thursday, January 12: Cairo

Spend the morning at the Egyptian Museum, which houses the celebrated treasures of Tutankhamen and the Royal Mummy Room. After lunch, take a walk through medieval Cairo, including a visit to the magnificent, 9<sup>th</sup>-century Mosque of Ibn Tulun, and end the day with a stroll through Khan el Khalili bazaar. (B,L,D)

## Friday, January 13: Cairo | Aswan | Embarkation

Check out of our hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for a group flight to Aswan. Embark our luxurious, 33-suite Nile riverboat, where we have lunch, and then take a short boat ride to the evocative Temple of Isis at Philae, said to be Egypt's most beautiful temple. Time permitting, also visit the ancient granite quarry with the "unfinished obelisk," before returning to our riverboat. *Overnight aboard the all-suite Sonesta Star Goddess for seven nights.* (B,L,D)

## Saturday, January 14: Aswan | Kom Ombo | Edfu

Our riverboat departs Aswan early this morning. Upon arrival at Kom Ombo, we stop to visit the twin Temples of Sobek and Horus. Continue cruising to Edfu. (B,L,D)

## Sunday, January 15: Edfu | Luxor (East Bank) | Karnak | Luxor

Arrive at Luxor this morning, and take a short drive to explore Karnak, the world's largest temple complex (built over the course of a thousand years). After a late lunch, visit the small but excellent Luxor Museum. (B,L,D)

## Monday, January 16: Luxor (West Bank) | Valley of the Kings | Luxor

Drive to the Valley of the Kings, on the west bank of the Nile. There we will explore the spectacular Tomb of Seti I (special access visit, closed to the public), the legendary Tomb of Tutankhamen, and three other royal tombs from different dynasties. After lunch, enjoy some time at leisure, perhaps to stroll the promenade along the Corniche and/or browse the *suq* (market). This evening we visit nearby Luxor Temple. (B,L,D)

## Tuesday, January 17: Luxor | Valley of the Queens | Deir el Bahari | Esna

Spend the morning in the Valley of the Queens, including a visit to the Tomb of Khaemwaset, a young son of Ramses III; and the Tomb of Nefertari (special access visit, closed to the public). Continue on to visit the stunning mortuary temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari before returning to our riverboat and cruising to Esna. (B,L,D)



Above, the Sphinx at Giza. Below (1), the Tomb of Seti I (closed to the public), which you will visit on January 16<sup>th</sup>, is the most complex tomb ever built in the Valley of the Kings. Below (2), the Avenue of Sphinxes that once connected the temples of Karnak and Luxor. Bottom, two views of the *Sonesta Star Goddess's* pool and sun deck.



### Wednesday, January 18: Esna | Edfu | Kom Ombo

Arriving at Edfu this morning, horse-drawn carriages will take us to the Temple of Horus, the best-preserved temple on the Nile. Return to our riverboat and continue cruising to Kom Ombo. (B,L,D)

### Thursday, January 19: Aswan

Arriving at Aswan this morning, we board feluccas (small, traditional sailing vessels) to visit the archaeological site on Elephantine Island as well as the lovely Aswan Botanical Gardens (Kitchener's Island). After lunch aboard our riverboat, explore the pleasant city of Aswan, including a guided walk through its *sug*, one of Egypt's most charming and traditional markets. (B,L,D)

### Friday, January 20: Aswan | Disembarkation

Disembark our Nile cruise boat this morning and check-in to our beautiful, recently renovated hotel on the Nile, where we get settled and gather for lunch. Make an afternoon visit to the new Nile Museum, which tells the history of the River on which we have just cruised for a week, and view the High Dam and Lake Nasser. In the evening, explore the elegant Nubia Museum, exhibiting artifacts recovered during the excavations of sites that were threatened by the construction of the High Dam. *Overnight at the New Cataract Hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### Saturday, January 21: Aswan | Abu Simbel (optional) | Aswan

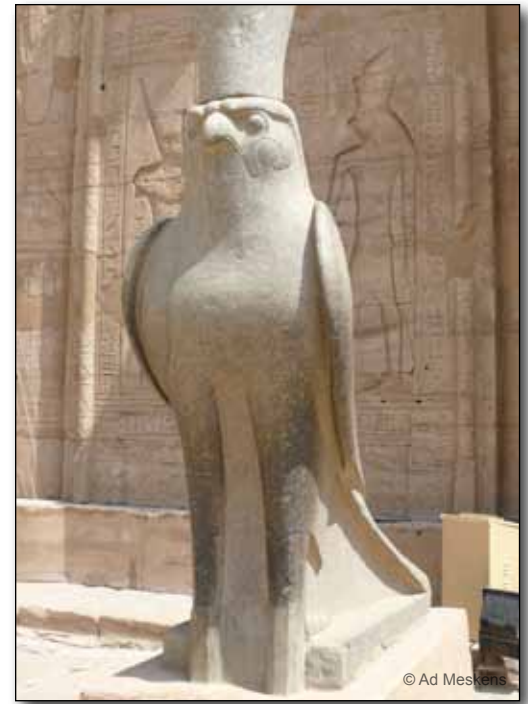
You may choose to spend this day at leisure, relaxing and enjoying the hotel's property and amenities, or to take an optional day trip (at additional cost, via a short, round-trip, group flight) to Abu Simbel to visit the two rock-cut temples of Ramses II, built to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari. Moved when the Aswan High Dam was built, they are a marvel of ancient and modern engineering. (B,L,D)

### Sunday, January 22: Aswan | Cairo

Check out of our hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for a group flight to Cairo. Take a mid-day stroll through Al Azhar Park, with lunch at the outdoor patio. The Park, created by the Aga Khan Foundation (when it was headed by former Carleton President Bob Edwards), was long the site of a smoldering garbage heap but today is a glorious public space with green areas, lakes, and fountains. Check-in to our luxurious airport hotel, featuring fully soundproofed rooms and direct access to Terminal 3 via footbridge. This evening, enjoy a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at Le Méridien Cairo Airport.* (B,L,R,D)

### Monday, January 23: Cairo | Home

Check out this morning and enter the airport to catch independent flights homeward. (B)



Top, a statue of Horus at the Temple of Horus at Edfu. Above, the magnificent Temple of Isis at Philae. Below, the great hypostyle hall at the Temple of Amun, Karnak, with the obelisk of Hatshepsut in the distance.

*"The fact that the Egyptian tourism industry is decimated by world events right now is a very sad tragedy...but we were also keenly aware of how it benefited our group - no lines, no crowds, ample time at sites, excellent accommodations and service all around."*

— Sarah, Minnesota





**What to Expect:** You must be in good physical condition to participate. You must be able to make long walks unassisted over uneven terrain and up and down steps. There can be considerable uneven ground and some site visits can easily last two hours. Please inform us if you have any disabilities that may prevent you from participating in these excursions. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. All participants are expected to be ready to experience cultural differences. In January, Egypt's weather is sunny and dry, with average daytime temperatures in the mid-60s to high 70s F. **Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.**

**Cancellation and Refunds:** All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least ninety (90) days prior to departure will receive a full refund less a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received between sixty (60) and eighty nine (89) days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. No refunds will be made for cancellations received within sixty (60) days prior to departure. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason. You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).

**Air Arrangements and Transfers:** International round-trip airfare between home and Cairo is not included. Complimentary transfers in Egypt on arrival and departure are included. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608

## Tour Prices (Per Person)

Double Occupancy (21 to 34 participants)	\$8,295
Double Occupancy (16 to 20 participants)	\$8,945
Double Occupancy (11 to 15 participants)	\$9,145
Single Supplement	\$2,195

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).

### Prices Include:

- Carleton study leader and host Robert and Teresa Oden, plus a professional trip manager, and an experienced local guide;
- Accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, including a seven-night cruise aboard a luxurious Nile riverboat;
- All meals as indicated, with non-alcoholic beverages, plus welcome and farewell cocktail receptions;
- All entrance fees to all sites listed in the itinerary;
- All airport transfers within Egypt;
- All transportation in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, including two domestic flights in Egypt;
- Bottled water during all excursions;
- Gratuities to local guide, tour manager, drivers, porters and hotel staff;
- Porterage;
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including what to pack and a suggested reading guide.

**Not included:** Round-trip airfare between home and Cairo; passport and visa fees; air and foreign airport taxes; meals not listed as included; personal tips; excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, room service, and beverages not included at meals.

*Prices, itinerary, and leader are subject to change.*

### Optional day trip to Abu Simbel (January 21<sup>st</sup>)

Price is based on a minimum of 5 participants and includes a round-trip flight between Aswan and Abu Simbel.

\$375 per person

### Hotel Room Upgrade

Hotel	Description	Occupancy	Total Per Person
New Cataract Hotel, Aswan (2 Nights)	Suite	Double	\$305
		Single	\$510



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(as it appears on passport) Carleton Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

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(as it appears on passport) Carleton Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_

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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Enroll me/us in the optional day trip to Abu Simbel.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Double (*one bed*)  Twin (*two beds*)  Single

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

I am a  Non-smoker  Smoker

I/We wish to upgrade my/our room at the *New Cataract Hotel (Aswan) to a Suite.*

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment.

**Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.**

All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account-CAA Egypt1-17

Visa  Master Card  American Express

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Please complete this reservation form, sign the release statement below, enclose your deposit, and mail or fax to:

**Carleton College Alumni Adventures**

**P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 • Fax: 603-756-2922**

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions on the reverse.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Terms & Conditions

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason nor to passengers whose required documentation for entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Carleton College and its agent, Eos Study Tours (hereinafter "Sponsors"), and the tour operator, and/or its agents (hereinafter "Operator") assume no liability for failure to provide the services, transportation, lecturers and accommodations referred to in this brochure to the extent that such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of Operator, which include but are not limited to sickness, epidemics, pandemics, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, and acts of God. In the absence of negligence on the part of Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for damage to or loss of property, or injury to, or death of persons due to any act, omission or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, bus carrier, tender service, sightseeing company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or ground portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator and Sponsors for any such damage, loss, injury or death. Operator and Sponsors shall not be responsible for any additional expenses, delays, substitution of equipment, and/or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising there from. Operator and Sponsors reserve the right to decline, accept or retain any participant at any time. 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Itinerary: Sponsors and Operator reserve the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions and other factors beyond our control without consulting the participants. Participants have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of these itinerary changes. Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices. **AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE, EACH PARTICIPANT MUST AGREE TO AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** RELEASE: Notwithstanding anything set forth above or otherwise contained herein, the signatory clearly understands that the Sponsors are in no way responsible and can assume no liability of any nature whatsoever for the tour and any acts, omissions or negligence by the Operator or by companies and persons with whom the Operator may contract. The signatory has carefully read the list of activities, requirements and conditions as listed in the brochure and application for the tour and is/are aware that the tour and its activities involve the risk of personal injury or death and damage or loss of property. In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the tour, the signatory voluntarily accepts all risk of personal injury or death and property damage or other loss arising from participation on the tour and hereby agrees that he/she and his/her dependents, heirs, executors and assigns, do release and hold harmless Sponsors and the employees, officers, directors, trustees or representatives of Sponsors, from any and all claims, including claims of negligence, illness, personal injury, death or property damage or loss, however caused, arising from or related to this tour. The signatory has read carefully this agreement, and will abide by the conditions set by Sponsors and the Operator as described in the brochure and in the Terms and Conditions of this and other sections as stated herein or elsewhere published. The signatory affirms that he/she has not received or relied on any oral or written representation of Sponsors as a basis for executing this Release.