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*featuring Cairo & Luxor*



Dear World Traveler,

We are pleased to invite you to an incredible opportunity in Egypt – the chance to see a full eclipse of the sun with the longest totality for the next 87 years...6 minutes & 23 seconds! On **August 2, 2027**, with the incomparable backdrop of Egypt's most amazing archaeological treasures, treat yourself to this once in a lifetime event.

See the Eclipse! The path of totality will pass directly over ancient Luxor, covering the Valleys of the Kings & Queens, the great temples of ancient Thebes and the mighty River Nile in solar phenomena including shadow bands and Bailey's Beads. You'll be able to witness this astronomical event in style!

In addition to this incredible eclipse experience, you will have the pleasure of exploring Egypt's myriad Pharaonic treasures. Start first with a private visit of the Sphinx Paws...the chance to explore the Sphinx from the floor of the quarry from which it was carved. See the Dream Stella hidden between the paws of the giant beast! After the enigmatic Sphinx are the three great pyramids of Giza, Khufu, Khafre & Menkaure, a testament of vision, determination and persistence of the ancient Egyptians. Cap off your day in Giza with a tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum GEM to see the incredible Golden Treasures of King Tutankhamen and the new home of the Solar Boat.

On Luxor's West Bank, see King Tutankhamon's mummy and climb down into the tomb of Seti I, perhaps Egypt's greatest Pharaoh. Not only are the polychromatic hieroglyphs stunning, this is the deepest tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Marvel at Karnak's Hypostyle Hall and be awed by a blazing sunset over the Nile at Luxor Temple.

We look forward to having you join us on the exciting adventure in Egypt. Space is strictly limited, so don't delay!



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jim Berkeley".

Sincerely,

**JIM BERKELEY**  
FOUNDER & CEO

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## *featuring Professor* *R. Michael Rich, PhD*

This program will be enriched by **R. Michael Rich**, currently affiliated with **UCLA** as a researcher emeritus/adjunct professor emeritus of astronomy and astrophysics. Dr. Rich has charted the innermost parts of the Milky Way using spectroscopy.

**Professor R. Michael Rich** is based at the **University of California Los Angeles**. For almost 30 years, he has explored the innermost parts of our galaxy with the help of spectroscopy. Through his studies, he has succeeded in deepening understanding of the Milky Way and its evolution. In the last decade, Rich has had a close collaboration with astrophysicists at **Lund University**. As well as supporting early-career researchers, he has provided a series of young Lund astronomers with access to the USA's largest telescope, Keck. Post-docs there have been able to develop their observational skills at a world-beating facility. Access to the groundbreaking ten-meter telescope in Hawaii has generated a number of studies in prestigious journals. R. Michael Rich has also arranged several international conferences and initiated astronomy research networks and projects. "Michael Rich is a true scientist, who has made great efforts to spectroscopically characterize the center of the Milky Way. Bringing him on board strengthens our important transatlantic ties," says Sven Lidin, Dean of the Faculty of Science.



## *and our own* *"Master Foodie" Mara Papatheodorou*

**Mara Papatheodorou** is a Tastes & Traditions Expert, a Master Foodie and a nationally established entertaining specialist. She has interpreted the cuisine and experienced the culture of over 70 countries. Mara is a popular guest lecturer, panelist/judge and presenter about food, travel and entertaining. As an 11-year Contributing Editor at *BON APPÉTIT* Magazine, Mara scouted and produced the Entertaining with Style section that highlighted how real people entertain around the world, and was editor of their international editions. Mara works as a consultant with food companies developing recipes, menus and promotional campaigns. She is the blogger for French Chef's Company Matfer and also works with chefs highlighting home entertaining. Mara has produced stories about celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsey, Wolfgang Puck, Cat Cora and Thomas Keller. She is the author of the coffee table book *Moments in Time*, The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. Before *BON APPÉTIT*, Mara lived in London for 10 years and was a columnist and editorial producer for the European edition of *W* and *HARPERS & QUEEN*. Mara attended **University of California Los Angeles, University of Paris La Sorbonne and La Varenne Cooking School** where her food and travel adventures began. Mara lives in Los Angeles and Nashville with her husband and son. You can learn more about Mara on her website at [www.marapapa.com](http://www.marapapa.com)

## PROGRAM ITINERARY – JULY 28-AUGUST 4, 2027

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2027: ARRIVE CAIRO

### FOUR SEASONS AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE

Meet and transfer to your hotel. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure to adjust to the time change.

### THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2027: CAIRO

### FOUR SEASONS AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE

Welcome to Egypt. Spend the full day on the Giza Plateau visiting the enigmatic Sphinx including a private visit to the Sphinx Paws. Stroll around the three Great Pyramids with take in the incredible visit at Panorama Point. Lunch at the Khufu Restaurant in the shadow of the largest pyramid! Afterwards take in the incredible architecture of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) and its unforgettable displays. (B,L)

### FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2027: CAIRO

### FOUR SEASONS AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE

Return to the Giza Plateau to Djoser's famous Step Pyramid at Sakkara. Explore the beautiful Book of the Dead texts in the Pyramid of Unas. Walk the Pharaoh's Royal Tunnel under the Step Pyramid to see the Kings Burial Chamber deep in a 90-foot shaft! Explore select Early Kingdom tombs like Mehu and Mereruka. After a farm house lunch, continue to Dahshour to see the Bent, Red and Black Pyramids! (B,L)

### SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2027: CAIRO / LUXOR

### MALKATA HOUSE LUXOR HOTEL

Morning flight to Luxor. Upon arrival explore massive Karnak Temple with its giant Hypostyle Hall and Open Air Museum. Later take in a sunset over the Nile at Luxor Temple and the Avenue of the Sphinxes. Spectacular! (B)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2027: LUXOR

### MALKATA HOUSE LUXOR HOTEL

Travel to the West Bank of ancient Thebes to the massive Colossi of Memnon, ancient guardians of Amnehotep III Mortuary Temple where excavations are currently being conducted. In the Valley of Kings three treasures await you: King Tut's Tomb, and the tombs of Ramses VI and Seti I. At Medinat Habu Temple, marvel at the polychromatic column capitals, still vivid with bright colors of the past. End your day with an incredible visit to Queen Nefertari's Tomb, reputed to be the most beautiful of all the Pharaonic tombs. During the day enjoy at relaxing lunch at Al Marsam Gardens. (B,L)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2027: LUXOR / TOTAL ECLIPSE DAY!!

### MALKATA HOUSE LUXOR HOTEL

Free day to experience the Total Lunar Eclipse of the Sun from the grounds of your hotel which will have a totality of more than six minutes! (B)



### ECLIPSE TIMING AUGUST 2, 2027

LOCAL TIME IN LUXOR EGYPT (GMT-3)

10:39.00 HRS – **Eclipse Begins**

12:01.48 HRS – **Totality Starts**

12:08.09 HRS – **Totality Ends**

13:26.00 HRS – **Eclipse Ends**

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2027: LUXOR / CAIRO

### WALDORF-ASTORIA HELIOPOLIS CAIRO

Morning return flight to Cairo. After lunch in the iconic Khan el Khalili Bazaar, stroll along el Moaz Street and appreciate the most beautiful Islamic architecture in Egypt. (B,L)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2027: DEPART CAIRO

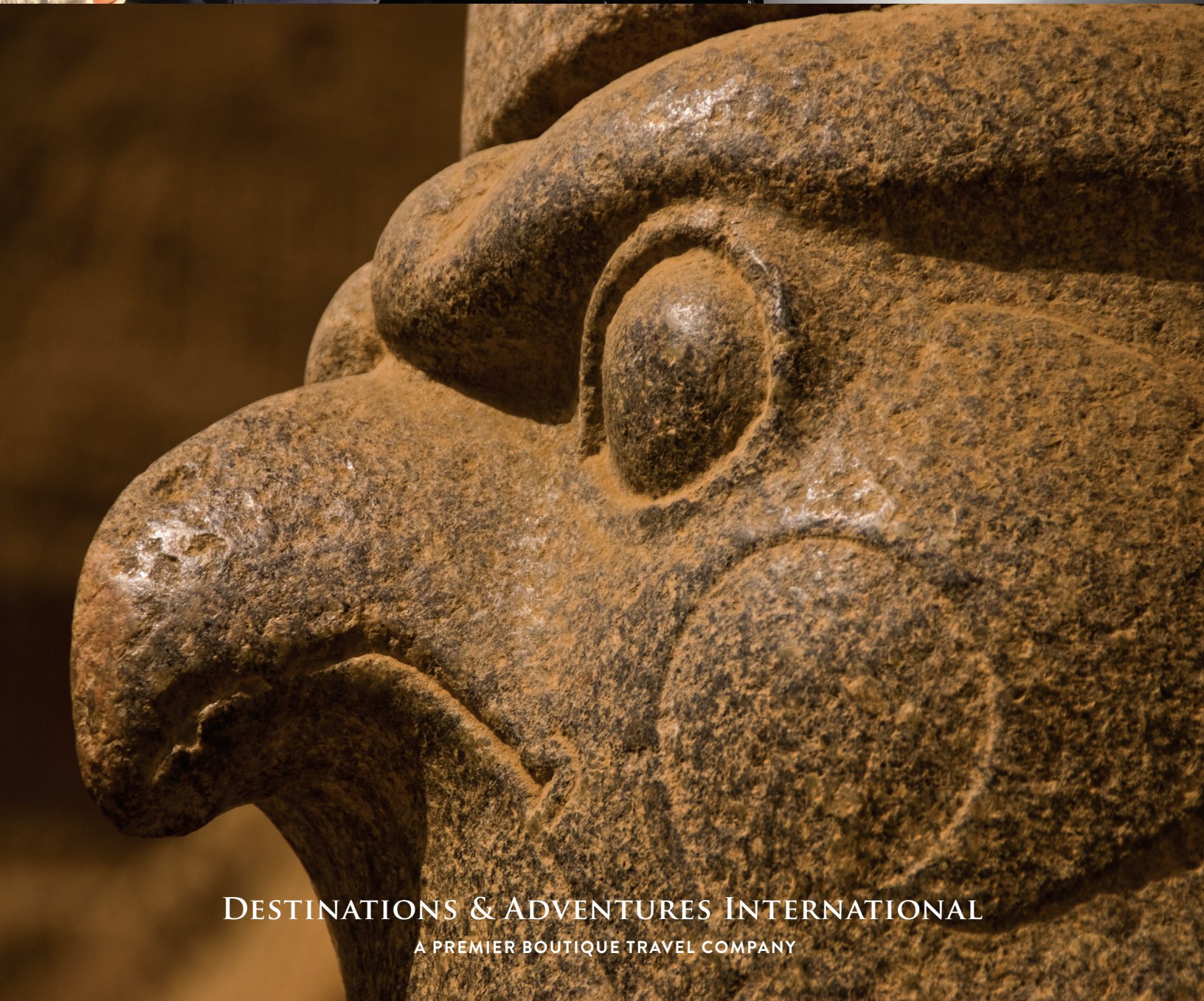
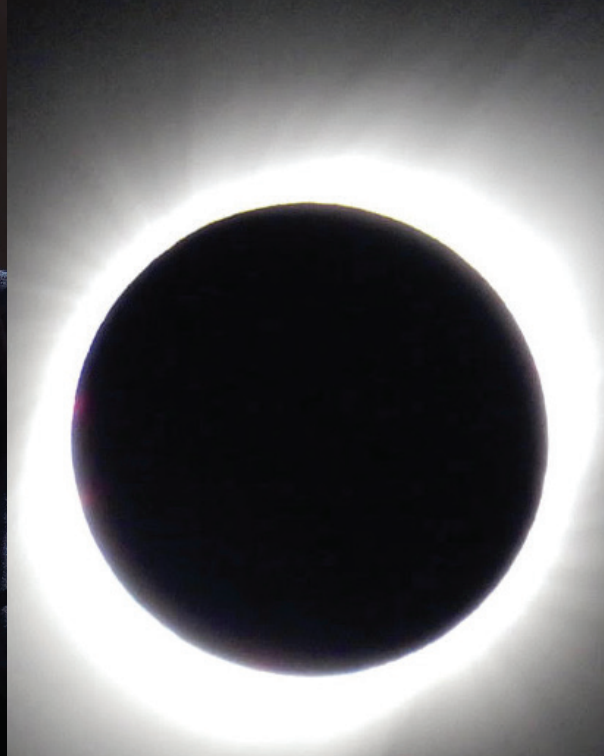
### EN ROUTE

Morning transfer to Cairo International Airport for your departure flight. Welcome Home! (B)









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