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JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER

It may only be August, but now is the perfect time to start thinking about **Christmas** and **New Year's travel** for 2026 and 2027. Holiday sailings and festive getaways are always popular, and planning early gives you the best opportunity to secure the accommodations, itineraries and experiences you really want. Whether you're dreaming of spending Christmas somewhere unforgettable or ringing in the New Year at sea, now is the time to begin making those plans.

We're also looking ahead to **2027 and 2028**, and we have some incredible journeys already planned. One of the highlights for 2027 is our **Cairo & Nile River Cruise**, featuring the **Pyramids of Giza, Great Pyramid of Cheops, Great Sphinx, Grand Egyptian Museum, Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan and Abu Simbel**. With an English-speaking guide, select meals, included sightseeing and entrance fees, this journey is designed to showcase the history and beauty of Egypt from Cairo to the Nile.

We're equally excited about our hosted **Virtuoso Voyages and land trips** we'll be hosting in 2027 and 2028. These sailings offer more than a great itinerary—they include special amenities, exclusive experiences and added value, all while traveling with us as your hosts. With exciting destinations planned across Asia, Europe, the Caribbean and beyond, make sure you take a close look at our upcoming hosted voyages. There is already so much to look forward to in 2026, 2027 and 2028, and now is the perfect time to start deciding where your next adventure will take you.

All New 2027 Trip Just Announced!

Cairo & Nile River Cruise March 13-23, 2027

Begin your Egyptian journey in Cairo, where you'll stay at a luxurious **5-star hotel** and enjoy convenient **fast-track airport services, including assistance with your Egyptian visa**. Throughout the journey, you'll be accompanied by a private **English-speaking guide**, helping bring Egypt's ancient history, temples, tombs and cultural landmarks to life. Select meals are also included, allowing you to enjoy both the sightseeing and flavors of Egypt as part of the overall experience.

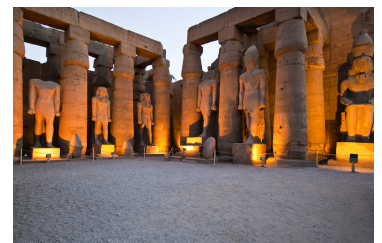
Your exploration begins at the legendary **Pyramids of Giza**, one of the world's most recognizable archaeological sites and the last surviving Wonder of the Ancient World. Here, you'll see the extraordinary pyramids built as royal tombs more than 4,500 years ago, with special entry inside the **Great Pyramid of Cheops**, the largest of the three main pyramids. You'll also enjoy a **camel ride** with unforgettable views across the Giza Plateau before visiting the **Great Sphinx**, the enormous limestone monument with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh that has guarded the pyramids for centuries. The day also includes lunch at the **Pyramids Lounge**, offering an opportunity to relax and dine near this remarkable historic setting.

While in Cairo, you'll also visit the spectacular **Grand Egyptian Museum**, located near the Giza Pyramids. This world-class museum brings together an extraordinary collection of ancient Egyptian treasures and artifacts, offering a deeper look into the pharaohs, their culture and thousands of years of Egyptian history.

From **Cairo, fly to Luxor**, often described as one of the greatest open-air museums in the world. Your first visit will be to **Karnak Temple**, an enormous complex of **temples, columns, courtyards** and sacred spaces that was expanded by generations of pharaohs over more than a thousand years. One of its most famous areas is the **Great Hypostyle Hall**, filled with massive decorated columns that showcase the scale and grandeur of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Following your visit to **Karnak**, you'll transfer to the **Farah Nile River Cruise** and begin sailing through the heart of ancient Egypt. While in Luxor, you'll also visit **Luxor Temple**, an impressive temple complex located along the east bank of the Nile. Beautifully illuminated in the evening, the temple was an important center for religious ceremonies and celebrations during the time of the pharaohs.

On the west bank of Luxor, explore the legendary **Valley of the Kings**, the royal burial ground where many of Egypt's most powerful pharaohs were laid to rest in elaborate underground tombs. Your visit includes special entry to the **Tomb of King Tutankhamun**, where the young pharaoh's mummy remains, as well as the magnificent **Tomb of Seti I**, considered one of the largest, deepest and most beautifully decorated tombs in the valley.



As the cruise continues along the Nile, visit the **Temple of Horus at Edfu**, one of the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt. Dedicated to **Horus**, the falcon-headed god, the temple features towering walls, courtyards, detailed carvings and inscriptions that provide an exceptional glimpse into ancient Egyptian religious life.

You'll also visit the beautiful **Philae Temple**, dedicated primarily to the goddess **Isis**. Located on an island near Aswan, the temple complex was carefully relocated to higher ground during the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Its picturesque island setting and remarkably preserved columns and carvings make it one of the most memorable stops along the Nile.

From Aswan, transfer to the airport for your flight to Abu Simbel, one of Egypt's most extraordinary archaeological sites. Here you'll tour the monumental **Temples of Ramses II**, carved directly into the mountainside more than 3,000 years ago. The massive seated statues of Ramses II that guard the entrance are among the most famous images of ancient Egypt. The neighboring temple, dedicated to Queen Nefertari, is equally impressive. After your visit, fly back to Aswan and return to the Farah Nile River Cruise.

Another fascinating stop is Kom Ombo, home to a unique double temple dedicated to two different gods: **Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus the Elder, the falcon god**. The symmetrical temple complex features duplicated halls, courts and sanctuaries and provides insight into the religious beliefs and medical practices of ancient Egyptians.

At the conclusion of the Nile journey, fly back to **Cairo** for one final night at a 5-star hotel, providing a comfortable finish to an extraordinary exploration of Egypt.

The sightseeing package includes all entrance fees for the listed temples, tombs, museums and historical sites, including entry to the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the Tomb of King Tutankhamun and the Tomb of Seti I. It also includes the noted experiences, select meals throughout the program, scheduled sightseeing and transfers, and the services of an English-speaking guide throughout the touring portion of the journey.

Internal Egypt flights, and flights to Cairo are not included in the package pricing, as those costs will vary depending on flight schedules, available seating. Meals on the river cruise are included. Beverage package on cruise is not included.

\$9464* per person



Virtuoso Voyages



FRI, JAN 22 - TUES, FEB 2, 2027

Nights of Samba and Tango – Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires

Rio De Janeiro • Armação Dos Búzios • Ilha Grande • Ilhabela • São Francisco do Sul • Porto Belo • Rio Grande • Montevideo • Buenos Aires



FRI, APRIL 2 - FRI, APRIL 16, 2027

East Asia Cruise: Hong Kong, Shanghai & Beijing

Hong Kong • Taipei • Ishigaki • Naha • Shanghai • Dalian • Beijing • Seoul



THURS, JULY 29- FRI, AUG 13, 2027

Baltic Intensive Cruise-Stockholm, Helsinki, and Gdansk

Copenhagen • Visby • Stockholm • Turku • Helsinki • Tallinn • Riga • Klaipeda • Gdansk • Rønne • Wismar • Portsmouth



WED, DEC 22, 2027 - WED, JAN 5, 2028

Serenity & Celebration-Hong Kong to Hong Kong includes Christmas & New Years

Hong Kong • Hanoi • Cam Rahn • Ho Chi Minh City • Muara • Puerto Princesa • Coron • Manila • Hong Kong

Join ****Sean & Scott—the SmokyMtnBears—**** on some truly amazing **Virtuoso Voyages** and experience cruising with a few extra special touches along the way. These select sailings feature exclusive Virtuoso amenities and benefits, along with access to special rates, making an already incredible voyage even better.

Best of all, you'll be traveling alongside Sean & Scott, sharing the adventure, exploring incredible destinations and making new memories with the SmokyMtnBears. **Come sail with us and see where our next Virtuoso Voyage takes you!**