

**Insight Vacations and Luxury Gold Celebrate Egypt's Resurgence as a Top 2019 Bucket List Destination with Exceptional Journeys**

*~ With over 30 years of experience, the award-winning brands offer immersive experiences to the world's fastest growing destination ~*



*Clients exploring the Temple of Luxor with an Egyptologist*

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 2018** – With a 30-year legacy of showing clients the wonders of Egypt, Insight Vacations and Luxury Gold are excited to see this iconic country make its highly anticipated comeback as a **top 2019 bucket list destination**.

According to a September 2018 UNWTO global travel and tourism annual report, Egypt has seen a 55% increase in visitors, making it the **world's fastest-growing destination**. Insight and Luxury Gold, two award-winning global leaders in premium and luxury escorted journeys, stand proud of their

continued support and **exceptional journeys to Egypt**, where clients can visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

After visiting Egypt recently with her family, **Ulla Hefel Böhler, CEO of Insight Vacations & Luxury Gold**, spoke highly of the experience. “Egypt must be on every client’s 2019 bucket list. I traveled to Egypt previously and loved the country then, with all it had to offer. We were welcomed back this year with open arms and felt perfectly comfortable and at ease at all times, without any crowds around. Apart from experiencing the incredible sights with our Egyptologist, it was also the personal touches that made a huge difference. We visited a local family home to learn more about Egyptian traditions and their way of life.”

Böhler concludes that “the heightened interest in Egypt and our commitment to supporting our long-term Egyptian partners has overwhelmingly been reflected in the number of client bookings, which have risen by 145% from 2017. Luxury Gold has in fact already sold out of its 7-day Elegance of Egypt Summer 2019 journey.”

The Great Pyramids of Giza, along with the ancient treasures and sacred temples that line the legendary Nile River, have been attracting clients to this iconic destination for centuries. Clients can explore Egypt with an Egyptologist on the following guided journeys that include magical **Insight Experiences** and exclusive **Luxury Gold VIP Experiences**:

**Wonders of Egypt with Insight Vacations:** Clients begin this spectacular 9-day journey by visiting the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and viewing the treasures of Tutankhamun with Insight’s **professionally trained Egyptologist**. They’ll experience the splendor of the Great Pyramids and venture inside one of the inner chambers before gazing upon the mythical **Great Sphinx**. Clients then take a scenic flight to Luxor, where they explore the massive temple complex of Karnak before boarding their cruise ship then visiting the Temple of Luxor, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On the west bank of the Nile they’ll explore the **Temple of Hatshepsut** and the **Valley of the Kings**, home to the magnificent tombs of Egypt’s pharaohs, and **visit a working bakery** to watch local artisans making authentic Egyptian bread. The following evening clients experience a **traditional Egyptian dinner and galabeya party**, and on the final day they see the imposing Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk, and the majestic Temple of Isis. The trip ends with a ride in a **traditional Nile felucca**, where clients learn about the art of sailing this ancient craft from a local sailor.

**Splendours of Egypt with Insight Vacations:** This 12-day land and river journey immerses clients in the timeless land of the pharaohs and includes a 7-night Nile cruise. Upon arrival, an Egyptologist guides clients through the **Egyptian Museum and the Citadel**, where they enjoy breathtaking views of Cairo. In Giza, they’ll view the Great Pyramids and Sphinx and experience a memorable sound and light show. Continuing on, they’ll visit the magnificent **Temple of Horus** at Edfu, dedicated to the Falcon God. Cruising to Aswan, clients then visit the High Dam and granite quarries and view the massive Unfinished Obelisk. Onboard a traditional Nile felucca, they’ll **meet a sailor and learn about the art of sailing** this ancient craft. In Memphis, the renowned capital of the ancient world, clients view the towering statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx.

**Elegance of the Nile with Luxury Gold:** Clients begin this remarkable 12-day journey with sightseeing in Cairo and Giza, where they’ll explore the Great Pyramids and see the guardian Sphinx with a **professional Egyptologist**. The journey continues with a 7-day river cruise on the luxurious River Tosca, whose stylishly adorned suites are among the **most spacious in the industry**. Guests will enjoy Exceptional Dining experiences, including an onboard welcome reception and gala dinner and Nubian-style hospitality at the **traditional dwelling of a local family**. They’ll follow in the famous footsteps of Agatha Christie and Winston Churchill when they view the sunset and indulge in a colonial English-style **high tea at Aswan’s Old Cataract Hotel**. In Luxor, clients will enjoy luxurious comfort at the opulent five-star **Winter Palace Luxor Hotel** overlooking the Valley of the Kings, which was built in 1886 by British explorers and was once a winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family.

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Luxury Gold sets an unmatched standard with its collection of award-winning journeys. Guided by a Travelling Concierge, Luxury Gold is a journey beyond the ordinary, where guests enjoy exclusive VIP Experiences, savor exceptional dining and relax in luxury hotels on every curated itinerary. As global leaders in luxury travel with expertise accumulated over nearly 100 years, Luxury Gold epitomizes extraordinary exploration to some of the world's most spectacular destinations. To find out more, visit [www.luxurygoldvacations.com](http://www.luxurygoldvacations.com).

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