

# FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



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Here is an update on our journey to Cairo!

Our homestay will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 17 and conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 24.



The itinerary for the amazing journey available following the homestay in Cairo is detailed on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. Egypt requires a visa for \$25 USD issued at the point of entry and is good for 30 days. Jordan requires a visa for \$56 USD (about) also good for 30 days and Israel does not charge US citizens for entry. **All three countries ask that you have a blank passport page.** Our host fee is \$175 per ambassador and we have an FFI fee of about the same amount. We will donate some amount (\$50-\$100) per person to a charity of their choosing. So ballpark figure is about \$4000 per person plus air travel to Egypt and return from Israel. John still have received only 10 potential ambassadors' deposit of \$200 to date.

**There are 8 spots available.** If you are serious about going please send your check for \$200 made payable to FFGA promptly to John Wilhelm, Journey Coordinator. John suggests that you plan to arrive in Cairo on Oct.16 and have at least a night to recover from jet lag- Cairo is seven hours ahead of Atlanta. Contact John for all inquiries at home phone 770-921-4333.

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**WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR THE FFGA BANNER.** You've all seen it at one of our events. Will the mystery person who has the banner please contact Bonnie Evans 404-771-0010. Thank you!

**Here is the itinerary following the initial FF homestay in Cairo.**

**Day 1: October 24, 2018- Cairo / Aswan (flight) & Cruise Embarkation**

Take the flight to Aswan. Arrive and transfer to Nile cruiser.

Embarkation & lunch on board of the cruise.

Proceed with the visits of Aswan including the Temple of Philae and tour around Elephantine Island & the Botanical Garden.

Dinner & overnight on board of the cruise in Aswan.

*Note: \* Breakfast at the hotel and lunch & dinner on board the ship are included.*

**Day 2: October 25, 2018- Aswan / Kom Ombo / Edfu / Esna**

Breakfast on board of the cruise.

Sail to Kom Ombo.

Visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated for Gods Sobek and Haroeris.

Sail to Edfu. Arrive Edfu and visit the Temple of God Horus son of Osiris one of the most complete architectures in Egypt.

Sail to Esna Lock. Arrive Esna Lock, cross Esna lock and continue sailing to Luxor.

Dinner & overnight on board of the cruise.

*Note: \* Breakfast, lunch & dinner on board the ship are included.*

**Day 3: October 26, 2018- Luxor**

Breakfast on board of the cruise.

Proceed with the visits of the West Bank of the Nile including The Valley of Kings, The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El-Bahari and the two colossi of Memnon.

Overnight on board of the cruise in Luxor.

*Note: \* Breakfast, lunch & dinner on board the ship are included.*

**Day 4: October 27, 2018- Disembarkation & Luxor / Amman (flight via Cairo)**

Breakfast and disembarkation from the cruise.

Finish with the visits of the East Bank of the Nile including the Temple of Karnak & the Temple of Luxor.

Transfer to Luxor Airport for your flight to Amman. Meet and assist at Queen Alia International Airport with all airport procedures and formalities via Customs & Emigration, drive to the Amman Hotel for overnight.

(Breakfast included)

**Day 5 : October 28, 2018- Rose City, Petra**

Depart to Petra. Full day visiting Jordan's Jewel, The Capital City of the Nabateans, a city fully carved in the rose red stones of Wadi Mousa Mountains. Upon arrival, you will take a horse back ride, walk through the Siq, the only access to this city. Overnight in Petra.

(Breakfast included)

**Day 6: October 29, 2018- Departure**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. End of our services. (Breakfast included)

**ACCOMODATIONS OF THE PROGRAM:**

**Nile Cruiser:** [Solaris 2](#) is a 5 star standard ship. Accommodation is in standard cabin with outside view.

**Amman:** [Corp Amman](#) is a 4 star hotel in Amman. Accommodation in standard room.

**Petra:** [Petra Guest House](#) is a 4 star hotel in Petra. Accommodation in standard room.

**What is included?**

All transfers mentioned in the itinerary. All accommodations at 4 star hotels including daily breakfast.

All sightseeing tours; including transportation by A/C comfortable mini-van, English speaking escort and entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary. Local professional guides.

Flight tickets from Cairo to Aswan and Luxor to Amman.

4 days/3 nights Nile cruise on 5 star cruise ship including; accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sightseeing tours during the cruise. Horse ride for 800 meters at Petra. Local taxes.

**What is not included?**

Any tips to staff, items of a personal nature, drinks with meals. International arrival and departure flight tickets.

Visas if needed.

## ISRAEL EXTENSION

### Day 1: October 29, 2018- Border Cross & Arrive Jerusalem

Border cross and transfer to hotel in Jerusalem for an overnight. (No meals)

### Day 2: October 30, 2018- Jerusalem New City

Start the day with a panoramic view of Jerusalem from the top of Mt' of Olives. On to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of the Agony. Continue to Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated Model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Continue to Yad Vashem (the memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust). Afternoon visit to the picturesque village of Ein Karem, the birth place of John the Baptist. Return to hotel. (Breakfast, dinner)

### Day 3: October 31, 2018- Jerusalem Old City / Bethlehem\*

Walk through one of the Gates to the walled Old City: the renewed Jewish Quarter; the Western Wall, the Temple area; the colorful bazaars; Via Dolorosa and the Stations of the Cross ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Drive to Mt' Zion and visit the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and Dormition Abbey. Afternoon continue to Bethlehem\* to visit the Church of the Nativity and a view of the shepherds fields. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (Breakfast, dinner)

### Day 4: November 1, 2018- Beit Shean / Nazareth / Galilee

Leave Jerusalem and drive north via Jericho\*, the oldest city in the world. Then via the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean. Visit the excavations of this beautiful Roman City. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation & Mary's Well. On to Safed, city of the Kabala, for a walk through the mystic alleys and the artists' colony. Drive to Kibbutz Hotel for overnight. (Breakfast, dinner)

### Day 5: November 2, 2018- Golan Heights / Sea of Galilee

Drive to the Golan Heights. See the former Syrian fortifications and the Druze villages. Via Banias, source of the Jordan River, drive to the shores of the Sea of Galilee, to Capernaum. Visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue and Peters House. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the Fish & Bread took place and Mt Beatitude. After a short tour of Tiberias the old center of Jewish learning, return to the Kibbutz Hotel for overnight. (Breakfast, dinner)

### Day 6: November 3, 2018- Acre / Haifa / Tel Aviv

After Breakfast drive west to Acre for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa, sightseeing tour of Haifa, including the Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden and Mount Carmel for a panoramic view of the city. Proceed southwards to Caesarea to visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader fortress. Continue to Tel Aviv-Jaffa for a short city tour and to hotel for overnight. (Breakfast, dinner)

### Day 7: November 4, 2018- Tel Aviv

Day at leisure in Tel Aviv or an optional tour to the Dead Sea. (Breakfast, dinner)

### Day 8: November 5, 2018- Departure

Breakfast and transfer to the airport for departure. (Breakfast)

### ACCOMODATIONS OF THE PROGRAM:

Tel Aviv : [Grand Beach](#) is a 4 star hotel in Tel Aviv. Accommodation is in standard room.

Jerusalem : [Grand Court](#) is a 4 star hotel in Jerusalem. Accommodation is in standard room.

Galilee : [Kibbtuz Kfar Giladi](#) is a boutique hotel. Accommodation is in standard room.

**ALL INQUIRIES AND CHECKS FOR THIS JOURNEY TO JOHN WILHELM.**

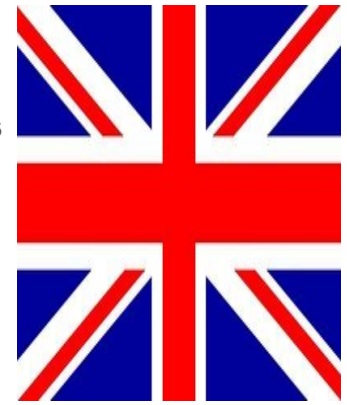
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**PHONE: 770-921-4333**

**WANTED: Home Hosts or Dinner Hosts County Durham England**

County Durham Friendship Force of England will be our guests from **April 3 to April 10**. Home Hosts are needed as well as dinner hosts for the 12 Ambassadors. Dinner Hosting will be on **Saturday, April 7**. Event Director is John Wilhelm and Host Coordinator is Bonnie Evans.

Please contact Bonnie Evans to home host or dinner host at [404.771.0010](tel:404.771.0010) or via email at [kbemje@bellsouth.net](mailto:kbemje@bellsouth.net)



**OPEN WORLD**

**Hosts Needed!** The Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta will be hosting Ukrainian delegates for the Open World program from May 11 through May 19. The theme of this program is "Citizen Engagement in Legal Reform Rationale". This group is especially interested in studying the activities of activists, journalists and lawyers who monitor the actions and decision of law endorsement bodies and the courts in order to potentially apply these methods during the current period of reform in their home country.

The FFGA volunteers to lead this program are Anne and Joe Earle and Cynthia Williams. We are looking for volunteers to host these delegates, including day hosts and dinner hosts. If you have suggestions for agencies, groups or individuals that we could contact to help us with the program activities, please let us know.

Anne Earle	<a href="mailto:anneearle@aol.com">anneearle@aol.com</a>	404-625-4957
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Cynthia Williams	<a href="mailto:madamew@hotmail.com">madamew@hotmail.com</a>	404-351-5352

**FFGA Social Committee:** The Social Committee will be led this year by Cynthia Williams, ably assisted by volunteers Mark Hagan, Sue James, Eunice Luke, Robin Scott, and Glenda Wilhelm. Our goal is to plan one activity per month, if possible. Our survey, conducted at the annual meeting, indicated members are interested in eating at ethnic restaurants (with a speaker), attending plays, attending lectures at the Carter Center or at the Alif Center for Arab Culture and Education, going to international festivals, and having club picnics at various locations.

Potluck dinners were mentioned by several members. If you would be interested in hosting a potluck dinner send your name, preferred days/dates, and your hosting capacity to Cynthia at [madamew@hotmail.com](mailto:madamew@hotmail.com). If you have suggestions for other activities, restaurants or you learn of activities that might be of interest to the club, send the info to Cynthia.

## Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta

### November Board Meeting 2017

#### Minutes

**Members Present:** John Wilhelm, Glenda Wilhelm, Sue Mills, Barbara Shields, Bonnie Evans, Ron Scott, Anne Earle, Linda Foley, Robin Scott

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Membership:** The Membership Report was approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Exchanges:**

**County Durham:** John reported that an Journey Director is needed for the County Durham, England Exchange. The Board discussed the need to recruit and train Journey Coordinators. John will ask for a volunteer to be JC at the Holiday Party.

**Raleigh:** The Raleigh Club has requested a domestic exchange . The Board accepted.

**Moscow:** John reported that the Moscow Club will not be coming in November as planned. He agreed to keep the possibility open for another six months.

**Egypt:** John has had difficulty communicating with the Cairo Club. The club is planning a trip to Alexandria and the valley of the Kings. John has investigated an additional trip to Israel and Jordan.

#### **Social:**

Glenda reported that the Holiday Party will be at Petite Violette on December 2. The cost will be \$35. The Board discussed additional funds for decorations and prizes. **Ron Scott moved that the Board allocate \$150 for the Social Committee to spend on the Holiday Party. The motion carried.**

#### **Membership:**

Linda reported that John and Susan Ernst were new members. She reported that former member Sally Jimerson has renewed her membership.

#### **New Business:**

Ron moved that the Board move \$5000 to our money market account. He explained the advantages of doing so. The motion carried.

John reported that FFI director Jeremy Snook will meet with the board in January to discuss changes in FFI.

John brought out boxes of Friendship force artifacts from a former member. After the meeting was adjourned, Board members investigated the contents of the boxes.

**2018 FFGA MEMBERSHIP: Renew your FFGA Membership today.** Join the members listed below and enrich your life by sharing your culture through traveling, hosting and volunteering. Send a check payable to FFGA to Linda Foley at 1010 Freedom Lane, Roswell, GA 30075. Dues for 2018 are \$35 for an individual membership or \$50 for a family membership (two persons living at the same address). We anticipate the new 2018 FFGA Directory to be sent by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

<b>2018 FFGA Members to-date:</b>	
Stanley & Wanda Bokoski	John & Allison Lindsey
Louis (Lou) Boos	Eunice Luke
Harvey & Mary Brickley	Janet L. Martin & Larry Eggersman
William & Juanita Clarke	Lester & Beverly McCray
Barbara Cousins	John & Joyce Mell
Marjorie Davenport	Gregory Meyjes
Robert Dokson	Susan Mills
Joseph & Anne Earle	Jack Morton
Suzanne & John Ernst, Sr	Neil & Vivian Nickelsen
Bonnie Evans	Mary Ogden
Faye E. Evans	Susan Rawls
Judy Evans	Aura Ruiz
Cathy Fike	Michael & Diane Sakmar
Linda Foley	Joan Sankey
Mark & Vicky Hagan	Ronald & Robin Scott
Patricia Holt	Barbara Shields
Sue James	Vicki Van Der Hoek
Sally Jimerson	Kent & Erika Vicker
Candace Jones	John & Glenda Wilhelm
William (Bill) Kenney	Cynthia A. Williams
Gloria S. Kimsey	Harvey Young & Anne Lawing
Wilma Ardine Kirchofer	Lynda & John Anderson

## FINANCIAL REPORT Year of 2017

<b>CHECKING CASH BEGINNING BAL- ANCE</b>		<b>\$7,093.84</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Banking	\$17.09	
Club Exchanges - Inbound	\$4,110.00	
Club Exchanges - Outbound	\$78,138.00	
Open World	\$5,542.55	
Club Functions	\$3,012.54	
Membership	\$2,255.00	
Sale of Club Items	\$45.00	
<b>Total Yearly Income</b>		<b>\$93,120.18</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Banking	(\$0.89)	
Club Exchanges - Inbound	(\$5,377.16)	
Club Exchanges - Outbound	(\$78,417.00)	
Open World	(\$4,600.00)	
Club Functions	(\$2,182.29)	
Membership	(\$201.25)	
Dues, Registra- tions, Website	(\$1,697.64)	
Transfer to Open MM Acct.	(\$5,000.00)	
<b>Total Yearly Expen- ditures</b>		<b>(\$97,476.23)</b>
<b>CHECKING CASH YEAREND BAL- ANCE</b>		<b>\$2,737.79</b>

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**CHECKING CASH YEAREND BAL-  
ANCE** **\$2,737.79**

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**MONEY MARKET BEGINNING  
BALANCE** **\$0.00**

**INCOME**

Transferred In \$5,000.00  
Interest \$1.54

**MONEY MARKET YEAREND BAL-  
ANCE** **\$5,001.54**

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**CD BEGINNING  
BALANCE** **\$18,000.00**

**INCOME**

Interest \$73.96

**MONEY MARKET YEAREND BAL-  
ANCE** **\$18,073.96**

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA**

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