

## Episode 5: Exploring Egypt with Yehia El Decken

I keep secret in myself an Egypt

That doesn't exist.

Is that good or bad? I don't know. -Rumi

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Welcome to *In Search Of*, a podcast where we go in search of voices and perspectives that inform and expand a life of faith. In this episode, [Amy](#) speaks with tripologist Yehia El Decken about the Egypt he loves. Listen as Yehia describes some of his favorite places in Egypt, the many reasons people travel, and what they hope to find. This conversation affirms that all searches have meaning and lead to surprise, whether you are a pilgrim, pseudo-pilgrim, or someone searching for that perfect Instagram shot. Go behind the scenes of some of Amy's travels from [Wild Woman](#) in this episode of *In Search Of*.

Yehia El Decken is a self-described tripologist, tour operator, and head of the adventure arm of Holiday Tours. Founded in 1974, [Holiday Tours](#) is an Egyptian-based travel agency that helps people explore the world in various locations.

### Show Notes

1. You can find the full poem by Rainer Maria Rilke referenced in the introduction in [Rilke's Book of Hours](#), translated by Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy.
2. Read more about Amy's travels in Egypt in her book [Wild Woman: A Footnote, The Desert, and My Quest for an Elusive Saint](#).
3. Check out Yehia's travel company Holiday Tours [here](#), or visit its [YouTube page](#) for videos of adventure experiences in Egypt.
4. Take a look at Yehia's [Instagram](#) to see some of his latest adventures.
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