

13 day / night

Cairo / Alexandria / Abu Simbel / Aswan - Luxor / Cairo



Day 01 – Arrival

Arrive in Cairo and be greeted at the airport by a Tour Representative.

Transfer to Hotel for check-in. Meet and greet your Tour Director and cover off tour basics and tour options.

Overnight in Cairo.

Hotel TBC: Fairmont Heliopolis / Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel

Day 02 – Giza highlights

The tour starts exploring Giza with your personal Egyptologist tour guide. You will visit the **Great Pyramids of Giza** (the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that still stands today), the **Sphinx** and **Valley Temple**.

You will then drive to **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt, visit a **Colossus of Ramesses II**. This massive statue carved in limestone is more than 33 feet long and is located in a museum built specifically to protect it). Whilst in **Memphis**, see the **Alabaster Sphinx**. This impressive monument was carved in honour of a Pharaoh who is yet to be identified during the 18th Dynasty.

Finally you travel on to **Saqqara**, a site more ancient than that of Giza containing tombs and temples spanning a 3,000 year period. See the **Step Pyramid of King Zoser**, the founder of 3rd dynasty.

Overnight in Cairo

Hotel TBC: Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast



The Great Pyramid of Khafre and the Sphinx, Giza

Day 03 – Alexandria

This morning you will travel by coach to Alexandria (220km north of Cairo) by passing by Wadi El Natroun monasteries before reaching the Mediterranean sea.

Overnight in Cairo

Hotel TBC: Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast

Day 04 – Alexandria

Begin the day visiting the **National Museum**. The museum is considered one of Egypt's finest and contains around 1,800 artefacts that narrate the history of Alexandria throughout the ages, including the Pharaonic, Roman, Coptic and Islamic eras.

Visit **Pompey's Pillar**, mistakenly named so in the middle ages. The granite pillar stands over 25 metres high.

It's then on to the **Catacombs Kom El Shukafa**, the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria. It is composed of three levels cut 30 metres deep into the existing rock. Also visit the **Roman Theatre** and then finally the **Qaitbay Fort** from outside before the drive back to Cairo. Sultan Qaitbay built the fort in about 1480AD. The famous Pharos Lighthouse once occupied the site of the fort.

Overnight in Cairo.

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Meals(s): Buffet breakfast



Pompey's Pillar, Alexandria



Head of Ramesses II, Luxor Temple

Day 05 – Luxor

This morning take an early morning flight to Luxor.

On arrival in **Luxor** you will board your **cruise** for a quick lunch and then head out to see the cult temple, **Karnak** (dedicated to Amun, Mut and Khonsu), the largest religious building ever constructed. Then visit **Luxor Temple**, some 260 metres long today built by Amenophis III on the foundations of a previous religious structure, dating from the time of Queen Hatshepsut.

Overnight in Luxor.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

Day 06 – Luxor

Today you take a bus journey to the **West Bank**, travelling to the **Valley of the Kings**, a valley where for a period of nearly 500 years from the 16th to 11th century BC, tombs were constructed for the kings and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom

It's then on to **Queen Hatshepsut's Deir El-Bahari Temple** built at the bottom of sheer cliffs. The chief temple was built by Queen Hatshepsut with other additions built by following rulers.

As you drive back to Luxor, the mighty **Colossi of Memnon** appear in the distance. The sitting colossi originally belonged to King Amenhotep III. They were once flanking his big mortuary temple that was levelled to the ground by time, its stones either reused or stolen

Back on board the boat, you head towards Edfu, passing through the **Esna locks** and experience the pirates of the Nile.

Overnight on cruise at Edfu.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise



The Colossi of Memnon, Luxor



Statue of the god Horus, Edfu

Day 07 – Edfu / Kom Obo / Aswan

First thing in the morning take a horse and buggy through the streets of **Edfu** to the **Temple of Horus**.

Edfu was the Greek city of Apollinopolis Magna and is a religious and commercial centre. It is located about 55 kilometres 665 south of Esna and about 100 kilometres north of Aswan.

We get back on the ship and continue on to **Kom Ombo** and visit the temple shared by two Gods Sobek and Haroeris. This is a magnificent Ptolemaic temple set dramatically on high ground beside the Nile, surrounded by sugarcane fields. Dedicated jointly to Haroeris, the Good Doctor and Sobek, the Crocodile god, the temple is famous for its twin entrances, halls and sanctuaries. Sculpted wall reliefs include one showing ancient surgical instruments, bone-saws and dental tools. Three mummified crocodiles found nearby are now in the Chapel of Hathor.

After re-boarding, the ship heads on to **Aswan**.

Overnight on cruise in Aswan

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

Day 08 – Aswan

In the morning, visit to the **High Dam**, the world-famous dam was an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s.

The next stop is short boat ride to **Philae Temple**. The complex is on an island dedicated to Isis, the goddess of fertility and motherhood. It was the centre of her cult that flourished from the 3rd century BC to the 4th century AD.

Before heading back to the ship for lunch, you will stop off the visit the **Unfinished Obelisk**.

In the afternoon take a **felucca** ride on the Nile River to the beautiful **Botanical Gardens**, with the option to visit a **Nubian Village**.

Overnight on board in Edfu

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise



The Temple of Isis, Philae Island, Aswan



The Great Temple of Ramesses II, Abu Simbel

Day 09 – Abu Simbel

Today you will take a short flight to see the amazing **Abu Simbel**.

The first temple is dedicated to the deities Re-Harakhty, Amun, Ptah and Ramesses II himself. Four huge seated colossi of Ramesses II dominate the massive façade.

With the construction of the Aswan High Dam in the 1960s, the temples were threatened with submersion under the rising waters of the reservoir (Lake Nassar). Between 1964 and 1966, they were both disassembled and reconstructed on top of the cliff 200 feet above the original site.

Overnight on board in Aswan.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

Day 10 & 11 – Aswan to Luxor

Your cruise now begins its journey back to Luxor and you have two days to relax, rest and enjoy the beautiful of the Nile and the amazing landscape as you pass by.



*Golden Death Mask of Tutankhamen,
Egyptian Museum, Cairo*

Day 12 – Cairo

After farewelling your cruise ship, you will take a short flight back to **Cairo**.

Upon your arrival Egyptologist tour guide will accompany you to visit the **Egyptian Museum**. See the famous golden mask of **Tutankhamen** and the collection of artefacts discovered by Howard Carter as well of hundreds of other Pharaonic artefacts housed at the museum.

Visit the **Citadel** (built by Saladin in the 12th Century and was the seat of power for the next 700 years) and the **Alabaster Mosque**. Finish off the afternoon with a visit to the **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**, (dating back to 1382AD). This labyrinth of alleyways is filled with stores selling unique and exotic items such as spices, perfumes and jewellery.

Overnight in Cairo

Hotel TBC: Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast

Day 13 – Cairo

Today is a leisure day. Optional activities can be arranged and our Egyptian ground company will be more than happy to assist you.

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Meals(s): Buffet breakfast



View from Cairo Tower, Cairo

Day 14 – Final departure

Today you say goodbye to Egypt.

Breakfast at your hotel then our representative will meet you to assist with your final check out from the hotel and escort you to Cairo International Airport for check in for your international flight. Further assistance will be provided helping you with luggage, assisting you through passport control formalities before passing through to your departure lounge.

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast

** Some itinerary changes may occur during cruising. Please note that all sites listed on this itinerary will still be visited whilst in these cities.*

Optional Extras / Activities in addition to package rate include:

- Entry to go inside one of the Pyramids and the Mummy room at the Egyptian museum - both will require an extra ticket on the day: USD-TBA
- Additional Tomb visits in Valley of the Kings (standard entry includes 3 tombs) USD-TBA
- The Giza Pyramids Sound & Light show at: USD-TBA
- Visit to a Nubian village in Aswan: USD-TBA
- Dinner on a cruising restaurant in Cairo: USD-TBA

Rates:

- For minimum of 02 paying person, rate per person in twin rooms/cabins USD2325.
- For minimum of 04 paying person, rate per person in twin rooms/cabins USD2300.
- For minimum of 06 paying person, rate per person in twin rooms/cabins USD2280.
- Single supplement USD460.

Program includes the following:

- 05 nights Cairo with bed & breakfast basis.
- 01 night Alexandria with bed & breakfast basis.
- 07 nights on board Nile cruise with full board basis.
- All sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- All airport transfers by private air conditioned car / mini bus.
- English speaking tour guides and escort on transfers.
- Entrance fees to mentioned sights.
- One 600ml bottle of water per day

Program excludes:

- Entry visa to Egypt
- Any service or activity not mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities / tipping
- Any personal expenses

All information and prices are correct at the time publication and the tour going on sale, however are subject to change without notice.