

## EGYPT

### Cairo / Aswan / Luxor / Cairo (7 days / 7 nights)



### ITINERARY

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- Day 1: 15 October – Arrive in Cairo.
- Day 2: 16 October – Cairo city tour
- Day 3: 17 October – Aswan / Nile Cruise.
- Day 4: 18 October – Nile Cruise.
- Day 5: 19 October – Nile Cruise.
- Day 6: 20 October – Cairo
- Day 7: 21 October – Giza / Memphis / Saqqara
- Day 8: 22 October – Departure for Jordan.

## DETAILED PROGRAM

### Day 1 – Arrival

Arrive in Cairo and be greeted at the airport by our Tour Representative who will provide full assistance through immigration and customs, then cover off all tour basics.

Transfer to hotel for check-in.

Overnight in Cairo

Hotel: Victoria Hotel, Downtown Cairo

### Day 2 – Cairo



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

The tour starts with meeting and greeting your Cairo Tour Guide.

Visit the **Egyptian Museum** and 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, jewellery and other curiosities.

Overnight in Cairo

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Victoria Hotel, Downtown Cairo

### Day 3 – Aswan

Today starts with an early morning flight to **Aswan** from Cairo.

On arriving in Aswan, board your cruise and enjoy lunch before heading out to begin exploring Aswan.

Take a short boat ride to **Philae Temple**. The island complex is 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.



*The Temple of Isis, Philae Island, Aswan*

Before heading back to your cruise, you will visit the **High Dam** that provides irrigation and electricity for the whole of Egypt together with the old Aswan Dam, 6km downriver.

After dinner, enjoy a **Nubian Show** in the Lounge Bar.

Overnight on board in Aswan.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: MS Nile Dolphin

### **Day 4 – Aswan / Kom Ombo / Edfu**



*Kom Ombo*

This morning your cruise sets sail for **Edfu**, with a stop at **Kom Ombo** to visit the double **temples of Sobek and Horus** the Elder. The magnificent Ptolemaic temple is in a dramatic setting on high ground beside the Nile, surrounded by fields of sugarcane.

The temples are dedicated jointly to the gods Haroeris and Sobek. You will also see the first ever record of a calendar. Visit the local market and then re-board your cruise to continue on to Edfu.

After lunch, 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 south of Esna and about 100 kilometres north of Aswan.

The main attraction here is the Temple of Horus, which is considered by most to be the best preserved cult temple in Egypt. After visiting Edfu, sail to **Luxor**.

Enjoy afternoon tea on the sun deck whilst cruising.

This evening, dress up in traditional clothing and experience a fun filled **Oriental Dinner** and **Galabea Party**.

Overnight on board on Luxor.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: MS Nile Dolphin



*Edfu Temple Complex*

### Day 5 – Luxor

Today is a big day. After breakfast you take a bus journey to the **West Bank**, including **Valley of the Kings** and **Queen Hatshepsut's Deir El-Bahari** temple.

The great temple of Queen Hatshepsut was built at the bottom of sheer cliffs in Luxor's west bank. The chief temple was built by Queen Hatshepsut, with other additions built by other 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.



*The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut*



*Karnak Temple, Luxor*

In the afternoon, you will visit to both **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples** called Ipet-resit, or 'Private Chambers to the South (of Amun)'.

The temple of Luxor, some 260 metres long today, was built by **Amenophis III** on the foundations of a previous religious structure, dating from the time of Queen Hatshepsut.

This evening enjoy a Belly Dancing show.

Overnight on board on Luxor.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: MS Nile Dolphin

### Day 6 – Luxor / Cairo

After breakfast you farewell your cruise and fly back to Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Victoria Hotel, Downtown Cairo

### **Day 7 - Cairo**

Today you visit the **Great Pyramids of Giza** (the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that is still standing today), the **Sphinx** and **Valley Temple**.

You will then drive to **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt to 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: Victoria Hotel, Downtown Cairo

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast



*The Great Pyramid of Khafre and the Sphinx, Giza*

### **Day 08 – Departure**

Breakfast at your hotel then our representative will meet you and assist you with your final check out from hotel. Your representative will then accompany you to Cairo International Airport to assist you with your luggage, check-in, assisting you through passport control formalities for your departing flight to Jordan.

## **HOTELS**

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Victoria Hotel – [www.victoriahotel-egypt.com](http://www.victoriahotel-egypt.com)

MS Nile Dolphin - [www.niledolphin.com](http://www.niledolphin.com)



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## PACKAGE DETAILS

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### ***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)
- The Giza Pyramids Sound & Light show at: USD-TBA
- Dinner on a cruising restaurant in Cairo: USD-TBA

### ***Program includes***

- 04 Nights in Cairo with bed & breakfast basis
- 03 Nights on board EO's supplier Nile cruise or similar on full board basis.
- All meet, assist and transfers by an EO rep. as mentioned in the program
- All sightseeing as mentioned in the program
- All entrance fees during sightseeing (unless specified)
- English speaking Tour Guides

### ***Program excludes***

- Entry visa to Egypt
- Gratuities / tips
- Any personal expenses
- Any food or beverage not mentioned in the program

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

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