

08 Days / 07 Nights

Pyramids and Temples

From the **Pyramids** to **Luxor**, cruising the **River Nile**, you will **Temple** hop along the way from the grand **Valley of the Kings**, the renowned **Karnak Temples**, the impressive **Temples of Edfu** and **Kom Ombo**; soak the sun on deck whilst you enjoy the views of **Nile** bank as it passes by. All of this whilst you cruise south towards the most charming city of **Egypt; Aswan**.

From Aswan, one of the most unbelievable temple will be available as an **OPTIONAL** tour: Abu Simbel.

This tour of Egypt covers all the major, iconic sites and will tempt you to return sooner rather than later.

Per person on Twin-share basis

SUMMER USD1100 1 May to 30 September

WINTER USD1215 1 October to 30 April

PEAK USD1490 - Christmas/New Year/Easter

Single Supplement

SUMMER USD340

WINTER USD410

PEAK USD595

Tour Highlights

- Ancient Egypt
- Cairo - Pyramids Sphinx and Museum
- Nile River Cruise 5 Days
- Luxor - Valley of the Kings
- Luxor - Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Luxor - Karnak Temples
- Luxor - Luxor Temple
- Edfu Temple
- Kom Ombo Temple
- **OPTIONAL** Day Tour to Abu Simbel
- Aswan - Philae Temple
- Aswan - High Dam & Unfinished Obelisk
- Cairo

Day 1: Arrival Day Cairo

Welcome to the ancient history, myths and legends of **The Land of the Pharaohs**; your once in a lifetime experience begins right here.

Our representative will meet and assist you through Cairo International Airport, your entrance visa (cash is required **USD 25**), collection of your luggage and then you will be transferred to your hotel and assisted with the check in process. You will be given a breakdown of the following day.

Time permitting you can choose to unwind and relish the hotel facilities or book for the **Sound and Light** show at the **Pyramids** for the evening. (OPTIONAL cost)

Overnight: Cairo hotel

Meals: Non

Day 2: Pyramids Sphinx Museum

Experience what millions only dream of; stand in awe of the **Pyramids of Giza**, including the largest one of all the so-called **Great Pyramid** said to be the tomb of the **Pharaoh Khufu** dating back over 5000 years. The Ancient Egyptians stood for over thousands of years ago at the **Great Pyramid of Cheops**, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one that still exists! After exploring the pyramids, you will have the option to enter the **Kings Chamber of the Great Pyramid. Optional (extra ticket).**

We will continue our adventure with a camel ride through the Sahara for those who are interested (optional extra cost).

Finally, we will finish our visit to the plateau with the **Guardian Angel** of the area, the monolithic and the iconic **Sphinx**. The Sphinx carved out of limestone, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and head of a human, proudly sits facing the horizon and greets the sunrise as it has done for centuries.

You will embark on discovering thousands of treasures which is on display inside the **Egyptian Museum**, including the famous **Golden Mask of King Tutankhamen**, the youngest Pharaoh to rule Egypt. There are many treasures to explore but your guide will highlight some of the more special artefacts and give you time to wander at your leisure. You will find items such as granite sarcophagus and perfectly sculptured giant statues to ancient tools, mummies, chariots and even some board games played by the Pharaoh's!

Free photography is permitted in the museum with a mobile phone except for the **King Tut** exhibit (cameras tickets can be purchased at entrance).

Overnight: Cairo hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Karnak and Luxor Temple

Once you have enjoyed your breakfast, your representative will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Luxor. First stop is to **Karnak Temple** is a huge religious complex, which was used for pilgrimage, for nearly 2,000 years the area was a sacred enclosure of **Amun** (61 acres which could ten average EU cathedrals), which expands over 200 acres (1.5 km by 0.8 km), located on the East bank of the **River Nile**. This is dedicated to **Pharaoh Amun** which was used as a center point for worshipping his wife **Mut** and their son **Khons**. Karnak's complex consists of more than 25 temples and chapels, it includes numerous examples of ancient Egyptian architecture and enterprises. One of the world's greatest architectural achievements is the **Hypostyle Hall**, consisting of 134 vast pillars, the dimension of each pillar is approximately 70 feet tall by 45 feet in width.

We will enjoy our final visit to **Luxor Temple**, during the spectacular views of the evening sunset, watching the last rays of sun coming through the ancient walls and columns. It is known as the '**Diamond of the Nile**', due to the spectacle views.

Finally, you will embark onto the **River Nile Cruise**, which will be your home for the next 4 nights as sail into the horizon on the **Nile**.

Overnight on-board Nile River Cruise (MS Blue Shadow or similar)

Meals: Breakfast Lunch & Dinner included

Day 4: Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut, and Memnon

Following an early breakfast we will drive to the **West Bank** to visit **The Valley of the Kings or Kings Valley**. Explore the deep cut mountains and delve into the spectacularly decorated tombs of the **Pharaohs**. This is a famous resting place of the well-known Pharaoh, **King Tutankhamun**, as there are many others too.

Later we will visit the **Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, the first female ruler of ancient Egypt who reigned authority as a Pharaoh. You will also visit the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the cruise for your lunch.

Finally enjoy the sundeck, swim, read a book or be at your leisure.

Overnight on board

Meals: All meals included

Day 5: Edfu & Kom Ombo Temples

We will set sail for Edfu, in search of Egypt's well endured temple, the glorious **Temple of Edfu**. Continue to set sail for **Kom Ombo** which is located on the East Bank of the **River Nile**, on a curve, which is approximately 50 km north of **Aswan** in Egypt. During the **Ptolemaic** and **Roman periods** Kom Ombo was built, this has a rare double temple; this temple is dedicated to the crocodile **God Sobek** and the **Falcon God Haroeris** (a.k.a. Horus the Elder).

This temple has a fascinating history displaying hieroglyphic carvings, showing medical instruments we still use in our present days.

Regardless of which river direction you take to embark the temple, you will be left in wonder at the stunning sight that beholds you, despite being badly damaged; especially at sunset when the last ray of the sun changes the atmosphere of the surroundings.

Cruise party tonight!!!

Overnight on board

Meals: All meals included

Day 6: Abu Simbel

(OPTIONAL- Day Trip to the Temple Rock Abu Simbel – Nile Cruise)

Today starts off early, as we will drive 3 ½ hours south to the glorious Temples of Abu Simbel.

This temple is considered to be the best of temples in **Egypt**, cut deep into the rock and an important dedication to **Pharaoh Ramses II** and his beloved wife **Nefatari**.

During the 1960's these temples were relocated with the aid of **UNSECO** to its current location to save them from the rising waters of the river **Nile**, a great engineering construction.

Upon your return to Aswan you will relish lunch on the cruise.

We will gently sail on a traditional felucca, used by the Pharaohs, as you will be memorized by the **Nile River** scenes in **Aswan**.

Overnight on board

Meals: All meals included

Day 7: Aswan and Philae Temple

After breakfast you will disembark the **Nile River Cruise** and visit **Philae Temple**, the temple dedicated to the **Goddess Isis**. Along the way you will visit the **High Dam**.

You will take a flight back to Cairo and enjoy a 'Farewell Dinner' before checking into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Departing Cairo

Enjoy your last breakfast with us for then you will return home or continue your journey onwards. One of our representatives will transfer you to Cairo International Airport and assist with all check-in procedures.

Meals: Breakfast

Package Includes

- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure Pick-up/drop-off

- Transfer from/to Cairo International airport in air-conditioned vehicle
- 2 nights' accommodation at a 5* star hotel in Cairo
- 4 nights' accommodation on board cruise Luxor/Aswan
- 1 night accommodation at 5* star hotel in Cairo
- Relevant transfers as per the above-mentioned itinerary
- Tours in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor in air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing in Cairo, Aswan, Luxor & Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum including round trip transfer from / to hotel, Tour Guide
- Daily breakfast starting the second day
- Full board on board of the Nile Cruise
- Bottled water (1 small per day in Cairo)
- Qualified drivers in Cairo, Aswan & Luxor
- English speaking agent during transfers
- English speaking tour guide during sightseeing

Package Excludes

- International Flights and Travel Insurance
- Entry Visa to Egypt
- Domestic flights Cairo / Luxor and Aswan / Cairo (Approx. **USD 120-140** per flight and will be arranged according to availability on booking day)
- Entrance Fees to be collected on arrival **1610 EGP**
- Tipping Kitty to be collected on arrival **60 USD**
- OPTIONAL Day Tour to Abu Simbel **USD 120** per person
- Early check-in / Late check-out
- Personal expenses such as drinks, laundry, etc.
- Other meals /additional tours / laundry/ phone calls /any unmentioned items
- Peak period supplement Christmas & New Year Gala Dinners (to be advised at the time of booking)
- Entry to any of the Pyramids, Mummies room at Egyptian Museum (can be arranged with tour guide on the spot).

Prices:

Prices Per Person in Dollars (USD - \$) per tour.

This could be paid by PayPal, bank transfer or by credit card via a secure payment system.

Current prices are valid until the 30th of April 2022 excluding Easter and Christmas Holidays.

Children Policy:

- Up to 2 years: FREE
- Age from 2 and below 6 years: 25% of adult price
- Age from 6 up to 11 years: 50% of adult price
- Ages 12 and Up: adult price.

NB: Children policy is applied to children who share rooms with their parents. If your tour package includes airfare, then extra charges for your children may apply.