

EXPLORE MAGICAL EGYPT

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9 DAY TOUR SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

New York • Cairo • Luxor • Kom Ombo
Edfu • Esna • Aswan • Cairo • New York

Price per person on double occupancy:

\$ 3249

Single Person Supplement:

\$ 699

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TOUR SUMMARY:

'Discover Egypt' begins in Cairo and takes you to the ancient city of Luxor, where you embark on a relaxing four-night cruise up the Nile. You will have plenty of time to explore the stunning Valley of the Kings and the Temples on the East Bank, including Karnak and Luxor Temples. During the cruise, you can enjoy several shore excursions to see some fascinating historical sites. Arrive in Aswan and explore the High Dam and Temple of Philae. Fly back to Cairo and spend a full day with a certified Egyptologist exploring the Pyramids at Giza and have the opportunity to visit the incredible Egyptian Museum. The tour ends in Cairo with visit to Old Cairo & Khan El Khalili.



TOUR LODGING INFO: 7 Nights accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	DELUXE HOTELS/ Cruise
Cairo	1 Night	Steigenberger Hotel
Luxor - Aswan Cruise	4 Nights	Amwaj Livingstone Nile Cruise
Cairo	2 Nights	Steigenberger Hotel

Hotel/ cruise may be replaced with similar deluxe category for operational reasons.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- See the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
- Spend 4 nights cruising along the picturesque and historic Nile River
- Visit the legendary Valley of the Kings, home of the tomb of King Tutankhamen
- Explore the High Dam and the Temple of Philae in Aswan
- See the world-famous Egyptian Museum
- Visit Old Cairo and Khan el Khalili

INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from NEW YORK
- Domestic airfares
 - Cairo to Luxor, and
 - Aswan to Cairo
- Accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed or similar hotel/ cruise-ship
- Meet & greet at Cairo International airport by our representative!
- Arrival & Departure transfers
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Full board during the 4-night cruise
- Following tours from the cruise ship:
 - The Valley of the Kings & Hatshepsut Temple
 - The Karnak Temple and Luxor Temples
 - Aswan's High Dam
 - The Edfu Temple & Kom Ombo temple
- Transportation in a private AC chauffeur driven vehicle.
- Sightseeing & Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Service of English-speaking local guide during sightseeing tours
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1: TUE NEW YORK– CAIRO

Arrive in time at NYC International Airport to check in and board your overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Overnight onboard

DAY 2: WED CAIRO ARRIVAL

Welcome to Cairo! Cairo, called Al-Qahirah in Arabic, with a population of 17 million, is not only Africa's largest city but the political and cultural center of the Arab World. Cairo's old quarters retain their ancient charm with many streets still known by descriptions given to them by medieval





chroniclers. Modern Cairo's architecture is distinguished by Ottoman and later European influences, especially in commercial architecture, particularly as the city's population boomed during the 19th century. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in. Overnight in Cairo

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 3: THU CAIRO – LUXOR (B/L/D)

This morning we are transferred back to Cairo International Airport for a flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, we will be escorted to our cruise ship for our embarkation. This will be our home for the next four nights. Lunch on board and in the afternoon, we will visit Luxor and Karnak Temples. Luxor Temple was the center of the most important festival, the festival of Opet. Built largely by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, the temple served as a setting for the rituals of the festival, which was held to reconcile the human aspect of the ruler with his divine office. The procession of images of the current royal family began at Karnak and ended at the Luxor temple. Karnak Temple was erected in 1928 BC as a small shrine dedicated to Amun, god of Thebes. The Temple of Karnak comprises three main temples, smaller enclosed temples, and several outer temples - all constructed over 1300 years. The three main temples of Mut, Monthu and Amun, are enclosed in enormous brick walls, with the temple of Amun at the center. Karnak is now the largest and oldest temple compound on earth. Dinner and overnight on board in Luxor.

Overnight onboard the cruise-ship

DAY 4: FRI LUXOR – EDFU (B/L/D)

After breakfast, cross the newly constructed Luxor Bridge to visit the Valley of the Kings, which includes the tombs of the Theban rulers, Seti I and Tutankhamen. The Valley of the Kings in Upper Egypt is home to many pharaonic tombs of the New Kingdom, including those of King Tutankhamun and Ramses the Great. Each king's formal name and title is inscribed in his tomb, which are also adorned with his images and statues. Most of the tombs were cut into limestone following a similar pattern: three corridors, an antechamber, and a sunken sarcophagus chamber. Explore several amazing Royal Tombs. Then visit the Valley of the Queens which includes between 75 and 80 tombs. These tombs belong to queens of the 18th, 19th and 20th Dynasties. Among these is the famous tomb of Nefertiti, one of the five wives of Ramses II. Afterwards tour the mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, the only woman Pharaoh to rule ancient Egypt. The mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut of the 18th dynasty was built just north of the Middle Kingdom

temple of Mentuhotep Nebhepetre, amid the bay of cliffs known as Deir El-Bahri. In ancient times the temple was called Djoser-djeseru, meaning the sacred of sacreds. The female pharaoh chose to build her temple in a valley sacred to the Theban Goddess of the west, on a direct axis with Karnak Temple of Amun on the East Bank. After lunch on board we sail to Edfu via Esna. Ancient Nubia was known to the pharaohs as the "Land of Gold," and its wealth and lands were eventually incorporated into Egypt around 1500 BC. This afternoon, join your shipmates for afternoon tea. Dinner and overnight on board in Edfu

Optional: Hot air ballooning over the valley at sunrise - \$185 per person

Enjoy the splendours of the ancient historical sights of Luxor from the air. See this spectacular landscape from the unique viewpoint that only hot air ballooning can provide. Glide majestically over the temples and burial grounds of the Pharaohs and allow history to come to life before your eyes.

Overnight onboard the cruise-ship

DAY 5: SAT LUXOR – EDFU – KOM OMBO – ASWAN (B/L/D)

Enjoy breakfast on board before visiting the Temple of Edfu. This temple is not only the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt, but also the second largest after Karnak. It was believed that the temple was built on the site of the great battle between Horus and Seth. Hence, the current temple was but the last in a long series of temples build on this location. We then sail to Kom Ombo and have lunch and afternoon tea on board the ship. This afternoon, disembark and enjoy a short walk to the Temples of Kom Ombo. This temple complex actually consists of two temples: the Temple of Sobek and the Temple of Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank near here. The Temple has scant remains, due first to the changing Nile, then the Copts who once used it as a church, and finally by builders who used the stones for new buildings. As we sail toward Ancient Nubia, participate in an Egyptian Galabeya Party. Overnight on board in Aswan

Overnight onboard the cruise-ship

DAY 6: SUN ASWAN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, visit the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. South of here lies the flooded lands of Nubia, Sudan, and Ethiopia. Just north of the border between Egypt and Sudan lies Aswan High Dam, a huge rock-filled dam which captures the world's longest river, the Nile, in the



world's largest artificial reservoir, Lake Nasser. The dam, known as "Sadd El-Aali" in Arabic, was completed in 1970 after 10 years of work. Then, on to the granite quarries, which supplied the ancient Egyptians with most of the hard stone used in their pyramids and temples, and see the famed Unfinished Obelisk, located in the Northern Quarry, still lies where a crack was discovered as it was being hewn from the rock. This obelisk would have been the largest ever erected if it hadn't cracked before it was fully quarried. Tools left by its builders have given archaeologists much insight into how such work was performed. Invoke the healing powers of the goddess Isis with a visit to the Temple of Philae and the delightful Temple of Isis. Enjoy a short trip on a motorboat to Philae Temple, which will bring you to a magnificent vista of the island of Agilika before landing at what would have been the ancient quay on the south side. The temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis and has many legends connected to it. The most well-known legend tells the story of how Isis found the heart of Osiris here after his murder by his brother Seth. Return to the ship for lunch before boarding a traditional felucca to enjoy a sail around Kitchener's Island along with a visit to the botanical gardens, 6.8 hectares teeming with a variety of birds, flora and palm trees. Have dinner back on board the cruise ship and relax as you watch the evening's Nubian entertainment show. Overnight onboard in Aswan

Overnight onboard the cruise-ship

DAY 7: MON ASWAN – CAIRO (B)

Disembark the cruise after breakfast before being transferred to Aswan Airport for our flight back to Cairo where you will be met and depending on arrival time in Cairo either escorted back to hotel to check-in or taken straight to the Grand Egyptian Museum as per the tour details below. Overnight in Cairo

Included Tour: Visit the incredible Egyptian Museum

Experience the most important depository of Egyptian antiquities anywhere in the world. The Egyptian Museum boasts 107 halls filled with approximately 160,000 objects covering 5,000 years of Egypt's past. It features artifacts from the Pharaonic and Graeco-Roman periods, including the celebrated mummies of ancient Egypt's king and Tut Ankh Amun treasures.



DAY 8: TUE CAIRO (B)

Today you will visit the Pyramids & Sphinx - reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and one-half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers & artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is especially interesting since its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone & standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. Egypt is not complete without a visit to the famous Khan Khalili Bazar. After lunch on your own, you will head to the Khan Khalili tour as per details below.

Overnight in Cairo

Included Tour: Half Day Tour to Khan el Khalili

An afternoon half day tour visit to the Khan El Khalili, known as the Turkish bazaar during the Ottoman period, built in 1382 by Emir Djaharks ElKhalili, in the heart of what was then Fatimid City. To this day, the bazaar is a center of trade and communion in the city, and offers a wide array of antiques, handicrafts of gold, silver and copper as well as numerous old coffee shops and local restaurants which attract both Egyptians and tourists alike.

DAY 9: WED CAIRO - NEW YORK

After breakfast transfer to Cairo airport to board your flight back home.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Optional Tours
- Visa Fees
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier.
- Any other items not under inclusions.