

# ***EGYPT EXPLORER TOUR***



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## **Egypt Explorer Tour & Nile Cruise with Flights**

**Duration:** 10 days

**Departs:** Fridays in 2022 & 2023

**Stay:** 5 nights hotels, 3 nights Nile cruise

**Travel style:** Escorted tour

**Booking code:** EGEXP10M

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# 10 Days Egypt Explorer Tour & Nile River Cruise

## About the holiday

Explore the monumental treasures of Egypt and ancient wonders that line the banks of the Nile.

Uncover the many highlights, from Cairo and Luxor to Hurghada on the Red Sea and everything in between. Walk in the footsteps of the Pharaohs at the Pyramids while tracing the path of the infamous Nubians along the Nile. Then jump on board your 5-star Nile Cruise to sail in style. Roam the colourful Bazaars and savour the moments that you experience the rich tapestry of Egyptian life.

## Why you'll love this tour...

- Experience Egypt in comfort on an escorted tour. Plus, a luxurious 3-night stay onboard a Nile Cruiser with sundeck, swimming pool and bar.
- Explore ancient wonders including the Great Pyramids and Sphinx, Karnak Temple Complex, Philae Temple, Valley of the Kings and Luxor Temple with local Egyptologist Guides.
- Get your camera ready for the incredible Citadels, Mosques and Museums of Cairo. Then haggle your way through the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar.
- Ditch the history books for swimsuits at the Red Sea paradise of Hurghada for an all-inclusive resort stay. Enjoy free time here to relax and swim amongst the world-famous coral reefs.

## Travel dates

Departs Australia on Fridays

2023 - 26 January to 31 March; 1 to 31 May; 10 October to 30 November

*Note: Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for travel at other times of the year.*

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### Escorted tour includes:

**Flights** - Return economy airfares from Australia to Cairo, Egypt  
Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Perth with luggage included

**Accommodation** - 8 nights  
5 nights hotel accommodation in twin share rooms with private ensembles  
3 nights Nile Cruiser in twin share cabin with private ensuite facilities

**Meals** - 8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners (*vegetarian options available on request*)

**Transportation** - Air-conditioned coach or mini-bus  
Internal flight from Cairo to Aswan  
Nile Cruise ship, 5-star with sundeck, swimming pool & bar

**Airport Transfers** - Arrival and departure transfers on first and last day of the trip

**Tour Guiding** - Services of experienced Egyptologist guides

### Package excludes:

Entrance fees to sites & monuments -bring approx. US\$150 pp for local payment

Meals not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

COVID-19 PCR tests are an additional expense, if required for international travel

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room*

*Tour package is subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators*

*Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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## **Itinerary:**

***Day 1: Fly from Australia to Egypt***

***Day 2: Arrive in Cairo***

Upon your arrival at Cairo airport you will be met by our local representative, who will assist you through immigration and passport control and collecting your baggage. You will then be transferred to your hotel, where your Egyptologist tour guide, who will accompany you for the duration of the tour, will brief you about the tour package and the incredible experiences you will have over the following eight days. Overnight at your hotel in Cairo.

***Day 3: Giza Pyramids - Sphinx - Sakkara***

This morning you will experience the icons of ancient Egypt! Your Egyptologist guide will accompany you to the Giza pyramid complex, where you can see the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Pyramid of Khafre, the Pyramid of Menkaure, and the Great Sphinx. We'll then visit Sakkara to see the unique step pyramid of Zoser (also known as Djoser), the first ever pyramid, constructed of six tombs built on top of each other.

***Day 4: Aswan - Philae Temple - Nile Cruise***

Early this morning you will be transferred to the airport for a short internal flight down to Aswan. Upon arrival you will be transferred to our 5-star Nile cruise ship. After some time to freshen up we'll begin our Nile quest by visiting the High Dam of Aswan, where your guide will explain to you how the construction of the dam and subsequent creation of Lake Nasser required the relocation of the Nubian people and several important historical monuments, including Abu Simbel, which you have the opportunity to visit tomorrow. We'll then take a short boat ride to Agilkia Island to explore the Temple of Isis at Philae. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom (305 BC to 30 BC), the temple is dedicated to Isis, one of the oldest goddesses of ancient Egypt and worshipped as the paragon of motherly virtues. It is believed that the last Egyptian hieroglyph was written on the island of Philae in the late fourth century.

### ***Day 5: Kom-Ombo - Edfu - Nile Cruise***

This morning you will have the opportunity to join our optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, two massive temples in southern Egypt. Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments", these iconic temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II.

The tour then continues with a visit to the Temple of Kom-Ombo, a unique 'double' temple dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek, and the falcon god Haroeris (Horus). After some time to explore the temple, we'll head to Edfu. Also dedicated to Horus, this temple is more than 2,000 years old but was covered by sand until it was re-discovered by a French expedition in 1798. Because it was hidden for so long it is the most well-preserved temple in Egypt. We'll then continue on to Luxor, where we'll spend the night onboard the 5-star cruise ship.

### ***Day 6: Luxor - Karnak Temple - Nile Cruise***

After breakfast we will arrive in Luxor and tour the East Bank of Luxor. Experience the incredible Karnak temple complex, part of the ancient city of Thebes. Dedicated to the powerful ram-headed god Amun, it offers a vast mix of temples, chapels, statues and obelisks. We'll then explore Luxor temple, a place of worship that is dedicated to three gods: Amun, his wife Mut and his son Khons. Together these temples and gods are key players in the great Opet Festival which was held each year during the flood season.

### ***Day 7: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut - Hurghada***

This morning we'll start our tour of the west bank with a visit to the World famous Valley of the Kings, where you can enter some of the incredible tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, such as King Tutankhamen. We'll then get to experience the Temple of Hatshepsut (Deir El Bahary), the mortuary temple of the only Pharaoh Queen that ruled Egypt. The day will finish off with a visit to the great Colossi of Memnon, the last remains of Amenophis III's temple. We'll then take our air-conditioned private bus to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast, where we'll be staying in an all-inclusive resort.

### ***Day 8: Hurghada: Free Day***

This is a free day for you to enjoy however you wish. The resort in Hurghada offers a large swimming pool complex, long sandy beaches and all-inclusive food and drink; total relaxation awaits! Alternatively, you can choose to take part in any number of water sport activities, including full-day snorkelling and scuba diving excursions. The seas around Hurghada offer some of the best coral reef dive spots in the world, giving the opportunity to see many colorful fish species, including the Red Sea Clownfish, Emperor Angelfish, Picasso Trigger Fish and Moray Eels. Overnight at the resort in Hurghada.

## ***Day 9: Hurghada - Cairo***

This morning we'll take an air-conditioned private mini bus back to Cairo. After some time to freshen up at our hotel, we'll visit the Egyptian museum to learn more about the country's incredible ancient history, followed by the old city of Cairo where you can explore Khan El Khalili, a bazaar crammed with souvenir shops, cafés and shisha bars.

## ***Day 10: Departure***

The tour ends after breakfast at our hotel in Cairo, with transfers included to take you to the airport for your flight home. If you wish to extend your stay in Cairo, please contact us.

**Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, river water levels, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

## **Things to know before you go...**

The currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). Most major cities and towns in Egypt have ATMs and credit or debits cards are widely accepted in the tourist areas. Be prepared to have cash for souqs, local venues, small meals and entrance fees.

While every traveller's spending habits can differ, we have estimated the average daily expenses to help with budgeting for your trip. Here you'll find the average cost for a meal or drink and advice for best practice in tipping.

### ***Meals***

Lunch at restaurant **US\$ 4-8**

Dinner at restaurant **US\$ 10-15**

Shawarma (lamb pitta) at a stall **US\$ 1-2**

Zalabya - Egyptian Donut ball **US\$ 0.30**

### ***Drinks***

Bottle of water **US\$ 0.5**

Coffee **US\$ 1.5-2**

Tea **US\$ 1-2**

Bottle of beer **US\$ 3-4**

### *Tipping*

Known as 'Baksheesh', tipping is a natural part of daily life and is considered part of the traditional payment structure for services in Egypt. We recommend budgeting around US \$5-10 a day for tipping with estimation of a 10% tip at restaurants, taxis and other services. Your guides, cruise crew and drivers would also appreciate this kind of gratitude at the end of your tour or their service.

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3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
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