

# ***HIGHLIGHTS OF EGYPT & NILE CRUISE***



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## **Luxury Egypt Escorted Tour with Nile Cruise**

**Duration:** 9 days

**Departs:** 2023 & 2024

**Stay:** 4 nights hotels, 4 nights Nile cruise

**Travel style:** Escorted tour

**Booking code:** EGYNG9M

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# 9 Days Egypt Luxury Escorted Tour & Nile Cruise

## About the holiday

This exclusive journey in Egypt presents a luxurious travel experience!

Discover the wonders of the Pyramids and the great Sphinx of Giza. Travel in premium comfort along the life-giving Nile through the exotic lands of pharaohs and their impressive temples. With this expertly planned itinerary, sail in style as you take in marvellous sights along the bank of the Nile.

This escorted tour of Egypt is well-paced for you to enjoy your cultural discovery. There's a nice amount of personal leisure time, when you can embark on optional activities if you wish. Engage and connect with the local culture through authentic experiences and treat yourself to the diverse wonders all around Egypt!

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

- Marvel at the oldest structure of the “seven wonders of the ancient world”, the Great Pyramid of Giza
- Enjoy a 4-day cruise on the Nile and savour the spectacular scenery of the Nile Valley
- Visit the magnificent Temple of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years
- Tour the stunning Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the falcon god Horus, built in the Ptolemaic period
- Explore the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo
- Discover the Temple of Philae dedicated to the goddess Isis with its beautiful island location

## Travel dates

Select departures from August 2023 to April 2024

*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:**

- All intra-flights: Cairo-Luxor, Aswan-Cairo
- 8 nights First Class accommodation
  - 4 nights Cairo - Cairo Marriott Hotel or Hilton Cairo Heliopolis
  - 4 nights Nile Cruise on the Queen of Hansa (4-star)
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel & cruise portorage
- 18 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### **Package excludes:**

International flights from Australia - contact us for the latest airfare deals

Egypt Visa

Meals & sightseeing 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

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

***Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.***

***Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

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## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Friday - Arrive in Cairo**

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Arrive in Cairo and make your own way to the hotel, with the remainder of the day at leisure. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM, followed by a light dinner. We recommend you to select flights that arrive no later than 4 PM

**Overnight:** Cairo

**Meals:** Dinner

### **DAY 2, Saturday - Full Day in Cairo**

Spend the day at leisure in Cairo, or join the *optional* Egyptian Museum & Khan El Khalili with lunch. Begin with a visit to the Egyptian Museum, a neoclassical style building located in Tahrir Square that houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. After lunch, continue to Khan el Khalili bazaar to browse vibrant displays of fabrics, handicrafts, and antiques

**Optional:** Egyptian Museum & Khan El Khalili with lunch (AM)

**Overnight:** Cairo

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 3, Sunday - The Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza**

After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. These monumental undertakings stand as a marvellous testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. Get a close-up view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. Not too far from the Pyramids, see the great Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of a huge piece of limestone. Leisure time this afternoon, or join the *optional* tour to Sakkara Pyramids with lunch. In Sakkara, site of hundreds of tombs, view the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. Next, visit a carpet school before heading back to your hotel

**Optional:** Sakkara Pyramids with lunch (PM)

**Overnight:** Cairo

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 4, Monday - Flight to Luxor, Temple of Karnak, Nile Cruise Embarkation**

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and drive to the airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, take a self-guided sightseeing tour of the East Bank. Visit the magnificent Temple of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. After exploring this ancient structure, embark on the Nile Cruise

**Overnight:** Nile Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 5, Tuesday - Full Day Luxor**

View the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank on this early morning's *optional* excursion. Begin with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes and admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's famous female ruler. Visit an alabaster factory, where you can view a demonstration of grinding alabaster the old-fashioned way. Browse the extensive collection of alabaster pieces. Conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep II. Return to the ship for lunch, and continue sailing onward this afternoon

**Optional:** Excursion to West Bank (AM)

**Overnight:** Nile Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 6, Wednesday - Edfu Temples & Kom Ombo**

This morning, visit the stunning Temples of Horus in Edfu, considered one of the best preserved of all the Egyptian Temples. It was built during the Ptolemaic times and was completed over a 180-year period. The temple is dedicated to the falcon god Horus, son of Isis and Osiris. Its extravagant design and sheer size is an indication of the country's prosperity at the time. Next, tour the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus, the sky god and Sobek, the crocodile god. Admire the fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls. Return to the ship for dinner

**Overnight:** Nile Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 7, Thursday - Cruise to Aswan**

Spend the morning at leisure, or join the *optional* to Abu Simbel Temples. An early morning bus ride from Aswan transports you back in time to the mighty Temples of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. Afterwards, drive back to Aswan. Choose to relax the rest of the evening, or take part in an *optional* Aswan Felucca Ride. Enjoy a relaxing cruise aboard a felucca, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile

**Optional:** Abu Simbel by Bus (AM)

**Optional:** Aswan Felucca Ride (PM)

**Overnight:** Nile Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Friday - Disembarkation, Philae Temple, Aswan High Dam, Flight to Cairo**

This morning, after disembarking from your cruise ship, explore Aswan, an ancient frontier town. Take a tour to Philae Temple dedicated to the goddess Isis. Arrive by motorboat and marvel at the Temple's beautiful island location.

Stop at a local perfume shop. During your visit, you can watch the creation of perfumes. Select a fragrance and choose from a wide selection of glass bottle containers. Continue to the spectacular Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle when originally constructed in the 1960s. The dam brought an end to the Nile's devastating floods. Then, head to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Transfer to your hotel upon arrival. Tonight, at dinner, bid farewell to your Tour Manager

**Overnight:** Cairo

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Saturday - Depart Egypt**

After breakfast, check out of the hotel in the morning and make your way to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

**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.**

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