

SOUTH AFRICA & EGYPT



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South Africa & Egypt with Nile Cruise & Flights

Duration: 22 days

Stay: 13 nights hotels, 7 nights Nile cruise

Travel style: Escorted group tours & international flights

Booking code: SAEGT22M

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22 Days South Africa, Egypt & Nile River Cruise

About the holiday

This South Africa and Egypt combination is packed with inclusions and is the ideal blend of cultural experiences, historic wonders and amazing wildlife viewing!

Fly to Cape Town, where you begin with city sightseeing and tours of Table Mountain tour and the Cape Peninsula. After a quick flight to Durban, swap the city for an extraordinary cruise on St Lucia Estuary, home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles and even sharks. There's more amazing wildlife viewing with game drives in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve and famous Kruger National Park. Then drive the spectacular Panorama Route to Johannesburg and taking a tour of Soweto.

Next, tick off more bucket list experiences in Egypt. Encounter the Great Pyramids at Giza and the Valley of the Kings. Explore ancient temples, including Philae and Luxor. Embark on a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with a sundeck and swimming pool.

Between the stunning natural sights, ancient wonders and the modern-day splendours, this South Africa and Egypt holiday is as good as it gets!

Why you'll love this trip...

See the best of South Africa on value-packed two-week tour

Experience the thrill of seeing Africa's amazing animals in the wild

Enjoy a luxe 7-night cruise down the Nile

Expert guides will look after you and share their fascinating local knowledge

Flights are included from Australia on this worry-free trip!

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for current rates & travel dates.

Escorted tour includes:

Flights - International return economy airfares to Cape Town, Johannesburg & Cairo
Intra flights: Cape Town-Durban, Johannesburg-Cairo, Cairo-Luxor-Cairo
International flights include checked baggage and all fees & taxes

Africa Inclusions:

- 10 nights accommodation
 - 4 nights Cape Town
 - 1 night Hluhluwe
 - 1 night eSwatini
 - 2 nights Hazyview
 - 2 nights Johannesburg
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Game drives in modern 10-seater safari vehicles
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Egypt Inclusions:

- Airport transfers - meet & assist at Cairo airport
- 10 nights accommodation
 - 3 nights Cairo at 5-star hotel with breakfast
 - 7 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise on full board basis
- Daily breakfast & meals as per the itinerary
- All transfers in private deluxe air-conditioned bus
- Sightseeing with entrance fees as specified
- All sightseeing on board the cruise
- Private English-speaking Guide/Egyptologist
- Baggage handling & portage
- Service & local taxes

*Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour companies & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.*

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Package excludes:

Tourist visas & entry fees

Arrival transfer in Cape Town

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

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

Camera & video fees at select sites

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

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

Subject to confirmation & availability at the time of booking.

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Tour Experiences:

- Experience Cape Town, during the city tour pass by Castle of Good Hope, the Grande Parade and visit Table Mountain
- In the course of the Cape Peninsula tour, visit the Cape of Good Hope reserve and view the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach
- Game viewing cruise on the St Lucia Estuary, a uniquely diverse ecosystem
- Game drive through Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve
- A thrilling game drive in an open-vehicle through Kruger National Park
- In Soweto, visit Nelson Mandela's former home
- Visit the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza
- Sail the River Nile on a 5-star cruise ship
- Visit the Temple of Karnak
- Explore Temple of Luxor
- Visit Valley of the Kings
- Visit the High Dam and Philae Temple
- Sail around Elephantine Island on an Egyptian felucca



Itinerary:

DAY 1, Thursday - Fly to South Africa

Arrive in Cape Town today. Please catch a taxi to your hotel and check in for your pre-tour hotel night accommodation.

DAY 2, Friday - Cape Town

Cape Town, undeniably one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with Table Mountain as the back drop, the rest of the day is at leisure in this seaside city

Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 3, Saturday - Cape Town City Tour

After an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, depart on a half day Cape Town city and Table Mountain tour. Driving to the city centre, pass famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope built in 1666 by the Dutch East India Company and City Hall, a splendid baroque building, and of course the Grand Parade. See St. George's Cathedral, the Anglican Diocese of Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Pass the Company Gardens and the Malay Quarter. The route then leads to Kloof Nek and the magnificent Table Mountain. Ascend to the top (weather permitting) by means of a cable car*. At the summit, see wildflowers, the famous silver tree, and marvel at a birds-eye view of the city and its beaches. On a clear day, it is even possible to see Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, on one side, and Cape Point on the other. Descend from the upper cableway station and proceed to the Milnerton Lighthouse. Later, you will have the opportunity to learn the three-billion-year-old story of diamonds while touring the prominent Shimansky Jewellers & Museum at Cape Town's famous V & A Waterfront. The 45-minute tour reveals the origins of diamond mining and includes explanations of colour, cut and clarity. Following the tour (or for those who do not wish to participate) stroll through the adjacent V & A Shopping Mall with its endless shopping and dining opportunities before returning to your hotel. This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers

**Table Mountain Aerial Cableway closes for annual maintenance in July & August.*

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, Sunday - Cape Peninsula Tour

Depart on a full day Cape Peninsula Tour with lunch along the way. Drive to Cape Point at the southwestern tip of the Cape Peninsula, passing steep mountains, secluded coves, and sweeping beaches en route. After a stop at the fishing village of Hout Bay, one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets, continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, comprising over 17,300 acres of indigenous flora and fauna, where you may see baboons by the roadside, rheboks, cape mountain zebras, bonteboks and the elusive eland. The native plant life, known as fynbos, forms one of only six floral kingdoms in the world. Following the coastline along False Bay, return to Cape Town after lunch by way of Simon's Town. Here, visit the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach, and continue with a scenic drive over Muizenberg Mountain. Lastly, visit the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, resting at the foot of Table Mountain, for a short walking tour of the beautiful gardens before arriving to Cape Town. Tonight, experience local culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment at the *optional* Home Hosted Dinner

Optional: Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5, Monday - Full Day in Cape Town

Enjoy the day at leisure in Cape Town. Perhaps join the *optional* South African Wine Tour which takes you along the country's principal wine route to the scenic towns of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch with tastings along the way. Alternatively, thrill seekers will not want to miss the *optional* excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience great white shark cage diving.* Tonight, attend the *optional* Traditional African Dinner Experience for a memorable evening of live performances and African gastronomy before returning to the hotel

**The South African Wine Tour and Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours*

Optional: South African Wine Tour

Optional: Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving

Optional: Traditional African Dinner Experience

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Tuesday - Flight to Durban, Game Viewing Cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Durban. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, drive to St. Lucia. Later, embark on a game viewing cruise that takes you on the St. Lucia Estuary. This tidal estuary is home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles, and even sharks, making it a fascinating and uniquely diverse ecosystem. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Hluhluwe

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Wednesday - Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, Travel to eSwatini

After an early breakfast, travel to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, situated in northern KwaZulu-Natal, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhinos. Home to Africa's "Big Five," you may have a chance to see elephant, Cape buffalo, lion, and leopard, in addition to rhino during your morning game drive through the reserve. The park also boasts warthog, crocodile, and antelope. Continue to the border of the Kingdom of eSwatini*. This independent kingdom within the borders of South Africa is known for its lovely scenery and vibrant indigenous culture. Stop at a handicraft market this afternoon before arriving at your hotel in the early evening

**Please note: eSwatini is an independent country from South Africa and therefore has different entry requirements. Non-US passport holders are responsible for checking if a visa is required for eSwatini in addition to all other countries on their itinerary*

Overnight: eSwatini

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Thursday - eSwatini Sightseeing and Matsamo Village Visit

After breakfast visit the Ngwenya glass factory, where visitors can watch talented glass blowers create a range of enchanting African animals, birds, and fish, as well as tableware, made from recycled glass that is collected by the children of eSwatini. Transfer to the South African border and visit Matsamo Cultural Village where you can learn more about the Swati traditions and customs. Enjoy traditional dance and song performances with authentic African instruments as well as traditional Swati cuisine. You may wander through the village with its many traditional huts and interact with the locals. Later, continue to the hotel in time for dinner

Overnight: Hazyview

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Friday - Kruger National Park Game Drive

The day begins at dawn with coffee, tea, and rusks, a South African dry biscuit. Upon departure from the hotel, a pre-packed breakfast will be provided for you. Then, on to Kruger National Park for a thrilling full day open-vehicle game drive. Larger than the state of Connecticut, the park offers some of the best game and wildlife viewing opportunities in the world, and early morning is an optimal time of day. You may have a chance to see lion, elephant, giraffe, or zebra in their natural habitat. After stopping at a rest camp for lunch, continue your game drive. With any luck, you may even see cheetah and leopard. After the day's excitement, relax by the pool and enjoy dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Hazyview

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10, Saturday - Panorama Route to Johannesburg

Depart after breakfast and travel to Mpumalanga Province, known as "Paradise Country," driving the spectacular "Panorama Route." Stop to admire the views of amazing scenery along the 16-mile-long Blyde River Canyon, cut deep into red sandstone, and God's Window (weather permitting), a breathtaking vista at the edge of the escarpment overlooking Kruger National Park. Visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, a series of waterfalls and distinctive rock formations created by countless millennia of water erosion before proceeding this afternoon to Johannesburg. Stop at a family-run curio shop before arriving at the hotel

Overnight: Johannesburg

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Sunday - Soweto Tour

After an early breakfast depart on a half day tour of Soweto. Experience a fascinating glimpse of the bustling neighbourhood life of Soweto, the most metropolitan township in the country, setting trends in politics, fashion, music, dance, and language. Drive by the former residence of Bishop Desmond Tutu and visit Nelson Mandela's former home. Continue to the Apartheid Museum, where you will journey through the racial segregation experienced by millions of South Africans. This evening enjoy a dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers

Overnight: Johannesburg

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, Monday - Fly South Africa to Egypt (B)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then it's time to check out of your hotel this morning and make your way to the airport for your flight from Johannesburg to Cairo in Egypt.

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met by our travel representative at the airport immigration area and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

Day 13 - Cairo (Pyramids, Museum)

After breakfast your private Egyptologist tour guide and driver will pick you up and start your tour. Drive to Giza and visit the Pyramids. See the Great Pyramid, a royal burial chamber and the Sphinx. Lunch en route. Visit the Egyptian Museum; this houses a magnificent collection of Pharaonic antiquities, especially the golden treasures of Tut Ankh Amun. Return to hotel for overnight (B,L)

Day 14 - Luxor (Karnak & Luxor Temple)

Upon arrival to Luxor, our representative will pick up you for embarkation on your Nile Cruise. visit the great Luxor Temple and the magnificent Karnak Temple of Amun with its famous Hypostyle Hall and the 134 huge columns, the Statue of Ramses II, the Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut and the Sacred Lake. Overnight in Luxor (B, L, D)

Day 15 - Luxor (West Bank)

In the morning your sightseeing in Luxor includes the West Bank (Thebes) where some of the richest treasures in the world exists, including the Tomb of Tut Ankh Amun (optional) and other royal tombs including Ramses VI in the Valley of the Kings, you will be able to visit some of these tombs, Visit Hatshepsut funerary temple at Dier El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon.

Then transfer back to your Cruise for lunch. In the afternoon you will sail through the locks of Esna to Edfu and dinner on board and Overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 16 - (Edfu & Kom-Ombo)

In the morning, Sail to Edfu, visit Edfu temple, then sail to Kom Ombo, where you will visit the Sobek Temple, dedicated to the two gods, which offers beautiful murals and reliefs. Sail to Aswan and Overnight (B, L, D)

Day 17 - (High Dam, Philae temple, Felucca)

After breakfast you will visit the High Dam, and Philae Temple. In the afternoon you will sail on an Egyptian felucca around Elephantine Island and the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener Island and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. Overnight in Aswan (B, L, D)

Day 18 - Aswan (Free day at leisure)

Breakfast, free day at leisure. Lunch, dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 19 - Aswan / Kom Ombo/ Edfu

After breakfast, sail to Kom Ombo, sail to Edu. Overnight in Edfu (B, L, D)

Day 20 - Edfu / Esna / Luxor

Breakfast, sail to Esna. P.m sail to Luxor, dinner and overnight on board (B, L, D)

Day 21 - Luxor / Cairo

After breakfast, disembarkation from the ship, transfer to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo, transfer to your hotel in Cairo. (B)

Day 22 - Cairo departure, Fly to Australia

Breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport for your finale departure. It's time for this magnificent journey to come to an end and memories to begin! (B)

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.

Optional tours & activities:

Optional activities can be pre-booked to ensure you don't miss out and also enjoy the convenience of paying in Australia dollars before you depart. The details and prices are a guide only, please contact us for the latest rates and inclusions.

Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

This dinner will allow you to meet a local South African family and visit their home. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a home cooked three course meal with wine typical to South Africa. Give yourself the chance to experience local culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment with fascinating conversation about the way of life in South Africa, while also exchanging views as well as experiences with your hosts.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving

Join a thrilling full day excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience great white shark cage diving. Early this morning depart Cape Town and head east to the coastal fishing town of Gansbaai. Upon arrival, the crew of your expedition boat will review the day's activities, safety etiquette and provide fascinating insight to these marine predators. Enjoy a light breakfast before boarding your boat and heading out into the open waters between Geyser Rock and Dyer Island where great white hunt for seals and penguins. Outfitted with a wetsuit, lifejacket and snorkeling mask, climb through the top of the cage secured to the boat. You will take turns with your fellow divers watching these predators under water and from the comfort of the ship deck.

Return to the port in the early afternoon where you will be greeted with a hot bowl of soup and bread. Relax as the marine biologist recaps your adventure and answers any remaining questions before your return to Cape Town.

*Departure from the hotel will be as early as 4 AM and the drive from Cape Town to Gansbaai is approximately 2.5 hours (one way). The boat will be launched around 9 AM and the boat trip will last between 3-5 hours depending on the weather and sea conditions. Shower facilities will be available after the ship returns from the dive. The return transfer to Cape Town will be at approximately 2 PM and arrival at 4:30 PM. Pick-up and drop-off times are approximate and will be advised locally.

*Due to limited capacity, advanced booking is recommended for this tour. This is not an exclusive tour and therefore you may be with passengers from other tour companies. Shark sightings are not guaranteed and are dependent upon weather and sea conditions. Due to inclement weather and/or rough seas, this tour may be canceled and refunded.

*Sea conditions can be unpredictable and may become choppy or very rough at times. As a result, some customers experience discomfort and/or seasickness. Some over-the-counter medications, such as Dramamine or Benadryl, may help reduce or prevent seasickness. Clients who are prone to seasickness are advised not to participate in this tour.

*Optionals "Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving" and "South African Wine Tour" operate at the same time and should not be booked together.



South African Wine Tour

Wind through South Africa's fertile valleys, prized for their renowned vintages, and discover the rustic beauty of sprawling estates shaded by giant oaks and rows of vines running as far as the eye can see. Travel the country's principal wine route and enjoy tastings at some of the excellent vineyards along the way. Begin with a visit to Stellenbosch, South Africa's second oldest town and the historic heart of the country's wine region. First recognized as an ideal location for vineyards in 1679, viticulture has been entwined with the town's history ever since. Also of interest is the town's fascinating variety of architecture, including buildings in Cape Dutch, Georgian, and Victorian styles. Then continue northwest to the old, scenic village of Franschhoek, founded near the Drakenstein Mountains in 1688 by French immigrants, whose descendants eventually supplied highly sought after wine to Napoleon, Bismarck, and even King Edward VII. Stop for lunch on your own, and then enjoy a final tasting before bidding farewell to the wine country and returning to Cape Town.

Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

*Optionals "Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving" and "South African Wine Tour" operate at the same time and should not be booked together.

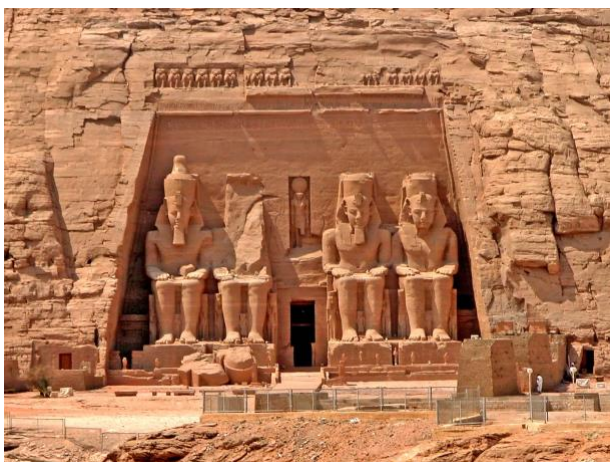
Traditional African Dinner Experience

Treat yourself to a memorable evening of entertainment and traditional African gastronomy. Enjoy an exciting interactive djembe drumming session before dinner. Then, savor a 14-course meal with dishes from several African nations, accompanied by live performances. While dining, you will also witness an extraordinary Mali puppet show.

Approximate tour duration is 4.5 hours.

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Optional Abu Simbel Day Tour from Nile Cruise Ship, from \$225 per person

Itinerary Stop At: Abu Simbel Temple Complex Starts at 5:00 am or 7 am. Your tour guide will pick you up from your hotel in Aswan and drive 3 hour to further south to enjoy Abu Simbel day tour from Aswan by a private air-conditioned vehicle. Visit the two Temples of Abu Simbel, with their unique style, are considered to be the masterpieces of ancient Egypt. They reflect the glory and grandeur of the new Kingdom. The Egyptian government and UNESCO decided to co-operate in order to save these temples from the flood. The Temple of Ramsses II was dedicated to the four universal gods Ptah, Re-Her-Akhtey, Amun-Re, and to Ramsses II himself. The great Abu Simbel temple is also called The Sun Temple of Ramssess II. The Temple of Queen Nefertari is also Called Temple of Hathor who was the wife of the Sun God so in a symbolic way, the two Temples, that of Ramsses II and that of Nefertari, bring Ramesses II, Nefertari, Hathor and the Sun God together as one. Spend around 3 hours there then take the way back to Aswan.

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