

SOUTH AFRICA & EGYPT TOUR



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South Africa & Egypt with Nile Cruise & Flights

Duration: 17 days

Departs: Select dates in 2023 & 2024

Stay: 11 nights hotels, 3 nights Nile cruise

Travel style: Escorted group tours & international flights

Booking code: SAEGT17M

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17 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 an orientation tour of the city. After a quick flight to Johannesburg, swap the city for a game reserve in Limpopo Province, home to an impressive selection of large mammals including the Big Five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino).

Next, fly to Cairo to 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. Finally, enjoy two nights at an all-inclusive resort on the Red Sea.

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 in a short time on value-packed tour

Experience the thrill of seeing Africa's amazing animals on wildlife drives

Enjoy a splendid 3-night cruise down the Nile

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

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

Travel dates...

2023 - departs on Fridays from 13 October to 24 November

2024 - departs on Fridays from 16 to 23 February & 19 April to 22 November

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for current rates & travel dates.

Escorted tour includes:

Flights - International return economy airfares to Cape Town & from Cairo

Intra flights: Cape Town-Johannesburg, Johannesburg-Cairo, Cairo-Aswan

International flights include checked baggage, all fees & taxes

South Africa Inclusions:

- 6 nights accommodation
 - 4 nights Cape Town
 - 2 nights Limpopo Province
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing & game drives as per itinerary
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Egypt Inclusions:

- Airport transfers - meet & assist at Cairo airport
- 8 nights accommodation
 - 5 nights in hotels with private en-suite facilities
 - 3 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise on full board basis
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Transportation in private air-conditioned coach/minibus
- English-speaking Egyptologist tour leader

Package excludes:

Tourist visas & entry fees

Airport transfers in South Africa

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 by airlines, hotels, tour companies & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Tour Experiences & Highlights:

- Experience Cape Town on a panoramic city tour
- Game drives in magnificent Limpopo Province
- Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- See the Pyramid of Zoser; Egypt's first pyramid
- Explore the Philae Temple
- Discover the Temple of Kom-Ombo
- Explore the Karnak Temple Complex
- Visit the Temple of Luxor
- Explore the Valley of the Kings
- Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut; Egypt's only female Pharaoh
- Marvel at the Colossi of Memnon
- Visit the Egyptian Museum to see mummies, sarcophagi and more
- Enjoy a tour of Cairo; Egypt's capital city
- Shop for souvenirs at the Khan El Khalili bazaar
- Enjoy a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with sundeck and swimming pool
- Enjoy a two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Friday - Depart for South Africa

Depart for flights to Cape Town, South Africa

DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in Cape Town

Arrive in Cape Town. As you catch a taxi or make your way to the hotel, you will see the city's iconic symbol, Table Mountain, greeting you in the distance. Balance of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 3, Sunday - Cape Town City Tour

After an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, depart on a city tour. Pass famous landmarks including the Castle of Good Hope, City Hall, the Grand Parade, St. George's Cathedral, Company Gardens, and the Malay Quarter. The route then leads to Kloof Nek and Table Mountain. Perhaps ascend to the summit by cable car* (ticket not included) for bird's eye view of the city and its beaches. Continue to the V & A Waterfront where you will have the opportunity to learn the three billion-year-old story of diamonds while touring prominent Shimansky Jewelers & Museum. Following the tour (or for those who do not wish to participate) stroll through the adjacent V & A Waterfront with its endless shopping and dining opportunities before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure

*Table Mountain Aerial Cableway closes for annual maintenance in July & August. Exact dates will be advised in early 2023.

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Monday - Full Day in Cape Town

While in Cape Town, don't miss the optional tour to Cape Peninsula, known for its steep mountains, secluded coves, and pristine beaches. The Cape of Good Hope, within Table Mountain National Park, is home to at least 250 species of birds as well as antelope, ostrich, and baboons. Walk the rugged cliffs, or take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular that climbs uphill to the old lighthouse. Afterward, visit Boulders Beach to see the unique spectacle of penguins waddling freely, and walk through Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Optional: Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Tuesday - Full Day in Cape Town

Spend 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, Wednesday - Flight to Johannesburg, Evening Game Drive

This morning, fly to Johannesburg, known as "Gauteng: the City of Gold." Upon arrival, drive to Limpopo Province located just three hours outside of Johannesburg. Your stay will be at a game reserve where the varied habitats provide ideal conditions for a selection of large mammals including the Big Five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and rhino). After lunch at the lodge, take a late afternoon game drive accompanied by a ranger to uncover the magic of the African bush. This evening, dinner is at the lodge

Overnight: Limpopo Province

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Thursday - Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

Depart early for a morning game drive, or participate in the optional Balloon Safari. Drift above the beautiful landscape, watching for wild game below. A glass of sparkling wine awaits you at the end of the journey. Join the rest of your group on the morning game drive in open safari vehicles where you may have a chance to see not only the large beasts but also the smaller mammals, birds and insects. After lunch, relax at the lodge before setting out for your afternoon game drive. Return in time for dinner and toast to your final night in South Africa

Optional: Mabula Balloon Safari

Overnight: Limpopo Province

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Friday - Depart South Africa for Egypt

Awake early this morning and set out on your final game drive. After the game drive, bid farewell to the bush and travel east toward Johannesburg. Arrive to the O.R.

Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg at 4 PM for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9: Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Arrive at Cairo International Airport and meet the tour representative who will assist with the immigration process, passport control and baggage collection. Travel to the hotel in Cairo to freshen up before receiving a brief overview of the tour from your Egyptologist tour guide who will accompany the group for the duration of the trip. Find out more about the incredible experiences to look forward to over the following eight days! Relax at the hotel or head out to explore the city during the free time tonight.

DAY 10: Giza Pyramids - Sphinx - Sakkara

This morning, experience the icons of ancient Egypt! Your Egyptologist guide will accompany the group to the Giza pyramid complex. Here, you can see the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Pyramid of Khafre, the Pyramid of Menkaure, and the Great Sphinx. Next, visit Sakkara to see the unique step pyramid of Zoser (also known as Djoser).

This is Egypt's first-ever pyramid and is constructed of six tombs built on top of each other. Choose to complete the day on an epic note with an optional sound and light show at the Giza Pyramids or a dinner cruise along the famous Nile River for a night of Egyptian food, culture and dancing!

DAY 11: Aswan - Philae Temple - Nile Cruise

Catch an early-morning flight to Aswan. Arrive and board the 5-star Nile cruise ship. After some time to freshen up, the Nile quest begins! Start with a visit to the High Dam of Aswan, where your guide will explain 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 can be visited tomorrow). Next, 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 ancient Egypt's oldest goddesses! Enjoy the first night of the Nile Cruise tonight.

DAY 12: Kom-Ombo - Nile Cruise

This morning, enjoy the opportunity to join the 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, continue onwards to Luxor, where the tour will spend the night on board the 5-star cruise ship.

DAY 13: Luxor - Karnak Temple - Nile Cruise

After breakfast, disembark and tour the East Bank of Luxor. Experience the incredible Karnak Temple Complex which is 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. Next, it's time to 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 were key players in the great Opet Festival which was held each year during the flood season.

DAY 14: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut - Hurghada

This morning, it's time for a tour of the West Bank of Luxor. Visit the world-famous Valley of the Kings and explore the incredible tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, such as King Tutankhamen. Then, experience the Temple of Hatshepsut (Deir El Bahari) which is 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. Finally, hop on board the air-conditioned private bus to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast and look forward to a two-night stay at this all inclusive resort!

DAY 15: 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, choose to take part in any number of water sports 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, offering the opportunity to see many colourful fish species, including the Red Sea Clownfish, Emperor Angelfish, Picasso Trigger Fish and Moray Eels. Overnight at the resort in Hurghada.

DAY 16: Hurghada - Cairo

This morning, travel back to Cairo by air-conditioned private minibus. Arrive at the hotel with some time to freshen up before setting out to explore more of Egypt's capital city on a tour of Cairo! Begin with a visit to the Egyptian Museum to learn more about the country's incredible ancient history, followed by a tour of the old city of Cairo including the Hanging Church and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Afterwards, explore Khan El Khalili, a bazaar crammed with souvenir shops, cafés and shisha bars which is a great place to pick up a few souvenirs!

DAY 17: End of tour in Cairo - Fly to Australia

After precious time spent exploring Egypt's ancient wonders and cruising the Nile River, it's time for the tour to come to an end. The tour will finish after breakfast at the hotel in Cairo. My Travel Experience hopes to welcome you on tour again soon and wishes you a safe trip home!

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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