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Egypt Escorted Tour with Nile Cruise & Flights

Duration: 12 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 7 nights hotels, 3 nights Nile cruise

Travel style: Escorted tour Booking code: EGYNR12M

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12 Days Egypt Tour with Nile Cruise & Red Sea

About the holiday

This is Egypt at its most epic! Experience the country's ancient wonders and modern-day splendours.

Start in Cairo and visit the world-famous Pyramids and the Great Sphinx. Venture into the shifting desert sands to explore ancient temples and the Valley of the Kings.

Sail down the Nile River on a 5-star cruise ship and top it all off with a two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort. Discover an enticing mix of history, natural wonders and captivating culture. There's even the chance snorkelling and scuba diving in the mix on this special fully-escorted tour.

Why you'll love this trip...

- Enjoy a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with sundeck and swimming pool
- Explore ancient temples including Philae & Luxor
- Experience the Great Pyramids at Giza, the Valley of the Kings and the Karnak temple complex
- Enjoy a two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort
- Plus, flights from Australia are included on this worry-free adventure

Travel dates

Departs Fridays from Australia between the following dates:

2023 - 13 October to 17 November

2024 - 01 February to 22 November

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.

Want to stay longer or upgrade the flights?

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Escorted tour includes:

Flights

- International return economy airfare to Cairo
- Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide or Perth (contact us for other cities)
- Internal flight from Cairo to Aswan

Accommodation

- 7 nights' accommodation in twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities
- 3 nights' accommodation in twin share cabins with private en-suite facilities on a Nile cruise ship
- Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement for a private room

Meals

• 10 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned private minibus/coach
- 5-star Nile cruise ship with sundeck, swimming pool & bar

Escorted tour

• Services of your Egyptologist tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

Package excludes:

Egypt Visa

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Entrance fees, see the indication of cost at the end of the itinerary

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

Tipping local payment of US\$40 for drivers, waiters & hotel staff

Tip for tour leader, US\$3-\$4 pp/day recommended depending on your satisfaction 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.

Tour highlights:

- Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- See the Pyramid of Zoser; Egypt's first pyramid
- Explore the Philae Temple
- Sail the River Nile on a 5-star cruise ship
- 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
- Stay at an all-inclusive Red Sea resort
- 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
- Saqqara, Dahshur, and Memphis Temples

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia - Fly to Egypt

Day 2: 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 3: Saqqara, Dahshur, and Memphis Temples

Many visitors to Egypt only see the Pyramids of Giza, but you can explore some of the less-visited pyramids on this tour to Saqqara, Dahshur and Memphis. Avoid the hassle of haggling for transport and benefit from an Egyptologist's expertise as you tour the Pyramid of Djoser at Saqqara, the Bent Pyramid and Red Pyramid at Dahshur, and Memphis, once the capital of ancient Egypt.

Day 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 Bahary) 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 allinclusive resort!

Day 9: 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 10: 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 11: Free day Cairo

Today is a free day Cairo. You could do an optional day tour to Alexandria for around \$175 per person extra. This full-day private tour to Alexandria begins at the Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, one of the Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages. Beat the crowds with admission included. Journey to the Bibliotheca Alexandrina where you can examine the history of the region in this major cultural center, located next to the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. Finally, visit the popular Amphitheatre of Alexandria before traveling in comfort back to Cairo.

Day 12: End of tour in Cairo

After 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.

About the tour & additional charges:

Local Payment: Your tour guide will collect a local payment of \$40 USD per person. This covers tipping for all services provided during the tour by local drivers, waiters and hotel staff etc. Please ensure you have this amount ready for the tour leader to collect at the beginning of the tour.

Tipping: Your Egyptologist tour leader is not included in the above tipping. As a general guide, we recommended tipping your tour leader \$3-4 USD per person per day at the end of the tour depending on your satisfaction and his/her general attitude.

Entrance Fees: Please note that entrance fees for the following experiences on this tour are not included in the tour price. Please keep them in mind as you budget for your trip.

Entrance fees (Egyptian pounds per person):

360 EGP, Giza Pyramids & the Sphinx

300 EGP, Sakara Pyramid

330 EGP, Egyptian Museum

300 EGP, Philae Temple

240 EGP, Kom Ombo

300 EGP, Karnak Temple

260 EGP, Luxor Temple

410 EGP, Valley of the Kings

250 EGP, Hatshepsut Temple

Free, Colossi of Memnon

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