

# Classic Cairo Break from only £450pp\*



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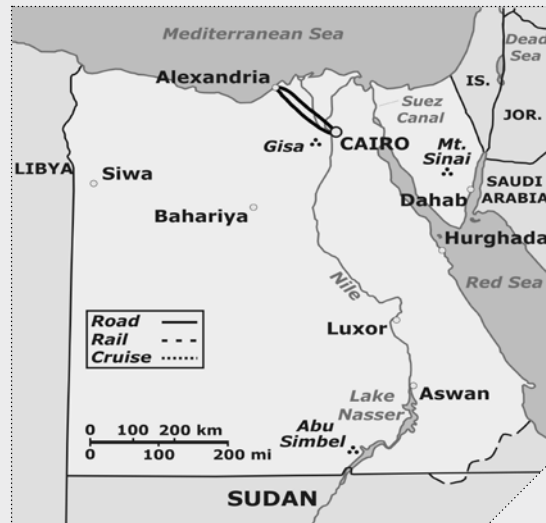
The lively, bustling city of Cairo hides a wealth of treasures just waiting to be discovered. The awesome monuments at Giza, with the towering Pyramids and regal Sphinx, the sprawling Egyptian Museum, home to a huge collection of ancient artefacts, and the colourful, winding alleys of the Khan al Khalili bazaar all combine to make Cairo a great city to visit. Let us introduce you to Egypt's ancient history with this short break to Cairo and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria.

**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

See page 5 for details

**Regular small-group departures run all year round. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.**

Please refer to page 3 or website for details.



<b>FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*</b> ✗	<b>LOCAL PAYMENT:</b> ✗	<b>ENTRANCE FEES:</b> ✓	<b>AIRPORT TRANSFERS:</b> ✓
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## TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Code &amp; Class:</b>	CUEGCC / Superior
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. - 2 Max. - 18 / Min. age - none
<b>Activity - Cultural:</b>	Sightseeing, Nile dinner cruise, camel ride (optional)
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Low
<b>Accommodation:</b>	4 nights in 5-star hotels
<b>Transport:</b>	A/C bus/minibus/car
<b>Meals:</b>	4 Breakfasts (B), 1 Lunch (L) and 1 Dinner (D)

## YOUR 5 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids & Sphinx tour.
- Day 3:** Cairo - City tour. Nile dinner cruise.
- Day 4:** Alexandria - Full day tour.
- Day 5:** Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

"Extension options are available to visit the Red Sea, or Wadi Rayan and the Valley of the Whales. Alternative, if you would like take in some more of the sites in the Nile valley, then check out our Splendours of the Nile tour"

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN CAIRO

You arrive at Cairo airport where we greet and transfer you to your 5-star hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

*Overnight at 5-star hotel in Cairo.*

### DAY 2 / TOUR TO PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of Giza and Saqqara. Giza was built around 4600 years ago as a necropolis (cemetery) for the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). The successor of Sneferu, Khufu was known as a tyrant and in his arrogance decided to have built a tomb that was bigger and better than all others. Standing 500 feet high and 750 feet at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant blocks of stone covered in a hard limestone casing. The casing has, over the years, been stripped away to leave exposed the inner block structure. Together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), the majestic sight of these enormous structures rising out of the desert is a breathtaking spectacle. Here you have the chance to climb inside one of the pyramids (there are a limited number of tickets available, so we cannot guarantee this), and also to take a camel ride (approx. £2-5 p/p for around 30mins). Close by, the mysterious Sphinx stands guard, as it has done so for thousands of years. You have another guided tour around the sphinx and some free time to walk around and take photos.

From here we take you to Saqqara, which lies 25km to the south of Cairo. Djoser's (Zoser's) Step Pyramid (built 4700 years ago) dominates the skyline and is believed to have been the ancient Egyptians' first attempt at Pyramid building. The entire 7km stretch of desert at Saqqara is a treasure trove of pyramids, temples and tombs, which we will have plenty of time to explore, while we learn

about the history of pyramid building in Egypt.

For this, and all of your sightseeing tours, a local English-speaking Egyptologist guide will accompany you.

From here we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the city's many excellent restaurants.

*Overnight at 5-star hotel in Cairo (B).*

### DAY 3 / CAIRO, TOUR

After breakfast we take you on a tour of Cairo. Founded in 969 AD by Gohar, a Fatimid army leader, El Kahera (Cairo) soon became the capital of Egypt. Subsequent additions like the El Azhar mosque, the Islamic University, and defensive walls and a citadel, built by Saladin in 1179, have helped Cairo remain Egypt's principal city. The 16-year reign of Ismail (1830-1895) ushered in a new period of expansion and modernisation in Cairo. Areas like Heliopolis, Dokki and Roda were added, while gardens, Opera houses, large hotels and wide, tree lined avenues were built. Further post revolutionary, urban expansion has left Cairo as one of the world's largest cities. Today it is a bustling metropolis of over 20 million people, a strange mix of modern and old, a unique blend of diverse cultures and a gateway to Egypt's past.

Your tour includes a visit to the Egyptian Museum (which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display), the Citadel (a collection of mosques and palaces, with a great view over the city), and the Khan al Khalili bazaar (a mazy market that offers a window to the past and a guaranteed souvenir).

In the evening you board a 5-star river steamer for a dinner cruise on the Nile. You will enjoy the unique taste of Middle Eastern cuisine whilst experiencing traditional Egyptian Sufi and belly dancing.

*Overnight at 5-star hotel in Cairo (B D).*

### DAY 4 / ALEXANDRIA, TOUR

Today you will take a day trip to Alexandria by private air-conditioned car/minibus. The guided tour is flexible, but normally features the Roman amphitheatre, which has twelve semi-circular marble tiers and is in remarkably good condition, the Citadel built on the site of the famous ancient lighthouse, and the Catacombs of Kom al-Shoqafa, which is the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria. Dating from the beginning of the Second Century AD this cemetery displays a unique blend of Pharaonic and Roman art. We may also visit the Al-Montazah Palace in its peaceful garden setting. It overlooks a beautiful beach where we sometimes take time to relax and swim. Later in the afternoon we have the chance to stroll around Alexandria before returning to Cairo. The tour includes a guide, all transportation, lunch and lasts for the full day.

*Overnight at 5-star hotel in Cairo (B L).*

### DAY 5 / TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

*(B).*

### DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales option**  
**5-day Hurghada Red Sea extension option**

*See pages 3-4 for details*

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## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

### PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date. We add a small supplement for these departures. Please contact us first to check availability.

### TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OPTIONS:

#### Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into two types

A - Those that must be booked in advance (mainly accommodation based). Prices for these are set in GB Pounds and must be booked and paid for in advance of your arrival.

B - Those that may be arranged in Egypt (eg. hot air balloon flights, extra city tours, sound & light shows etc.). Prices for these are set in Egyptian Pounds, and they are paid for while you are in Egypt. This gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in advance and then not do it.

### A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

#### Single room supplement - Price: £200

If you have any single travellers in your party, then if you want to guarantee them a single room, then you can add this single supplement option to cover all the hotels used in the tour.

Triple rooms or extra beds are available for children to share their parents room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your family.

#### Extra days - Price: subject to party make-up

These are available on request in Cairo before and after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time in Aswan, Luxor, or Hurghada we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 4 or 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

#### Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales - Price: see Options sheet

This option leaves Cairo in the morning of Day 5, and takes a private car/minibus or 4WD jeep via the Meidum Pyramid, one of the very first attempts at building a true pyramid, to the Fayoum area, about 90 minutes drive from Cairo. This extensively irrigated area is the most fertile region in Egypt and for centuries has supplied Egypt with wheat and numerous other crops. We stop to see the water wheels which have powered the irrigation for centuries, visit a natural spring, and see the Birket Qarn salt lake, home to many different birds including flamingos on one of the islands. We spend the night in a hotel by the lake (normally the 4-star Helnan Auberge).

The following morning we drive straight to the Wadi Rayan

Protected Area, which surrounds a fresh-water lake in the middle of the desert, which is filled by the remaining irrigation water from the Fayoum area. There are several waterfalls here, and a bird hide which gives good views of the lakes birdlife, particularly in the winter months when the lake is an important stop for migrating water-birds. We also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, and host to many different plants and animals, including Dorcas Gazelle, Ruppell's Sand Fox and Fennec Fox.

After a stop for a packed lunch, we then drive into the stunning desert & mountain scenery of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is accepted as the most significant site in the world to demonstrate the evolution of whales, and we take a 2-3km walk here to see several specimens of fossilised whales of different types sitting on the surface of the sand, as well as fossilised mangroves and the remains of crab holes.

We return this evening to Cairo where we spend a night in a hotel before the tour finishes on Day 16 with a transfer to the airport for your departure.

**Day 5** - Morning drive via Meidum pyramid to Fayoum and tour. *Overnight at hotel in Fayoum (B).*

**Day 6** - Full day tour to Wadi Rayan & Valley of the Whales. Drive back to Cairo. *Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B L).*

**Day 7** - Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure. *(B).*

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## 5-day Hurghada Red Sea extension option - Price: see Options sheet

This 5-day, 5-night option fits in after you finish the main tour in Cairo and Alexandria, and allows you to spend some time relaxing at the popular Red Sea resort of Hurghada. It can be extended easily by adding extra days (see Extra Days option).

**Day 5** - Morning drive to Hurghada (private car, 5-6 hours). Transfer to 5-star beach resort. Free afternoon.  
*Overnight at 5-star resort in Hurghada (B D)*

**Day 6-8** - Hurghada. Free time.  
*Overnight at 5-star resort in Hurghada (B D)*

**Day 9** - Midday drive back to Cairo.  
*Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B)*

**Day 10** - Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure. (B)

You leave Cairo on Day 5 for the 5-6 hour drive (private AC car or minibus) to Hurghada before checking into a 5 star beach resort. You then have the whole of the next three days free to relax and enjoy Egypt's most popular Red Sea beach resort. The beautiful, sandy beaches and crystal blue waters make Hurghada the ideal place to relax and sunbathe, but for the more active there is plenty to do to keep busy. Some of the best diving and snorkelling in the world can be found around Hurghada, but if you would rather stay dry then try a glass bottom boat ride to view the spectacular, nearby coral reefs. Maybe a jeep safari or camel ride into the desert is more to your taste or an excursion to the nearby monasteries of St Paul's and St Anthony's. You can choose to do as much or as little as you want in Hurghada and your hotel or our rep will help to arrange these for you during your stay. After your time in Hurghada we drive you back to Cairo leaving around midday. After checking back into the 5 star hotel in Cairo, the rest of the evening is free.

We then transfer you to the airport the next day (would be Day 10)

*Book in advance. Pay in advance.*

## Pyramid view room upgrade - Price: see Options sheet

If you would like to upgrade your hotel room to one with a direct view of the pyramids, then you can add this option to your booking (subject to availability). The price covers your 4 nights in Cairo.

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## Cairo to Hurghada to Cairo flight option - Price: on request

Should you wish, you have the option of taking domestic flights (Egypt Air) for the journeys from Cairo-Hurghada, and back from Hurghada-Cairo. Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

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## B - OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN EGYPT

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Egypt in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Egyptian Pounds but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Cairo for these payments (3% fee).

## Sound & Light shows - Price: see Options sheet

These are available at the Pyramids in Cairo, Philae Temple in Aswan, and Karnak Temple in Luxor. Prices include all transfers and your entrance ticket. Please check the start time for the English language show before booking as they can be very late.

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary

- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- All transport

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Our Superior level tours use high quality hotels, in which all rooms have air-conditioning, en-suite bathrooms, telephone and cable TV. Other facilities and services include swimming pools in pleasant garden surroundings, an assortment of coffee shops, cafes, restaurants and shops, fitness studio, business centre, laundry service and room service.

## Notes:

- *5-star standards in Egypt may vary slightly from those in Western countries. However, we regularly inspect the hotels we use to ensure their high levels of facilities and service.*
- *Single, double & twin rooms are available on request. Triple rooms are not generally available. Connecting rooms are available for families in the hotels, but not on the cruise boats.*
- *At certain times of the year or where circumstances dictate we may need to use different hotels from those listed below. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.*
- *If you are joining one of our group tours, or booking a private departure on the normal tour itinerary, then we will confirm your hotels about a week before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.*

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• On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels in Egypt run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is often compulsory, whether you attend or not, and is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to our private & tailor-made tour prices as required.

## Hotels used on this tour:

### Cairo (5-star):

Oberoi Mena House, Le Meridien Pyramids, Sofitel Le Sphinx.

These are all in the pyramids area, with great views of the pyramids from the hotel grounds. Pyramid view room upgrades are available on request. City centre hotels may be used during some peak seasons and for private tours. A supplementary cost may need to be added for the Oberoi Mena House if you choose this hotel for a private tour.

## TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Cairo airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers. Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Cairo airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

## TRANSPORT:

The transport used on this tour includes private AC cars or minibuses. All vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price. However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If

you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

## TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide whilst you are in Egypt. He/she will be with you for all of the sightseeing tours in Cairo and Alexandria. Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service, and will be handling all the practical arrangements for the tour. For some private tours and groups of fewer than 4 people, we may use one guide in Cairo, and a second guide for the Alexandria tour. Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt, and for more details on our reasons for this please visit the 'Tour Type' page on our website.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary. Entrance to the interior of the pyramids, and the mummy room in the Egyptian museum are not included, as the guides are not allowed in with you, and there are only limited tickets issued for the inside of the Great pyramid (allow £8 for the mummy room, and £2-10 to go inside each of the pyramids).

Camera fees may be applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the tour price.

## COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

## DATES & PRICES:

We run regular small-group departures on this tour, normally every two weeks, throughout the year. These departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request. We can also run the set tour itinerary privately for you on other dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

## HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Egypt we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Egypt include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

## VISAS:

British, European, and many other nationalities can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost £10). All African nationals will need to arrange their visa in advance. For further information on your visa requirements, please contact us, or checkout the visa pages on our website.

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## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person travelling on of our Egyptian tours. This is split between two projects - the Dar Al Rahman orphanage in Cairo, and a desert clean-up project in Wadi Rayan, near Al Fayoum. If you would like to visit or support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, please let your guide or our Cairo representatives know. Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc. Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

## YOUR SPACE @ UNCOVER THE WORLD:

We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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