

# Egypt Uncovered



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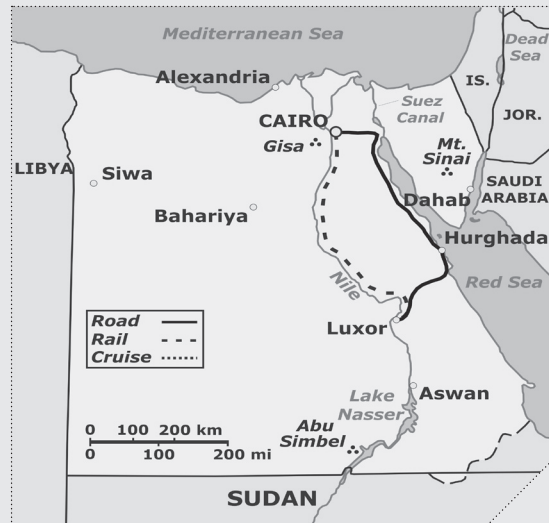
The beauty and splendour of Egypt has captivated travellers for centuries. Awe-inspiring, ancient monuments rise majestically from the desert to give a glimpse of Egypt's mighty past. The lush, green Nile valley cuts through barren, sandy desert and the hustle and bustle of Cairo hides a wealth of interesting sights. Add to this the sun-drenched, sandy beaches and crystal blue waters of the Red Sea and Egypt is undoubtedly a perfect place to visit. This 9-day tour covers all this in a week away from home.

**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

See below 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 see notes below or our 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:</b>	CUEGEU
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. 2 Max. 18 / Min. age - 12 (group deps only)
<b>Travel Idea:</b>	Classic Journey
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Easy
<b>Comfort Rating:</b>	Luxury
<b>Accommodation:</b>	7 nights in 5-star hotels, 1 night on sleeper train
<b>Transport:</b>	A/C bus/minibus/car, sleeper train

## YOUR 9 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Egyptian museum tour, overnight sleeper train to Luxor (flight option)
- Day 3:** Luxor - West Bank tour.
- Day 4:** Luxor - East Bank tour.
- Day 5:** Luxor - Free time (hot air balloon flight option). Overland drive to Hurghada.
- Day 6:** Red Sea resort - Free time.
- Day 7:** Red Sea resort - Free time.
- Day 8:** Red Sea resort - Drive to Cairo (flight option).
- Day 9:** Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

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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 a hotel in Cairo.*

### DAY 2 / CAIRO, TOUR TO PYRAMIDS, SPHINX AND MUSEUM

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of the pyramids & sphinx at Giza. 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. At 500 feet high and 750 feet wide at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant stone blocks with 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 (Chephern) 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 in the Great Pyramid, so we cannot guarantee entry), 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 back to the centre of Cairo to visit the Egyptian Museum, one of the world's most famous museums. The museum houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display.

At the end of the day we transfer you to the station for an overnight sleeper train to Luxor.

*Overnight in cabin on sleeper train (B D).*

### DAY 2 EXTRA OPTIONS

#### Cairo to Luxor flight option

### DAY 3 / LUXOR, WEST BANK

The town of Luxor is built on and around the ancient site of Thebes, and boasts the largest concentration of ancient ruins in the Nile Valley, if not the world. To the West of the Nile lies the City of the Dead, with its mortuary temples and rock-hewn tombs, whilst to the east lie the Temples of Luxor & Karnak.

After our early morning arrival, we take a tour to the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings where you will see several of the elaborately painted underground tombs in which the Pharaohs and their Queens were buried. Your guide will choose the best tombs open during your visit (the entry ticket covers 3 tombs – extra visits are available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI for an extra fee paid locally). Arriving here early avoids the biggest crowds and the extreme heat in the middle of the day (also, our hotel rooms will not be ready to check into yet).

Next we take you to visit the unique three-tiered Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatchepsut. Dedicated to the God Amun this temple complex framed by towering cliffs is a wondrous sight. We then visit Medinat Habu, a temple of Ramses III, which is not on most tourist itineraries, but has some of the very deepest carved hieroglyphs, and the best preserved coloured wall paintings, really giving you an idea of how these Egyptian temples looked in their prime.

Finally you will stop to see the Colossi of Memnon, two huge 50 feet high statues of King Amenhotep II, before returning to check into your hotel by the Nile. The afternoon is free for you to relax or explore Luxor.

*Overnight at a hotel in Luxor (B).*

### DAY 4 / LUXOR, EAST BANK

Today's half-day tour is to the East Bank of Luxor. Your tour will include a visit to the Temple of Luxor, and the huge temple complex at Karnak. The great Temple of Amun at Karnak was once the religious centre of Thebes and Upper Egypt. It was linked to Luxor by an extensive avenue, which was lined with sphinxes, and the whole complex was in turn linked to the Nile via a canal through which moved the sacred boats of the god Amun. Entering through a smaller sphinx-lined avenue, built by Ramesses II, you come to the immense pylon entrance. Inside the huge Courtyard are three chapels dedicated to the gods Amun, Khus and Mut. The remarkable Hypostyle Hall has 134 towering columns, each carved with scenes of gods and pharaohs, and hieroglyphic inscriptions adorn the walls. Lying 3 km to the south of Karnak in the centre of town, the Temple of Luxor was built by Amenophis III and later enlarged by Ramses II. The partially damaged statues inside all represent Ramses II, and it was he who built the colonnaded forecourt. The Colonnade and Court of Amenophis III are perhaps the most striking parts of the temple.

The rest of your time today is free for you to relax in the hotel or explore Luxor.

*Overnight at a hotel in Luxor (B).*

### DAY 5 / LUXOR, FREE DAY. DRIVE TO HURGHADA

Your day is free in Luxor for you to relax or do some more sightseeing.

There is a lot to see in and around Luxor, and you can arrange more sightseeing tours with your guide and our reps if you wish (e.g. the Ramesseum, or the tombs in the Valley of the Nobles, or Valley of the Queens). Alternatively, you can relax in the hotel, explore the bazaars and streets in town, visit the Luxor museum, take a camel or horse ride along the Nile or into the desert, or take a felucca sailboat trip on the Nile.

There is the an option for an early morning hot-air balloon flight

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today.

We leave Luxor in the afternoon for the drive to our Red Sea Resort in Hurghada (approx. 4 ½ hours).

*Overnight in Red Sea resort (B D).*

## DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS

### Hot air balloon option

## DAY 6-7 / RED SEA RIVIERA

You now have the whole of the next two 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 and St Anthony. You can choose to do as much or as little as you want in Hurghada and your resort or our reps will help to arrange everything for you during your stay.

Your time in the resort is on a half-board basis.

*Overnight in Red Sea resort (2xB, 2xD).*

## DAY 8 RED SEA RESORT. DRIVE TO CAIRO

You have a free morning in Hurghada today, before we head north, following the Red Sea Coast to the Suez Canal, and back to Cairo (approx. 6 hour drive). It is possible to start your international flight journey home from Hurghada if you wish, though a stop-off in Cairo will be required en-route.

In the evening you board a river steamer for dinner on the Nile. You will enjoy the unique taste of Middle Eastern cuisine whilst experiencing traditional Egyptian Sufi and Belly Dancing.

*Overnight at a hotel in Cairo (B D).*

## DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS

### Hurghada to Cairo flight option

### Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales option

## DAY 9 TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and your time is free until we transfer you to the airport for your flight home. (B).



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## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour starting on Saturdays 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 three types

A - Those that must be booked and paid for in advance (mainly accommodation based).

B - Those that may be booked in advance or in Egypt (generally things you may know you definitely want to do. eg. hot air balloon flights, day trips out of Cairo)

C - Those that are arranged while you are in Egypt (eg. extra city tours, dinner cruises, sound & light shows etc.). Leaving decisions about these until you get to Egypt 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.

### Prices:

Prices for all of these options are given on our website and/or in a separate Option Price List provided on your arrival in Egypt and from our UK office.

## 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

If you have any single travellers in your party, then generally they need to add this supplement option to cover a single room in all the hotels used on the tour and on the cruise boat (We do not share rooms between people not booking together on our 'Luxury' level tours). Triple rooms with 3 separate full size beds are

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not generally available in many of the hotels or cruise boat. Extra beds may be available in some hotels only for children to share their parents' room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your party.

## Extra days - Price: subject to hotel & 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 elsewhere, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. If you wish, you may book a hotel at a higher or lower level than that used on the tour. In this case, we can offer a transfer to/from the group hotel for a small charge (paid locally). Prices include a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and your airport transfer. Single room supplements apply.

## Cairo/Luxor, Hurghada/Cairo flight options - Price: on request

The overnight sleeper train timings fit in well with the tour, but if you do want to upgrade, this option provides an extra night in the hotel, all transfers, and an internal flight with Egypt Air instead of the train. We also offer the option of flying back to Cairo from Hurghada. Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

## Pyramid view room upgrade

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 first night in Cairo.

## B - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN ADVANCE AND 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). Once booked and paid for, these options are not refundable if you choose not to do them while on the tour.

## Hot air balloon flight

This runs early in the morning in Luxor, so that you catch the early morning sun while you float over the west bank of the Nile. The option price is based on using one of the first flights of the day to see the rising sun over the West Bank of the Nile, so it is a very early start. All transfers are included and you get around 1 hour in the air. You do not miss out on any other activities.

If flights are cancelled for any reason (eg. very strong winds), a refund will be provided.

**Note:** Please remember to check that your travel insurance will cover hot air balloon flights as many require you to book and pay for the flight in advance. The balloon operators we use are fully licensed and insured - you may see cheaper options advertised locally for later start times and with operators which don't have all this cover in place.

## C - OPTIONS BOOKABLE 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. Some examples are given below.

Payments may be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) or in local currency 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).

Once booked and paid for, options are generally not refundable if you choose not to do them for any reason later in the tour.

Sound & Light show at the Pyramids (Cairo)  
Sound & Light show at Karnak Temple (Luxor)  
Nile Dinner cruise (Cairo)  
Cairo Night-time tour  
Sunset Felucca sailboat trip on the Nile in Cairo

## 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
- All transport
- Tipping Kitty
- Sleeper train upgrade
- All site entrance fees

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips for your guide, and other personal expenses
- Entrance fees to sites not mentioned (mummy room etc..)
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Tours with our 'luxury' comfort rating use mainly high quality 5-star hotels to provide you with all the luxury and comfort available. We may still use more basic overnight sleeper trains and slightly lower level hotels where necessary, but the vast majority of the tour will be in 5-star hotels.

If you are joining one of our group tours, or booking a private

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departure on the normal tour itinerary, then we will confirm your hotels a couple of weeks before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.

Please see our website for more details of the hotels that may be used on the tour.

## Notes:

- 5-star standards in Egypt may vary slightly from those in Western countries and they do vary between different towns/cities in each country as well. 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 with three separate full size beds are not generally available. Extra beds (normally a mattress or sofa-bed) are available for children under 12 to share a room with their parents in the hotels and on the cruise boat, though they do make the cruise boat cabins rather cramped. Connecting rooms are available for families in the hotels.
- On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels in Egypt & Jordan run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is often compulsory, whether you attend or not, and if this is the case it is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to our private & tailor-made tour prices as required.

## TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at balancing a comfortable and enjoyable travelling experience with seeing as much of Egypt and Egyptian life as possible. We therefore use the overnight sleeper train for the journeys between Cairo and Luxor instead of the much more basic sitting train, and private air-conditioned minibuses and coaches for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily.

## TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Cairo airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

## 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:

In order to provide the most personal service, and to make sure that you get as much out of our tours as possible, we like to keep our groups small. We therefore set the maximum number at 18 and the minimum at 2 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family (min age 12).

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide. He/she will be with you for all of the sightseeing tours in Cairo and the Nile Valley. 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 Luxor section.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and

the sites you are seeing. More details are given on our website.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary. Entrance tickets 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 approx. £12 for the mummy room, and £3-12 to go inside each of the pyramids).

In the Valley of the Kings, your entrance ticket covers 3 tombs. Extra tickets may be purchased locally to visit the tombs of Ramses V & VI (recommended, approx. £7 p/p) and of Tutankhamun (small tomb currently displaying the mummy of Tutankhamun, approx. £12 p/p).

## TIPPING:

Tipping is very much a part of Egyptian culture and customs. To make our prices more transparent and so it is easier for you to budget and less hassle while in Egypt, we include a 'Tipping Kitty' in your tour price. This provides tips for a wide range of people you'll meet along the tour including hotel porters, train and station staff, drivers, local reps etc.. Your Egyptologist guide is not included in this kitty and you may tip them at the end of your tour subject to your satisfaction with and appreciation of the service they have provided.

## 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.

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## 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:

Many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost US\$15 or equivalent).

All African nationals will need to arrange their Egypt visa in advance.

## 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. You will have the chance to visit the orphanage if you wish during your time in Cairo, and if you would like to support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, you would be very welcome.

Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

## COUNTRY GUIDE:

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

We also provide a Welcome Pack when you arrive in Egypt with more information including a tipping guide, local travel guide and an options information & booking sheet. Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

## FACEBOOK / TWITTER / UNCOVER THE WORLD COMMUNITY:

Uncover the World recently joined the Facebook community; it would be great if you joined us and shared some of your travel photos and stories. It's also a great way to stay in touch with your fellow travellers, share photos, and also keep updated with special offers and news about new tours and destinations from us - click on [www.facebook.com/UncoverTheWorld](http://www.facebook.com/UncoverTheWorld) and 'Like' us.

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**We were very impressed with the tour and how well organized it was at all times. We would definitely recommend this company to our friends and we will use it again.**



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