

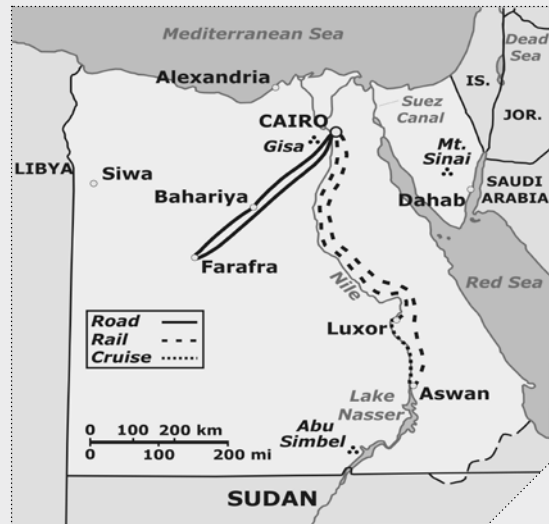
# Pharaohs and Deserts from only £660pp\*



15 DAYS / SMALL GROUP OR PRIVATE TOUR / STANDARD TOUR /

Once described as “the gift of the Nile”, Egypt is a land of awe-inspiring monuments, great natural beauty and a genuinely friendly people. From the vast collection of architectural wonders, which lie along the Nile Valley, the beauty of the desert lake and spring oasis of Wadi Rayan, and the stunning desert scenery in the Western Deserts, Egypt has something for everyone. This tour gives a comprehensive introduction to both the history and natural beauty of this ancient country.

**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**  
See page 6 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 4 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>	CUEGPD / Standard
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. - 2 Max. - 18 / Min. age - 12
<b>Activity – Cultural:</b>	Sightseeing, felucca cruise, desert jeep safari
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Low
<b>Accommodation:</b>	8 nights in hotels, 2 nights on a felucca, 2 overnight trains, 2 night desert camping
<b>Transport:</b>	1st class train, A/C minibus/jeep, felucca sailboat
<b>Meals:</b>	12 Breakfasts (B), 4 Lunches (L) and 6 Dinners (D)

## YOUR 15 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

<b>Day 1:</b>	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Saqqara tour.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Cairo - Free day (City tour option). O/n train to Aswan.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Aswan - Tour to Philae temple, Aswan dam.
<b>Day 5-6:</b>	Aswan - Abu Simbel option. Island felucca trip. Felucca cruise to Komombo.
<b>Day 7:</b>	Tour Komombo & Edfu. Drive to Luxor, East bank tour.
<b>Day 8:</b>	Luxor - (hot air balloon option) West bank tour. Overnight train to Cairo.
<b>Day 9:</b>	Drive to Meidum pyramid, Fayoum oasis tour.
<b>Day 10:</b>	Wadi Rayan protected area, and the Valley of the Whales.
<b>Day 11:</b>	Drive from Cairo to Baharya.
<b>Day 12:</b>	Baharya oasis tour. White Desert jeep safari. Overnight camp.
<b>Day 13:</b>	Jeep safari. Farafra oasis.
<b>Day 14:</b>	Baharya. Drive to Cairo.
<b>Day 15:</b>	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 hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

*Overnight at hotel in Cairo.*

### DAY 2 / CAIRO. PYRAMIDS & SPHINX TOUR

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. 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 (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 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.

Next stop is Saqqara, 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.

Finally we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the hotel's restaurants or head into town.

*Overnight at hotel in Cairo.*

### DAY 3 / CAIRO, FREE DAY

After breakfast the day is free for you to explore Cairo yourself, or book a city tour through us. 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.

At the end of your day in Cairo there is a little free time and an option to visit the orphanage that we support in Cairo before we transfer you to the train station for an overnight train journey to Aswan (approx. 20.40-09.00, reclining seats, sleeper upgrade available).

*Overnight on train to Aswan (B).*

### DAY 3 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Cairo city tour option**

**Sleeper train upgrade option**

### DAY 4 / ASWAN, PHILAE TEMPLE

After arriving in Aswan, we visit the Temple of Philae, a complex dedicated to Isis and reclaimed from the rising waters of Lake Nasser, which we reach by a scenic boat ride. We may also stop to visit the Aswan Dam. We then check into a hotel with great views over the Nile.

Aswan is Egypt's most southerly city and throughout history has controlled the trade routes both to the north and the south, and has acted as a gateway to and from Africa. Situated on the banks of the Nile it now lies at the northern end of Lake Nasser. This 360 mile long and 6 mile wide lake was created after the building of the High Dam, and covers the area once occupied by the ancient kingdom of Nubia. The Nile here is at its most picturesque, with cascading rapids, lush green islands, and feluccas sailing to and fro. The city is a melting pot of African and Middle Eastern cultures, most easily experienced by wandering through the busy souqs, which assail the senses with a riot of colours, sounds, and smells.

*Overnight at hotel in Aswan.*

### DAY 5 / ASWAN, FELUCCA CRUISE

This morning is free for you to explore the town, stroll through the bazaars, and walk along the Nile at your leisure. Alternatively you can take the chance to visit the remarkable temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel, which were dismantled and rebuilt when Lake Nasser was flooded.

After checking out of our hotel, we visit the islands in the Nile at Aswan by felucca or motorboat (depending on the weather). These include Elephantine Island, with its Nubian villages, Pharaonic ruins, museum and Nileometer; and Kitchener Island, with its beautiful and peaceful botanical gardens. Later in the afternoon, we board a traditional felucca sailboat for a 2-night cruise on the Nile. We sail a short way out of Aswan and spend the night moored by the banks of the Nile. We can sometimes arrange to visit a traditional Nubian house this evening where toilets and refreshments

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are available. We dine on typical Egyptian food prepared by the boat captain & crew on the boat before drifting asleep under the stars (see Note on feluccas below).

*Overnight on board a felucca (B D).*

## DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Abu Simbel option**

**Luxury cruise option**

## DAY 6 / FELUCCA CRUISE, KOMOMBO

After breakfast on board, we spend the day sailing peacefully downriver relaxing in the sun and watching the world drift by.

We spend the night on the boat just before Komombo, and enjoy some typical Nubian musical entertainment from the boat crew (do join in!).

**Note:** *the felucca cruise itinerary is subject to slight alterations en-route.*

*Overnight on board a felucca (B L D).*

## DAY 7 / KOMOMBO & EDFU, LUXOR EAST BANK TOUR

We finish our felucca cruise after breakfast, at Komombo, where there are the remains of a temple dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. Leaving the felucca, we transfer from Komombo by mini-coach to Luxor via Edfu Temple, a well-preserved complex dedicated to the God Horus, before continuing on to Luxor and checking into our hotel.

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. 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 Karnak & Luxor temples.

This afternoon we take a tour of the East Bank, visiting the Temples of Karnak and Luxor. 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, 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, Mut and Khous. 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.

*Overnight at hotel in Luxor (B).*

## DAY 8 / LUXOR, WEST BANK TOUR. OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO CAIRO

After a very early breakfast, we take a tour to the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings. A hot air balloon flight is available this morning over the west bank if you wish.

In the Valley of the Kings, you will see several of the elaborately painted underground tombs in which the Pharaohs were buried. Your guide will choose the best tombs open during your visit (the main entry ticket covers 3 tombs – extra visits are also available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI). 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 Luxor for lunch. In the

evening, we transfer to the overnight train back to Cairo (approx. 22.30-08.05, reclining seats, sleeper upgrade available).

*Overnight on train to Cairo (B).*

## DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Hot air balloon option**

**Sleeper train upgrade option**

## DAY 9 / FAYOUM TOUR, MEIDUM PYRAMID

After arriving into Cairo by train, we head out to the Fayoum region. 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. En-route to Fayoum we visit the Meidum Pyramid, one of the very first attempts in Egypt at building a true pyramid. We drive by jeep to Wadi Hitan where we will stay overnight at a basic but comfortable camp surrounded by spectacular cliffs with great views over the valley.

*Overnight at Wadi Hitan Camp (D).*

## DAY 10 / WADI RAYAN, VALLEY OF THE WHALES

After breakfast we begin our tours of Wadi Rayan Protected Area. Wadi Rayan 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, which hosts 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

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(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 head back to Cairo after today's tours where we will stay overnight in a 3 star hotel.

*Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B L).*

## DAY 11 / DRIVE TO BAHARYA OASIS

We leave Cairo this morning and drive into the barren Western Deserts, to the Baharya oasis (approx. 4-5 hour drive). Situated in a depression covering some 2000 sq km Baharya is divided between 4 villages, the largest of which is Bawiti. Famous for its dates, wine and hot springs, it is a peaceful and picturesque setting amid the harsh, barren landscape of the desert. Here we stay in a simple but comfortable hotel.

*Overnight at hotel, Baharya (B D).*

## DAY 12 / WHITE DESERT, JEEP SAFARI

After breakfast, we take a tour around the Baharya oasis. This will include a visit to the English House, which is the ruined remains of a WW1 fort perched atop a nearby hill, and The Black Mountain. Next, we head heading into the White Desert using 4X4 jeeps. The White Desert is named after its white mica ground cover, and white rocks, shaped into curious toadstool, castles, and pillar like formations. On the way we stop to visit huge golden sand dunes and the dazzling Crystal Mountain, a rocky outcrop consisting of quartz crystals that lie strewn across the sand. At the foot of the hill a natural rock arch stands defying gravity. From here we head to our campsite in the White Desert and along the way collect wood for the campfire.

Our guide will prepare our meal and then you can relax, reflect on the stunning desert scenery you've seen today, and appreciate the

silence and bright starry night sky that can only be found in such a vast uninhabited place.

*Overnight in White Desert (B L D).*

## DAY 13 / FINISH SAFARI, FARAFRA OASIS

After breakfast in the White Desert we finish our safari in the Farafra Oasis, stopping on our way at the Black Desert to see the "flowers of the desert". These spiky chunks of black rock are formed by the rapid crystallization of volcanic eruptions under the sea, and are scattered all across the barren landscape.

At Farafra we take a short tour of the oasis and break for lunch. This is the smallest and most peaceful of the Western Desert oases, and many of the inhabitants are Bedouins who adhere to some of their ancient traditions. You'll see small mud-brick houses in the old area of town, many painted with verses of the Koran and paintings depicting their journeys to Mecca, and can stop to see the sand paintings, and sculptures of the world famous local artist, Badr Abd El Moghny. After a final stop in the oasis for a dip in one of the springs, we drive back through the desert to Baharya and our hotel.

*Overnight at hotel in Baharya (B L D).*

## DAY 14 / BAHARYA OASIS, TOUR

We checkout of the hotel, and set off into the desert again, to arrive back in Cairo soon after midday. We check in at our hotel and have the rest of the day free to do some shopping in the bazaar, take an evening dinner cruise on the Nile, or go back to the pyramids for a memorable sound & light show.

*Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B).*

## DAY 15 / TOUR ENDS

Our tour ends after breakfast and your day is free until we transfer you to the airport in time for your flight home.

*(B).*

## 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

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reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

## Single room supplement - Price: £115

If you are a single traveller joining one of our Standard level group tours, then if you are happy to, you may share a twin room with another single traveller on the tour of the same sex. If there are no other single travellers available for you to pair up with at the time of your booking, then we will need to add the single supplement to your tour price, but will refund this if we are able to pair you up later on.

**Note:** Couples will always be given a private double room, and triple/family rooms are available on request.

## 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 elsewhere, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

## Sleeper train upgrade - Price: £30/£50 p/p each way (twin/single)

If you would like to upgrade your overnight train journeys from the 1st class carriage with reclining seats, to a sleeper train, we are happy to arrange this. On the sleeper train you get a private twin cabin, with seats, two fold down beds, a storage closet and sink. An airline-style dinner and breakfast are included. The normal train we use has both reclining seats and sleeper cabins on it, but subject to availability you may need to travel on a different train with slightly different times.

## Cairo/Aswan or Luxor/Cairo flight option - Price: on request

The overnight 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. Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

## Luxury Nile cruise upgrade - Price: £175-£285 p/p

If you would prefer some more comfort on the river, then you can take a luxury cruise boat instead of the felucca. Instead of boarding the felucca in the afternoon of Day 5, you board a luxury 5-star cruise boat for 3 days and 3 nights on the Nile. During the day we make our way slowly downriver, relaxing in the sun and watching the world drift by. In the evenings the restaurant will serve a range of different cuisines, and all your meals are included (drinks not included). On our way we stop at Edfu Temple, a well-preserved complex dedicated to the God Horus; and also at Komombo, where there are the remains of a temple dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. Our last night on board is spent moored up in the centre of Luxor, and you rejoin the rest of the group for the tours here.

Single Supplements apply (triple cabins not generally available).

3 nights on board a Luxury cruise boat (3xB 3xL 3xD)

## 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).

## Abu Simbel tour - Price: see Options sheet

In the morning on Day 5, there is the option of an early morning tour to Abu Simbel. Lying 280 km south of Aswan this remarkable temple, reclaimed stone by stone from the rising waters of lake

Nasser, stands as a testament to the greatness of the Pharaoh Ramses II, and to modern engineering.

We join the early morning convoy which departs at 04.30, returning to Aswan around midday (approx. 3 hours drive each way, with 2 hours at the temples). You do not miss out on any other activities.

## Hot air balloon flight - Price: see Options sheet

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 trip runs from between 5.00am and 10.00am (start times vary), with about 1 hour in the air. You do not miss out on any other activities.

There is a minimum number of people required for the trips to run, and they are also weather dependent. It is rare however that they are cancelled - if they are, a refund will be provided.

**Note:** Please remember to check that your travel insurance will cover hot air balloon flights. The balloon operators we suggest are fully licensed and insured - you may see cheaper options advertised locally which don't have all this cover in place.

## Luxor temple at night - Price: see Options sheet

This short tour of Luxor temple in the middle of the town centre, runs in the early evening when the temples are beautifully lit up.

## 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.

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## 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

## 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
- Sleeping bag (needed for the felucca & desert safari)
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Our Standard tours use good quality hotels from 3 to 5 star, in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. In Cairo, subject to availability, we like to use a pyramids area hotel with a pool in the summer months, and a city centre hotel when it is cooler in the winter months. The felucca is covered and mattresses are provided.

In Baharya we use a comfortable but basic hotel where air-conditioning is not guaranteed in the rooms. Our two nights in the desert are spent in one permanent camp (Wadi Hitan) with Bedouin style tents, rugs, mattresses and cushions, and in a mobile camp (White Desert) where we take in blankets and mattresses. Many people spend this night sleeping outside under the stars. Mattresses and some blankets are provided, and you can sleep inside a tent if you wish.

Please note that for the felucca cruise and desert safaris you will

need to bring a light sleeping bag or blanket with you.

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 a couple of weeks before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.

## Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

### Cairo:

- 1st stay - Oasis Hotel (4-star)
- Other stays - Zayed Hotel (3-star)

### Aswan:

- Isis Corniche Hotel (4-star)

### Luxor:

- Pyramisa Isis Luxor (5-star)

### Wadi Hitan:

- Wadi Hitan Camp

### Baharya (2-star):

- Panorama Hotel, Golden Valley Hotel.

At certain times of the year or where circumstances & availability dictate we may need to use a different hotel from the ones listed above. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.

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

## FELUCCA SAILBOAT & LUXURY NILE CRUISE BOAT:

### Felucca Sailboat

This tour features a 2-night felucca cruise. Feluccas are very basic traditional Nile sailboats and make for an extremely relaxing and enjoyable way to travel down the river. You sleep on the deck of the

boat (mattresses are provided, but you will need a blanket or light sleeping bag). There are no toilet facilities on board, but these are available at the Nubian House we visit on your first evening. During the day the boat will pull to the side of the river when required, while at night you are moored by the riverbank and a basic latrine will be dug by the crew onshore.

You can see some photos of typical feluccas in the slide-shows on our website.

### Luxury Nile Cruise Boat (optional)

A luxury Nile Cruise boat is a superbly appointed, floating, 5-star hotel. The cruise boat has many of the facilities of a normal 5-star hotel, including a relaxing sun deck and swimming pool, and all your meals are included (drinks not included). You will have your own en-suite, air-conditioned cabin, and full use of all the boats facilities (restaurants, shops, sun deck, swimming pool, etc.).

## TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at bringing you as close to the real Egypt as possible and not cocooning you from it. To this end we use public transport wherever we feel that it meets our high standards, this includes 1st class overnight trains with reclining seats, and an air-conditioned coach from Cairo to Dahab (private vehicles used if over 4 travellers). We also use private air-conditioned minibuses for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily.

A 4x4 jeep is used for the desert safari sections where we need to go off-road.

## TRANSFERS:

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

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## 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.

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 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.

We join with specialist local guides for the desert sections.

For some private tours and groups of fewer than 4 people, we may use one guide in Cairo, and a second guide for the Aswan to Luxor section.

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 does not include entrance fees to the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You should allow around GB£65 per person (50% for minors), to cover all of the sites we visit in Egypt. Your guide will be happy to collect payment for all the entrance fees at the start of the tour, and pay them for you as you go along if you wish.

## 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 US\$15 or equivalent). 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.

## 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.



**Guide was excellent. Best tour leader I have had. He made our stay unforgettable!**

DEAN MARSLAND - MARCH 2006



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## 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.

## 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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