

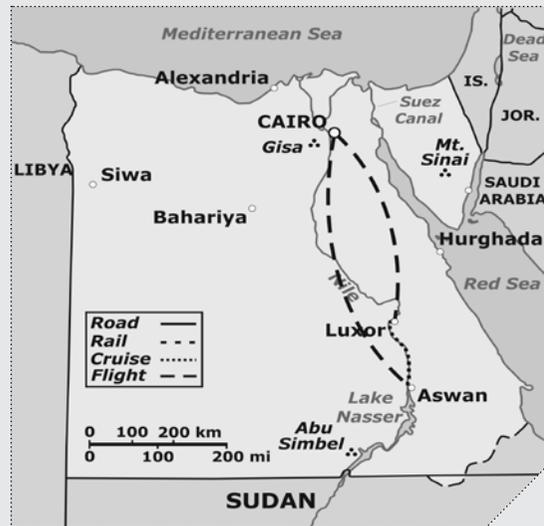
Splendours of the Nile



9 DAYS / SMALL GROUP OR PRIVATE TOUR / CLASSIC JOURNEY /

From ancient times the Nile has been regarded as the lifeblood of Egypt. Cutting through the barren desert, from Aswan to Luxor and on to Cairo, the Nile gently meanders past some of the most amazing and awe-inspiring monuments known to man. So travel with us to explore the pyramids & sphinx in Cairo before cruising up this great river, experiencing the wonders of ancient Egypt as you go, and enjoying all the comfort and luxury that modern Egypt has to offer.

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.

FLIGHTS INCLUDED:* ✗	LOCAL PAYMENT: ✗	ENTRANCE FEES: ✓	AIRPORT TRANSFERS: ✓
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TOUR FACTS

Tour Code:	CUEGSN
Group Size & Age:	Min. 2 Max. 18 / Min. age - 12 (group deps only)
Travel Idea:	Classic Journey
Activity Level:	Easy
Comfort Rating:	Luxury
Accommodation:	4 nights in 5-star hotels, 4 nights on luxury Nile Cruise boat
Transport:	A/C bus/minibus/car, cruise, domestic flight

YOUR 9 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum tour. Fly to Luxor.
- Day 3:** Luxor - Karnak Temple Tour. Board cruise boat. Visit Luxor temple
- Day 4:** Luxor - (Hot air balloon option). West Bank Tour. Cruise to Edfu and tour the temple
- Day 5:** Visit Edfu Temple. Cruise to Aswan via Komombo temple.
- Day 6:** Aswan - (Abu Simbel option). Free time & island boat trip.
- Day 7:** Aswan - Philae Temple & Aswan Dam tour. Evening flight to Cairo
- Day 8:** Cairo - City tour
- Day 9:** Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

"Would you like to combine this tour with some time relaxing by the Red Sea, or visiting Jordan? ...then check out our Egypt Experience, and Egypt & Jordan Experience tours"

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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 5-star hotel in Cairo (normally the Mena House)

DAY 2 / TOUR TO PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a full-day tour of Giza and the Egyptian Museum.

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.

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.

After a break for lunch, our next stop is the famous Egyptian Museum which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display. We then transfer you to the airport for a domestic flight to Luxor and then on to your hotel from there.

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

Note: Subject to available flight times at the time of booking, you may stay tonight in Cairo and fly to Luxor tomorrow morning.

Overnight at a 5-star hotel in Luxor (B)

DAY 3 / LUXOR, KARNAK AND LUXOR TEMPLES

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 the Temples of Luxor and Karnak.

Our first tour after breakfast is to 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, Khous and Mut. The remarkable Hypostyle Hall has 134 towering columns, each carved with scenes of gods and pharaohs, and hieroglyphic inscriptions adorn the walls.

At lunch time we check into our cruise boat cabins (all en-suite and AC). We book upper deck cabins wherever possible for no extra charge but these are not guaranteed. The cruise boat has many of the facilities of a normal hotel, including a relaxing sun deck and swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shop, and all your meals (but not drinks) are included.

You have some free time this afternoon to relax, explore Luxor's markets or visit Luxor Museum or the Mummification Museum, before we visit Luxor Temple when it is lit up in the evening. 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 on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

Note: Nile Cruise itineraries are subject to change during the journey - see details below.

DAY 3 EXTRA OPTIONS

Sound & Light show at Karnak Temple

DAY 4 / WEST BANK TOUR, CRUISE TO EDFU

There is an option available this morning for a spectacular hot air balloon flight to see the sunrise over the West Bank of the Nile.

After breakfast on the boat (or the hot air balloon flight), we take you on a tour of the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings. Here you will explore 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 entry ticket covers 3 tombs - extra visits may be available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI for an extra fee paid locally).

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 Luxor to reboard the Cruise boat for lunch.

The boat leaves Luxor this afternoon, and you start sailing southwards, up-river towards Aswan. You will cross the

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lock on the Nile at Esna this afternoon, and may have a chance to explore Esna a little if there is a long queue of boats ahead of you. The boat then sails further up river to Edfu temple, a well-preserved complex dedicated to the God Horus. We spend the night here.

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 4 EXTRA OPTIONS Hot air balloon flight

DAY 5 / NILE CRUISE TO KOMOMBO & ASWAN

After visiting Edfu Temple this morning we begin sailing on towards Komombo, where we have a guided tour at the riverside temple, where there are the remains of a temple dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. We then sail on to Aswan, enjoying the sights and sounds of rural Egyptian life passing us by on the banks of the river.

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 6 / ASWAN. FREE TIME & BOAT TRIP

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

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.

After lunch we take you on a tour of the islands around Aswan on a traditional Egyptian felucca sailboat, stopping at Kitchener Island, with its beautiful and peaceful botanical gardens

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 6 EXTRA OPTIONS Abu Simbel tour, Sound & Light show at Philae Temple

DAY 7 / ASWAN. PHILAE TEMPLE TOUR. FREE TIME

Today we check out of the boat cabins and visit the Temple of Philae, a beautiful 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. You have some free time this afternoon to explore Aswan further and may have time for an early evening meal if you wish before we transfer you to the airport for a domestic flight back to Cairo (flight times vary). After arriving our rep will transfer you straight to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is free.

Note: Subject to available flight times at the time of booking, you may spend tonight in a 5-star hotel in Aswan and then fly to Cairo early tomorrow morning.

Overnight at a hotel in Cairo (B)

DAY 8 / CAIRO, CITY TOUR

After breakfast we take you on a final 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 and areas like Heliopolis, Dokki and Roda were added, while gardens, Opera houses, 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 Coptic Cairo (with some important ancient churches), 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).

Overnight at a hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS Nile dinner cruise, Sound & Light show at the Pyramids

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.

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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.

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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. Abu Simbel option, 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 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.

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.

Abu Simbel tour

In the morning on Day 6, there is the option of an early morning tour to Abu Simbel. Lying 280 km south of Aswan this remarkable temple, dismantled and rebuilt stone by stone to escape 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

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

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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 Philae Temple (Aswan)
- 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 in 5-star hotels and 5-star deluxe cruise boat
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- All transport including flights from Cairo-Luxor and Aswan-Cairo
- Tipping Kitty
- All site entrance fees

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares (available on request)
- Visa costs (available on arrival for most nationalities)
- 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..)
- Gala Dinners in hotels/cruise boats on 24 & 31 Dec (if charged)
- Travel insurance (available on request)
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Tours with our 'luxury' comfort rating use high quality 5-star hotels and luxury Nile cruise-boats and Dahabiyas 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 majority of the tour will be in 5-star hotels or boats.

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.

Please see our website for more details of the hotels that may be used on the tour. Except for some late bookings during very busy periods, we always use the luxurious Mena House Hotel, which is located right at the foot of the pyramids, for your stays in Cairo.

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, but not on the cruise boats where we will endeavour to secure adjacent cabins.
- 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, especially on New Year's Eve, whether you attend or not, and will be added to our prices if required. Prices can range from GBP 50 to GBP 150 per person but final rates and decisions on

whether they will be compulsory are often not made until late in the year. Please budget accordingly in case they are required.

LUXURY NILE CRUISE BOAT:

We use several different cruise boats on the Nile, all of which are at the Egyptian 5-star deluxe level). Unfortunately, we cannot confirm at the time of booking exactly which boat we will use, as the boats shuttle back and forth on the Nile between Aswan and Luxor, with regular breaks for cleaning and maintenance. However, we regularly inspect all the boats we use to ensure they are of the same standard. All meals, but not drinks are included.

Notes:

- For practical reasons on the Nile, the cruise itineraries are subject to slight alterations at short notice while in Egypt.
- Most sailing is done during the day, but during some periods some sailing may be required after dark.
- At busy periods the boat may be required to wait for a short time to get through the lock on the Nile at Esna.
- When moored, several cruise boats may be required to moor alongside each other. This can restrict views and require clients to cross several boats to reach the shore. Assistance will be provided if required.
- On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels and cruise boats normally run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is compulsory, whether you attend or not, and is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to private and 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. Due to recent issues between Cairo and Luxor, and regular delays, we are no longer using the overnight sleeper

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train for journeys from Cairo to Aswan/Luxor, and instead this tour uses domestic flights for both of these journeys. Private minibuses, minibuses and coaches are used for all the sightseeing tours and transfers subject to the number of travellers in the group. 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.

GROUP SIZE/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 fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologists to act as your tour guide. They 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 sometimes use one guide in Cairo, and a second guide for the Luxor to Aswan 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.

HEALTH:

Recommended vaccinations and other health protection measures vary according to the country you are visiting and where you are travelling from. We recommend you contact your GP/medical practitioner or a travel clinic for current information on vaccinations needed for your destination. Normal recommendations for Egypt are:

Tetanus, Polio, Typhoid, Hepatitis A and some doctors also recommend Meningitis.

There is no malaria risk in Egypt, except for some months in the Al Fayoum Oasis. Most doctors suggest you do not need to take malaria prophylactics in Egypt.

More information is available here: <http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/africa/egypt.aspx>

Note: We are aware of some places in Egypt using 'black henna' instead of pure brown henna. Black henna contains a chemical dye PPD (paraphenylenediamine) which can result in severe allergic reactions and resultant scarring. To be safe we recommend avoiding any henna tattoos while in Egypt unless you are certain they are using pure brown henna.

PASSPORT & VISAS:

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months with at least one clear page. Do not bring an almost full or almost expired passport.

We recommend that you contact your closest Egyptian consulate or embassy for current information for your nationality.

In general official advice is that all nationalities obtain their Egypt visas in advance, as we cannot guarantee that you

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can get them in the airport. In practice however, many nationalities (including British and European, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian) can and do generally obtain their visas on arrival in Cairo airport. The cost is currently US\$25 p/p and must be paid in hard currency (i.e. GBP, USD or EUR) – you'll be given change in local currency if necessary. There are no forms to fill in and you don't need to bring passport photos. Visas are issued at one of the bank desks in the immigration hall, before you get to passport control. Our representative will have met you by this stage and will assist with the process.

All African & Indian nationals, and some others, will need to obtain their visas in advance.

For further information on your visa requirements, please either contact us or your local Egyptian embassy/consulate.

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

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 and 'Like' us.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours. You will not be able to join the tour if you have not provided us with details of your insurance or if you arrive without cover in place (no refunds will be due in this event). Details of policies that we can offer you are given on our website. To apply for one of our policies, please complete the application form here (this form covers all our tours)...

<http://www.encounterstravel.com/travel-insurance-application-form.php>

Note: Egypt is considered as 'Europe' for the purposes of travel insurance. You should enter your travel dates including any extra days involved in overnight flights or connecting travel between your home and the tour. Our policies are not able to cover any extra time or activities other than your tour and options booked with us and your travel to & from home.

If you plan to arrange a hot air balloon flight locally, or do some scuba diving during your tour, you should check the small print in the policy to make sure these are covered (these are covered in our policy).

IMPORTANT: We must have your travel insurance details (policy number and type of insurance) before you depart or you may not be allowed to join the tour. If you haven't told us already, please let us know the details when you can. You should take a paper copy of your insurance policy with you as you may be asked to show this at the start of the tour.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

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