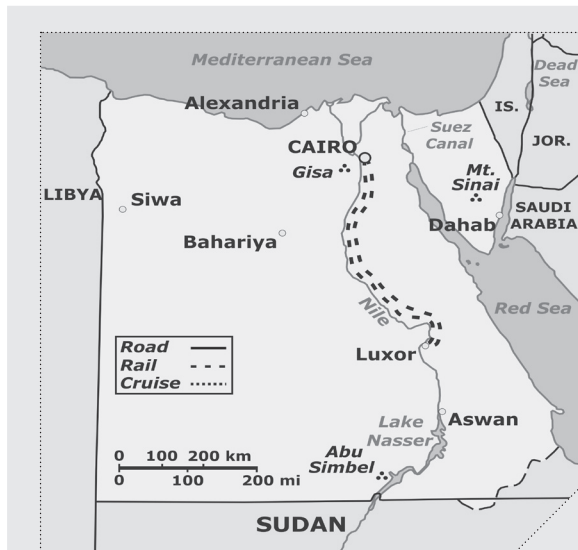


# Temples, Tombs and Pyramids



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

For thousands of years, Egypt has attracted travellers from around the world, and its stunning monuments and ancient wonders are as popular today as they have ever been. The enormity of the pyramids, the splendour of the temples at Luxor and the mysteries of the tombs in the Valley of the Kings all combine to make Egypt a must for anyone with a sense of adventure. This compact week long tour gives a comprehensive introduction to all the main sites in Cairo and Luxor.



**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>	CUEGTP
<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>	Standard
<b>Accommodation:</b>	4 nights in hotels (mainly 4-star), 2 overnight sleeper trains
<b>Transport:</b>	Sleeper train, A/C bus/minibus

## YOUR 7 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

<b>Day 1:</b>	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum tour. Overnight sleeper train to Luxor.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Luxor - West bank tour.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Luxor - East bank tour.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Luxor - (hot air balloon option) Free day. Overnight sleeper train to Cairo.
<b>Day 6:</b>	Cairo - City tour. (Optional Nile dinner cruise).
<b>Day 7:</b>	Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

**"Would you like to extend this tour to visit the Red Sea in Dahab? ...then check out our Kings and Mountains 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 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 & MUSEUM 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. 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 (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, 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.

Our afternoon tour will include the Egyptian Museum (which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display)

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

At the end of our day in Cairo we transfer to the train station for a

fovernight sleeper train to Luxor.

*Overnight on sleeper train to Luxor (B,D)*

### DAY 3 / LUXOR, WEST BANK TOUR

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 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 check into the hotel and have lunch. The afternoon is free for you to relax or explore Luxor.

*Overnight at hotel in Luxor (B)*

### DAY 4 / LUXOR, EAST BANK TOUR

Our half-day tour today, is on the East bank of the Nile, and 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, 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. 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.

We normally visit here in the evening when the temple is evocatively lit up by spotlights.

*Overnight at hotel in Luxor (B).*

### DAY 5 / LUXOR, FREE DAY

Your day is free in Luxor today for you to relax or do some more sightseeing. We also offer an option to do a spectacular early morning hot air balloon flight over the west bank of the Nile.

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 (eg. 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, take a camel or horse ride along the Nile or into the desert, or take a felucca sailboat trip on the Nile.

In the evening, we transfer to the train station for an overnight sleeper train to Cairo.

*Overnight on sleeper train to Cairo (B,D).*

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## DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS

Hot air balloon option

## DAY 6 / CAIRO, CITY TOUR

After arriving in Cairo, we check in at our hotel and then have a half-day guided tour of the city 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 about 16 million people, a strange mix of modern and old, a unique blend of diverse cultures, and a gateway to Egypt's past.

Our tour will include 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 there is an option to board a 5-star river steamer for dinner on the Nile. You'll enjoy the unique taste of Middle Eastern cuisine whilst experiencing traditional Egyptian Sufi & belly dancing.

*Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B).*

## DAY 7 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).*

## DAY 7 EXTRA OPTIONS

Extra nights in Cairo

## 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.



**A very enjoyable trip all round.  
We have seen some amazing sites  
and were very satisfied with our  
holiday.**



WILLIAM WESTWATER

### 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 extra tours 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 are a single traveller joining tours like this at our 'Standard' comfort rating, 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

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later on.

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

## Extra days pre-tour - 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 or Luxor/Cairo flight option - 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. Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

## 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

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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

## 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 all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Tours set at our 'Standard' comfort rating use good quality hotels at around the 4-star level. All rooms are air-conditioned with en-suite bathrooms. Most hotels have swimming pools and a choice of restaurants and bars.

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.

## TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at balancing a comfortable and enjoyable travelling experience with seeing as much of Egypt and Egyptian life

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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.

## 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 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 Aswan to 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 does not include entrance fees to the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You should allow around GB£45 per person (50% for minors or ISIC card holders), 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.

## 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:

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:

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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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