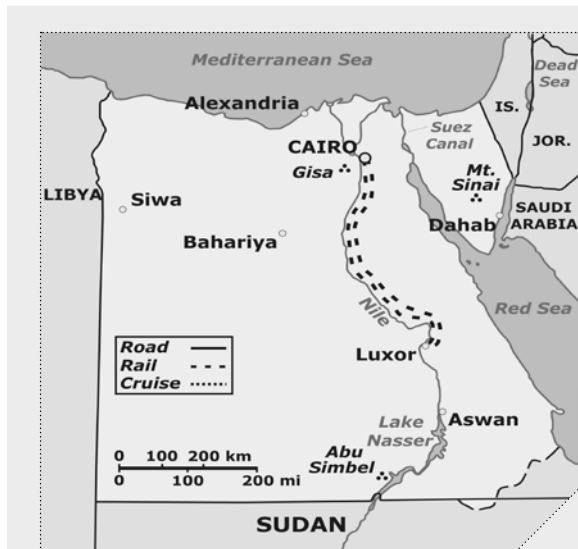


Temples, Tombs and Pyramids from only £330pp*



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

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 page 5 for details

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

Please refer to page 3 or website for details.

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

Tour Code & Class:	CUEGTP / Standard
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 2 Max. - 18 / Min. age - 12
Activity - Cultural:	Sightseeing, camel ride (optional)
Activity Level:	Low
Accommodation:	4 nights in hotels (approx. 3-star), 2 overnight trains
Transport:	1st class train, A/C bus/minibus
Meals:	4 Breakfasts (B) and 1 Dinner (D)

YOUR 7 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1:	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
Day 2:	Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum tour. Overnight train to Luxor.
Day 3:	Luxor - West bank tour.
Day 4:	Luxor - East bank tour.
Day 5:	Luxor - (hot air balloon option) Free day. Overnight train to Cairo.
Day 6:	Cairo - City tour. Evening Nile dinner cruise.
Day 7:	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 3-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 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 (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), the majestic sight of these enormous structures rising out of the desert is a breathtaking spectacle. Here you have the chance to climb inside one of the pyramids (there are a limited number of tickets available, so we cannot guarantee this), and also to take a camel ride (approx. £2-5 p/p for around 30mins). Close by, the mysterious Sphinx stands guard, as it has done so for thousands of years. You have another guided tour around the sphinx and some free time to walk around and take photos.

From here we take you 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.

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

At the end of the day we transfer you to the train station for an overnight train journey to Luxor (reclining seats, approx. 22.30-07.30, sleeper upgrade available).

Overnight at hotel in Cairo.

DAY 2 EXTRA OPTIONS

Sleeper train upgrade option

See pages 3-4 for details

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.

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.

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 a first class

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seat on the overnight train to Cairo (approx. 21.00-06.45, reclining seats, sleeper upgrade available).

Overnight on train to Cairo (B).

DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS

Hot air balloon option

Sleeper train upgrade option

See pages 3-4 for details

DAY 6 / CAIRO, CITY TOUR, DINNER CRUISE

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

Overnight at hotel in Cairo (D).

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

Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales option

See pages 3-4 for details



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



WILLIAM WESTWATER - AUGUST 2007

SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

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

PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

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

TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONS:

Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into two types

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

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

A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

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

Single room supplement - Price: £60

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

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

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Extra days - Price: subject to party make-up

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

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

The 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.

Note: the sleeper train fits extremely well into this tour, as it leaves Cairo at 8pm, and arrives in Luxor at around 6am, so you don't waste any time travelling during the day. Internal flights in Egypt can sell out well in advance, and we may only be able to secure flights with times that don't fit as well as the sleeper train.

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Book in advance. Pay in advance.

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

This option leaves Cairo in the morning of Day 7, and takes a private car/minibus or 4WD jeep via the Meidum Pyramid, one of the very first attempts at building a true pyramid, to the Fayoum area, about 90 minutes drive from Cairo. This extensively irrigated area is the most fertile region in Egypt and for centuries has supplied Egypt with wheat and numerous other crops. We stop to see the water wheels which have powered the irrigation for centuries, visit a natural spring, and see the Birket Qarn salt lake, home to many different birds including flamingos on one of the islands. We spend the night in a hotel by the lake (normally the 4-star Helnan Auberge).

The following morning we drive straight to the Wadi Rayan

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

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

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

Day 7 - Morning drive via Meidum pyramid to Fayoum and tour. Overnight at hotel in Fayoum (B).

Day 8 - Full day tour to Wadi Rayan & Valley of the Whales. Drive back to Cairo. Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B L).

Day 9 - Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure. (B).

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).

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
- 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 (approx. 3-5-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.

Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

- 1st stay - Oasis Hotel (4-star)
- 2nd stay - Zayed Hotel (3-star)

Luxor:

- Pyramisa Isis Luxor (5-star)

At certain times of the year or where circumstances & availability dictate we may need to use a different hotel from the one 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.

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 air-conditioned coaches. We also use private air-conditioned minibuses for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. All coaches and minibuses are fitted with speed limiters.

TRANSFERS:

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

Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Cairo airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

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 Luxor. 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 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 £45 per person or 50% for minors or students with an ISIC card, to cover all of the sites mentioned in the itinerary. 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.

Camera Fees are applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the price.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

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DATES & PRICES:

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

HEALTH:

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

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

VISAS:

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

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

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



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MARTIN FISHER - FEBRUARY 2008

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

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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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