

Nile Perch & The Red Sea from only £1,590pp*



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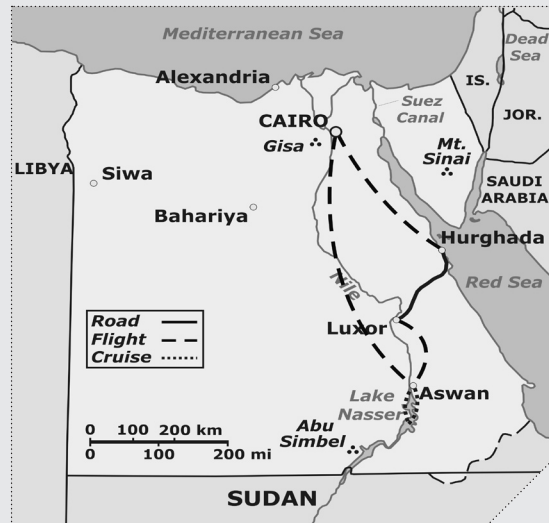
The perfect combination, one week fishing for the mighty Nile Perch before moving on to one of the natural wonders of this world and to relax and explore the Red Sea. First you will have seven days fishing on Lake Nasser with your own boat and guide for the perfect private fishing safari. You'll then experience some of the best historic sights that Egypt has to offer. You will see the Pyramids, Sphinx, Museums, mighty Temples of Luxor, Karnak and the Valley of the Kings, all before moving to relax and enjoy the beautiful Red Sea.

FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

See page 5 for details

We run this tour on private departures only. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Various 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:
X	X	✓	✓

TOUR FACTS

Tour Code & Class:	FIEGNR / Standard
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 2 Max. - 12 (fishing) / Min. age - 6
Activity - Cultural:	Fishing, sightseeing
Activity Level:	Medium
Accommodation:	9 nights in 4-star hotels, 6 nights camping
Transport:	Internal flights, A/C bus/minibus/car, safari boat
Meals:	15 Breakfasts (B), 7 Lunches (L) and 11 Dinners (D)

YOUR 16 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx and Museum tour.
- Day 3:** Fly to Aswan, fishing on Lake Nasser.
- Day 4-8:** Full day fishing.
- Day 9:** Fishing, transfer to Aswan, fly to Luxor.
- Day 10:** Luxor - West and East bank tour, transfer to Hurghada.
- Day 11:** Hurghada - Free day.
- Day 12:** Hurghada - Free day.
- Day 13:** Hurghada - Free day.
- Day 14:** Hurghada - Free day.
- Day 15:** Hurghada - Free morning, fly to Cairo.
- Day 16:** Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for flight.

"Would you like a more dedicated fishing tour? ...then check out our Nile Predators tour"

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Note: Availability is limited for this tour so please check before booking and book early to be safe. Prices are available for non-anglers on request

DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN CAIRO

You arrive at Cairo airport where we greet and transfer you to your 4-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 4-star 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 the pyramids & sphinx at Giza. Giza was built around 4600 years ago as a necropolis (cemetery) for the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). The successor of Sneferu, Khufu was known as a tyrant and in his arrogance decided to have built a tomb that was bigger and better than all others. 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.

Your evening is free to relax in the hotel and eat in one of the restaurants there, or head into Cairo to try somewhere more local.

Overnight at 4-star hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 2 EXTRA OPTIONS

Pyramid sound & light show option

See pages 3-4 for details

DAY 3 / FISHING ON LAKE NASSER

Early this morning we transfer you to the airport for your flight to Aswan.

Note: depending on available flight times, we may fly to Aswan in the evening on Day 2, and spend the night there in a hotel before transferring to the fishing today.

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 a myriad of feluccas sailing to and fro. The city is a melting pot of African and Middle Eastern cultures, which can most easily be experienced by wandering through the fascinating and exotic souqs, which assail the senses with a riot of colour, sound, and smell.

Upon arrival at Aswan airport you will be met by our representative and transferred to Lake Nasser to begin your fishing.

Overnight onboard safari boat, Lake Nasser (B L D).

DAY 4-8 / FISHING ON LAKE NASSER

The next few days will be devoted exclusively to catching fish. A typical day would involve getting up at first light or when ever you want to, for a couple of hours of shore fishing or trolling (your choice), returning to one of the many islands for breakfast. After breakfast you set off in your boat for a day of combined trolling and shore fishing. You can try all sorts of areas, as we, unlike others, do not have a set itinerary or have to follow a supply boat. The best plan is to fish different areas until you locate a good head of fish. Once found, do not move from this area unless the captures die off.

At night you can also put out dead or live baits to catch Vundu that might be checking out the marginal areas. In effect you could be fishing for 24-hours, if you have the energy!

Most of the time, camps will be located on clean sandy beaches and wherever possible, close to a shore fishing area. At night, while laying under those desert stars, the place really starts to come to life, you will hear all sorts of sounds as the monitor lizards, golden jackals and desert foxes start their night shift.

Overnight onboard safari boat, Lake Nasser (5xB 5xL 5xD).

DAY 9 / FISHING THEN TRANSFER TO ASWAN. FLY TO LUXOR

Today you head back to Aswan, fishing en route. By late afternoon you reach Aswan where we transfer to the airport for a short flight to Luxor. Upon arrival we transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight at 4-star hotel in Luxor (B L).

DAY 10 / LUXOR WEST AND EAST BANK

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

After breakfast we take you on a trip to the West Bank of the

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Nile, and the Valley of the Kings. Here 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. 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. Finally you will visit the Colossi of Memnon, two huge 50 feet high statues of King Amenhotep II. We then return to the East Bank of Luxor for Lunch.

Your afternoon tour of the East Bank 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.

After our tour, we leave Luxor in the late afternoon for the drive to our Red Sea Resort in Hurghada (approx. 4 ½ hours).

Overnight in Red Sea Resort (B D).

DAY 11-14 / RED SEA RIVIERA

You now have the whole of the next four days free to relax and enjoy Egypt's most popular Red Sea beach resort. The beautiful, sandy beaches and crystal blue waters make Hurghada the ideal

place to relax and sunbathe, but for the more active there is plenty to do to keep busy. Some of the best diving and snorkelling in the world can be found around but if you would rather stay dry then try a glass bottom boat ride to view the spectacular, nearby coral reefs. Maybe a jeep safari or camel ride into the desert is more to your taste, or an excursion to the nearby monasteries of St Paul's and St Anthony's. You can choose to do as much or as little as you want in Hurghada and your resort and our rep will help to arrange everything for you during your stay.

Overnight in Red Sea Resort (4xB 4xD).

DAY 15 / RED SEA RESORT, TO CAIRO

You have a final free day in Hurghada today, before we transfer you to the airport for an evening flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo we transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight at 4-star hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 16 / 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 do not run small group departures on this tour.

PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

We do not run set group departures on this tour. Instead, we can run it privately for you on any dates. Please contact us first to check availability and that your required departure date fits the fishing boat schedules.

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 sightseeing etc.).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONS:

Booking and paying for options:

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

To comply with ATOL regulations, any options including internal flights where we don't issue the tickets here in the UK, are to be booked in advance, but purchased from, and paid for to, our agent in Cairo (IATA No. 090/2/02243).

Credit Cards (add 3%), traveller's cheques or cash are accepted in Cairo for these payments at the start of the tour. A receipt will be provided.

Single room supplement - Price: £140 p/p

If you are a single traveller, then we do need to add a single supplement charge (we do not share rooms on our fishing tours). This guarantees you a single room in the Cairo, Luxor & Hurghada hotels.

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

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Extra days - Price: £35-£70 p/p/night

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, or while you are fishing, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (peak season and single room supplements apply).

Book in advance. Pay in advance.

Pyramid sound & light show - Price: £25 - £40 p/p

Watch this spectacular laser light and sound show at the pyramids. Listen to the head of the Sphinx as it tells the story of the Pharaohs and how the great pyramids were built. The show is available in different languages and runs from early to late evening. All transfers are provided along with entrance fees to the show.

Book & Pay in advance OR in Cairo.

5-Star hotel upgrade - Price: £120 p/p

This option upgrades your hotel accommodation in Cairo, Luxor and Hurghada to 5-star. It does not change your accommodation whilst fishing, which remains basic camping.

Book in advance. Pay in advance

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Sightseeing tours & Egyptologist guides as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Fishing guides & licences
- 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
- Fishing tackle
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Our fishing tours use good quality 4-star hotels in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. The safari boat is covered and mattresses are provided. Please note that for the safari boat you will need to bring a light sleeping bag or blanket with you.

Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

Cairo (4-star):

- 1st stay - Intercontinental Pyramids (on the outskirts of Cairo, by the pyramids).
- 2nd stay - Pyramisa Hotel (city centre, by the Nile).

Luxor (4-star):

- Philippe Hotel, Pyramisa Isis Luxor.

Hurghada (4-star):

- Desert Rose Resort.

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

SAFARI BOAT:

Whilst on the lake you will have full use of one of our custom made 30ft boats. These boats are specially designed for fishing safaris on Lake Nasser. Built for tough work in remote areas, with solid metal hulls, each boat is fitted with long-range fuel tanks and plenty of storage area for your equipment. Each boat can sleep up to three people but for the best comfort two is ideal. Inside the boat there is one room with onboard sleeping facilities, two bunks, each with full-size single mattress (this area also provides spacious daytime seating). You will also need to provide your own sleeping bags. Under your bed there is sufficient room for you to store spare items of tackle and clothes. At night the cabin can be enclosed by canvas, providing a cosy sheltered sleeping area. Each boat has a small kitchen area, where your onboard cook will prepare three cooked meals per day, plus unlimited supplies of tea or coffee. The back area of the boat is large and open, an ideal area from which to fish.

TRANSPORT:

The transport used on this tour includes private AC cars or minibuses, and internal flights. All vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and 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.

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.

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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:

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.

Whilst fishing you will be looked after by one of our local professional guides who will escort you throughout your fishing adventure, while trolling or shore fishing. These guides have all been guiding for many years and their experience of the lake is second to none. They will always provide you with help and advice on what lures or flies to use, along with the best areas to fish while shore fishing.

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 includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary.

Entrance 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. GBP12 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. £5 p/p) and of Tutankhamun (small tomb currently displaying the mummy of Tutankhamun, approx. £12 p/p). Camera Fees may be applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the tour price.

TACKLE REQUIRED:

Do not underestimate the strength of Nile perch, and equally the terrain they inhabit. For both trolling and shore fishing we prefer braid as the advantages outweigh any disadvantages. Braid allows you to feel the lures working while trolling and to feel your lures bouncing the bottom. For trolling fireline is fantastic - in the 50lb class this braid will give you enough abrasion resistance to cope with any fish. We have landed many fish over the 100lb mark up to 176lb and never been cut off. For shore fishing we use 50lb whiplash as this is a very low diameter braid which aids the casting, sinking and working of your lures, again we have never had a problem with this braid and have accounted for many 80lb plus fish.

For leaders take 100lb mono. You need a length of 8 feet to not only protect you from the rocks but also provide abrasion resistance against a 100lb fish, for as they twist, turn and jump their rough gill plates will cut you through. Join your leader and main line with a double main line leader secured with a Bimini twist or similar knot.

For hooks you need to replace all hooks and split rings that are supplied with all manufactures of lure, they are just not strong enough. Nile Perch are capable and will straighten hooks and split rings with an uncanny ease. Change to Mustard 5X or VMC. Swivels and snaps also need to be in the 150lb class but make sure you bring black ones as there is nothing more annoying than have a

tiger fish go for your swivel, cut you off and lose you a lure and even worse a fish.

For lures, again Nile Perch take great pride in destroying expensive lures so you need to choose wisely. The type of lures you require also depends on the time of year you are fishing as in the winter months most time is spent predominately trolling and what shore fishing you do the Perch will be tight to the bottom. Please contact us and we will advise complete lure patterns for your trip dependant on the time of year.

Fly fishing is becoming more popular for Nile Perch and if you are a fly fisherman then these fish have to be for you. For tackle you will need: Rods - For Perch 9ft 10 to 12 weight; for tigers 9ft 7 to 8 weight. Reels need to be able to hold a full spool of your chosen line weight and lots and lots of strong backing in the 20 to 30lb class. For line you will need fast and ultra fast weight forward line. For tigers bring a medium sinking line. Flies; any tarpon, sailfish and marlin flies will work well as long as they are tied to strong hooks. Remember these fish are renowned for straightening hooks. Best colours are reds, whites, silver and blue.

FISHING LICENCE:

Your fishing licence is included in the cost of the tour, but you will need to provide us with a photocopy of your passport page (details and photo page) at least four weeks before departure so that we can obtain the license for you.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt, please check out the country guide pages on our website.

DATES & PRICES:

We can run this set tour privately for you on any dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal

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requirements. Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

The best season for fishing Lake Nasser is from October to early January. From mid-January through February the water is cold, and the fish remain deep down and hard to catch. Fishing improves again from March onwards, but from May to September it is really too hot for a comfortable time on the lake.

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.

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.

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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