



Your passport to adventure

**Country(ies):** Egypt

**Tour type:** City Break

**Transport:** A/C minibus

**Group size:** Min: 1 | Max: 0

**Days:** 4 days

**Start Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**End Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 3, Lunches - 0, Dinners - 1



### Highlights:

Visit the Pyramids, Sphinx & Saqqara, Egyptian Museum with the famous King Tutankhamun display, city tour including the Citadel & Khan al Khalili bazaar, Nile dinner cruise

## **Day 1: Arrive in Egypt and proceed to the hotel for check-in**

Upon arrival at Cairo airport, we will greet you and assist with your transfer to the hotel. Our local representative will welcome you, help you get settled, and provide an overview of the upcoming itinerary.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

### **MEALS:**

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 2: Explore the Pyramids, Sphinx & Saqqara**

After breakfast, we gather for a quick pre-tour briefing before heading out for a tour of Giza and Saqqara. Giza, established around 4600 years ago, served as a burial ground for Pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). Khufu, the son of Sneferu, was often described as a tyrant and, driven by pride, sought to construct a tomb that would surpass all others. The Great Pyramid of Khufu, standing at 500 feet tall and covering 750 feet at its base, is a monumental feat of engineering, made from massive stone blocks encased in a layer of hard limestone. Over the years, much of this limestone casing has been removed, revealing the inner block structure. Alongside Khufu's pyramid stand the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), creating a stunning vista as they rise out of the desert. You'll have the opportunity to explore one of these pyramids (although tickets are limited, so availability cannot be guaranteed) and enjoy a camel ride. Nearby, the enigmatic Sphinx stands guard, having watched over the land for millennia. We will also offer a guided tour around the Sphinx, followed by some free time for you to wander and capture photos.

Next, we head to Saqqara, located 25 kilometres south of Cairo. Dominating the area is the Step Pyramid of Djoser (Zoser), built 4700 years ago, which is considered the first step in the evolution of pyramid construction. The entire 7-kilometer stretch of desert at Saqqara is rich with pyramids, temples, and tombs, and we'll have ample time to explore them while learning about the fascinating history of pyramid construction in ancient Egypt.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 3: Cairo City Excursion & Dinner Cruise

After breakfast, we set out on our tour of Cairo. Established in 969 AD by Gohar, a commander of the Fatimid army, El Kahera (Cairo) quickly became Egypt's capital. Over time, additions such as the El Azhar mosque, the Islamic University, and the defensive walls and citadel built by Saladin in 1179 have ensured Cairo's status as the country's main city. The 16-year reign of Ismail (1830-1895) brought significant growth and modernization, with the development of areas like Heliopolis, Dokki, and Roda, as well as the construction of gardens, opera houses, grand hotels, and wide, tree-lined boulevards. Further urban expansion following the revolution has made Cairo one of the largest cities in the world. Today, it is a lively metropolis of over 20 million people, offering a unique blend of the modern and the historic, with a rich cultural diversity, all while serving as a gateway to Egypt's ancient past.

Your tour includes a visit to the Egyptian Museum (which features an extensive collection of artifacts from Egypt's history, including the famous King Tutankhamun exhibit), the Citadel (a complex of mosques and palaces offering a stunning view of the city), and the Khan al Khalili bazaar (a labyrinthine market that provides a glimpse into Cairo's past and a chance to purchase a souvenir).

To end the day, we enjoy a dinner cruise along the River Nile. The evening will include a performance by local Sufi dancers and belly dancers as part of the meal experience.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

**MEALS:**

Breakfast, Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 4: Airport transfer for departure

Your journey concludes today, and you have free time until we arrange your transfer back to Cairo airport for your return flight. Since this is a private tour, the itinerary is fully flexible, and you can add extra nights in Cairo, as well as additional day trips and tours. For instance, you could explore the historic city of Alexandria on the Mediterranean coast, or venture into the nearby deserts to visit the World Heritage Site of the Valley of the Whales.

**OVERNIGHT:**

N/A

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

**Included:**

- 3-night stay in a 3-star hotel (upgrade options available)
- All meals as specified in the itinerary (including 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner)
- 24-hour airport transfers for arrival and departure at the beginning and end of your journey
- Expert Egyptologist guide accompanying all sightseeing tours
- Assistance from our permanent representatives in Cairo
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for all included road travel

**Excluded:**

- International flights (available upon request)
- Travel insurance (mandatory, can be arranged on request)
- Egyptian Tourist Visa
- Tipping fund (estimate around US\$30)
- Meals, beverages & snacks not specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to sites (estimate around US\$46)
- Any additional items not outlined in the itinerary

# Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

## Saqqara, Dashour & Memphis



From \$90.00

Min numbers:

\*Based on person/s

This half-day guided tour, venturing to the outskirts of Cairo, offers a fascinating insight into the history and evolution of pyramid building, and the wider narrative of Egyptian civilisation. Our explorations are centred on the area of ancient Memphis, a former capital of Egypt.

We begin with a visit to Saqqara, a vast desert necropolis constructed for the kings and nobles of the Old Kingdom. Here, we'll see Zoser's 'step' pyramid and the adjacent Imhotep Museum, where we can delve deeper into the history of Memphis and the surrounding region. Next, we journey to Dashur to witness one of the subsequent attempts at pyramid construction. Dashur's 'bent pyramid' – a testament to the ongoing learning process – is a captivating site,

retaining much of its original limestone casing. We will then return you to your hotel.

Prices quoted are based on a minimum of two persons choosing this option. Entrance fees to the sites visited are not included (budget approximately USD 18). Solo traveller supplements are applicable.

Wadi Rayan day trip (Valley of the Whales)



**From \$110.00**

Min numbers:

\*Based on person/s

This tour offers a striking contrast to the Pharaonic sites encountered on your main itinerary. Departing Cairo, we journey to the Fayoum region, where we'll explore the Wadi Rayan Protected Area. This area surrounds a freshwater lake, nestled amidst the desert, fed by surplus irrigation water from the Fayoum. You'll find several waterfalls here (a popular backdrop in Egyptian pop music videos), and a bird hide offering excellent views of the lake's avian population, particularly during the winter migration. We'll also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, home to a diverse array of flora and fauna, including the Dorcas Gazelle,

Ruppell's Sand Fox, and Fennec Fox.

Before lunch, we'll pause at the sand dunes around Wadi Rayan for a spot of sandboarding. Following a packed lunch, we'll venture into the dramatic desert and mountain landscapes of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is globally recognised as a pivotal location for understanding whale evolution. We'll embark on a 2-3km walk to observe various fossilised whale specimens, exposed on the desert surface, alongside fossilised mangroves and the remnants of crab burrows.

This tour requires a full free day in Cairo, but can also be arranged directly after your return from Luxor/Aswan via the overnight sleeper train. Alternatively, it can be incorporated into any tour with the addition of extra days at the beginning or end. Prices are based on two or more persons travelling, with a supplementary charge for solo travellers.

The price includes lunch in Wadi Hitan and all entrance fees.

Extra day in Cairo post-tour (3-star)



From \$55.00

Min numbers:

\*Based on person/s

This option allows you to extend your tour by an extra day, staying at the same hotel as your main tour (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer is included. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing.

Please note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

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## 1. Transport

Our tours offer a variety of transport options. We aim to provide you with an authentic experience of the country you're exploring while ensuring you're well-rested to fully enjoy the next part of your adventure. Since this is a straightforward city break tour, all vehicles provided are private, air-conditioned minivans or minibuses, depending on your group size.

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## 2. Dates & Prices

This itinerary is crafted as a personalized sample tour. Therefore, we do not have fixed group departure dates for you to join. Instead, you can enjoy this tour privately, beginning on any day of the year. Seasonal price guidelines are listed below, based on two travelers. Should you wish to modify the tour plan or if the number of participants changes, please reach out to us, and we will provide a tailored price for your group.

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