



Your passport to adventure

Country(ies): Egypt

Tour type: Family

Transport: A/C minibus/coach, sleeper train, domestic flight

Group size: Min: 3 | Max: 16

Days: 12 days

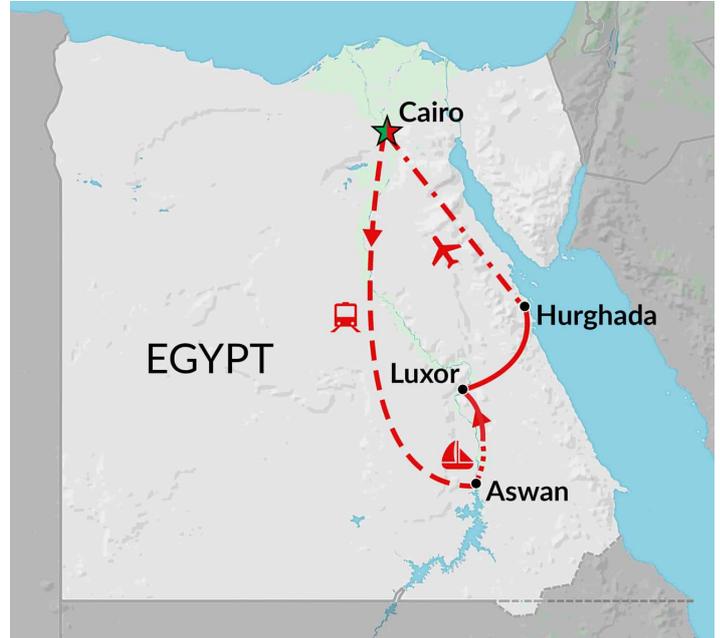
Start Location: Cairo, Egypt

End Location: Cairo, Egypt

Meals: Breakfasts - 11, Lunches - 3, Dinners - 7

Highlights:

Famous Pyramids & Sphinx, sprawling Egyptian Museum, fun camel ride, traditional felucca sailboat trip or Nile cruise upgrade, temples & tombs at Luxor, snorkelling & swimming in the Red Sea, chaotic Cairo bazaars



Day 1: Touchdown in Cairo: Seamless Transfer to Your Hotel

Upon your arrival at Cairo airport, we will greet you and escort you to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to unwind, settle into your hotel, and recover from your journey, or alternatively, explore the city.

OVERNIGHT:

Cairo hotel

MEALS:

EXTRAS:

Day 2: Experience Ancient Egypt: Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum & Camel Ride, then Journey to Aswan by Train

Our day begins with a trip to the impressive Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. While at the Pyramids, we enjoy a brief camel ride, which is not only an enjoyable experience for the whole family but also a fantastic opportunity for photographs. We then head into central Cairo to visit the Egyptian Museum, home to a vast collection of ancient artefacts, mummies, and the world-renowned Tutankhamun exhibit, complete with the iconic golden funerary mask. In the evening, we board the overnight sleeper train to Aswan (approximately 12 hours, private twin cabins).

OVERNIGHT:

On board train

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Exploring Aswan: Philae Temple and a School Visit

We reach Aswan in the late morning. The River Nile looks stunning here, and we begin with a boat tour to the magnificent Philae temple on an island. This impressive temple was moved to its current location following the creation of Lake Nasser. During school terms, we will also visit a nearby

school where we can take part in an enjoyable and casual English/Arabic language lesson, which we aim to organise with children around the same age as those in your group. Later in the day, you will have the opportunity to try a traditional Nubian meal.

OVERNIGHT:

Aswan hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast,Lunch

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Embark on a Felucca Adventure in Aswan (with Optional Abu Simbel Extension)

Early this morning, there is an opportunity to embark on a tour to witness the sunrise at the awe-inspiring temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel. These remarkable temples were meticulously dismantled and reassembled, stone by stone, to protect them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. If you opt not to take the Abu Simbel tour, the morning is yours to explore Aswan's vibrant and exotic bazaar, or perhaps unwind at the hotel before we board our traditional felucca sailboat to begin our journey down the Nile. We spend an enjoyable night sleeping on the deck of the sailboat, well cared for by our warm and welcoming Nubian crew. Throughout the voyage, clean toilets and showers are provided on our accompanying support boat, which meets up with the felucca periodically (there is also the option to upgrade to an additional night at the hotel in Aswan instead of staying overnight on the felucca).

OVERNIGHT:

On board felucca

MEALS:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 5: Sail the Nile by Felucca, Journey to Luxor

After breakfast, we continue our journey along the Nile, taking in the stunning landscape as we sail downstream. We then travel to Luxor, where we check into our hotel, conveniently located alongside the Nile. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to either unwind at the hotel or venture

out into Luxor to experience the sights and sounds of this captivating town.

OVERNIGHT:

Luxor hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 6: West Bank Wonders: A Half-Day Luxor Adventure

Early this morning, you have the opportunity to embark on a sunrise hot air balloon ride over the west bank of the Nile. Our sightseeing for today takes us to the West Bank, where we will visit the ancient tombs in the Valley of the Kings, steeped in history, and discover the remarkable temple of Queen Hatshepsut, where we will hear about her fascinating life. The afternoon offers time to unwind at your hotel, or perhaps you may wish to continue exploring Luxor town. You could enjoy another felucca ride on the Nile to Banana Island, or visit the intriguing Mummification Museum.

OVERNIGHT:

Luxor hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Luxor, Karnak temple tour, drive to Hurghada

This morning, we explore one of Egypt's most significant and awe-inspiring landmarks, Karnak Temple, renowned for its expansive temples, elegant obelisks, colossal statues, and grand colonnades. Following lunch, we embark on a scenic drive through the hills towards the Red Sea, where we will spend a few days relaxing at our beach resort in Hurghada (on a half-board basis). An upgrade to all-inclusive is available, or you may choose to change to a higher-tier resort or one of a different style.

OVERNIGHT:

Hurghada resort

MEALS:

Breakfast,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 8: Leisure Time in Hurghada

For the next three days, you have the freedom to unwind by the resort pool or beach, or take part in the array of watersports and activities available. There's an abundance of things to enjoy both in and around Hurghada, including snorkelling and scuba diving in the stunning coral reefs, a variety of water sports and exciting water parks, adventurous camel rides through the desert, as well as a visit to Hurghada's old town and marina, which are also worth discovering.

OVERNIGHT:

Hurghada resort

MEALS:

Breakfast,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 9: Leisure Time in Hurghada

The day is yours to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation, or you can take part in any of the numerous activities available, which can be arranged through your local representative.

OVERNIGHT:

Hurghada resort

MEALS:

Breakfast,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 10: Leisure Time in Hurghada

Today marks your final opportunity to bask in the Red Sea sunshine and/or take part in some optional activities, before we return to Cairo tomorrow.

OVERNIGHT:

Hurghada resort

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 11: Cairo Flight and City Exploration

This morning, we head to the local airport for our flight with Egypt Air back to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, we will embark on a brief tour to discover the city. We will visit the ancient mosque and museum at the Citadel, which also provides a stunning view over the city, and have the chance to explore, perhaps engage in some haggling, and shop for souvenirs in the winding Khan-el-Khalili bazaar. We will make a stop at a traditional Koshari restaurant to savour lunch, and later in the evening, a delicious farewell dinner will be included to bid farewell to your local guide and fellow travellers.

OVERNIGHT:

Cairo hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 12: Cairo Tour Ends, Transfer to Airport

Your tour concludes today, and you have some leisure time to do a bit more shopping or sightseeing before we take you to the airport for your return flight home.

OVERNIGHT:

N/A

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:**Included:**

- Stay in 4 & 5-star hotels and resorts
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- All transfers included, with a 24-hour airport transfer service
- Sightseeing tours and Egyptologist guides as per the itinerary
- Transport and transfers in air-conditioned minibus/coach
- Sleeper train from Cairo to Aswan (twin-berth cabins)
- Tipping kitty (approximately US\$55 per person)
- Entrance fees for all sites listed in the itinerary (approximately US\$95 per person)
- Internal flight from Hurgada to Cairo

Excluded:

- International flights (can be arranged upon request)
- Visa fees (can be obtained on arrival for most nationalities at US\$25)
- Travel insurance (mandatory, can be arranged upon request)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, and other personal costs (e.g. laundry)
- Gratuities for tour guides
- Hotel gala dinners (if applicable, charged by hotels on 24th & 31st December, refer to Tour notes)
- Sleeping bag (recommended for felucca trips between Nov-Feb)
- Any other items not listed above

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.

Hot air balloon in Luxor



From \$130.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

An early morning departure is required for this popular optional tour, designed to capture the sunrise over the Valleys of the Kings & Queens, ancient temples, and desert scenery. We prioritize the earliest flights possible, as their timing aligns with the sunrise; therefore, departure times may fluctuate. This flight offers roughly one hour of aerial viewing.

The approximate cost is \$170.00, and booking is exclusively available locally through your tour guide, who will provide the most up-to-date pricing.

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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.

Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - post-tour



From \$105.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option allows you to extend your tour by an additional day, with accommodation at the same hotel as your main tour (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer remains included. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Please note that single-room and peak-season supplements are applicable.

Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - pre-tour



From \$105.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option allows you to begin your tour a day early, staying at your tour hotel (subject to availability). Your airport arrival transfer remains included. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing. Please note that single-room and peak-season supplements apply.

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.

Abu Simbel overland



From \$140.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

The temples of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II, are a true highlight of any trip to Egypt. Their impressive scale is matched only by the fascinating story of their relocation. When Lake Nasser was flooded, these magnificent temples were in danger of being submerged. In a remarkable feat of engineering, the entire complex was dismantled and rebuilt further up the hillside, where it stands today as a testament to both ancient Egyptian prowess and modern ingenuity.

To witness this marvel in the best possible light, we depart Aswan very early in the morning (around 3-4am), aiming to arrive at Abu Simbel as the sun rises. You'll then enjoy a guided tour with one of our expert Egyptologists, followed by free time to explore at your own pace, before we return to Aswan (approximately 3 1/2 hours drive each way, with around 2 hours at the temples). This tour is carefully designed to ensure you won't miss any other activities on your itinerary.

We choose the overland route to Abu Simbel as flight schedules are unreliable, leading to a more fragmented and less restful journey. Furthermore, flying is significantly more expensive.

Please note that entrance fees to the site (approximately US\$17, with a 50% discount for children) are not included in the tour price and should be paid locally. A minimum of two people is required for this tour to operate.

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Single room supplement (EGFAFA)



From \$515.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option guarantees a single room in all hotels throughout the tour and should be selected by all solo travellers (we do not offer a room-sharing service on this tour).

Please note: Single supplement prices may vary seasonally.

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Child discount - under 12 (EGFAFA)



From \$-320.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option offers a discount for children under 12 years of age at the time of travel who will be sharing a room with one or two adults. A smaller discount is also available for children under 12 who require their own adjacent or connecting room.

For a precise quote tailored to your family's needs, we recommend contacting us with details of the number of children travelling, their ages, and the number of rooms you require.

Felucca to Hotel upgrade



From \$60.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

If you'd prefer a bit more comfort instead of sleeping on the felucca deck, this option offers an additional night in a hotel in Aswan. You'll rejoin the group after their felucca cruise. Your time in Aswan is free to relax or explore, with optional sightseeing tours available locally upon request.

Please note: Single room supplements apply.

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Note: Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel as itineraries and information does change from time to time.
