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**Country(ies):** Egypt

**Tour type:** Small Group

**Transport:** A/C minibus, internal flight & Nile cruiseboat

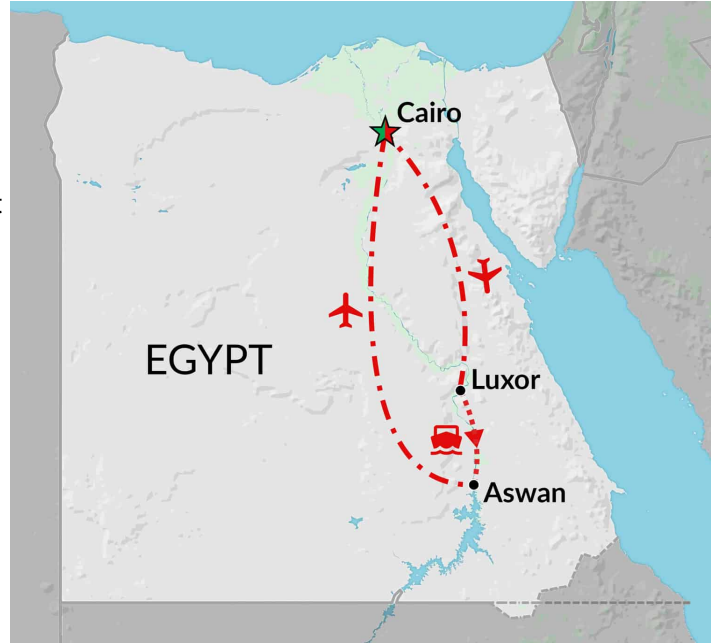
**Group size:** Min: 2 | Max: 18

**Days:** 8 days

**Start Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**End Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 7, Lunches - 4, Dinners - 4



**Highlights:**

Iconic Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza, Egyptian museum, 5-star cruise down the Nile visiting Karnak & Luxor temples, the Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatchepsut, Medinat Habu & Philae Temples

## **Day 1: Touchdown in Cairo, Seamless Transfer to Your Hotel**

Upon arrival, our team will welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel to begin your journey. They will assist with your check-in, familiarise you with the surrounding area, and go over the plans for the following day.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

### **MEALS:**

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 2: Journey to the Pyramids: Cairo, Giza & Saqqara**

Our journey through Egypt begins with a tour of the Giza Plateau, where Egypt's renowned Great Pyramids stand, celebrated by the ancient Greeks as one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. We explore the majestic Pyramids of Giza along with their sentinel, the Sphinx. Next, we head to Memphis, the first capital of the ancient kingdom, to view the statue of Ramses II, and then proceed to Sakkara to marvel at the Step Pyramid.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 3: Soar Over the Nile: A West Bank Adventure and Luxor Temple Marvel**

This morning, we transfer to Cairo Airport for an early flight to Luxor. Our tour begins on the West Bank of the Nile with a visit to the Colossi of Memnon, followed by an exploration of the ancient, dust-laden tombs in the renowned Valley of the Kings. We'll also visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and admire the vibrant hieroglyphics at Medinet Habu Temple before returning to Luxor. The afternoon is yours to unwind on board your 5-star Nile cruise or explore the markets in

Luxor. In the evening, we take a guided walk through the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple.

**OVERNIGHT:**

On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 4: Journey to Luxor and Karnak Temple, then Sail to Edfu**

This morning, seize the opportunity to experience a breathtaking sunrise hot air balloon ride over the West Bank of the Nile. Following breakfast, we'll begin our exploration of Luxor with a visit to the vast Karnak Temple complex, home to towering columns, a range of temples, and numerous ancient structures—cementing Luxor's fame as the world's largest open-air museum! In the afternoon, our boat begins its journey up the Nile, passing through the Esna lock and continuing to Edfu, where we will anchor for the night.

*Note: Nile cruise boat itineraries may be subject to minor adjustments along the way.*

**OVERNIGHT:**

On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 5: Nile River Cruise: Edfu, Kom Ombo, and Aswan**

After breakfast, we head to the nearby Edfu Temple, dedicated to the god Horus. We then journey upriver towards Kom Ombo, observing the traditional rural life of Egypt along the Nile's banks. You may wish to unwind with a refreshing dip in the plunge pool on the boat's sun deck. At Kom Ombo, we explore the temple, which sits picturesquely by the river and houses mummified crocodiles, among other fascinating relics. The cruise then continues on to Aswan.

**OVERNIGHT:**

On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 6: Aswan Day Trip: Philae Temple, Aswan Dam & Optional Abu Simbel Extension**

This morning, you have the option to visit the remarkable temples of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II and recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our early departure allows us to arrive in time to witness the sunrise over these awe-inspiring monuments. For those opting not to visit Abu Simbel, the morning will be at leisure.

Our sightseeing in Aswan includes a boat trip to the enchanting temple complex on Philae Island. This picturesque and historically rich site was entirely relocated due to the construction of the Aswan Dam. We will also visit the impressive Aswan High Dam, which was built to create Lake Nasser.

**OVERNIGHT:**

On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 7: Journey to Cairo: Egyptian Museum and Optional Excursions**

This morning, we depart for Aswan airport for our return flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, we begin our Cairo tour with a visit to the Egyptian Museum, renowned for its extensive collection of Egyptian antiquities. Accompanied by a certified Egyptologist, you'll explore exhibits that showcase each era of this ancient civilisation. The afternoon is free for you to relax or join an optional half-day excursion to visit Cairo's historic churches and synagogues in Coptic Cairo, see the Citadel with its panoramic views, and wander the narrow alleys of the Khan-el-Khalili bazaar. To end the day, an optional dinner cruise on the Nile is available this evening.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 8: Airport Departure Transfer in Cairo

You have the rest of the day free until we transfer you to the airport for your departure. Additional extensions can be arranged at the end of the tour, allowing you to enjoy some time by the Red Sea, add day trips to Alexandria, or visit the World Heritage Site of Wadi Rayan and the Valley of the Whales.

**OVERNIGHT:**

N/A

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:****Included:**

- Domestic air travel
- 3 nights' stay in 5-star hotels
- 4-night, 5-star Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- All transportation and transfers
- 24-hour airport arrival and departure transfer service
- Services of a local Egyptologist tour guide for all sightseeing excursions
- Meals as specified in the itinerary

**Excluded:**

- Overseas flights

- Visa charges
- Mandatory travel insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Entry fees (approximately US\$99)
- Tipping fund (around US\$70)
- Beverages, snacks, and personal expenses (e.g., laundry)
- Tips for the tour guide
- Hotel gala dinners (refer to Tour notes)
- 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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Alexandria day trip



**From \$125.00**

Min numbers:

\*Based on person/s

Discover Alexandria, a 2.5-hour drive north of Cairo on Egypt's Mediterranean coast. This full-day tour showcases the city's highlights, including the Roman amphitheatre, the Catacombs of Kom al-Shoqafa, Pompey's Pillar, Fort Qaitbey (exterior view), and the modern Library of Alexandria. Depending on time, you may also visit Fort Qaitbey's interior and Montazah Palace gardens. A seafood lunch is provided. This tour requires either a late-night departure flight on your final day or an extra day added to your trip.

Pricing is based on a minimum of two travellers; solo supplements apply. Entrance fees (approximately USD 18) are not included.

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Cairo city tour



**From \$75.00**

Min numbers:

\*Based on person/s

This half-day guided tour of Cairo commences in the Islamic quarter, featuring the Citadel of Saladin, home to the renowned Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. We then proceed to the Coptic area of Cairo, where the Romans erected the fortress of Babylon. The Church of St. Mary, more commonly known as the Hanging Church, was built upon the remnants of two fortress towers. Our next stop is St. Sergius, believed to be the resting place of the Holy Family. The tour concludes at the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. The entrance fee budget covers the Coptic Museum, the Citadel, and the Sultan Hassan Mosque. Please be aware that depending on the day's schedule, it may not be possible to visit all of these sites.

Entrance fees for visited sites are not included (budget approximately USD 17).

Prices quoted are based on a minimum of two persons travelling. Solo traveller supplements are applicable.

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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 (EGSGEL)



**From \$615.00**

Min numbers:

\*Based on person/s

This tour is based on twin-share accommodation, where solo travellers are paired with another same-sex member of the group. Should the final group composition preclude a room share, you will not be required to pay the single supplement. However, if you wish to guarantee a single room for the duration of the tour, please add this option to your booking.

Please note: Single supplement prices are subject to seasonal variations.

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