



## Your passport to adventure

**Country(ies):** Egypt

**Tour type:** Family

**Transport:** A/C minibus, sleeper train & felucca sailboat

**Group size:** Min: 3 | Max: 16

**Days:** 9 days

**Start Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**End Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 8, Lunches - 3, Dinners - 3



### Highlights:

Famous Pyramids & Sphinx, sprawling Egyptian Museum, fun camel ride, traditional overnight felucca sailboat trip or Nile cruise upgrade, temples & tombs at Luxor, chaotic Cairo bazaars

## **Day 1: Arrive in Cairo and Check In to Your Hotel**

Upon your arrival at Cairo airport, you will be met and greeted before being transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to settle in, unwind after your journey, or venture out to explore the city at your leisure.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

### **MEALS:**

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 2: Cairo, Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum Tour with Camel Ride and Train to Aswan**

Our day begins with a visit to the awe-inspiring Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. While at the Pyramids, we enjoy a brief camel ride—great fun for the whole family and an ideal photo opportunity. We then head into central Cairo to explore the Egyptian Museum, home to a remarkable collection of ancient artefacts, mummies, and the renowned Tutankhamun exhibit, complete with his 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: Aswan Adventure: Philae Temple & School Visit**

We arrive in Aswan by mid-morning. The River Nile is especially scenic here, and we begin with a boat tour to the stunning island temple of Philae. This magnificent temple was relocated following the creation of Lake Nasser. During school term, we'll visit a local school, where you can participate in a lively and informal English/Arabic language exchange with children of a similar age.

Later in the day, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a traditional Nubian meal.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Aswan hotel

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 4: Embark on a Felucca Cruise from Aswan (Abu Simbel Optional)**

Early this morning, there is an option to join a tour to witness the sunrise over the remarkable temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel. These impressive temples were meticulously dismantled and reconstructed, stone by stone, to protect them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. If you decide not to join the Abu Simbel excursion, your morning is free to explore Aswan's lively and vibrant bazaar or unwind at the hotel. Later, we'll board our traditional felucca sailboat and begin our journey along the Nile. We'll enjoy a memorable night sleeping on the sailboat's deck, looked after by our warm and welcoming Nubian crew. Throughout the voyage, clean toilets and showers are accessible on our support boat, which meets up with the felucca periodically. (There is also an option to upgrade to a hotel stay instead of spending the night on the felucca.)

**OVERNIGHT:**

On board felucca

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 5: Felucca Ride Then Drive to Luxor**

After breakfast, we continue our leisurely sail along the Nile, taking in the beautiful scenery as it drifts by. We then proceed to Luxor, where we check into our hotel located directly beside the Nile. The afternoon is free to unwind at the hotel or to head out and discover the sights and sounds of this captivating town.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Luxor hotel

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 6: Half-Day West Bank Tour in Luxor

This morning, you have the opportunity to embark on a hot air balloon flight at sunrise over the west bank of the Nile. Our tour today will take us to the West Bank, where we will explore the ancient Pharaonic tombs in the Valley of the Kings, followed by a visit to the fascinating temple dedicated to Queen Hatshepsut, where we will uncover the intriguing details of her reign. In the afternoon, you can enjoy some leisure time at your hotel or perhaps discover more of Luxor town. You may wish to take another felucca ride on the Nile to Banana Island, or visit the unusual Mummification Museum.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Luxor hotel

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 7: Luxor, Karnak Temple, and Independent Exploration

This morning, we explore one of Egypt's largest and most remarkable landmarks, the Karnak Temple, renowned for its expansive temples, elegant obelisks, towering statues, and numerous columned halls. The afternoon is at leisure in Luxor, after which we will transfer to the station for the sleeper train back to Cairo (approximately 9 hours). Alternatively, you can choose to upgrade one or both train journeys to internal flights if preferred.

**OVERNIGHT:**

On board train

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 8: Arrive in Cairo and embark on a city tour**

Upon returning to Cairo, we embark on a brief tour to discover the city. We visit the historic mosque and museum at the Citadel, which also provides a stunning view of the city. We then explore the bustling Khan-el-Khalili bazaar, where you can enjoy some bargaining and souvenir shopping. A stop at a traditional Koshari restaurant offers a delightful lunch, and later in the evening, we will enjoy a delicious farewell dinner to bid farewell to your local guide and fellow travellers.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Cairo hotel

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 9: Cairo Tour Conclusion and Airport Transfer**

Your tour concludes today, giving you some leisure time to do a bit more shopping or explore the sights before we transfer you to the airport for your return flight home.

**OVERNIGHT:**

N/A

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

**Included:**

- Stays in 4- and 5-star hotels and resorts
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Comprehensive transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Guided sightseeing tours with Egyptologists, as outlined in the itinerary
- Transportation and transfers in air-conditioned minibus/coach
- Sleeper train journeys from Cairo to Aswan and Luxor to Cairo (twin-berth cabins)
- Tipping fund (approx. US\$45)
- Admission fees for all sites listed in the itinerary

**Excluded:**

- International flights (available upon request)
- Visa fees (obtainable on arrival for most nationalities at US\$25)
- Travel insurance (mandatory, available upon request)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages, snacks, and other personal expenses (e.g., laundry)
- Gratuities for tour guide and drivers
- Hotel gala dinners (if required by hotels on 24 & 31 Dec; refer to Tour notes)
- Sleeping bag (recommended for felucca trips from Nov-Feb)
- Any additional 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 (EGFANA)



**From \$490.00**

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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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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