



Your passport to adventure

Country(ies): Egypt

Tour type: Small Group

Transport: A/C minibus/coach & sleeper train

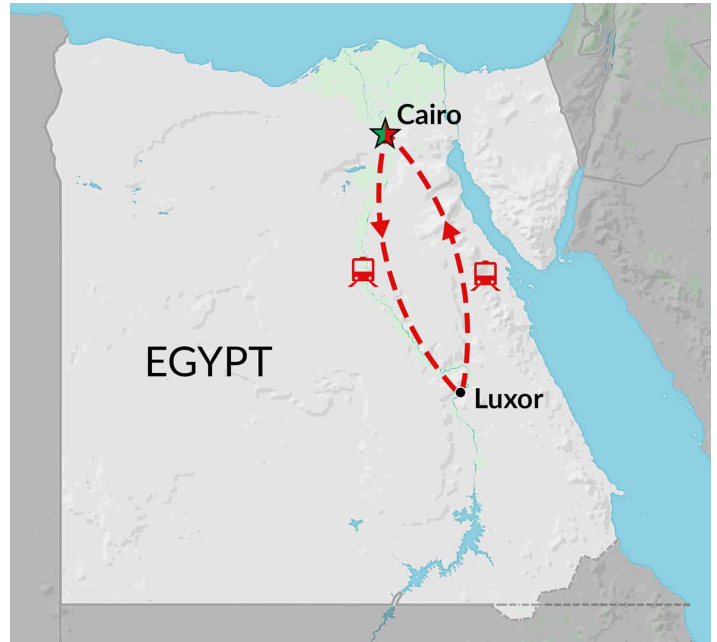
Group size: Min: 2 | Max: 18

Days: 7 days

Start Location: Cairo, Egypt

End Location: Cairo, Egypt

Meals: Breakfasts - 6, Lunches - 0, Dinners - 2



Highlights:

The great Pyramids & Sphinx, dramatic Karnak temple, King Tut's death mask in the Egyptian museum, hidden tombs of the Valley of the Kings

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo and Transfer to Hotel

Upon your arrival, our team will greet you at the airport, assist with your visa and baggage, and then take you to your hotel to begin your journey. They will help you get settled, provide an introduction to the local surroundings, and give you details about the plans for tomorrow. The remainder of the day is free. If you arrive early, you may wish to enjoy an evening dinner cruise on the Nile or attend a breathtaking sound and light show at the pyramids (both can be booked locally upon arrival).

OVERNIGHT:

Cairo 5-star hotel

MEALS:

EXTRAS:

Day 2: Tour of Cairo, Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum

Our journey through Egypt begins with a visit to the renowned Egyptian Museum, home to a vast collection of ancient Pharaonic artefacts. The museum is particularly famous for its exceptional Tutankhamun exhibit, alongside countless other treasures from ancient Egypt. You will be accompanied by one of our expert local Egyptologist guides throughout this and all your other sightseeing excursions. They are a rich source of knowledge, sharing their passion for Egyptian history and culture. After the museum, we proceed to Giza, located on the outskirts of Cairo, to see the Sphinx and the three grand pyramids of Egypt. The Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops), standing 500 feet tall and 750 feet wide at its base, is an awe-inspiring feat of engineering, built from massive stone blocks with a smooth limestone casing, most of which has since eroded, revealing the inner stone structure. Alongside this, the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus) rise majestically from the desert, creating a truly spectacular sight. If you wish, you may descend inside the pyramids, though your guide will not be able to join you (tickets for the Great Pyramid are limited).

In the evening, we will transfer you to the station for the overnight sleeper train to Luxor (approximately 9 hours). You will enjoy a meal on board in your private twin-berth compartment before the steward prepares your beds for a comfortable night's sleep.

OVERNIGHT:

On board sleeper train

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Journey to Luxor, West Bank Excursion, Leisure Time

We arrive in Luxor early this morning and take a crossing over the Nile to begin our exploration of Luxor's West Bank. This area, home to the Valley of the Kings, is still unveiling its ancient secrets through its dusty tombs, making it one of the world's most significant archaeological sites. Our tour will take us through several of these Pharaonic tombs, alongside the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Deir el-Medina (the Valley of the Craftsmen), and the massive Colossi of Memnon.

The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the amenities of your 5-star hotel, located along the banks of the Nile. In the evening, we will visit Luxor Temple, a majestic structure in the heart of the city, dramatically illuminated at night.

OVERNIGHT:

Luxor 5-star hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Journey to Luxor: Karnak Temple

Your morning is at your leisure today, allowing you to enjoy a well-deserved lie-in after yesterday's early start. Following lunch, we will explore the vast Karnak temple complex, which was once the spiritual heart of Thebes and Upper Egypt. This impressive site was connected to Luxor by a long avenue lined with sphinxes, and the entire complex was further linked to the Nile by a canal that allowed the sacred boats of the god Amun to travel. Entering through a smaller sphinx-lined avenue constructed by Ramesses II, you will encounter the grand pylon entrance. Within the expansive Courtyard, you'll find three chapels dedicated to the gods Amun, Khons, and Mut. The awe-inspiring Hypostyle Hall boasts 134 towering columns, each adorned with intricate carvings of gods and pharaohs, while hieroglyphic inscriptions decorate the walls.

A thrilling hot air balloon ride over the west bank of the Nile is offered this morning (be prepared for an early start to catch the sunrise as the balloon ascends).

OVERNIGHT:

Luxor 5-star hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 5: Trip to Luxor: Free Day and Optional Excursions

Today is your free day to unwind at the hotel or opt for an extra tour if you'd like to delve deeper into Egypt's rich history. You might consider visiting the Rammesseum, Medinat Habu, and the Valley of the Queens on the Nile's west bank, or perhaps the Luxor Museum. Alternatively, you could continue exploring Luxor, enjoy shopping or browsing the local market, visit the Mummification Museum, or take a relaxing felucca ride to Banana Island. Your guide will be happy to arrange any additional excursions or you can book tours in advance.

In the evening, we return to the station to board the overnight sleeper train back to Cairo. Flight upgrades are available upon request.

OVERNIGHT:

On board sleeper train

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 6: Cairo Optional Excursions, Historic Cairo & Walk through Khan-el-Khalili Bazaar

We return to Cairo this morning and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Cairo at your own pace, or you can choose to join an optional excursion. These include a city tour of Cairo, visiting Coptic Cairo, the Citadel, and the Mohamed Ali Mosque, or a half-day trip to Saqqara, Dashour, and Memphis to delve deeper into the history and development of pyramid construction. Alternatively, you can opt for full-day trips further afield, such as visiting the colonial city of Alexandria on the Mediterranean coast, or a desert excursion to see the World Heritage Site of the Valley of the Whales at Wadi Rayan (please note, these full-day options will cause you to miss the bazaar walk).

Later in the afternoon, we embark on a guided stroll through the winding streets and markets of Old Cairo. We'll pass through the grand Bab al-Futuh gate and meander through areas specialising in metalwork, spices, pottery, fabric, jewellery, and much more, gradually making our way to the bustling Khan-el-Khalili bazaar. We'll have a chance to relax with a cup of mint tea and a shisha

pipe, providing the perfect opportunity to pick up souvenirs of your Egyptian adventure.

OVERNIGHT:

Cairo 5-star hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Cairo Excursion, Leisure Time, and Airport Drop-Off

You have some free time today for last-minute sightseeing or shopping before we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. If your flight is in the evening, the Cairo City Tour and the Saqqara, Dashour & Memphis tours are also available today. Alternatively, you can extend your stay in Cairo, allowing you to take a day trip to the historic city of Alexandria on the Mediterranean coast or venture into the desert to explore the World Heritage Site of the Valley of the Whales at Wadi Rayan.

OVERNIGHT:

N/A

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Included:

- 4 Nights in 5-Star Accommodation
- 2 Nights in a Private Twin-Berth Cabin on a Sleeper Train (with Options to Upgrade Flights and Hotels)
- All Transportation and Transfers in Private, Air-Conditioned Vehicles
- 24-Hour Airport Arrival and Departure Transfer Service
- Sightseeing Tours as Detailed in the Itinerary
- Services of a Local Egyptologist Guide for All Sightseeing Tours
- Meals as Indicated in the Itinerary

Excluded:

- International flights
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Compulsory travel insurance

- Entrance fees (approximately US\$67)
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Tipping kitty (approximately US\$60)
- Drinks, snacks, guide tips and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- 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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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.

Luxor Museum tour



From \$40.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

The Luxor Museum, though smaller than Cairo's Egyptian Museum, boasts a beautifully curated collection with significant artefacts. Highlights include a colossal red granite head of Amenhotep III, a calcite statue of the crocodile god Sobek, and items from Tutankhamun's tomb, such as boats, sandals, and arrows. The museum also houses objects from periods following Pharaonic Egypt.

The museum typically opens from 9 am to 2 pm and then again from 5 pm to 9 pm. Your guide will confirm the current opening times and arrange a guided visit that complements your other sightseeing activities.

Prices are based on a minimum of two people travelling. Solo traveller supplements apply. Entrance fees to the museum are not included (budget approximately USD 9).

Single room supplement (EGSGPE)



From \$540.00

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.

Abydos & Dendara



From \$100.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option arranges a fascinating day trip from Luxor to the temples at Abydos and Dendara. These less-visited sites offer a unique glimpse into ancient Egyptian history and architecture.

Dendara, dedicated to the goddess Hathor, is a remarkably well-preserved temple that often captivates visitors, becoming a personal favourite. Nearby Abydos, the cult centre of Osiris, god of the dead, features a vast necropolis that once served as a pilgrimage and burial site. This historically significant site originally housed at least ten temples.

Please note that this excursion involves approximately 6 hours of total driving time to and from Luxor, requiring a full free day in your itinerary.

Pricing is based on two people travelling and includes return transport, an expert Egyptologist guide, and tours of both sites. Solo traveller supplements apply. Entrance fees to the sites are not included (budget approximately USD 7).

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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 (4-star) - pre-tour



From \$65.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option allows you to begin your tour a day early, staying at the same hotel as your main tour (subject to availability). Your airport arrival transfer is included. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing.

Please note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

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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