



#### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL DAY CAIRO**

Welcome to Cairo Our representative will meet you upon arrival and assist you with purchase of your entry visa and through the arrivals process.

We will transfer you to your hotel by air-conditioned transport. The drive to the hotel takes around an hour and it's a one of a kind experience! Be sure to have a camera handy. We guarantee your room will have stunning pyramids views, the perfect way to start your journey through Ancient Egypt.

Our representative will assist with check-in at the hotel and leave you to settle in your room.

## DAY 2: SAQQARA STEP PYRAMID AND BBQ LUNCH

After breakfast, you will meet your Egyptologist/Tour Guide at the hotel to start the journey at the very beginning, the Step Pyramid at Saqqara, the first free standing building of stone in the whole world dating back to 2700 BC.

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 3: GIZA PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX**

Today we explore the Giza Plateau, your chance to personally stand where the Ancient Egyptians stood thousands of years ago, next to the Great Pyramid of Cheops, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one that still exists.

Later, an experience not to miss is venturing down into the burial chamber of Chephren (second Pyramid).

We continue our adventure with a camel ride through the Sahara for those who are interested (optional extra cost).

We finish our visit to the plateau with the Guardian Angel of the area, the monolithic and iconic Sphinx.

The day is not over yet, we will now experience how the ancients recorded their history on the first paper ever

produced, Papyrus, at a government regulated Papyrus Institute. Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: EGYPTIAN MUSEUM FLIGHT TO ASWAN

Step into the energy of the city that never sleeps, we experience the crazy Cairo traffic as we drive into downtown

Cairo and Tahrir Square, scene of the 2011 revolution and location of the Egyptian Museum.

The current Egyptian Museum was built before the discovery of the treasures of King Tutankhamen and his famous

solid gold funerary mask so it is overflowing with ancient artefacts and would take many, many visits to see in its

entirety so we highlight the best of the best. Tonight we will fly south to Aswan, (internal flights included).

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 5: ASWAN PHILAE TEMPLE** 

Today we take a relaxing motor boat ride to Agilkia Island to visit the awesome Philae Temple, one of the most

visited Temples in Nubia. Philae Temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis, the wife of Osiris and mother of Horus.

Dinner tonight will be a special experience as we visit a local Nubian village.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6: ABU SIMBEL-EMBARK NILE CRUISE

An early start today, so we can explore Abu Simbel. Great Temple of Ramses II, carved in the mountain on the west

bank of the Nile between 1274 and 1244 BC and dedicated to the gods Ra- Horakhty, Amun and Ptah. This temple is aligned in such a way that, twice a year the first rays of the rising sun penetrate the temple, through the

vestibule and into the sanctuary, where they illuminate the figures of the gods except Ptah. The Temple of Hathor

is dedicated to Queen Nefertari, Ramses beloved wife.

Return to Aswan to join our 5\* Deluxe Nile River Cruise Boat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7: NILE CRUISE/KOMOMBO TEMPLE

After an early morning sailing and breakfast on-board we visit Komombo, the dual temple of Horus & Doek

We return to our Cruise Boat and enjoy an afternoon sailing towards Edfu. Afternoon Tea on the Sun Deck Dress

like an Egyptian at the Galabeya Party tonight hosted in the lounge on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY 8: NILE CRUISE** 

Free Day on-board our luxury Nile River Cruise, Enjoy sailing and watching life on the banks of the Nile. Relax by

the pool, catch up on some rest or enjoy a relaxing massage.

Meals: Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**DAY 9: KARNAK TEMPLES** 

Optional Hot Air Balloon, float high above the Nile & Dile & amp; Valley of the Kings.

Breakfast on board then we sadly have to check out from cruise. Trust us you will be sad!

Karnak Temple at the East bank of the River Nile, the temple complex is huge, covering an area of 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 km

dedicated to the Pharaoh Amun and was also the centre of his worship for his wife Mut and their son Khons. There

are over 25 temples and chapels in the complex.

The Karnak complex includes several of the finest examples of ancient Egyptian design and architecture. Among them is the Hypostyle Hall, considered one of the world's great architectural achievements.

It is filled with 134 enormous pillars, the highest 70 feet tall, and each about 45 feet around.

For those who might like to have their very own cartouche made we will visit a jewellery shop that can custom make one for you and have it ready before we leave Luxor. Dinner tonight is another very special experience.

Overnight in Luxor, our hotel is again positioned on the edge of the Nile River.

Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 10: VALLEY OF THE KINGS/HATSHEPSUT

Enjoy a visit to the Valley of the Kings. Climb down into the spectacularly decorated tombs of the Pharaohs. After that, we visit the Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

The name Deir el-Bahri means Northern Monastery, indicating that the site was once used by Christian monks.

Prior to the coming of Christianity, however, the site was a complex of mortuary temples and tombs built by the ancient Egyptians.

Hatshepsut is arguably one of the most formidable women in ancient Egypt.

Hatshepsut was the first female ruler of ancient Egypt to reign as a male with the full authority of pharaoh.

Today we will visit a local alabaster factory and see how the hand-made pieces as created.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11: Luxor

Today is free to explore Luxor at your leisure. Optional tours are available

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 12: LUXOR** 

Return to Cairo and back to where we started near the pyramids. Depending on our flight times, we may have time for a walk up to the pyramids for another wander around the pyramids or simply explore the facilities at the hotel and book yourself in for a spa treatment.

Meals: Breakfast

## **DAY 13: CAIRO CITY TOURS**

After breakfast, we start our day in Old Coptic Cairo (Hanging Church, Church of Abu Serga & Din. Synagogue), and then we visit Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque inside the Citadel of Salah El Din. Continue driving to the area of Islamic Cairo, where we will be able to explore Khan El Khalili, Cairo's old bazaar.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

# **DAY 14: DEPARTURE DAY**

Enjoy one last breakfast as you gaze at the Pyramids then sadly, it is time to return home.

A representative will transfer you to Cairo International Airport and assist with all check-in procedures.

Meals: Breakfast

