



## THE LAND OF THE PHAROHS

THE PYRAMIDS - LUXOR - ASWAN - VALLEY OF THE KINGS - CAIRO - NILE CRUISE

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS



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(2) Cairo • (4) Nile River Cruise • (2) Cairo



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

See one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid of Giza • Visit the iconic Sphinx • Cruise the Nile in style • Explore the impressive Valley of the Kings • Visit the stunning temples of Karnak & Luxor • Marvel at the beautiful Temple of Horus in Edfu • Gaze upon Ptolemaic Temple of Sobek and Haroeris in Kom Ombo • Visit the Aswan granite quarry • See the unfinished Obelisk & Temple of Philae • Marvel at the monumental Aswan High Dam • Sail in a felucca, a typical Nile sailboat • View Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden & the Agha Khan Mausoleum • Tour Cairo • See Tutankhamun's priceless treasures • Haggle for bargains at the lively Khan el-Khalili Bazaar • Explore Alexandria including the Catacombs

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York and all intra-Egypt flights
- **DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS** - 4 nights in Cairo and 4 nights Nile River cruise
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 18 included meals consisting of 8 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Cairo tour including Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum of Antiquities, Old Cairo and Khan El Khalili Bazaar, and Nile Cruise sightseeing including Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu, and Luxor.
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a visit to a local bakery, a tour of Papyrus Institute and a discussion with a renowned Egyptologist
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Cairo
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 7 included meals consisting of 3 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: scenic drive to Alexandria and a full day tour of Alexandria
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart New York JFK for Cairo. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Cairo** Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. At Cairo International Airport you will be welcomed and assisted through immigration and customs by your tour director, then escorted to your hotel. This evening you can learn about the history of this ancient land and the story of the Sphinx through an optional Sound & Light Show. With laser beams and light projections on the ancient walls of the Mummification Temple, desert sands, pyramid walls and the Sphinx itself, a fascinating story is revealed. The accompanying soundtrack enhances the surroundings, and the voice of the Sphinx is aptly dramatic and mysterious!

**Day 3 Cairo** Today start your day with one of our Cultural Discovery Series – a discussion with a renowned Egyptologist at the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Your visit to the museum will include a collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. Drive to Old Cairo to visit Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church) and Ben Ezra Synagogue. After lunch, you will explore the Citadel of Saladin, a medieval fortification, including the marvelous Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque. Visit the local bakery and learn about the art of making traditional Egyptian bread – Cultural Discovery Series. The full-day tour ends with a visit to Khan El Khalili, the world's largest 13th century covered oriental bazaar. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L)

**Day 4 Cairo/Cruise** Depart the hotel to Cairo Airport for your flight to Aswan. Once there, you will be transferred to your luxury ship for a 4-night/5-day cruise. Here you visit the Aswan High Dam, the Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae. Later sail on board a "Felucca", a typical Nile sailboat, and view Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. In the evening enjoy a Nubian Folkloric Show on board, overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

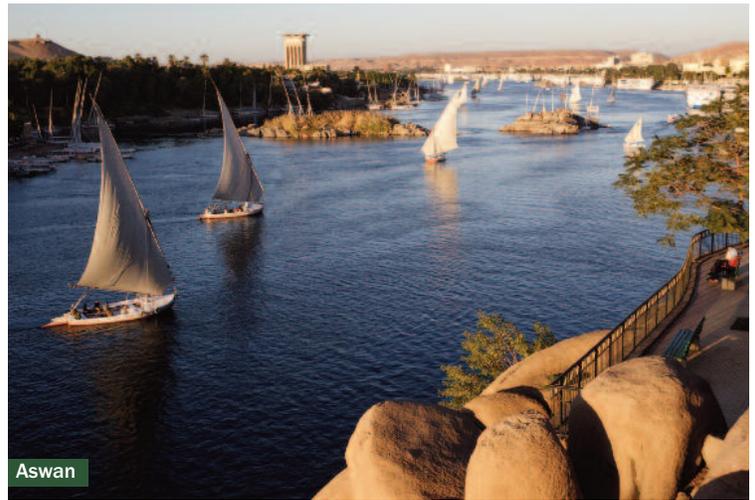
**Day 5 Cruise** After breakfast on board, you set sail to Kom Ombo where you will visit the magnificent temple overlooking the river Nile. This Ptolemaic Temple is the only double temple in Egypt shared by two gods, the crocodile-headed God Sobek, and the falcon-headed God Horus. The temple has two entrances, two courts, two colonnades, two Hypostyle halls and two sanctuaries, one side for each god. This evening enjoy a Galabeya Party after dinner. You are encouraged to shop and wear "The Galabeya", traditional Egyptian garments native to the Nile Valley. Overnight in Edfu. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 Cruise** After breakfast you will visit the Temple of Horus, dedicated to the falcon God Horus, a central figure in ancient Egyptian mythology who served many functions such as God of Sun, War and Protection. Considered the best-preserved ancient temple and the second largest after the Karnak. You will then sail to Esna and pass through the Esna Lock system, with lunch on board. This evening you will enjoy a Captain's cocktail party. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 Cruise** After breakfast you will visit the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings. The ancient Egyptians built massive public monuments to their pharaohs. They also spent time creating concealed underground tombs full of treasures. The most famed collection of such intricate tombs, the Valley of the Kings, became a royal burial ground for pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I, and Ramses II, as well as queens, high priests, and other elites of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties. Then see the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Following lunch on board, you will gaze at the temples of Karnak and Luxor, built from



Sail the majestic Nile River between Aswan and Luxor in the comfort and modern luxury of one of the deluxe Sakkara Nile cruise ships. All ships offer luxurious cabins, delicious cuisine, and uncompromising service. All staterooms boast a private bath with full-size bathtub, international direct dial telephone, and individual climate control. Additional amenities include panoramic dining rooms and lounges, gift shops, spacious sun decks, jogging tracks, gyms, bars, nightly entertainment, pools, and sun decks.



Aswan

the beginning of the Middle Kingdom to the Greco Roman Kingdom. The second most visited historical sites in Egypt, and it's probably due to the 30 pharaohs who contributed to its buildings. In certain places, there are columns that are over three stories tall and about 3000 years old. See the centuries-old city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues, shrines, and obelisks. Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 Cairo** Disembark and transfer to Luxor airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo, transfer to the hotel and check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore on your own or relax in the comfort of your hotel. (B)

**Day 9 Cairo** After breakfast, visit the Great Pyramid of Giza, the defining symbol of Egypt and the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World, and the mysterious Sphinx a mythological creature with a lion's body and a human head, an important image in Egyptian and Greek art and legend. Next, visit the Papyrus Institute and learn about papyrus making as an important part of Egypt's history – Cultural Discovery Series. Enjoy lunch and continue your visit to Sakkara where you will see the famous Step Pyramid. Evening is free for last minute shopping or to relax by the pool. (B,L)

**Day 10 Cairo to USA or extend your stay with an optional Alexandria extension** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

#### OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION

**Day 10 Cairo/Alexandria** Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Cairo and then depart for a scenic drive to Alexandria. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and sample the flavors and cuisine of the region. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish – this seaport city was founded around a small ancient Egyptian town and holds some of the most famous and historic wonders of Egypt. This evening you stay at the Sheraton Montaza Hotel, located in a unique spot where you enjoy the best of the Mediterranean. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 Alexandria - City Tour** Your full day tour takes you on amazing adventures including one of the best-known ancient monuments still standing in Alexandria today, Pompey's Pillar, which is located on the city's ancient acropolis and was originally part of a temple colonnade. Explore the Catacombs which are made up of 3 levels cut into the rock, a large spiral staircase, a rotunda, the triclinium or banquet hall, a vestibule, an antechamber and the burial chamber with three recesses in it. You will also see the Royal Library of Alexandria which was once the largest library in the world and the Qaitbay Citadel in Alexandria considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. (B,L,D)

**Day 12 Alexandria/Cairo** After breakfast, transfer to Cairo and check in at your hotel. The afternoon is yours to explore Cairo at your own pace. (B)

**Day 13 Cairo to USA** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. We thank you for joining us for this extension to Alexandria! (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.



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