

Festive King Ramases 14 days



Escape to sunny Egypt this festive season - Pyramids, temples, felucca sailing & the Valley of the Kings & a 4 day Red Sea retreat. Choose between Xmas day at the pyramids or on the Nile and ring in the New Year by the Red Sea in Dahab!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: 15, 21, 23, 27 Dec 2012
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 12, Lunch: 2, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Cairo

Welcome to the festive season in sunny Egypt! Arrive Cairo, included transfer to hotel. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Pyramids & Saqqara

Cairo - Aswan. A big day out as we venture to the Giza Plateau to explore the great pyramids and Sphinx in all their ancient glory. Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus are the sole survivors of the Seven Ancient Wonders. Cheops (Khufu) is the oldest and biggest. It stood 146.5m high when it was completed in 2600BC. After 46 centuries, its height has only reduced by 9m!

Continuing, we drive to the necropolis of Saqqara. Strewn across the site, are many temples, tombs and pyramids. Built by Imhotep, Zhoser's step pyramid formed the blueprint for ancient Egypt's most enduring architectural legacy. Overnight seater train to Aswan. Sleeper cabin upgrade available Overnight - Train



Day 3: Philae Temple

Arrive and check in to our hotel. A visit out of town takes us to the mighty High Dam, a modern feat of engineering; the by-product for which is Lake Nasser, the world's largest artificial lake! Continuing, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island for Philae Temple, dedicated to the Goddess Isis. Later, free time to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souks and markets or simply relax at our hotel that straddles the River Nile. Overnight - [Aswan](#)



Days 4 - 5: Felucca Cruise

Aswan - Nile felucca cruise. Optional early morning excursion to the magnificent rock-cut Temples of Abu Simbel, built by mighty King Ramses II. If travelling on 15 Dec 2012, our optional Abu Simbel excursion is undertaken by air. On 21, 23 and 27 Dec 2012, the optional excursion is undertaken by road. This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2 night voyage on the River Nile down stream, stopping along the way at local villages and islands.

If sailing by felucca is not your style, navigate the River Nile on board a 5 star Nile Cruiser with private cabin and ensuite bathroom. Our Nile Cruise Upgrade can be purchased in conjunction with a sleeper train upgrade. Overnight - [Felucca Cruise](#)



Day 6:

Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking in Kom Ombo we visit the temple before travelling to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, a huge complex that began construction in 237 BC! We then continue to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at it's best. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. This evening there is an optional visit to the magnificently illuminated Luxor Temple with dinner afterwards (cost is minimal, pay locally). Remainder of the evening at leisure to enjoy the facilities of our hotel. Overnight - [Luxor](#)



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Day 7:

Luxor - Cairo. An early start! There is the option to float over Luxor in a hot air balloon and see area wake up and come alive. Afterwards, we cross to Luxor's West Bank, where we visit the Valley of the Kings and the imposing Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. The first sight we'll see are the large seated statues known as the Colossi of Memnon. Although they are all that remains of the temple of Amenophis III, they resemble twin sentinels staring out across the Nile, seemingly guarding the many tombs pocketed in the valleys behind them.

The more powerful the deceased pharaoh, the deeper and more elaborate was his tomb. King Tut's tomb, although nondescript as compared with say the highly decorated tomb of Ramses III, is more remarkable for the treasures revealed upon Howard Carter's archeological discovery in 1922. Loaded to the gunnels with priceless treasures intended for Tutankhamen's passage to the afterlife, Carter's find has never been equalled.

Returning to the East, we'll have time to relax. Later this afternoon, we visit the vast temple complex of Karnak. Lose yourself in the forest of stone papyrus columns in the huge Hypostyle Hall. Karnak is an awesome, lasting legacy of the power of ancient Egypt. Later, we return to Cairo by overnight seater train. Overnight - Train

Day 8: Cairo

Arrive Cairo and time to freshen up. Later, we take a guided tour of the Egyptian Museum. See the famous King Tutankhamen solid gold death mask or opt to see the Royal Mummy room. Remains of the afternoon and evening free to do your own thing. Maybe head over to Khan el-Khalili bazaar. It's a top spot for the purchase of ornate free-standing tobacco pipes, pharaonic tat, belly dancing costumes, spices and carpets. Overnight - [Cairo](#)



Day 9: Dahab - by the Red Sea

Cairo - Dahab. Today we cross the Suez Canal and travel onto Dahab, located on the Red Sea. Just 90km from Sharm-el-Sheikh and around 7 hours drive from Cairo, Dahab has developed from a hippy village to a respected haven with a solid infrastructure for

SCUBA divers, snorkellers and travellers seeking sun, sea and relaxation. Arriving to Dahab you have 4 whole days to do as you please! Overnight - [Dahab](#)



Days 10 - 12: Blue Hole Snorkeling

Today offers an optional snorkelling excursion to the Blue Hole. 80 metres in depth, the Blue Hole boasts an abundance of colourful coral, fish and marine life.

An energetic climb to the summit of Mt Sinai and a visit to St Katherine's Monastery are further options available. Enjoy the next few days at leisure, the Dahab waterfront is dotted with laid back cafes, bars and shops, perfect for eating, drinking or relaxing with a little retail therapy. If you'd like to extend your stay and learn to scuba dive the PADI way check out our Dive Dahab bolt-on. Whatever you choose, you can do it your way in Dahab! Overnight - [Dahab](#)



Day 13: Dahab to Cairo

Dahab - Cairo. After a leisurely breakfast we return to Cairo. The remainder of the day and evening are free to enjoy Cairo your way. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

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Day 14: Cairo

Hotel check out and included onward departure transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Dahab - Red Sea coast - swim, relax, opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters

What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- All meals aboard felucca cruise
- 9 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 4 days Dahab - Red Sea stay - swim, sun and sand
- 2 overnight trains: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor - Cairo (seater train)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer, day 1 and day 14
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan, Edfu & Luxor
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern

air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- All hotels on New Year's Eve charge a compulsory New Year's dinner supplement. Tours departing on 21 and 23 Dec 2011 will be staying at a hotel in Dahab. The New Year's dinner cost is payable by you locally, (collected on day 2 of your tour with your entrance fees and tip kitty) budget approx: USD\$60.
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping your guide and crew is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$80-90 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$45-55 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Abu Simbel - USD \$259

Abu Simbel by flight. The massive rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel never fails to impress. It's possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan intricately carved facade, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the 4 colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began. This excursion is offered on all tours visiting Aswan.

Hot Air Ballooning - USD \$199

An aerial adventure awaits in Luxor! Imagine drifting silently over temples, ancient sites, ruins and villages in the early morning sun. See ancient Thebes from a different angle as you float above the River Nile and wave down at the locals as you drift a few metres from their open rooftops!

Nile Cruise Upgrade - USD \$339

Upgrade from the included Nile felucca cruise from Aswan to Luxor and cruise in style aboard a luxury Nile cruiser. Our 5 star cruiser has a bar and restaurant, whilst your well-appointed, air-conditioned cabin offers a private bathroom. The boat deck offers plenty of space for relaxation and a swimming pool. Sightseeing stops are made en-route. All meals included, buffet style during your onboard stay.

Sleeper Train Upgrade - one way - USD \$89

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On our Jewel of the Nile, Family tours and many tailor-made itineraries we include the Sleeper Cabin Train as part of your journey. On all other tours (taking the Nefertiti Seater Train) we offer the option to upgrade to a sleeper cabin on the Sleeper train. Cabins are lockable, equipped with 2 bunk beds, linen, washbasin and towel, allowing passengers to relax and stretch out.

Learn to Dive - USD \$799

Spend longer in Dahab and learn to dive in the Red Sea with our PADI Openwater Learn to Dive Course - 4 day/3 night bolt-on (4/5 day course). Or for experienced divers we offer a Certified Dive and Advanced Dive Bolt-on. Named as one of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World, the Red Sea boasts more than a 1000 species of fish, 400 types of coral, perfect visibility and warm waters. It is a diver's dream!

Festive Abu Simbel - USD \$69

Discover the Temples of Abu Simbel on a journey from Aswan by road. Egypt, with its gargantuan rock-cut facade is the magnificent Abu Simbel. Guarding the entrance to the temple are 4 colossal seated statues of King Ramses II, staring out across Lake Nasser.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,449

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All hotels charge a compulsory New Year's dinner supplement. Tours departing on 21 Dec & 23 Dec 2012 will be staying at a hotel in Dahab. The New Year's dinner cost is payable by you locally, budget approx: USD\$70.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
15 DEC - 28 DEC	USD \$1,449	USD \$369
21 DEC - 03 JAN	USD \$1,449	USD \$369
23 DEC - 05 JAN	USD \$1,449	USD \$369
27 DEC - 09 JAN	USD \$1,449	USD \$369

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
17 DEC - 30 DEC	USD \$1,449	USD \$369
21 DEC - 03 JAN	USD \$1,449	USD \$369
23 DEC - 05 JAN	USD \$1,449	USD \$369
27 DEC - 09 JAN	USD \$1,449	USD \$369

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre Accom - Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20
Post Accom Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

I would just like to inform you about my holiday I had in Egypt over Christmas and new year, on the Festive King Ramses tour. I have never been on a tour before and now I would fully recommend it, your company is amazing, always on time and have things arranged, I was never let down or disappointed in any part of onthego. All of the reps were very nice. I would like to say a big thank you and really praise our tour guide called Momo, he added the finishing touches to the tours and journeys, he was very friendly, funny, making us all feel welcome and all coming together as a group. I was surprised in all the knowledge and information he has and the things he knows about Egypt. I think it's amazing how someone can hold all of that information. I found him very approachable, I was confident to talk to him when I had concerns, and he reassured me. Momo seems like he loves his job and gets great pleasure in mixing with different people and travelling around. It was sad to say goodbye to him. I have recommend onthego to my friends and family, also encouraging them to go to the beautiful country of Egypt. Im already thinking of coming back.

Nadine Crossin, Jan 2012

Excellent service from Romany, his knowledge, patience, smoothley organisation, inclusive approach was brillinat. Enjoyed our talk on modern Egypt.

Dionysios Apostolos Mavrokefalos , Jan 2011

Hamdy was a great tour guide.Great tour, Hamdy is fantastic in his job.Lots of informations were given at all time. Food at felucca/cruise was too good. Wonderful experience.Thank you.

Stacey Maureen Dargan , Jan 2011

Thanks so much to all the Egypt team at on the go! We had the most fantastic trip over xmas/ny's. I can't believe all the things we managed to fit in, and how much having the guide to give us local knowledge and deal with the egyptian chaos helped us just relax and have a good time. Our guide Sam was just fantastic - everything you could have wanted knowledgeable, organised, fun, and a fantastic storyteller who made every bit of history so fascinating and memorable. When our overnight bus to dahab was hindered rather

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majorly by flash flooding he did the most incredible job of sorting stuff out, and managing to find us a bed for the night back in Hurgada, but most importantly of communicating what was going on to us and the efforts being made by on the go to sort out factors beyond their control. Indeed, right throughout the trip Sam was excellent at explaining why the trip was planned as it was (why we had to get up at 5am, what the alternatives were and why they wouldn't be good etc) which made a huge difference to the feeling of the trip and the group. Our felucca captains (Hamada I and II and ziggy) were such lovely people, and so kind to us for the whole time we were on their boat, singing to us, telling us about their lives, and of course serving the most lovely food. The felucca for me was the absolute highlight of the trip. I was really impressed with the standard of hotels on the whole tour - and the price we payed made the trip excellent value for money. Finally getting to Dahab and the amazing resort there it didn't matter about any of the flooding or lack of sleep we'd missed on the way. Thank you so much for the trip of a lifetime!! We really had the most wonderful time :-)

Ms Joanna James, Jan 2011

Hi Charlie, I just wanted to say thanks for booking our Egypt trip for us and also to let you know that the tour was amazing, our guide Sherif was brilliant and we will definately use On the Go again, as the service and the experience was better than we expected. Many thanks,

Dannielle Thomas, Jan 2011

Hello there, Just to let you know that my boyfriend and I had the most wonderful trip to Egypt thanks to your tour company. Our tour guide was Ehab (Bob) and he was totally amazing, he knows so much and is a wonderful person. The accommodation at the red sea is the best, it's a wonderful new resort. I look forward to doing another tour with your company in April to Turkey! Thanks.

Miss Celia Butler, Jan 2011

Outstanding guide - tour - service, my 1st time travelling with on the go - will return!

Leisa Crozier , Dec 2010

Our guide Bishoy worked tirelessly to make sure that all passengers were happy and satisfied with information. I really enjoyed the pace of the tour. Staff on M/S LaTerasse went out of their way, funny and charming.

Nancy Dauber , Dec 2010
