

# Felucca Explorer

## 9 days | Cairo to Cairo



Take in the highlights of ancient Egypt, from the legendary Pyramids of Giza to the tomb strewn Valley of the Kings, and spend two days felucca sailing on the River Nile on this action packed 9 day Egyptian adventure.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Cairo - marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza, explore the Necropolis of Saqqara and see King Tut's treasures at the Egyptian Museum
- Luxor West Bank - discover exquisite tombs in the Valley of the Kings, the towering Colossi of Memnon and the beautiful Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Luxor - roam around the colossal Temple of Karnak and take an optional tour of the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night
- Aswan - take a boat ride out to the romantic Philae Temple
- Nile felucca cruising - sail the River Nile on board a traditional felucca and spend two nights sleeping on deck, under a blanket of stars
- Kom Ombo - visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo

#### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- 5 nights 3 - 4 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer, day 1 and day 9
- 1 overnight train: Luxor - Cairo (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor, Aswan and Kom Ombo
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Ave group size: 16 persons

#### What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$60-80pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$80-100pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

#### Local Payment

GBP£150pp (or USD equivalent)

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Cairo

Saturday. Welcome to Cairo, Egypt's bustling capital. You will be met at Cairo airport and transferred to our start hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **Overnight - Cairo**

#### Day 2 : Pyramids of Giza, Saqqara & Khan el-Khalili Market



After breakfast we have a short Welcome Meeting we travel to the Giza Plateau to visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza, the sole survivors of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. Known as Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus the great pyramids were built over 4500 years ago to protect the mummies of the pharaohs and the treasures they took with them to the afterlife. Constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks, Cheops is the largest of the great pyramids and it is thought to have taken 100,000 workers more than 20 years to construct. For a real Arabian experience, you can opt to hire a camel for a ride across the sands of Giza.

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After exploring the pyramids and the iconic Sphinx we travel on to the necropolis of Saqqara to see Zoser's step pyramid - which was constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect, in 2700 BC and became the template for all future pyramid construction. We complete our day souvenir shopping at the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 3 : Egyptian Museum



Cairo - Luxor. This morning we visit the famous Egyptian Museum, which is home to an incredible array of Egyptian relics and antiquities including the treasures of King Tutankhamun and his famous solid gold funerary mask. This afternoon we board our coach for the long 9 hour journey south to Luxor. Upon arrival this evening we check into our hotel by the River of Nile. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 4 : Valley of the Kings



Luxor - Aswan. We venture to the incredible tomb strewn Valley of the Kings on Luxor's West Bank this morning. We're greeted by the towering 18m Colossi of Memnon - an iconic pair of statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, before exploring the Valleys of the Kings and the beautiful colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which rises out of the desert plain in a series of terraces.

The Valley of the Kings is studded with beautifully decorated tombs, which were carved into the desert rocks to house the regal sarcophagi enclosed mummies of the mighty pharaohs awaiting passage into the after-life, including the famous tomb of King Tutankhamen. Later this afternoon we continue our journey, travelling south to Aswan. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

## Day 5 : Philae Temple, Felucca sailing & Optional Abu Simbel



Aswan - Nile felucca cruise. There is an optional early morning excursion by road to the spectacular rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel today. Then it's a short boat ride to Agilika Island for a guided tour of the beautiful Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis.

This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2 night voyage downstream on the River Nile. Feluccas are simple sailboats based on a unique design and have plied the Nile since ancient times. Relax by day and spend two nights sleeping under a blanket of stars on the felucca deck. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 6 : Felucca Sailing



Nile Felucca Sailing - Kom Ombo. Spend a relaxing day sailing the Nile, taking in the scenery as it glides by, waving to locals along

the river banks and perhaps opting for a swim. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 7 : Kom Ombo Temple



Kom Ombo - Luxor. This morning we disembark at Kom Ombo to visit the riverside temple which is dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile headed god. Then we travel on to Luxor. This evening we enjoy a guided tour of the remarkable Luxor Temple, which is spectacular at night when it's illuminated by hundreds of lights. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 8 : Karnak Temple & pool time

Luxor - Cairo. This morning we visit the colossal Temple of Karnak which was at the heart of religious life in ancient Egypt. Karnak is an incredible complex of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Theban gods and to the greater glory of Egypt's Middle and New Kingdom rulers. This afternoon is free to relax, enjoy a swim and soak up the sun at the hotel pool. Tonight, we travel on board an overnight sleeper train back to Cairo. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B)**

## Day 9 : Cairo

Sunday. Arrive back into Cairo this morning and transfer to our start hotel, where our Egyptian adventure ends. Today offers free time for you to further explore Cairo before an included departure transfer to the airport. Flights departing Cairo should not be booked before 2pm. Should you wish to stay a few more days, post tour accommodation is available, should you require.(B)

## HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though

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we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard. If you require a complete list of the confirmed hotels for your tour please request this from your reservations consultant two weeks prior to your departure. **Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

## Oasis Hotel

Just a stone's throw from the Pyramids, the Oasis Hotel is a classic Egyptian hotel with beautiful expansive gardens. Rooms are very spacious with comfortable beds and fantastic en suite facilities. Wi-Fi is available and the buffet breakfast offers a good spread. In the evening the outdoor pool and fountains are lit up making the restaurant and bar the perfect place to spend an evening sipping on a cold glass of beer.



## Grand Pyramids Hotel

Not far from the mysterious Sphinx and the Giza Pyramids, you'll find the Grand Pyramids Hotel. Its guestrooms are spacious and generously sized, offering views of either the pyramids, gardens or swimming pool. Dine on either international cuisine in the buffet-style restaurant or savour some traditional Italian fare in the candlelit Lucciano. With a spa offering a sauna, steam room and revitalising massage treatments, there's no shortage of opportunities for you to unwind and relax after a day of sightseeing.



## Tolip Hotel, formerly Helnan Aswan

Set in manicured gardens, the Helnan Aswan is an elegant hotel with impressive views of the Nile. Guest rooms are spacious with modern interiors and located next to the beautiful pool. Wi-fi is available in the lobby and by the pool. There are also two restaurants and bars, a bowling alley, a swimming pool and a cinema. Why not relax by the pool before exploring the rest of Aswan.



## Felucca Sailing

Feluccas are simple, traditional Egyptian sailboats that have plied the Nile since ancient times. Feluccas come in varying sizes and can sleep 20 persons comfortably. The boat's deck is draped with soft colourful cushions that serve as your lounging area during the day and as your sleeping area at night. Our felucca is equipped with a flush toilet and basin for hand washing. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag/sheet (or hire for a nominal cost) and a towel with you. The crew, as well as being experienced sailors, are responsible for the preparation of included meals which are served onboard.



## Arcan Hotel

Offering a prime location in the centre of Luxor, this 4-star hotel is close to top attractions including the Luxor Museum and Luxor Temple. Surrounded by manicured gardens, the contemporary-style guestrooms are well-equipped with air conditioning, a minibar and a balcony overlooking the garden or River Nile. Guests can enjoy a rich breakfast, lunch and dinner in the sunlit restaurant or outdoors by the resort style pool. There you'll also find a poolside bar

and sun deck, so you can enjoy a cocktail or two as you soak up the rays.



## Iberotel Luxor

Centrally located in Luxor, this hotel is set on the banks of the River Nile and the perfect base for exploring this city's ancient wonders. The spacious guestrooms are air-conditioned and you can enjoy breath-taking views out to the Hills of Thebes from your private balcony. A generous daily breakfast is served featuring cereals, omelettes, fresh pastries and more. But this hotel's most unique feature is its heated pool, which has been designed to float on top of the River Nile.



## PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged provided there is another single traveller booked on the tour date of your choosing. If a roommate cannot be found, the single room supplement will apply.

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## PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
10 Aug	USD 495	USD 645
17 Aug	USD 495	USD 645
31 Aug	USD 495	USD 645
14 Sep	USD 495	USD 645
28 Sep	USD 495	USD 645
12 Oct	USD 595	USD 745
26 Oct	USD 595	USD 745
09 Nov	USD 595	USD 745
07 Dec	USD 595	USD 745
28 Dec	USD 695	USD 895

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Jan	USD 595	USD 745
18 Jan	USD 595	USD 745
01 Feb	USD 595	USD 745
15 Feb	USD 595	USD 745
29 Feb	USD 595	USD 745
14 Mar	USD 595	USD 745
28 Mar	USD 595	USD 745
11 Apr	USD 695	USD 895
25 Apr	USD 495	USD 645
09 May	USD 495	USD 645
23 May	USD 495	USD 645
06 Jun	USD 495	USD 645
11 Jun	USD 495	USD 645
27 Jun	USD 495	USD 645
25 Jul	USD 495	USD 645
08 Aug	USD 495	USD 645
29 Aug	USD 495	USD 645
12 Sep	USD 495	USD 645
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