

# Pyramid City

## 4 Days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



*PREMIUM PRIVATE TOUR: Take an exciting city break in captivating Cairo. Visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza, discover the treasures of King Tutankhamun and see mummies of mighty pharaohs. By night enjoy the comforts of a deluxe downtown hotel making for a fabulous long weekend with time to sightsee and relax.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- See the legendary Pyramids of Giza and the great Sphinx, the only remaining ancient wonder of the world
- Explore the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to treasures of King Tutankhamun
- See the mummies of ancient Egyptian kings and queens at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization
- Free day to independently explore, opt to see the Step Pyramid of Saqqara, visit Khan el Khalili Markets or simply spend the day relaxing by the hotel pool

#### What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- 3 nights DELUXE hotel. Why not opt to upgrade to a Pyramid view room! please enquire. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details
- Guided sightseeing of the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza
- Guided excursion to the Egyptian Museum
- Guided sightseeing on day 2 conducted by an English speaking Egyptian tour guide, qualified in Egyptology
- Entrance fees (excludes optional entrance fees to the Royal Mummy Room at Egyptian Museum and pyramid interiors should you wish to visit these sites)
- An airport arrival transfer on day 1 and a departure transfer on day 4
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping and tip for your guide. We recommend you allow USD\$20 per traveller per day of guiding for your guide, though ultimately tipping is an entirely personal gesture.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Welcome to Egypt!

Welcome to Egypt and the start of your city stay! Arrival Cairo and included transfer to your 5 star hotel. The remainder of today is at your leisure to relax or explore Cairo your way. Consider sailing on a traditional felucca on the Nile at sunset, or the sound and light show this evening.. **Overnight - Cairo**

#### Day 2 : Pyramids & Egyptian Museums



This morning enjoy a guided tour of the legendary Pyramids of Giza and the iconic Sphinx. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction! Gaze in awe at Cheops (Khufu) - the largest of the three great pyramids. Constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks it is thought to have taken more than 20 years to construct.

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Whilst here, you can opt to enter the inside one of the pyramids, subject to opening. Not built for the purpose of accommodating curious travellers, a visit inside one of the pyramids is hot, humid and not recommended for those that are claustrophobic! For a real Arabian experience, perhaps opt to hire a camel for a trot across the sands of Giza and grab that iconic photo of the 3 pyramids (your guide can help you arrange this locally).

Next stop is the Grand Egyptian Museum, which houses a giant exhibition containing the treasures of King Tutankhamun. In this incredible 490,000 sq.m complex many of the exhibits are being displayed for the first time and artefacts have been brought together from across Egypt and the world.

After your guided tour of the museum, end the day with a visit to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization where you can see the mummies of ancient Egyptian kings and queens which are displayed in the Royal Mummies' Hall. This incredible hall contains 20 mummies in total including King Ramses II. Some are so well preserved that you can still see hair on their heads and fingernails. At this museum you will just visit the Royal Mummies' Room, which is the highlight.

This evening consider heading out to dinner at one of the restaurants that offer fantastic views of Cairo and the Nile. Ask your guide for some recommendations!

Please Note: the Grand Egyptian Museum is scheduled to open in late 2022, though an official opening date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum instead.

**Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 3 : Discover Cairo - Your own way



A free day to enjoy Cairo your own way. Consider relaxing by the hotel swimming pool, snapping up a few bargains at the famous Khan el Khalili bazaar or exploring more of Cairo on our optional Cairo City tour. You could also visit the tomb-strewn Saqqara, home to Zoser's Step Pyramid. Zoser's Step Pyramid was constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC, and was the template for all future pyramid construction, including the Great Pyramids of Giza. If you already have something in mind that you would like to pre book, let your consultant know so we can arrange this in advance for you.

**Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 4 : Farewell Cairo...



Today marks the conclusion of your city stay. Enjoy breakfast at leisure before hotel check out and included onward departure transfer to the airport. Should you wish to extend your stay we can arrange additional accommodation.(B)

## ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve

the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.**

### Sheraton Cairo Hotel

The recently renovated Sheraton Cairo Hotel, Towers and Casino is a stylish, contemporary hotel with fantastic views over the Nile. The rooms are particularly spacious with large bright windows, complimentary WiFi and all of the modern amenities required to ensure a comfortable stay. If you're feeling lucky head to the casino, or relax in the spa tub and soak up the sun by the large outdoor pool. The hotel has a choice of three restaurants and bars, where you can enjoy a tasty meal and refreshing drinks after taking in the ancient wonders of Egypt's capital city.



### InterContinental Semiramis

Situated on the banks of the River Nile in the heart of the capital, the luxury InterContinental Semiramis is conveniently located next to the Egyptian Museum and the bustling bazaars of Old Cairo. The tastefully appointed guest rooms have been designed with comfort in mind, with all modern amenities and balconies offering Nile or city views. The hotel's large rooftop pool is perfect for a refreshing dip and with 12 restaurants offering cuisine from across the world there's certainly no shortage of dining options. At the end of the day, head to the Nile Terrace to watch a spectacular sunset over the Nile, with a cool drink in hand.

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## BEFORE YOU GO

### Tipping

Tipping is an essential part of the culture. For a job well done, we would suggest for your tour guide: USD \$5-6 per traveller, for each day of sightseeing.

For your driver and On The Go Representative we'd recommend USD\$2-3 per traveller for each day of service. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture and ultimately the amount is up to you.

### Accommodation ratings

On our Private trips, you can often choose your style of accommodation. The price quoted on our website is reflective of the included accommodation, please see the "included" section on the first page of this document for details. Should you opt for an alternative hotel category, this will be confirmed in writing with the respective price on your invoice.

For further details about the indicative hotels, please see the "hotels" tab on our website. Here we rank hotel's in their respective country (REGIONAL CATEGORY) - but we also tell you how it ranks by Western standards (OUR CATEGORY).

**STANDARD** - Equates to a Western 3-star standard, always featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant.  
**SUPERIOR** - Equates to a Western 4-star standard, featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant and often a swimming pool and/or a fitness centre.  
**DELUXE** - Equates to a Western 5-star standard, usually featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming

pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, excellent service and customer care.

**LUXURY** - Equates to a Western 5-star plus standard - the creme de la creme. Featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, this accommodation is a cut above the rest. Sheer opulence!

## Egypt Country Guide

### Welcome to Egypt - Arrival transfer

A complimentary airport arrival transfer is included. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you will be met by a representative from On The Go Tours PRIOR to immigration. The prominent sign depicting our company logo easily identifies our representative who will fast track you through the immigration queue. Please have your Tour Voucher handy and make it available to our representative. Our representative will assist you with your luggage and escort you to our vehicle, where you will wave goodbye and be transferred to your hotel.

**If, for any reason you have trouble locating our representative** (after waiting 20 minutes in the arrival hall) or your flight to Egypt is delayed, please call or send a text message (standard text message, not Messenger or WhatsApp) to the emergency contact number as stated on your Tour Voucher.

### Visas & passports

Visa requirements are subject to change and visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Egypt.

After booking your holiday, please provide us with your passport details as soon as possible so that we can proceed to book all services. Please be

advised visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. For information about Egyptian visas, head to [www.onthegotours.com/Egypt/Visas](http://www.onthegotours.com/Egypt/Visas)

### Health requirements & water

You should seek medical advice for vaccinations and about medications before travelling.

Tap water is not safe to drink in Egypt, only drink bottled mineral water which is readily available from hotels, shops and restaurants.

### Essential packing

Please check local temperatures so you can pack accordingly. Visit [www.worldclimate.com](http://www.worldclimate.com)

- Towel for the felucca (if applicable to your chosen tour)
- Lightweight cotton garments
- Comfortable walking shoes. Pack flip flops/thongs/jandals to wear aboard the Nile felucca or Nile Cruiser
- DEET based mosquito repellent and antihistamine cream
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Universal travel adaptor
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume and torch
- Sleep sheet or sleeping bag if travelling on the felucca, or if travelling onto Jordan. If travelling by felucca you can opt to only bring a sleep sheet and hire a freshly laundered winter warmth blanket for USD\$15 (total) for the 2 night stay from our felucca crew
- If doing a felucca cruise or travelling between November and March, pack warm clothes (i.e. fleece, jacket, trousers, jeans, hat and scarf) as temperatures plummet at night

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## It's not like home, what to expect & Ramadan

Travel to far - flung corners of the earth involves lifestyles and conditions that are sometimes very different from what you are used to back home. You must come prepared to cope with unusual situations, local inadequacies and unpredictable events as and when they occur. Foreign travel is definitely not suitable for people who expect or demand everything to go exactly as planned. With the greatest respect and in the interest of your ultimate enjoyment you must understand this. Things can and do change in foreign countries.

Please visit [www.onthegotours.com/Egypt/Travel-tips-and-useful-info](http://www.onthegotours.com/Egypt/Travel-tips-and-useful-info) for what to wear, local customs, currency, WiFi, Ramadan and other helpful information to prepare you for your holiday.

### RAMADAN

Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world and adherents of the Muslim faith fast during daylight hours and break their fast with lavish meals and lively celebrations in the evening. Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier, as such we will start our tour earlier to make the best use of time and itineraries may be slightly altered to ensure we visit all attractions, leisure time will be offered in the afternoon. Non-Muslims are not expected to fast over Ramadan, but it is considered impolite to eat food or drink on the street. NOTE: Traffic is exceptionally heavy during Ramadan, especially toward the time of breaking the fast. Forthcoming Ramadan dates are: 22 Mar - 20 Apr 2023 & 10 Mar - 8 Apr 2024 (approx)

### Shopping in Egypt

For those that enjoy shopping, Egypt is a virtual Aladdin's Cave. Top buys include - perfume concentrate, rugs, backgammon boards, shisha pipes,

Egyptian cotton clothing and authentic papyrus. When bartering for goods, set your budget, don't be swayed and remember the caveat - 'let the buyer beware.'

In the tourism industry it's common practice for commission to be offered in exchange for recommending particular shops or suppliers. This can become an issue when clients feel obliged to purchase. We do our best to avoid this by monitoring all shopping experiences offered.

All shopping experiences on your tour have been noted in the itinerary and they been carefully selected based upon positive feedback from On The Go travellers. You are under no obligation to partake in a listed shopping experience and you are most welcome to wait inside or outside the premises.

Although we only visit reputable retailers, please note that we cannot explicitly guarantee the quality of their products. All purchases made whilst on holiday with us are at your own discretion. Please make sure that you are completely happy with your purchase. On The Go cannot be held responsible for any items that you buy if they fail to meet expectation, or any shipping arrangements. Proceed with caution.

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