

# Classic Egypt

9 Days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



*Experience the wonders of ancient Egypt in nine intoxicating days - the pyramids, the tomb strewn Valley of the Kings, Abu Simbel and a relaxing cruise, meandering the River Nile onboard a five star Nile Cruiser.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza Plateau
- Necropolis of Saqqara
- Mohamed Ali Mosque and Khan el Khalili Bazaar
- Egyptian Museum
- The Temples of Abu Simbel
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile cruising - islands en route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Luxor - Temples of Karnak & Luxor Temple by night
- Luxor - Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Colossi of Memnon and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily and all meals aboard Nile Cruiser

- 3 nights superior hotels (standard and deluxe hotels are also available, please enquire), 3 nights deluxe Nile Cruiser
- 2 overnight trains: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor - Cairo (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Return domestic flights: Aswan - Abu Simbel
- Private air-conditioned transportation, all relevant transfers
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 9
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan and Luxor
- Qualified Egyptologist guide at all sites of antiquity
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Cairo

Welcome to Egypt and the start of your holiday! Arrive Cairo, included transfer to hotel and overnight. **Overnight - Cairo**

### Day 2 : Pyramids & Saqqara

Today we tour the Pyramids at Giza Plateau. 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. The other two - Chephren and Mycerinus are equally impressive. Afterward we tour the tomb-strewn necropolis of Saqqara, featuring King Zoser's step pyramid. Constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC, this was the template for all future pyramid construction. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

### Day 3 : Egyptian Museum



Cairo - Aswan. This morning we venture to old Islamic Cairo and the Egyptian Museum, home to the most extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities in the world. Arguably the most famous exhibit is the stunning solid gold funerary mask of the boy-King Tutankhamen. An entire gallery is devoted to the treasures unearthed by Howard Carter at Tutankhamen's tomb in the Valley of the Kings

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in 1922. This evening we board our overnight sleeper train to Aswan. **Overnight - Sleeper train (B)**

## Day 4 : Philae Temple & High Dam

Arrive Aswan and hotel check in. This afternoon we visit the Philae Temple and Aswan High Dam. Philae temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, was rescued in an enormous UNESCO effort in the 1970s. Due to high water levels in the reservoir created by the Old Aswan Dam and further aquatic drama due to the creation of the mighty High Dam, Philae temple was relocated stone by stone on higher ground on nearby Agilika Island. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

## Day 5 : Abu Simbel



Aswan - Abu Simbel - Aswan. A short flight down south to explore the temples of Abu Simbel, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple (built between 1290 and 1224 BC) hewn into the side of a mountain are four famous colossal statues of the pharaoh himself. In a fit of architectural wisdom, Ramses II had the entire temple carefully angled and oriented in order that the sun's rays would align twice a year on his date of ascension to the throne (in February) and on his birthday (in October) and illuminate the inner sanctum of the temple. The other rock cut temple at Abu Simbel is the Temple of Hathor, which is fronted by six massive standing statues. Four of them represent King Ramses II, the other two are of his beloved wife - Queen Nefertari. Famously, both temples were re-located in a multi-million dollar operation in 1972, further up from the shoreline of Lake Nasser.

Returning to Aswan, you will have some free time to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax in this attractive town which straddles the River Nile. This afternoon board the luxury Nile cruiser for your three night cruise up the River Nile. **Overnight - Nile Cruiser (B, L, D)**

## Days 6-7 : Nile Cruising



Nile Cruising. Relax and take in the riverside village views perched on the top deck! A stop will be made at the waterside Temple of Kom Ombo. Day 7. Onward cruising and arrival Luxor. This evening we visit Luxor Temple. **Overnight - Nile Cruiser (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

## Day 8 : Ancient Thebes

Luxor - Cairo. Today we disembark at Luxor and explore the best of Ancient Thebes; Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Temple of Hatshepsut and later Karnak temple. Karnak is a spectacular myriad 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 evening board an overnight sleeper train to Cairo. **Overnight - Sleeper train (B)**

## Day 9 : Cairo

Cairo. Arrival into Cairo and onward departure transfer to the airport.

Please note: Nile cruisers depart from Aswan on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please consider when booking this holiday that we may need to extend your trip by a day to co-ordinate with the Nile cruise schedule.(B)

supplement price needs to be added to the per person price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

### PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
18 Oct	AUD 3,695	AUD 4,495

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Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The single

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