

# Felucca Explorer to Luxor

8 days | Cairo to Luxor



*Travelling from Cairo to Luxor, take in the highlights of ancient Egypt. Gaze in awe at the legendary Pyramids of Giza and explore elaborate royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Sail the Nile on a traditional felucca, see Aswan's Philae Temple and more on this 8 day tour.*

## 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 8
- 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 Egypt. Upon arrival at Cairo airport you'll be met and transferred to our start hotel. Spend the rest of the day either relaxing after your journey or exploring Egypt's bustling capital. **Overnight - Cairo**

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



After breakfast our first stop is the Giza Plateau to visit one of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. The legendary Pyramids of Giza were constructed over 4,500 years ago to protect the mummies and treasures of pharaohs. Of the three pyramids, Cheops is the largest and it's thought that it would have taken 100,000 workers over 20 years to build. If you're looking for a real Arabian experience, here you also have the option of a camel ride across the sands of Giza.

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Following the pyramids and marveling at the iconic Sphinx, we take a visit to the necropolis of Saqqara to see Zoser's step pyramid. Dating back to around 2,700 BC, this is the world's earliest stone monument. Constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect, this structure became the template that all future pyramids were based on. 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 head to the Egyptian Museum which houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts. Amongst the incredible array of antiquities, we'll see the golden treasures of King Tutankhamun including his famous funerary mask. We then board our coach to travel the long 9-hour journey to Luxor in the south. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 4 : Valley of the Kings



Luxor - Aswan. Our first stop this morning is Luxor's West Bank where we see the Colossi of Memnon, which are two imposing 18-metre-high statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, and explore the incredible tomb strewn Valley of the Kings and the colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut. Surrounded by rugged limestone cliffs, this dazzling temple rises out of the desert plain in a series of terraces.

The Valley of the Kings was the site for royal burials for centuries and is studded with elaborate tombs including that of the famous King Tutankhamun. These tombs housed the mummies of mighty pharaohs as they awaited passage into the afterlife. After exploring, we spend the remainder of the afternoon continuing our journey south to Aswan. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

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



Aswan - Nile Felucca Cruise. Today there is an optional early morning excursion to the magnificent temple of Abu Simbel, the entrance of which is guarded by four colossal statues of King Ramses II. We then embark on a short boat ride to Agilika Island where we enjoy a guided tour of the stunning Philae Temple, which was dedicated to the goddess Isis.

In the afternoon we board our traditional felucca for a 2-night journey along Africa's longest river. Feluccas are sailboats that have plied the River Nile since ancient times. Spend the rest of the day relaxing in the sun, then at night sleep under the stars on the felucca deck. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 6 : Felucca Sailing



Nile Felucca Sailing - Kom Ombo. Today we enjoy a full day sailing the Nile, soaking up the sunshine and scenery. Take a refreshing swim if you like and wave at the locals as we glide by. We then enjoy another magical night on deck under the blanket of stars. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 7 : Kom Ombo Temple



Kom Ombo - Luxor. Today we disembark at Kom Ombo to explore the riverside temple which honours the ancient Egyptian crocodile god Sobek. We then journey back to Luxor. This evening we take an optional guided night tour of the extraordinary Luxor Temple. Illuminated by hundreds of lights, the temple is at its most spectacular at this time. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 8 : Luxor

We spend our final morning enjoying a guided tour of the vast Temple of Karnak. The oldest buildings of this religious complex date back around 4,000 years and today it is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Covering an area of more than 100 hectares, the complex is larger than some ancient cities.

We end our tour with an included transfer to Luxor Airport. To make sure you have time to visit Karnak Temple please book your flight to depart after 2pm. Alternatively, we can book post tour accommodation if you'd like to extend your stay. (B)

## HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

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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.



## Citymax Hotel Aswan

Located right on the banks of the river Nile, the Citymax Aswan offers an outdoor pool with fantastic views across the water. Connected to a nearby shopping centre, you're also just a short walk from the beautiful Feryal Gardens. All rooms are spacious with private bathrooms and modern

amenities including a television and air conditioning. Free WiFi is available in the public areas and a restaurant serves meals throughout the day.



## 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 sun-lit 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, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
14 Mar	AUD 845	AUD 1,095
28 Mar	AUD 845	AUD 1,095
11 Apr	AUD 945	AUD 1,245
25 Apr	AUD 645	AUD 895

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26 Sep	AUD 645	AUD 895
10 Oct	AUD 845	AUD 1,095
24 Oct	AUD 845	AUD 1,095
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