



# Felucca Explorer & Red Sea

13 days | Cairo to Cairo



*From the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza to King Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, discover the wonders of ancient Egypt, sail the Nile onboard a felucca and enjoy four days of R&R by the Red Sea on this 13 day Egyptian escapade.*

## 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

- Hurghada - spend four days at leisure by the Red Sea. Sunbathe, swim and opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters with prime coral reefs

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- 9 nights 3 - 4 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 4 days in Hurghada on the Red Sea - swim, sun and sand
- Airport arrival and departure transfer, day 1 and day 13
- 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! 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 Step Pyramid



This morning we have a short welcome meeting before making our way to see the sole survivors of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World and the world's oldest tourist attraction - the legendary Pyramids of Giza. Known as Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus the great pyramids were built over 4500 years ago and the largest pyramid was built 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

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experience consider hiring a camel to ride across the sands of Giza or take your time to marvel at the pyramids and world-famous Sphinx.

This afternoon we travel onto the Zoser's step pyramid located in the necropolis of Saqqara. The pyramid was constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect, in 2700 BC and became the guide 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. Our morning begins exploring the incredible Egyptian relics and antiquities including the treasures of King Tutankhamun and his famous solid gold funerary mask in the Egyptian Museum. We then board our coach this afternoon for the 9 hour journey south to Luxor. **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 where we're greeted by the towering 18m Colossi of Memnon - an iconic pair of statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III facing the River Nile. We then make our way to explore the beautiful colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which rises out of the desert plain in a series of terraces and the Valley of the Kings which is studded

with beautifully decorated tombs that 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.

Our afternoon finds us heading south to Aswan, Egypt's sunniest southern city where we have an evening to relax and walk along the beautiful river Nile. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

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



Aswan - Nile felucca cruise. This morning there is an optional excursion to the rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel today. before a short boat ride to Agilika Island for a guided tour of the Philae Temple – a temple dedicated to the goddess Isis and the last classical Egyptian style temple.

Our afternoon finds us boarding our Nile felucca which will be our home for the next two nights as we embark on a voyage down the River Nile. Feluccas are simple sailboats based on a unique design and have plied the Nile since ancient times. Nothing beats the experience of sleeping under a blanket of stars. 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. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 6 : Felucca Sailing



Nile Felucca Sailing - Kom Ombo. We continue to spend the day taking in the scenery as we sail down the Nile until we port in Kom Ombo, a sleepy agricultural town surrounded by sugar cane fields. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 7 : Kom Ombo & Luxor Temple



Kom Ombo - Luxor. This morning we leave our felucca behind to explore the temple dedicated to the crocodile headed god - Sobek.

Upon arriving back to Luxor, the evening offers free time or your can opt to join us for a guided tour of the Luxor temple which is best seen at night when it's illuminated by hundreds of lights. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 8 : Karnak Temple & pool time

Luxor - Hurghada. This morning we visit the colossal Temple of Karnak which was at the heart of religious life in ancient Egypt. The incredible complex of chapels, halls, sanctuaries all dedicated to the Theban gods truly is a sight to behold. After there is time to relax and enjoy a swim in the pool before driving east later this afternoon to Hurghada

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part of the beautiful Red Sea Riviera for 4 days on the beach! **Overnight - Hurghada (B)**

## Days 9-11 : Red Sea - beach time



Our next three days are at leisure to spend however we please. Hurghada's central location provides a gateway to prime offshore reefs so there's no shortage of activities available to keep active including boarding, deep-sea fishing, SCUBA diving and snorkelling. For those looking to relax, sit back and soak up the sunshine at the hotel pool or explore one of the many restaurants and lively bars on offer. **Overnight - Hurghada (B:3)**

## Day 12 : Red Sea to Cairo

Hurghada - Cairo. Today we bid farewell to the beautiful beach town and drive back to the hustle and bustle of Cairo. After checking into our hotel we have the rest of the day at leisure. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 13 : Cairo

Thursday, Cairo. After breakfast, hotel check-out and onward transfer to the airport.(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. 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.



### 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.



### 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

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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.



## Grand Seas Hostmark

Set on a natural bay between the Egyptian desert and crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea, this resort is the perfect place to relax and unwind. Each guestroom has either a balcony or terrace and, as the hotel is designed in a U-shape, they take in views of the gardens, swimming pool or the Red Sea. In the Marhaba Restaurant, guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets, with nightly themes based on cuisine from around the world. And from the outdoor pool, you need only take a few footsteps before arriving on the bay's pristine white sandy beach.



## Sphinx Aqua Park

Overlooking its own sandy beach, this resort offers elegantly furnished rooms with marble ensuite bathrooms. Each one also includes a balcony with views over the gardens, lagoon pool or Red Sea. In the Sunset Bar guests can sip on their favourite cocktail or, up on the rooftop, unwind at the sea-view spa in

the steamy sauna and hot tub. To top it all off, guests have free access to the Aqua Park, where you'll find heated pools and fun water slides that aren't just for kids.



## 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.

## PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
10 Aug	GBP 520	GBP 730
17 Aug	GBP 520	GBP 730
31 Aug	GBP 520	GBP 730
14 Sep	GBP 520	GBP 730
28 Sep	GBP 520	GBP 730
12 Oct	GBP 625	GBP 835
26 Oct	GBP 625	GBP 835
07 Dec	GBP 625	GBP 835
28 Dec	GBP 675	GBP 940

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Jan	GBP 625	GBP 835
18 Jan	GBP 625	GBP 835
15 Feb	GBP 625	GBP 835

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29 Feb	GBP 625	GBP 835
14 Mar	GBP 625	GBP 835
28 Mar	GBP 625	GBP 835
11 Apr	GBP 675	GBP 940
25 Apr	GBP 520	GBP 730
09 May	GBP 520	GBP 730
06 Jun	GBP 520	GBP 730
27 Jun	GBP 520	GBP 730
11 Jul	GBP 520	GBP 730
25 Jul	GBP 520	GBP 730
08 Aug	GBP 520	GBP 730
29 Aug	GBP 520	GBP 730
12 Sep	GBP 520	GBP 730
26 Sep	GBP 520	GBP 730
10 Oct	GBP 625	GBP 835
24 Oct	GBP 625	GBP 835
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