

Jewel of the Nile

10 days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



Embark on a five star Egyptian adventure. Stay in one of Cairo's smartest hotels, cruise the River Nile in style aboard a 5 star Nile cruiser and be expertly guided by a professional Egyptologist guides for your entire stay.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- 5 star Nile River Cruise - spend four nights onboard a luxury cruise boat
- 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 see the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night
- Aswan - visit the High Dam, take leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island to explore the romantic Philae Temple and wander around the colourful souqs
- Elephantine Island and Kitchener island - visit the islands on a felucca sailing trip

- Kom Ombo - visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 6 dinners - (2 aboard sleeper train)
- 3 nights 5 star hotels, 4 nights aboard luxury 5 star Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin)
- 2 overnight trains: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor
- Cairo (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin) including meals
- Airport arrival and departure transfer day 1 and day 10
- Touring and sightseeing in Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor and Aswan
- Felucca Sailing around the islands of Aswan
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology (groups of 4 or more)
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

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

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cairo

Friday. Welcome to Egypt and the start of a wonderful holiday! Arrive Cairo airport, and included transfer to your 5 star hotel located in downtown Cairo. The rest of the day is free to relax or those arriving early can opt to pre book our optional Backstreets of Cairo tour which departs the hotel at 10am today.

For those who wish to extend their stay, we also offer a pre or post tour Alexandria Day Trip.

Overnight - Cairo

Day 2 : Egyptian Museum

We start with the dazzling antiquities at the Egyptian Museum. Amongst the many exhibits are the treasures of King Tutankhamun.

Overnight - Cairo (B)

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Day 3 : Pyramids of Giza



Cairo - Luxor. Today we visit Egypt's most loved sight - The Great Pyramids of Giza. We explore the Giza plateau, pyramids and massive Sphinx. We continue on to explore Saqqara - an ancient necropolis with many half-buried tombs and the famous Zoser's step pyramid. Later we travel to Luxor by overnight train. You will be accommodated in comfortable twin sleeper cabins. A light dinner is served on board.

If you don't fancy travelling by overnight sleeper train, consider our Treasures of the Nile tour that replaces overnight trains with flights and comfortable 5 star hotels. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, D)**

Day 4 : Valley of the Kings



Arriving into Luxor this morning we visit the incredible Valley of the Kings. The massive pair of statues known as the Colossi of Memnon are the first monuments you'll see during our morning visit to the West Bank - home to the legendary Valley of the Kings. You'll also see the colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Return to Luxor for check-in on board our Nile 5 star cruiser. Lunch at leisure and time to relax until our early evening visit to the Temple of Luxor. Luxor Temple looks stunning at dusk and is beautifully illuminated at night.

Note: Dependent upon Nile Cruiser scheduling it may be required that we also undertake our excursion to Karnak Temple this afternoon. Should this occur, day 5 will be spent at leisure. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Luxor & Nile Cruising



Luxor - Nile cruising. This morning we tour the ancient city of Thebes (the East Bank), taking in the magnificent Temple of Karnak. More than a temple, Karnak is a gigantic and stunning complex of sanctuaries and pylons dedicated to the Theban gods. Anchors away this afternoon as we set sail downstream. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Cruising & Kom Ombo



Nile cruising. Relax as we sail the Nile. Later today we visit the Temple of Kom Ombo. A unique riverside temple, it is unusual in that everything architecturally is doubled and perfectly symmetrical along the main axis of the temple including twin halls, courts, colonnades, sanctuaries and entrances. Arrive Aswan, a prosperous town at the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes late evening. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : The Philae Temple

Nile cruiser - Aswan. Today, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island for Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple

dates from 4th century BC but the Ptolemies and the Romans up to 3rd century AD built most of the existing structures. In danger of being completely submerged by the rising water of Lake Nasser,

in 1972 UNESCO stepped in and an 8-year rescue effort was undertaken to relocate the entire temple 20m higher on nearby Agilika Island. We then make a stop at a perfume oil emporium. Perfumed oils in Egypt dates back to 2700BC and were used by women, pharaohs and by temple priests.

After lunch, we visit the High Dam and take a felucca sailing trip to Elephantine and Kitchener Island. As the sun sets, free time to shop in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax and watch an amazing sunset in Egypt's southern most town straddling the River Nile. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

Day 8 : Optional excursion to Abu Simbel



Aswan - Cairo. Consider the optional early morning excursion to the Temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel. Please see our Abu Simbel by Road add-on for more info. Alternatively you can spend the morning at leisure.

If you choose not to embark upon this optional excursion, there is plenty to do in Aswan. You can explore Aswan, its beautiful shoreline and corniche or perhaps do a spot of shopping. Late this afternoon, we board the overnight train (twin berth sleeper cabins provided) for our journey back to Cairo. A light dinner is served on board. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, D)**

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Day 9 : Cairo



This morning have breakfast in your train cabin and upon arrival into Cairo transfer to the hotel and check in. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel and check in. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the hotel facilities or you can opt to join our optional tour visiting Old Cairo, Coptic Cairo and the Citadel of Saladin (book locally). **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

Day 10 : Cairo

Sunday. Tour ends after breakfast. Included onward transfer to airport.(B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

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.



Le Meridien Pyramids

Set within beautifully manicured gardens, Le Meridien Pyramids is a stunning modern hotel affording amazing views of the Pyramids. The guest rooms have been designed with optimum taste and comfort in mind and include state of the art facilities. The outdoor swimming pool includes waterfalls and hydro jets. head to the Citrus Pool Bar in the afternoon for a refreshing beverage under the gaze of the pyramids!



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.



M/S Royal Lotus

The luxurious Movenpick M/S Royal Lotus offers extremely spacious cabins and a good range of public areas.



M/S Farah

The M/S Farah is a stylish and modern cruise boat, with large cabins that face out over the Nile. Contemporary in decor, the Farah has a large sun deck and swimming pool.



Moon Dance

Moondance is a five star deluxe ship designed for luxury cruising on the Nile, accommodating up to 145 passengers. The vessel has 60 cabins and 8 suites offering exquisite comfort amidst an elegant yet intimate décor.



M/S Premium

The modern and luxurious M/S Premium cruise boat boasts stylish cabins equipped with all modern amenities and large panoramic windows. Facilities on board include a fitness centre, spacious deck with swimming pool, large restaurant and cocktail bar. Grab a good book and a refreshing beverage and relax on the Sund Deck - the perfect way to spend the day. The M/S Premium sets sail on Mondays on a 4 and 7 night cruise from Luxor and on Fridays on a 3 and 7 night cruise from Aswan.

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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
02 Aug	GBP 1,095	GBP 1,790
23 Aug	GBP 1,095	GBP 1,790
06 Sep	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
20 Sep	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
04 Oct	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
01 Nov	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
08 Nov	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
15 Nov	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
22 Nov	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
06 Dec	GBP 1,360	GBP 2,055
20 Dec	GBP 1,515	GBP 2,210
27 Dec	GBP 1,515	GBP 2,210

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Jan	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
10 Jan	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
17 Jan	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
24 Jan	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
07 Feb	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145

PRICES / DATES 2020

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15 Feb	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
21 Feb	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
06 Mar	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
20 Mar	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
03 Apr	GBP 1,570	GBP 2,305
10 Apr	GBP 1,570	GBP 2,305
24 Apr	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
08 May	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
22 May	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
05 Jun	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
19 Jun	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
03 Jul	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
17 Jul	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
31 Jul	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
14 Aug	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
28 Aug	GBP 1,200	GBP 1,935
11 Sep	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
18 Sep	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
25 Sep	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
02 Oct	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
09 Oct	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
16 Oct	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
23 Oct	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
30 Oct	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
06 Nov	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
13 Nov	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
20 Nov	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
04 Dec	GBP 1,410	GBP 2,145
18 Dec	GBP 1,570	GBP 2,305
25 Dec	GBP 1,570	GBP 2,305

PRICES / DATES 2021

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01 Jan	GBP 1,095	GBP 1,790

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