

Treasures of the Nile

10 days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



Discover the very best of ancient Egypt, from the Pyramids of Giza to the Valley of the Kings on this 10 day premium tour. Enjoying the comfort of five star hotels, domestic flights and cruising the Nile in style, aboard a luxury cruise boat.

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, 4 dinners
- 5 nights 5 star hotels, 4 nights aboard a 5 star Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin)
- 2 economy class flights - Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
- 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 (for groups of 4 or more). Note you guide will not accompany you aboard internal flights.
- 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. Upon arrival into Cairo airport you will be met and transferred 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.

If you would like to extend your stay and see more of Egypt, 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 transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. Please note: your tour guide will not accompany you onboard your flight. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

Day 4 : 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 maybe 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 Ptolomies 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.

After lunch, we visit the High Dam and take a felucca sailing trip to Elephantine and Kitchener Island followed by a visit to a perfume oil emporium. 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



Consider an optional early morning excursion to see the magnificent Temples of King Ramses II at Abu Simbel. In a multimillion dollar operation lead by UNESCO in 1972, the famous temples were re-located to a higher position on the shoreline of Lake Nasser which had threatened to erode the foundations of this monolithic temple complex. Please see our Abu Simbel by Road Add-on for more info. Alternatively you can spend the morning at leisure.

This afternoon offers free time. Consider a visit to the Old Cataract Hotel, where Agatha Christie wrote the novel Death on the Nile. High Tea is also offered on the terrace which affords panoramic views of the Nile set to a backdrop of rolling sand dunes. Or opt for

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a visit to the well-curated Nubian Museum.
Overnight - Aswan (B)

Day 9 : Cairo



Aswan - Cairo. Today we fly back to Cairo. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel, check in and rendezvous with your guide. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the hotel facilities or or you can join our optional excursion 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.



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Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa. All its rooms offer views of the city or

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the river, complemented by a wide range of restaurants and cafes. Just minutes away you will find the temples at Luxor and Karnak, home to two of ancient Egypt's most famed sanctuaries.



Steigenberger Nile Palace

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a grand hotel and stylishly furnished, with many rooms overlooking the Nile River. The hotel has a health club with massage rooms, sauna, steam room and fitness room, and a tennis court on the roof, not to mention a riverside pool. Its four restaurants offer a choice between Nubian, Lebanese, Italian, and Thai cuisine.



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.



M/S Royal Lotus

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



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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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 Farah

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Movenpick Hotel, Aswan

Situated on Elephantine Island, the Movenpick is a luxurious hotel with stunning views of the Nile River. There is a range of spacious and luxurious rooms with stylish furnishings, private balconies or terraces and a great selection of amenities including WiFi, satellite TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The Movenpick offers three restaurants as well as the Lounge Bar and Panorama Bar. Guests can also make use of the outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts.



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'

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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 sex, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
19 Jul	GBP 1,345	GBP 2,105
02 Aug	GBP 1,345	GBP 2,105
23 Aug	GBP 1,345	GBP 2,105
06 Sep	GBP 1,345	GBP 2,105
20 Sep	GBP 1,345	GBP 2,105
04 Oct	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
18 Oct	GBP 1,695	GBP 2,535
01 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
08 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
15 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
22 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
06 Dec	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
20 Dec	GBP 1,795	GBP 2,555
27 Dec	GBP 1,795	GBP 2,555

PRICES / DATES 2020

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03 Jan	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
10 Jan	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
17 Jan	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
24 Jan	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
07 Feb	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
21 Feb	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
06 Mar	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
20 Mar	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
03 Apr	GBP 1,795	GBP 2,555
10 Apr	GBP 1,795	GBP 2,555
24 Apr	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
08 May	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
22 May	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
05 Jun	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
19 Jun	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
03 Jul	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
17 Jul	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
31 Jul	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
14 Aug	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
28 Aug	GBP 1,445	GBP 2,205
11 Sep	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
18 Sep	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
25 Sep	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305

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02 Oct	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
09 Oct	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
16 Oct	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
23 Oct	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
30 Oct	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
06 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
13 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
20 Nov	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
04 Dec	GBP 1,545	GBP 2,305
18 Dec	GBP 1,795	GBP 2,555
25 Dec	GBP 1,795	GBP 2,555

PRICES / DATES 2021

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01 Jan	GBP 1,345	GBP 2,105

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