



Cairo, Cruise & Coast

13 days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



Discover the best of Egypt and its ancient wonders on this 13 day adventure. Marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza, visit Dendera's exquisite Temple of Hathor and explore Luxor's Valley of the Kings, before cruising the River Nile to Aswan and relaxing by the Red Sea in beautiful Hurghada.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - gaze in awe at the ancient 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
- Dendera - explore the beautifully preserved Temple of Hathor, with its exquisitely decorated ceiling
- Nile cruising - cruise the River Nile from Luxor to Aswan on board a 5 star river cruiser

- Aswan - take leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island to explore the romantic Philae Temple and wander around the colourful souqs
- Kom Ombo - visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo
- Hurghada - spend three nights at the Red Sea. Relax by the beach, swim and opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- 7 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 4 nights aboard a 5 star Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin)
- 1 overnight train: Cairo - Luxor (private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Economy class flight: Hurghada - Cairo
- Airport arrival and departure transfer, day 1 and day 13
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor, Dendera and Aswan
- Red Sea stay in Hurghada
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- 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\$90-110pp, paid in local currency

- Tip for your tour guide, we recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 per day, per traveller. Tip for your Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping your guide and the cruise staff is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa

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Day 1 : Optional Backstreets Of Cairo Tour

Sunday. Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival at Cairo airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or those arriving early can opt to join a Backstreets of Cairo tour which departs the hotel at 10am. At 7pm this evening meet your guide and the rest of the group at a Welcome Meeting.

Note: If you would like to extend your stay we offer an Alexandria Day Trip on the Saturday before your tour starts or on the final day and can arrange pre/post tour accommodation upon request. **Overnight - Cairo**

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Day 2 : Pyramids of Giza



Today see the incredible pyramids and the iconic Sphinx at The Giza Plateau. Perhaps opt to ride a camel. Later we travel to Saqqara, to explore the myriad of tombs and temples at the site and see Zoser's step pyramid - constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

Day 3 : Egyptian Museum

Cairo - Luxor. We take a guided tour of the vast new Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza this morning. In this incredible 490,000 sq.m complex we'll discover a mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history, including the treasures of King Tutankhamun. The afternoon is free to relax by the pool at the hotel or independently explore before we board the overnight sleeper train to Luxor this evening.

Note: The Grand Egyptian Museum is set to open in 2020. An official date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum this morning. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B)**

Day 4 : Luxor & Dendera



We arrive into Luxor this morning and drive to Dendera which is one of Egypt's best preserved temple complexes, located 60km north of Luxor. This vast complex covers

40,000 square meters and its temples, chapels and shrines were gradually built over thousands of years. Dendera's crowning glory is the 2000 year old Temple of Hathor with its exquisitely decorated ceiling. After our guided tour of this incredible site we return to Luxor where the afternoon is free to spend at leisure. Take a stroll around town or enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool and soak up the sunshine.

This evening there is an optional visit to view the beautiful Temple of Luxor at night. Book and pay locally. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

Day 5 : Valley of the Kings & Karnak Temples



4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at its very best and this morning we visit Luxor's famous West Bank. Our first stop is the famous Valley of the Kings, which is studded with beautifully decorated tombs, including the tombs of Ramses II, Seti I, Amenhotep II and of course, King Tutankhamen. After exploring this incredible site we travel on to visit the beautiful limestone, colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut, who was one of only three Egyptian ruling queens. On the West Bank we'll also see the imposing 18m-high Colossi of Memnon, which are all that remains of the temple of the hedonistic Amenophis III.

Returning to the East Bank we check-in on board a 5 star Nile cruiser which will be our home for the next four nights. Enjoy lunch and some rest and relaxation on board before we visit the colossal Temple of Karnak later this afternoon. More than a temple, Karnak is a spectacular complex 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. **Overnight - Nile Cruiser (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Nile Cruising



Nile cruising. Today we set sail downstream. Relax on deck and go for a swim, soak up the sunshine and enjoy the views as we cruise the River Nile. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : Nile Cruising - Kom Ombo Temple

Nile cruising - Aswan. Enjoy another day relaxing on board the cruiser as we sail the Nile to the Temple of Kom Ombo today, which is dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god, and Horus the falcon-headed god. This temple is unusual because everything is architecturally doubled and perfectly symmetrical along the main axis of the temple including twin halls, courts, colonnades, sanctuaries and entrances. After a guided tour of the temple we continue our journey, arriving into Aswan this evening. **Overnight - Nile Cruiser (B, L, D)**

Day 8 : Aswan, Abu Simbel & the Philae Temple



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

This afternoon a short boat trip to Agilkia Island give us the opportunity to visit Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple dates from 4th century BC but the

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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.

Overnight - Nile Cruiser (B, L, D)

Day 9 : Aswan to the Red Sea



Aswan - Hurghada. Today we disembark our cruiser and drive to Hurghada (approx 7hrs drive) for three nights by the Red Sea.

Overnight - Hurghada (B)

Days 10-11 : Hurghada by the Red Sea

The next two days are free for you to relax by the Red Sea. Hurghada is one of the Red Sea's most popular resorts areas and offers excellent aquatic facilities for sail boarding, yachting, deep-sea fishing, SCUBA diving and snorkeling. Hurghada's central location provides a gateway to prime offshore reefs, some of which are of the finest in the world. Hurghada also has plenty of good nightlife to choose from. Soak up the sunshine by the pool or by the beach, swim in the sea and take a stroll around town, the choice is yours. On day 10 there is an optional snorkelling trip available to book locally. **Overnight - Hurghada (B:1)**

Days 12-13 : Cairo

Hurghada - Cairo. On day 12 we bid farewell to the Red Sea and fly back to Egypt's bustling capital where we spend the last night of our Egyptian adventure at leisure.

On day 13 (Friday) our tour comes to an end with a transfer to Cairo Airport for your onward flight. **Overnight - Cairo (1) (B:2)**

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.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Holiday Inn Cairo Maadi

Overlooking the Nile and offering distant views of the Great Pyramids of Giza, this Holiday Inn provides the perfect location for your stay in Cairo. Each guestroom features a balcony (not Nile View as standard) and is well-equipped with modern amenities including free WiFi. Evenings can be spent enjoying international or Egyptian cuisine and unwinding with a cocktail at one of the hotel's bars. Thanks to the friendly hotel staff, you'll soon feel at home. And with panoramic views of the city from the rooftop lounge and pool, there's no better place to base yourself for exploring Egypt's ancient wonders.



Sleeper Train

When travelling on an overnight train in Egypt, sleeper carriages offer the highest level of comfort. Cabins are equipped with two beds (one above the other), a basin, electric points and air conditioning. Freshly laundered bedding is provided and in the early evening an attendant will come round and make up your bed for you. The carriages have toilets at each end and there is a club car which serves snacks and beverages. In the morning a very basic breakfast is provided.



Sonesta Hotel Cairo

The Sonesta Hotel & Casino is a sophisticated and luxurious hotel offering spacious, en-suite rooms with opulent furnishings. Enjoy a cocktail at the poolside bar or indulge in a relaxing massage or Turkish steam bath at the full-service spa. With 5 restaurants located within the hotel you'll be spoilt for choice over dining options.



Le Meridien Heliopolis

Just a short drive from Cairo's Old Town and international airport, the 5-star Le Meridien Heliopolis combines comfort with convenience. The guest rooms are spacious and equipped with air-conditioning, satellite television and a minibar, plus there's complimentary WiFi throughout the property. Dining options include a choice of four on-site restaurants, serving Egyptian and international cuisine. Guests can also enjoy live entertainment and cocktails at The 51 Bar. During the warmer months hotel guests can take a dip in the outdoor pool or relax on a sun lounger on the terrace. There's also a fitness centre and tennis courts for those who like to stay active whilst on holiday.



Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure

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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 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 Medea

The M/S Medea is elegantly furnished with rich fabrics, wood panelling and classic style furniture, offering a refined setting for your Nile cruise. The restaurant offers 120 covers with a combination of waiter service and buffet meals which allows to sample both Egyptian and international cuisine. The spacious lounge bar is tastefully furnished with Chesterfield sofas and offers panoramic views of the Nile River.



M/S La Traviata

M/S La Traviata has proved to be a long term favourite with many regular Nile cruise guests. The cosy restaurant on the lower deck serves 88 guests and serves both - international and Egyptian cuisine. Lounge bar with dance floor and music system for evening entertainment. The sundeck offers a pool as well as sun loungers and a shaded area. The reception offers full services including an international phone. The gift shop on board has a wide range of gifts and souvenirs from Egypt.



M/S Miriam

M/S Miriam is a beautiful Nile cruise boat offering 59 spacious cabins. Onboard you'll find a fantastic restaurant serving both international and Egyptian cuisine. As your cruiser makes its way along the mighty Nile river, take the opportunity to relax on deck and watch the changing scenery or perhaps indulge in a book.



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Hilton Hurghada Resort

Set in tropical gardens, the Hilton Hurghada Resort is a comfortable, charming hotel with a private beach and water sport centre. The rooms have a balcony or terrace with views of the garden, pools or sea.



Marriott Beach Resort

The Marriott Beach Resort is a luxurious beachfront hotel, with every room enjoying a view of the Red Sea and Hurghada city centre just a few minutes drive away. There is a choice of 8 restaurants and bars for hungry travellers, and a health club, tennis & squash courts, and fitness centre to stay in shape. During the day, soak in the heated outdoor pool or book a watersport activity. The hotel even has its own private island if you fancy a massage among the palm trees.



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

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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
08 Mar	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
15 Mar	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
29 Mar	USD 2,545	USD 3,545
12 Apr	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
26 Apr	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
10 May	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
24 May	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
07 Jun	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
21 Jun	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
05 Jul	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
02 Aug	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
16 Aug	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
06 Sep	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
20 Sep	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
27 Sep	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
04 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
11 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
25 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
08 Nov	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
22 Nov	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
06 Dec	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
24 Dec	USD 2,545	USD 3,545

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Jan	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
17 Jan	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
14 Feb	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
28 Feb	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
14 Mar	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
28 Mar	USD 2,545	USD 3,545
04 Apr	USD 2,545	USD 3,545
11 Apr	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
18 Apr	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
02 May	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
16 May	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
30 May	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
13 Jun	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
27 Jun	USD 1,945	USD 2,945

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Jul	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
25 Jul	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
08 Aug	USD 1,945	USD 2,945
05 Sep	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
19 Sep	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
26 Sep	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
03 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
10 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
17 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
24 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
31 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
07 Nov	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
21 Nov	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
05 Dec	USD 2,195	USD 3,195
19 Dec	USD 2,545	USD 3,545
26 Dec	USD 2,545	USD 3,545

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
02 Jan	USD 2,195	USD 3,195

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