

The Best of Egypt

12 days / 11 nights

From
\$2990

Double Occupancy -
From May 4 to September 14, 2022

Discover ancient Egypt with its magnificent pyramids and the Sphinx. Enjoy a cruise on the Nile while stopping along the way to discover the colossal temples of Edfu, Kom Ombo, Luxor and Aswan. A relaxing stay on the Red Sea Coast of Hurghada, with its coral reefs and turquoise waters, is perfect for snorkelling, diving, or a simple beach break. Egypt - a perfect getaway filled with history, jaw dropping sites, and a little relaxation on a beautiful coast! This tour can be modified as long as the cruise dates are respected.

Day 1: Wednesday: Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo airport, you will be met by our local representative to help facilitate the visa on arrival process, and transferred to your hotel in the Giza area, where the great pyramids are located.

Overnight: Steigenberger Pyramids 4*



Day 2: Thursday: Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, depart on a full day tour to visit the Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara. The Pyramids and the Sphinx were considered by the Greeks to be one of the seven wonders of the world. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks each weighing an average of two and one-half tons. The Cheops Pyramid is especially interesting since its interior burial chambers are open to the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza which dates back to the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Carved from natural limestone and standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the sites of Memphis and Sakkara: Memphis was the capital of Upper & Lower Egypt during the first dynasty, about 5,000 years ago. Sakkara was the site where the first ever pyramid was built, the famous step pyramid of King Zoser. Return to your hotel and evening at leisure.

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Day 3: Friday: Cairo – Aswan – Nile Cruise

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the domestic airport for your flight to Aswan. Arrive and transfer to the cruise pier. Check-in and enjoy lunch on board. Enjoy a Felucca ride around one of the islands. In the evening, join the Captain's cocktail. Dinner on board.

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*

Day 4: Saturday: Nile Cruise: Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu

Breakfast on board. Visit the Aswan High Dam. This huge rock filled dam is built on the world's longest river, the Nile, creating the world's largest artificial reservoir, Lake Nasser.

Philae Temple, located on an island in the reservoir of the Lower Aswan Dam, is just a short trip by boat. The temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis and has many legends connected to it.

Lunch on board while the ship sails to Kom Ombo. The Temple of Kom Ombo dates back to the Ptolemies and consists of two temples: Temple to Sobek and Temple of Haroeris. Return to the ship and sail to Edfu while enjoying the passing scenery.

Dinner on board

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*

Day 5: Sunday: Nile Cruise: Edfu – Luxor

Early morning visit of Edfu. Transfer by horsedrawn carriage to the wonderfully preserved Temple of Horus.

Return to the ship and breakfast on board. Continue sailing to Luxor. Enjoy the ship for the day.

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*

Day 6: Monday: End of Nile Cruise : Luxor - Hurghada

Breakfast on board before you check out. Today, is a busy day with visits to the Temple of Karnak and the Temple of Luxor.

The Temple of Luxor was the center of the most important festival, the festival of Opet. Built largely by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, the temple served as a setting for the rituals of the festival.

The Karnak Temple complex covers over 2sq km, larger than some ancient cities. It comprises three main temples, smaller enclosed temples, and several outer temples. The main Temple of Amun Ra dominates the complex.



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West Bank Visit: The first site to visit is the Valley of the Kings, famous for its royal tombs. These beautifully painted tombs have been designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. For over a thousand years, the kings, queens and nobles of the New Kingdom (1500-1070 B.C.) were buried in this valley.

Proceed to the Valley of the Queens to visit the burial sites of some of the royal consorts and offspring. The tour ends with a panoramic stop at the Colossi of Memnon.

Depart by private car and driver to the Red Sea Coast of Hurghada (approx..4hrs).

The rest of your stay here is at leisure to enjoy the sea, sun, and sand.

Overnight: Marriott Hurghada 4+*

Day 7- 8: Tuesday-Wednesday: Hurghada

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy 2 full days to explore the underwater world of the Red Sea, or lounge by the beach and enjoy the views.

Overnight: Marriott Hurghada 4+*

Day 9: Thursday: Hurghada – Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Meet your guide and transfer by private car to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own.

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Day 10: Friday: Cairo – Alexandria - Cairo

Early morning departure, by private car and guide, to Alexandria (3hrs drive). Widely known as the “Pearl of the Mediterranean”, Alexandria is Egypt’s second largest city and center of industry. Greek warrior Alexander the Great ruled Egypt from his base in the coastal and cosmopolitan city in the fourth century B.C, making Alexandria the capital of Graeco-Roman Egypt. Alexandria became the intellectual hub of the ancient world, enticing historians, philosophers and mathematicians to its famous seaside library: the “Bibliotheca Alexandrina”. Alexandria is also home to the Pharos Lighthouse - one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Largely because of its unique cosmopolitan roots, Alexandria differs widely from the rest of the country, especially Cairo. Your visit will include Pompey’s Pillar, The Catacombs, National Museum, Montazah Gardens, and the Alexandria Library.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Cairo in the early evening.

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Day 11: Saturday: Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, a full day city tour of Cairo will include the Egyptian Museum, Citadel, Mohamed Ali Mosque & Khan Khalili Bazaar.

The Egyptian Museum is the most important depository of Egyptian antiquities anywhere in the world. It features artifacts from the Pharaonic and Graeco-Roman periods.

The Citadel, situated on a highly visible spur of the Mokattam Hills of Old Cairo, was the nerve center of Egypt for almost 700 years. Mamluk sultans and Turkish governors resided in the Citadel, which is among the world's most splendid monuments of medieval warfare.

The Mosque of Mohamed Ali is located inside the Citadel of Salah al Din in Cairo. It was built by Mohamed Ali Pasha (1805–1848 AD), the founder of the Mohamed Ali Dynasty (1805–1953 AD), on the site of Mamluk palaces. He had these demolished to make room for his new building, which is also known as the "Alabaster Mosque. A city tour of Cairo is not complete without a visit to Khan ElKhalili, known as the Turkish bazaar, during the Ottoman period.

Until this day, the bazaar is a center of trade and offers a wide array of antiques, handcrafts of gold, silver and copper as well as numerous old coffee shops and local restaurants, attracting both Egyptians and tourists alike.

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Day 12: Sunday: Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. Say farewell to Egypt as you are transferred to Cairo International Airport for your departure flight.

The Package Includes:

- Visa assistance at Cairo airport on arrival
- Return airport transfers in Cairo
- Domestic airfare: Cairo to Aswan, Hurghada to Cairo
- 5 nights in Cairo at a 4* hotel, in double occupancy
- 5 breakfasts at the hotel in Cairo
- 2 lunches in Cairo
- 2 full day tours in Cairo
- Full day tour to Alexandria
- 1 lunch during Alexandria tour
- Transfer from Aswan airport to cruise port
- 3 night Nile Cruise with all meals, and visits mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfer from Luxor cruise port to Hurghada by private car with driver
- 3 nights in Hurghada, double occupancy
- 3 breakfasts in Hurghada
- Transfer from Hurghada hotel to Hurghada airport

The Package Does Not Include:

- Entry visa to Egypt (approximately \$28 USD per person), done on arrival
- Beverages and meals, unless mentioned
- Gratuities for assistants, guides, drivers, cruise personnel, hotel personnel, restaurants
- Personal expenses
- International airfare



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Hotel options

City	Hotels or similar
Cairo	Steigenberger Pyramids 4* (city or pool view)
Nile Cruise	Nile Goddess Cruise 4+* (deluxe cabin)
Hurghada	Marriott Hurghada Resort 4+* (standard seaview)

Rates 12 days / 11 nights

Dates (Wednesday)	Per person double occupancy
January 12 to March 23, 2022	\$ 3,090
March 30, 2022	\$ 3,590
April 6 to April 13, 2022	\$ 3,970
April 20, 2022	\$3,250
April 27, 2022	\$3,090
May 4 to September 14, 2022	\$2,990
Single traveler Single room supplement	On request

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