

Treasures of Cairo and the Nile

Cairo, Nile Cruise, Alexandria
10 days / 9 nights

From
\$2825

Double Occupancy -
From May 7, 2022 to September 10, 2022

Discover the treasures of Cairo with its many museums and the magnificent Pyramids and Sphinx. Take a cruise on the legendary Nile River and explore the colossal temples of Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo, and Aswan. This tour can be modified as long as the cruise dates are respected. Feel free to add on optional tours like Abu Simbel, a sound and light show, a hot air balloon ride, or a beach stay on the Red Sea Coast. And while in this part of the world, an extension to Jordan to see the magnificent Petra, is just a short flight away!

Day 1: Saturday: 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: Sunday: 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: Monday: Cairo – Luxor – Nile Cruise

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the domestic airport for your flight to Luxor. Arrive and transfer to the cruise pier. Check-in and enjoy lunch on board. Disembark and visit the temples of Luxor and Karnak. Return to the ship and enjoy an afternoon tea. Dinner on board followed by a belly dance performance. The ship stays in Luxor. Feel free to discover the Luxor Temple close by.

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*

Day 4: Tuesday: Nile Cruise: Luxor – Esna

After breakfast, visit the West Bank: 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. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatsheput, and the Valley of the Queens to visit the burial sites of some of the royal consorts and offspring. Return on board and enjoy the rest of the day sailing to Esna. Captain's welcome cocktail party and dinner on board. Sail to Edfu during the night.

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*

Day 5: Wednesday: Nile Cruise: Esna - Edfu – Kom Ombo

After breakfast on board in Edfu, depart to visit the wonderfully preserved Temple of Horus. Return to the ship. Arrive in Kom Ombo and visit its temple. Dinner on board and Galabeya part.

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*

Day 6: Thursday: Nile Cruise : Kom Ombo - Aswan

Breakfast on board in Aswan. Visit the High Dam, the granite quarries, and the temple of Philae.

Lunch on board. Sail on the Nile by Felucca around Kitchener's Island & Agha Khan. Dinner on board and Nubian Folkloric show. Overnight on board in Aswan. Feel free to explore Aswan on your own.

Overnight: Nile Goddess Cruise 4+*



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Day 7: Friday: End of Nile Cruise: Aswan - Cairo

Early breakfast on board before disembarking. Transfer to Aswan airport for a flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Giza. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore Cairo and its treasures.

Overnight: Steigenberger Pyramids 4*

Day 8: 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.

Visit the Mosque of Mohamed Ali, also known as the "Alabaster Mosque", located inside the Citadel of Salah al Din in Cairo. 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 9: Sunday: Cairo - Alexandria - Cairo

Early morning departure by private car and guide, to Alexandria (3hrs drive). Alexandria, widely known as the "Pearl of the Mediterranean", 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. 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 10: Monday: Cairo

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



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The Package Includes:

- Visa assistance at Cairo airport on arrival
- Domestic airfare: Cairo to Luxor, and Aswan to Cairo
- Return airport transfers in Cairo
- 5 nights in Cairo at selected hotel, in double occupancy
- 5 breakfasts at the hotel in Cairo
- 2 lunches in Cairo
- Full day tour in Cairo including visits to the Pyramids, the Sphinx and the Egyptian Museum
- Full day Alexandria tour with lunch included
- Sightseeing with English speaking guides
- Transfer from Luxor airport to cruise port
- 4 night Nile Cruise, as selected, with all meals and visits mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfer from Aswan cruise port to Aswan 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, hotels or restaurants
- Personal expenses
- International airfare

Rates 10 days / 9 nights

Dates (Saturday)	Per person double occupancy
January 8 to March 26, 2022	\$2,945
April 2, 2022	\$3,415
April 9, 16, 2022	\$3,880
April 23, 30, 2022	\$2,945
May 7 to September 10, 2022	\$2,825
Single traveler Single room supplement	On request

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