

Ancient Egypt & Its Wonders

Cairo and Upper Egypt
by private car and guide
11 days / 10 nights

From

\$5149

Per person/Double Occupancy/Land package
For a departure between January 7 and March
20, 2023

Discover Ancient Egypt and its 4000 years of history. Explore the colossal temples in Luxor, the Pharaohs capital, and the burial grounds in the Valley of the Kings. Visit the Goddess of Isis at Philae Island, also known as the Philae Temple. Kom Ombo and Edfu are also famous sites along the Nile. Not to be missed are the extraordinary temples of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari, at Abu Simbel, moved and rebuilt from scratch in the 1960's.

The desert landscape, breathtaking vistas, and the Nile River, are constantly in the background while you discover each treasure.

This tour travels by private car and guide, making it a great way to discover the temples at your own pace, a great alternative to a Nile cruise with fixed schedules. The hotels are of great standards, visited by royalty, world leaders and celebrities alike, throughout the years. And if there are more treasures you'd like to include, we can adjust to your taste. Enjoy your trip!



Day 1: Cairo

Welcome to Cairo, a vibrant and fascinating city full of ancient wonders, medieval markets and world renown museums.

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: Marriott Mena House, pyramid view room



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Day 2: Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour to visit the Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis & Sakkara.

The Pyramids & Sphinx were considered by the Greeks to be one of the seven wonders of the world. A single pyramid is built with over 2 million blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tons. The Cheops Pyramid has an interior burial chamber that is open to the public. Close by is the Sphinx of Giza that dates back to 2620BC. Carved from natural limestone, it is 65 feet high and 187 feet long, with the head of a Pharaoh and the body of a lion.

Great Pyramid's entrance & Camel ride are included

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.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Marriott Mena House, pyramid view room

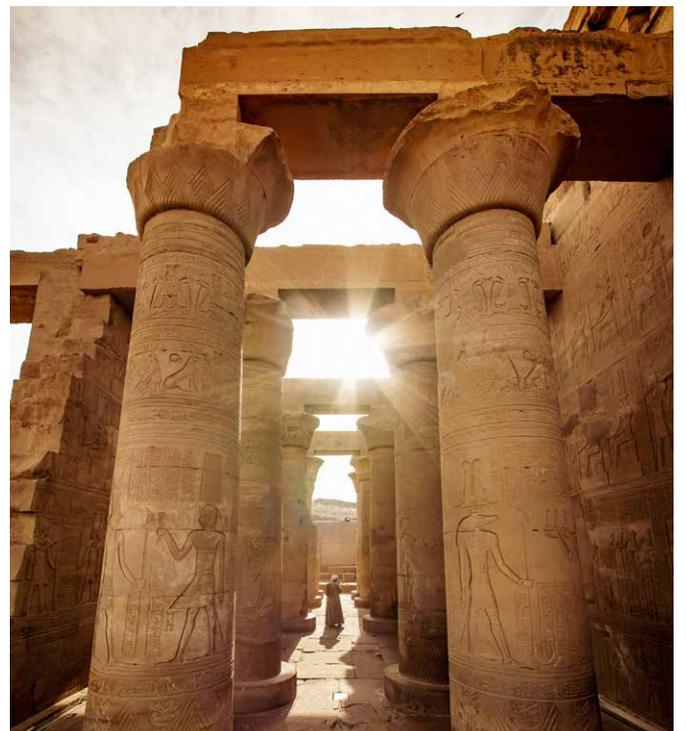
Day 3: Cairo - Luxor, by air

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Luxor. Once known as ancient Thebes and the capital of Upper Egypt, Luxor is renowned as the "greatest open-air museum" in the world. The Nile River divides Luxor in two, the East Bank and West Bank, considered by the ancients as Life and Death. Luxor's East Bank houses some of Egypt's most superior hotels, spas, and many restaurants. The West Bank is known for its necropolis and temples. Arrive in Luxor and check in to your hotel.

Half-day visit to the East Bank: 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.

In the evening, enjoy a famous Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple.

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Day 4: Luxor

Breakfast at the hotel. Half-day visit to 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.

Queen Hatshepsut Temple: One of the most spectacular monuments in Egypt, of the Queen who should be King, who reigned for 22 years.

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.

(Entrance included to the tomb of King Tut & King Ramses VI)

Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 5: Luxor – Dendera & Abydos

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour to Dendera & Abydos:

Drive for about 1.5 hours to Dendera to visit the Hathor Temple. Drive further to Abydos and visit the beautiful Temple of Seti I. Return to Luxor and overnight.

Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 6: Luxor

Breakfast at the hotel

Half day tour to visit Deir el Medina, the Valley of the Nobles & Habu Temple:

The Tombs of the Nobles is home to 146 numbered tombs of noblemen and high officials who served the pharaohs, mostly during the 18th Dynasty.

Deir el-Media located on the west bank, was home to the artists who worked on the tombs in the Valley of the Kings.

Madinet Habu is nearly four miles from the Valley of the Kings and contains several spectacular monuments, most famously the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III (1184-1153 BC) one of the best-preserved temples of the New Kingdom. It was built to commemorate Ramses III, after his death, by orders of the King himself. A huge mud brick enclosure wall surrounds the temple.

Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 7: Luxor - Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out & transfer by car to Aswan. Stop along the way and visit the temples of Edfu & Kom Ombo.

Edfu Temple: the temple is dedicated to Horus, the avenging son of Isis and Osiris, during the Ptolemaic period.

The Temple of Kom Ombo was built during 205 to 180 BC, during the Ptolemaic period, and dedicated to Sobek and Haroeris. A 5-minute walk will bring you to the crocodile museum to see mummified crocodiles and reptiles.

Arrive in Aswan and check in to your hotel.

In the afternoon, your private guide will pick you up for a sail on a private Felucca (sailboat). Relax in comfort as you cruise the Nile around Kitchener Island, Egypt's largest botanical garden, started by the famous British army leader, Lord Kitchener. Back to hotel & overnight.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel



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Day 8: Aswan

Breakfast at the hotel. *Visit Philae temple & The Unfinished Obelisk & the Nubian Village*

A short trip by motorboat will bring you to Philae Island. The temple of Philae was dedicated to the goddess Isis. It is here that she found the heart of Osiris after his murder by his brother Seth.

The Unfinished Obelisk still lies where a crack was discovered as it was being carved from the rock. This obelisk would have been the largest ever erected if it hadn't cracked. The ancient tools left behind have provided archaeologists with great insight on how the work was performed.

Half day Nubian Village & Soheil Island

Depart by motorboat to the Nubian Village on Soheil Island. This fantastic 3-hour tour to the Nubian Village lets you meet and interact with a Nubian family and learn about their simple lifestyle, culture and traditions. Nubians are an ethnic group who live in the south of Egypt (Aswan) and the north of Sudan. The Nubian villages are located at the East or the West banks of the river Nile or as islands. Old villages used to be where Lake Nasser is now, and they were relocated in 1964 as a result of building the High Dam of Aswan.

Stop to walk through the village and see its traditional colorful houses built from mud brick, then visit a family and enjoy Nubian tea while discussing culture and daily life. Return to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel



Day 9: Aswan - Abu Simbel - Cairo

Early breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Abu Simbel.

Its temples, which are among the most magnificent monuments in the world, were built by the great pharaoh Ramses II almost 3 thousand years ago. What's extraordinary about this temple complex is that in the 1960's it was taken apart and rebuilt on a higher surface to make way to the Aswan Dam. After your tour, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo (via Aswan). Arrival in Cairo, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel in downtown Cairo, on the Nile. Afternoon at leisure to discover Cairo and its wonders.

Overnight: Fairmont Nile City, Nile view room

Day 10: Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. A full day tour will be dedicated to the Egyptian Museum & the Khan el Khalili Bazaar.

The Egyptian Museum was built in 1897 and opened its doors in 1902. Today, the museum contains the most important collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world. Exhibited are over 120,000 objects from the Pharaonic and Graeco-Roman periods.

Lunch at a local restaurant

No visit to Cairo is complete without a stop at the Khan El-Khalili bazaar. Shop owners calling you to their stalls, the scent of spices, the hustle and bustle of trade, and the many beautiful objects that can be purchased will have you lost among the alleys for hours.

Overnight: Fairmont Nile City, Nile view room

Day 11: Cairo departure

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

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The Package Includes:

- Visa assistance at Cairo airport on arrival
- Return airport transfers in Cairo
- Domestic airfare: Cairo-Luxor, Aswan-Abu Simbel-Cairo
- 4 nights in Cairo at 5* hotels, double occupancy
- 4 breakfasts at the hotels in Cairo
- 2 lunches in Cairo, local restaurant
- 1 dinner in Cairo, local restaurant
- Sightseeing with a private English-speaking guide
- Camel ride at the pyramids
- Great Pyramid entrance ticket
- Transfer from Luxor airport to Luxor hotel
- 4 nights in Luxor 5*, double occupancy
- 4 breakfasts at the hotel in Luxor
- 2 nights in Aswan 5*, double occupancy
- 2 breakfasts at hotel in Aswan
- Abu Simbel visit with return airport transfers
- Transportation and sightseeing as mentioned, by private air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- English speaking private guides during sightseeing
- Transfer from Aswan hotel to Aswan airport

The Package Does Not Include:

- Entry visa to Egypt (approximately \$28 USD per person), done on arrival
- Beverages
- Lunches and dinners unless mentioned
- Gratuities for assistants, guides, drivers, hotels or restaurants
- Personal expenses
- International airfare
- Prices do not include the contribution to the travel agency customer compensation fund of \$0.35 per \$100 for Quebec travel agencies. This amount will be automatically added to your invoice.

City	Hotels or similar
Cairo	Marriott Mena House, Pyramid view room
Luxor	Sofitel Winter Palace
Aswan	Sofitel Legend Old Cataract
Cairo	Fairmont Nile City, Nile view room

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Dates (Daily departures)	Per person double occupancy
September 20, 2022 to November 30, 2022	\$ 5,149
December 10, 2022 to January 7, 2023	\$ 5,449
January 8, 2023 to March 25, 2023	\$ 5,149
April 5, 2023 to April 22, 2023	\$ 5,449
May 1, 2023 to September 10, 2023	\$ 5,199
<i>Single room supplement</i>	<i>On request</i>

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