

The Best of Egypt

12 days / 11 nights

From:

\$3599

Per person/Double occupancy/Land Package
Departure between May 3 and September 13, 2023
4* hotels/cruise

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!

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*

Overnight: Marriott Mena House 5*



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.

Cruise: MS Blue Shadow II 4* or similar

Cruise: Movenpick Lily or Lotus 5* or similar

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

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Cruise: Movenpick Lily or Lotus 5* or similar

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.

Cruise: MS Blue Shadow II 4* or similar

Cruise: Movenpick Lily or Lotus 5* or similar

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.



