

Lake at the Karnak Temple complex

Tour Code: EHRS19



Highlights of Egypt

Including Nile Cruise & Red Sea

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE:

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Giza Plateau



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

DAY 1: Saturday • Depart for Egypt
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DAY 2: Sunday • Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Arrive in Cairo and transfer to your deluxe 5-star hotel located mere steps from the Great Pyramid. Enjoy time at the hotel pools, in the air-conditioned bars and restaurants, or in the lush hotel gardens. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting and welcome drink with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at your hotel. Dinner is on your own.

DAY 3: Monday • Cairo

After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, we start our tour at the Egyptian Museum*, a neoclassical building located on Tahrir Square. The museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts with more than 120,000 items on display. Our tour manager (also an expert Egyptologist) will point out some of the more interesting artifacts and bring their stories to life. We enjoy lunch at an authentic Egyptian restaurant nearby. Then we visit Old Cairo's ancient churches with crypts where the Holy family stayed during their period of exile. We also visit a Jewish Synagogue, and explore the famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar area with bustling markets where we find copper, brass-ware, leather, perfumes and antiques. Tonight, treat yourself to a superb dinner at one of the fine international restaurants. Or, attend the *optional* Sound & Light Show held in Giza with views of the mighty Pyramids. A spectacular and unforgettable evening.

*Note: this stop will be replaced by the new Grand Egyptian Museum when that facility opens to the public. **B,L**

Optional: *Cairo Sound & Light Show at Pyramids (PM)*

DAY 4: Tuesday • Cairo

After breakfast, we visit the famous Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. Enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. We ride camels into the nearby desert for a different view. Not far from the Pyramids, we see the great Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of a single, huge piece of limestone. We have lunch at an authentic Egyptian food restaurant, before continuing to Sakkara and the Step Pyramid. It is the first Pyramid and the oldest construction of stone in the world. We also observe wall carvings with daily

life activities depicted on the Nobel Tombs. You may have the opportunity to explore the Pharaoh's Burial chamber. We return to our hotel for a relaxing evening on our own. **B,L**

DAY 5: Wednesday • Aswan - Abu Simbel Optional Trip - Cruise

After breakfast, we fly to Aswan. Upon arrival, we have the morning at leisure in this ancient frontier town. Or, join the *optional* Abu Simbel tour. A flight from Aswan transports you back in time to the mighty Temple of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. We fly back to Aswan and transfer to our cruise ship, our home for the next three nights. After lunch, we have the opportunity for a rare glimpse into another world and even another time as we visit a Nubian Village including a family house, and school (if open). We sail with a motor boat through the National Parks of Aswan, watching local & migrant birds, various plants while learning about the Nubians' origin, culture, ancient & modern history. We end our day with a beautiful Sunset Felucca Ride, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile as we watch the exquisite sunset. Dinner is on board our Nile River cruise ship. **B, L, D**

Optional: *Abu Simel by air (AM)*

DAY 6: Thursday • Aswan/Cruise to Edfu

After breakfast, we tour the spectacular Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle when originally constructed in the 1960s. We continue to Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. The tour concludes with a visit to a granite quarry holding the largest known unfinished ancient obelisk. In the afternoon, we set sail on the Nile. Watch the scenery pass from the pool or your sun-bed lounge. Our first stop is the temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the sky god Horus. We continue to Edfu where we dock for the evening. **B,L,D**

DAY 7: Friday • Edfu Temple, Cruise to Luxor

This morning, we take a horse-drawn carriage ride to the stunning Temple of Horus in Edfu, considered one of the best preserved of all the Egyptian temples. Built during the Ptolemaic times, it was completed over a 180-year period. This afternoon, the ship sails via Esna to Luxor, known in ancient Egyptian times as the city of Thebes and trove of historic treasures. There is an on-board lecture by our Egyptologist/Guide. **B,L,D**



DAY 8: Saturday • Luxor

We view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes and the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, we head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. We conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon: two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III before returning to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we tour the East Bank of Luxor and the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walk along the Avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. Afterward, we head to Luxor Temple to admire the colossal statues of the great pharaoh Ramses II. We then drive through the desert to Hurghada Resort City, on the Red Sea (~4 Hours' drive). **B,L**

DAY 9: Sunday • Hurghada, Red Sea

After breakfast, we board our Yacht for a wonderful trip to snorkel and experience the crystal-clear warm water of the Red Sea. The area is filled with beautiful coral and colored fish around the famous Islands of the red Sea. We are served a fresh fish meal on board (*Diving is an option for extra fee*). The evening is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the hotel and dine on your own in a restaurant of your choosing. **B,L**

DAY 10: Monday • Free day or Optional Bedouin Village Safari Trip

This morning, enjoy a late breakfast and relax on the beach or at the pool. Or you may join an *optional* exploration visit to the Egyptian desert and the Bedouins to learn about their life and traditions. Enjoy a jeep ride, short camel ride if you wish, tea or coffee. In the late afternoon, we transfer to Hurghada airport for your short flight to Cairo and check into our hotel for the night. **B**

Optional: Mountain Safari & Bedouin Village (AM)

DAY 11: Tuesday • Depart Egypt

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back home. **B**

- ◆ Cruise sailing times are subject to change.
- ◆ At certain times of the year your itinerary may be amended to travel early in the morning and late afternoon to avoid the heat. Order or duration of some visits may be changed without notice.

Tour Prices:

Departure Date	Standard Price	Special Offer
11/9/2019	\$4198 per person	\$3148 per person

Special 25% off Offer based on double occupancy.*

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned vehicle
- Domestic flights within Egypt
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4 and 5 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary: 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 3 dinners
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout
- **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- International flights to/from Cairo. Booking assistance is available upon request. Estimated fares from ORD \$800 - \$1600 depending on dates, airline and routing.
- Entry Visa at Cairo airport (Available upon arrival)
- **End of tour tips** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

Due to the limited availability of this special offer, both deposit and final payments are non-refundable. We highly recommend the purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance.

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