

Feel the force of over 4,000 years of history as you explore Egypt. You'll be awe-struck by the sheer scale of the Pyramids, the beauty of the Nile and the majestic grandeur of the temples of Luxor. Egypt's vibrant hospitality completes the picture.



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## Itinerary

### **Day 1 Arrive in Cairo**

Welcome to Egypt, the land of the Pharaohs! Cairo is home to the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Egyptian Museum with its famous collection of antiquities, and its bustling city bazaars, waiting to be scoured for great bargain finds. Upon arrival you are welcomed by our local representative and taken to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo

### **Day 2 Cairo**

Your touring in Egypt starts with the world's most famous attractions - the Great Pyramids of Giza and the nearby Sphinx. This amazing day also includes a visit to the step pyramid of Sakkara, and the ancient capital of Memphis. Overnight Cairo. [B]

### **Day 3 Cairo**

This morning you visit the world's best and most famous Egyptian Museum which houses countless priceless artefacts including those of Tutankhamen. This afternoon continue to visit the Citadel of Salah Edin, the Mohammad Ali Mosque and try out your bargaining skills at the 625 year old Khan El Khalili bazaar. Overnight Cairo. [B]

### **Day 4 Cairo - Nile Cruise\* (see notes on Nile Cruise below )**

Transfer to the airport for your short flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, transfer to the pier to board your Nile cruise. This afternoon visit the Temples of Karnak and Luxor. Luxor Temple was built in the heart of the ancient city of Thebes and is connected to Karnak, the largest temple in Egypt, by the impressive avenue of the sphinxes. [B,L,D]

### **Day 5 Cruising**

This morning explore the Nile's West Bank, the world's largest open air museum, and visit the Valley of the Kings. Your tour includes the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, some of the hidden tombs in the Valley of the Kings and the Colossi of Memnon. [B,L,D]

### **Day 6 Cruising**

Morning visit to the beautifully preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, before sailing on to the temple of Kom Ombo which sits right on the edge of the Nile. [B,L,D]

### **Day 7 Cruising**

This morning features the highlights of Aswan, including the High Dam, an engineering miracle built in 1960, and the majestic Temple of Philae. Then enjoy a relaxing trip on the Nile by traditional felucca sail boat. [B,L,D]

### **Day 8 Cruise Disembarkation - Aswan - Alexandria**

After cruise disembarkation this morning you fly to the amazing temples of Abu Simbel before flying to Cairo and transferring by car to Alexandria. Alexandria is Egypt's second largest city, situated in Lower Egypt on the Mediterranean Coast. It was founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC and became the capital of Egypt during the Greco-Roman period. Overnight Alexandria. [B]

### **Day 9 Alexandria**

A memorable day today as you visit the World War II battlefields of El Alamein located in the Western Desert approximately 110kms from Alexandria travelling along the Mediterranean coast towards El Alamein, which is know for its serenity, its fascinating scenery and mild climate. Return to Alexandria for overnight. [B]

### **Day 10 Alexandria - Cairo**

This morning you visit some of Alexandria's attractions, including the National Museum, the Catacombs of Kom el Shufaga - the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria, Pompey's Pillar and New Bibliotheca - the most prominent remaining Greek landmark in Alexandria. Continue by private car to Cairo for overnight. [B]

### **Day 11 Cairo**

The morning is at leisure before your transfer to the airport for your onward flight. [B]

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## Inclusions

- 6 nights' selected accommodation with private facilities
- 4 nights' selected Nile cruise\* from Luxor to Aswan including all meals.
- 3 domestic economy-class flights in Egypt
- 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- All transfers in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan by private vehicle with English-speaking driver
- Professional English-speaking Egyptologist guides
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

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## Dates & Prices

No dates available for this tour at present. Please [send us an enquiry here](#) to keep in touch with any upcoming dates.

Prices shown are per person based on twin-share in 4-5\* hotels.  
Seasonal surcharges apply. Please contact our office for further details

## Accommodation

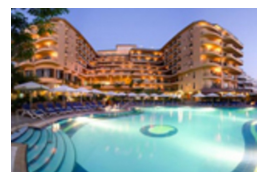
### **Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel, Cairo**

Le Meridien Pyramids is a 4 star hotel comprising 540 elegantly decorated guest rooms. Enjoy incredible views of the majestic Giza Pyramids from your sunlounge beside the pool (try the ice-cream that is available pool-side, it's good!). There are a variety of restaurants to choose from offering Mediterranean, International, Egyptian and Mexican food as well as 2 cafes - including a traditional Shisha cafe! Hotel facilities include: wireless high speed internet access in lobby, business center, dry cleaning service, currency exchange, laundry service, shoe shine service available, room service, outdoor heated pool (seasonal), gift shops and spa facilities.



### **Steigenberger Nile Palace Hotel, Luxor**

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a 4 star of 304 rooms. It is situated in the heart of the historical district of Luxor and is only 1.5km from the Temple of Luxor. Be spoilt for choice when it comes to meal times as they have several restaurants, cafes and bars from which to choose providing local, Italian, Thai and Lebanese cuisine. With views of the Nile you can sit back with a cocktail and watch the boats sail by and let your imagination whisk you away - you can even try the traditional Shisha (Egyptian pipe)! Hotel facilities include: 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, business center, laundry, hairdresser, souvenir shop, W-LAN access, currency exchange and massage .



### **Ramses Hilton, Cairo**

The Ramses Hilton is located in the heart of Cairo. The famous Egyptian Museum is only 5 minutes away and it is about a 40 minute drive to the Pyramids. There are stunning views of the Nile and Pyramids from the restaurant on the 36th floor. There are 4 restaurants and 2 cafes offering a delectable array of International, Egyptian, Indian and Asian cuisine as well as an English Pub - something to please everyone.



## Weather

The most popular times for travel to Egypt are between the months of October and May as the temperature and humidity are the most comfortable.

<b>Cairo</b>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<b>Ave Max C</b>	18	21	24	28	33	35	36	35	32	30	26	20
<b>Ave Min C</b>	8	9	11	14	17	20	21	22	20	18	14	10
<b>Rainy Days</b>	1	1	0.8	0.4	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.8	1

<b>Aswan</b>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<b>Ave Max C</b>	23	26	31	36	39	42	41	41	39	37	31	25
<b>Ave Min C</b>	10	11	14	19	23	26	26	26	24	22	17	12
<b>Rainy Days</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Currency

The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian pound (£E). Notes are in denominations of £E100, £E50, £E20, £E10, £E5, £E1, £E0.50 and £E0.25, and coins are in denominations of 50, 25, 20, 10 and 5 Piastres. It's best to build up a supply of the small bills because you'll need them for baksheesh (a request for a tip for services rendered) and small purchases, and many shopkeepers and cabbies will not have - or claim they don't have - change.

## Disclaimer

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