

# Egypt Highlights

08 Days / 07 Nights Private Tour | Run every day from Cairo Cultural & Historical | Family



#### Introduction: TOUR SUMMARY

Enjoy our classical 08 days tour to Cairo, Aswan and Luxor and visit all the highlights of the three cities in one package! Our tour to Cairo includes wonderful visits to the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the ancient city of Memphis and the Step Pyramid Complex at Sakkara. Also we will have a city tour in Cairo, where we can visit the unique collection of the ancient Egyptian monuments at the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, the Citadel of Salah El Din and explore the stunning historical churches at Coptic Cairo Area, also know as Old Cairo.

The second part of this impressive tour to Egypt shall start in Aswan, the city of Gold, as most of people used to call it! We will use a domestic flight from Cairo to Aswan and this takes approximately one hour. In Aswan our program will cover visits to the High Dam, Temple of Philae and the Unfinished Obelisk.

We will spend one night in Aswan, so our dear guests, coming from all over the world to visit Egypt, can explore this attractive city by walking on the safe street, visiting the local market or trying the Sound & Light Show, sailing on the Nile by a felucca (small sailing boat) around the stunning islands and sights.

After spending one night in Aswan, we will drive to the north, to Luxor, the city of Temples and Palaces. On the way to Luxor, we will have two stops to visit the impressive temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu. However, in Luxor, we will spend need at least two nights, in order to be able to cover the highlights of this rich city. The first visit will be to the West Bank that includes Valley of the Kings, Temple of Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Yet, our visits on the East Bank shall cover the Karnak Temples Complex and the Temple of Luxor.

Beside exploring the classical sites and temples in Luxor, we will have the chance to try various optional tours like the Hot Air Balloon, the Sound & Light Show at the Karnak, a Felucca ride to the Banana Island or even visiting the tomb of the well-known king, Tutankhamun, at Valley of the Kings.

Sincerely, Vantage Travels Team



# Detailed Itinerary:

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

## Day 01: Arrival to Egypt

Upon arrival to Cairo International Airport, you will be met by our English-speaking representative, who will help you in all formalities at the airport like passing the passport control & collecting your luggage from the luggage belt at the arrival terminal. Then, you will be transferred to the hotel in Cairo by private Air-conditioned vehicle. We will check in the hotel within few minutes! Overnight in Cairo. [No Meals]



#### What is included?

- ☑ Meet and assist by our English-speaking representative.
- $\blacksquare$  Transportation by Air-conditioned vehicles with qualified driver.
- $\blacksquare$  One bottle of mineral water per person.

#### Day 02: Cairo Pyramids Tour & Overnight Train to Aswan

Energizing breakfast at your hotel. After that, you will be met by our expert, Egyptologist tour guide, who will join you in such awe-inspiring tour to visit Pyramids of Giza, constructed around 2500 BC as the necropolis of the kings of the fourth dynasty. We will then proceed to Sakkara to visit The Step Pyramid Complex, which is considered to be the oldest surviving stone monument in the whole world. We will then have a short break for lunch at local restaurant in Cairo. Our last visit will be to The Open-Air Museum in Memphis, which was established in the 32nd century BC by King Narmer after he unified Upper and Lower Egypt and became the first capital of the whole country. We will then get back to our hotel. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Cairo, where we can offer you a very attractive "optional" tour to attend the Sound & Light Show at Giza Plateau in front of the Great Sphinx. The duration of the show is about 45 minutes to one hour! During the show you will enjoy the story of building the Pyramids, how the kings of Egypt were powerful and strong to rule the Egyptian empire with its extended borders! Overnight in Cairo. [Breakfast & Lunch]



#### What's included?

- Guiding by our Professional, Egyptologist Tour Guide.
- $\blacksquare$  Transportation by Air-conditioned vehicles with qualified driver.
- $\blacksquare$  Entrance fees to the indicated tourist sites.



#### Day 03: Cairo City Tour

Breakfast will be served at your hotel. After that, you'll be met by our expert, Egyptologist tour guide, who will join you in such a wonderful tour to the Egyptian Museum, the largest museum in the world with a huge collection of displays dating back to various periods of the ancient Egyptian history. We will then drive to Old Cairo Area to visit the Citadel of Saladin, constructed in the 10th century by Saladin to protect Egypt and became the residence of Egypt's rulers for more than seven centuries. At the end of the tour and before we get back to our hotel, we will have a short visit to the Coptic Cairo Area, including the Hanging Church and the well-known church of Abu Serga. We will then get back to the hotel for rest & refresh. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Cairo, where we can offer you a stunning Dining Cruise with two hours sailing on Cairo Nile and an oriental show "Belly Dancer & Live Band" to enjoy your night. [Breakfast & Lunch]



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#### Day 04: Aswan Classic Tour

Early check out from your hotel. Later on, you'll be met by our representative in Cairo, who will transfer you to Cairo Airport, to catch your domestic flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, you'll be met by our local representative in Aswan, who will help and assist you in all formalities inside the airport. Then, we will start our city tour in Aswan by visiting the High Dam, originally constructed to store the water and then generate electricity. Later on, we will ride a motorboat to Agilika Island, where we will visit Temple of Philae, constructed in the 3rd century BC in the Greco Roman period and was dedicated to goddess Isis, mother of Horus. At the end of our city tour in Aswan, we will visit the Unfinished Obelisk, if completed, it would have been the largest piece of stone humans ever dealt with. Finally, we will move to our hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in order to explore the beaten tracks of Aswan. [Breakfast]



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#### Day 05: Kom Ombo & Edfu

Check out after breakfast. Later on, we will drive towards Luxor by private A-C vehicle. Today we will have two stops on the way from Aswan to Luxor, to visit Temple of Sobek & Haroeris, which was established in the Ptolemaic period and completed in the Roman era and was dedicated to two gods, Sobek and Haroeris. After that, we will continue driving to Luxor. On the way we will visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the finest preserved ancient Egyptian temple in the land of the Nile. Upon arrival to Luxor, we will transfer to your hotel there for check-in, rest and refresh. The rest of the day will be FREE at leisure on your own, to explore the city on your own. In Luxor, we can offer you many attractive "Optional" tours like the Sound & Light Show at the Karnak Temples Complex, rated as the top Sound & Light Show in Egypt or you can sail down the Nile for couple of hours to enjoy the immortal Nile River. Overnight in Luxor. [Breakfast]



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#### Day 06: West Bank of Luxor

Morning time is free at leisure on your own in Luxor, where we can offer "optional tour" to try the Hot Air Balloon over the West Bank of Luxor. After breakfast, we will explore the Valley of the Kings, the richest and most fascinating ancient tombs in Egypt. This was the burial site of the kings from the New Kingdom. The next visit of the day will be to the impressive Temple of Deir El Bahari, constructed during the reign of the 18th dynasty by Queen Hatshepsut, one of the greatest rulers of Egypt. We will then visit the Colossi of Memnon; these two huge statues are the only remaining items of the great funerary temple of Amenhotep III constructed in 1350 BC and became a landmark of Luxor afterwards. Finally, we will get back to our hotel for rest & refresh. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Luxor. You can try our "Optional" tours or enjoy a lovely walking tour to the Old Soug "market" and buy local stuff! Overnight in Luxor. [Breakfast]



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#### Day 07: East Bank of Luxor

Enjoy your breakfast at your hotel before exploring the east bank of Luxor including two marvelous temple complexes. Our first visit of the day will be to Karnak Temples Complex, almost all the impressive items of the Karnak we see today date back to the new kingdom specially the huge amazing columns of the hypostyle hall, which are constructed by the famous king, Ramses II. We will then visit the Temple of Luxor, which was established around the 14th century BC and the construction continued for many years afterwards by Ramses II, Queen Hatshepsut, and many other Pharaohs. After the tour, we will transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to Luxor Airport in order to catch your domestic flight to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo Airport, you'll be met by our representative, who will help and assist you in collecting luggage, and transfer you to your hotel in Cairo for check in-rest and refresh. Evening time is FREE at leisure on your own, in order to enjoy this beautiful city by night! Cairo is clean, modern and safe city. Overnight in Cairo. [Breakfast]



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### Day 08: Departure from Egypt

Check out from your hotel in Cairo after having your breakfast. Later on, you'll be met by our representative, who will transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to Cairo International Airport in order to catch your flight to back home after your awesome tour to Egypt. [Breakfast]



End of The Program Itinerary!