

Magical Egypt

12 Days / 11 Nights
Small Group Tour | Run every day from Cairo
Cultural & Historical, Family, Nile Cruise



Introduction:

TOUR SUMMARY

We are proud to offer our special tour package Cairo & Nile Adventure that especially tailored for those, who would like to explore the beaten tracks of Egypt as nobody ever did! This special Egypt tour offers our dear guests a golden chance to visit the highlights of Cairo, including the Pyramids of Giza, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities and more other attractive sites together with a special cruise for seven nights on board a luxuries Dahabiya boat to feel privacy on the Nile.

The Dahabiya boat guarantee daily visits to the hidden treasures of the south together with the regular ones! This includes The Karnak Temples Complex, Temple of Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Temple of Esna, unique visits to El Kab village, Beshir Island and Herdiab Island. However, we will also explore the highlights of Aswan, including the High Dam, Temple of Philae and the Unfinished Obelisk.

You can also add various optional tours in Luxor or/and Aswan if you wish. For example, a Sound & Light Show at Karnak Temple or a Hot Air Balloon are available in Luxor and a special tour to the marvelous Temples of Abu Simbel or a bird-watching tour at the Nubian Village are available in Aswan and can be arranged for you and your groups.

Looking forward to welcoming you soon!

Sincerely,
Vantage Travels Team

Detailed Itinerary:

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

Day 01: Arrival to Cairo

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.
- Transportation by Air-conditioned vehicles with qualified driver.
- One bottle of mineral water per person.

Day 02: Cairo Pyramids Tour

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]

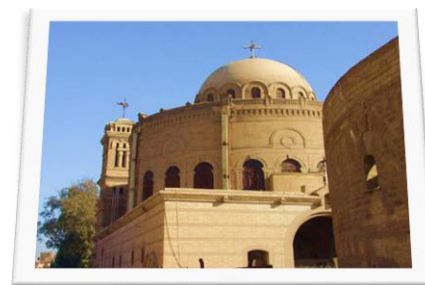


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Day 03: Cairo City Tour

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: Flight to Luxor, Tour to the East Bank & Overnight

Check out from your hotel in Cairo. Later on, you'll be met by our English-speaking representative, who will transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to Cairo International Airport in order to catch your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival to Luxor Airport, you'll be met by our local representative there, who will help and assist you in all formalities and transfer you to your Dahabiya Boat. We will check-in the cruise within few minutes! After lunch, you will join our expert tour guide to visit **Temple of Karnak**, 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 **Luxor Temple**, which was established around the 14th century BC and the construction continued for many years afterwards by Ramses II, Queen Hatshepsut & others kings. Get back to our Dahabiya & overnight. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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Day 05: Tour to the West Bank of Luxor

Morning time is FREE at leisure, as we can offer you a Hot Air Balloon over the west bank of Luxor. One of the marvelous "Adventure Tours" in Luxor and very attractive for the first-time visitors, as it gives them a marvelous chance to see all Luxor Temples, that located on both sides of the Nile, on one tour from the sky! You will enjoy your delicious breakfast on board before you meet our expert your guide to visit **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. Our next visit will be to **Temple of Deir El Bahari**, constructed during the reign of the 18th dynasty by Queen Hatshepsut. On our way back to the cruise, we will stop to see **Colossi of Memnon**, the only remaining items of the great funerary temple of king Amenhotep III. After the tour, we will get back to our Dahabiya Boat to enjoy a special lunch while sailing to El Batekh Island. Overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

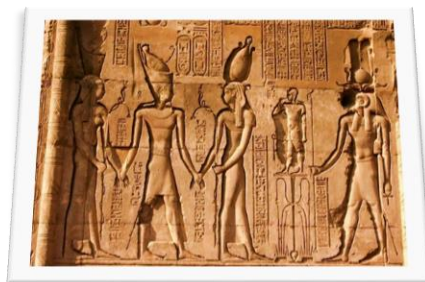


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Day 06: Visit to Esna Temple & Sailing to El Kab Village

We will cross Esna lock by the early morning. After breakfast, you'll join our expert tour guide on one of the marvelous tours while sailing down the Nile! Today, we are going to visit **Esna Temple**, one of the most fascinating temples of ancient Egypt. It is the only remaining temple that survived until today, out of four temples that were constructed in the city of Esna. The temple was dedicated for the worship of the god Khnum and his wives, Khnum was usually represented in the shape of a ram that has the body of human being. He is the god associated with the creation of humans in the ancient Egyptian methodology. After this unique tour, we will get back to our Dahabiya Boa to have some rest & enjoy our lunch meal while sailing ahead to El Kab village. El Kab was called Nekheb in the Egyptian language, a name that refers to Nekhbet, the goddess depicted as a white vulture. Dinner & overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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Day 07: Tour to El Kab & Edfu Temples

After breakfast, you'll join our tour guide to visit El **Kab Temple**. The central temple is the oldest of the remains, with its origins possibly dating to the Early Dynastic Period. Of the two ruined structures remaining today, the Temple of Thoth was begun by Amenhotep II in Dynasty XVIII and enlarged by later New Kingdom pharaohs. After that, we will get back to our Dahabiya boat to have our lunch meal while sailing to the city of Edfu. Our second visit will be to **Temple of Horus in Edfu**, constructed by the Ptolemies in the 3rd century BC for the worship of the god Horus, the avenger of his father. After this tour, we will get back to our Dahabiya boat to have some rest. The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own to enjoy the stunning show that will be operated by the staff – just amazing! Dinner & overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

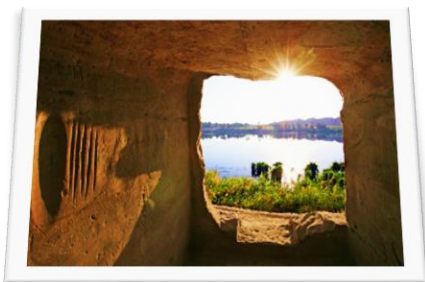


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Day 08: Visit to Gebel El-Silsila & Overnight at Beshir Island

Enjoy your breakfast on board while sailing to Gebel El-Silsila. By the afternoon, you'll join our expert tour guide to visit **Gebel El-Silsila Temple**, one of the temples rescued from Lake Nasser, but due to its location, it is rarely to be visited by tourists – only reached by small boats or Dahabiyas. Known in Pharaonic times as Khenu "Place of Rowing", Gebel Silsilla was an important center for the cult of the Nile. every year at the beginning of the inundation season, sacrifices were made here to ensure the fertility of the land. The Nile at its height flowing through the narrow gorge must have been a particularly impressive sight, and noisy, which no doubt explains why the location was chosen as a cult center. After the tour, we will get back to our Dahabiya boat to have some rest. Today we will enjoy a special BBQ Dinner. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own at Beshir Island, to explore this natural site. The mix between the Nile & the quite island makes feel that you are living during the Pharaohs time, when they built these impressive temples! [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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Day 09: Visit to Kom Ombo Temple & Lunch at Herdiab Island

Energizing breakfast meal will be served on board before the tour of today. Our Nile Cruise ship will land at the location of the impressive **Temple of Kom Ombo**, established in the Ptolemaic period and completed in the Roman era, the temple is dedicated to two gods, the local crocodile, Sobek and the famous eagle god, Haroeris. After your amazing visit, you will get back to our boat to have our lunch while sailing towards Aswan. Relax on board & enjoy your afternoon tea on the sundeck with the amazing view of the Nile! Today, a nice musical performance will be operated on board the ship by the staff – However, you can join them! Most of shows are inspired from the Nubian folklore. Overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

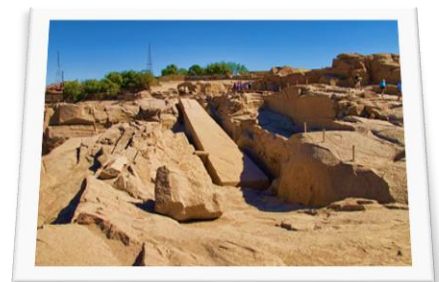


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Day 10: Aswan City Tour

Breakfast meal will be served on board. After that, you will prepare yourself to join your expert tour guide to explore the wonderful city of Aswan. Our first visit of the day will be to **the High Dam**, which was constructed by the former president, Gamal Abdel Nasser to store the water, and then generate a large volume of the electricity. We will then ride in a motorboat to visit **Temple of Philae**, constructed in the 3rd century BC in the Greco Roman era as the cult center of the goddess Isis. Our last visit will be to **the Unfinished Obelisk**, which was found in the granite quarry in the Southern part of Aswan. After the day tour, we will drive back to our Nile cruiser, so we can enjoy the tasty lunch. Afternoon, we will have a free time, so you can relax on board your cruise ship or sail by a felucca (small sailing boat) around the attractive islands of Aswan & enjoy the view of Agha Khan Mausoleum. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Aswan, where we can offer you an attractive tour to the Nubian Village, where you'll deal with its nice and so kind people, enjoy Henna drawings and birdwatching too. Overnight in Aswan. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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Day 11: Check Out & Departure

Check out after breakfast. Later on, we will transfer you to Aswan Airport in order to catch your domestic flight to Cairo. On arrival to Cairo Airport, you'll be met with our representative, who will help you to check-in your international flight to back home after exploring the beaten tracks of Egypt. [Breakfast]



**End of
The Program Itinerary!**