

The Best of Egypt

27 Days | Small Group Tour
Adventure, Cultural & Historical, Nile Cruise



Introduction:

TOUR SUMMARY

Experience Egypt like never before on an in-depth 27-day guided Egypt study tour led by Prof. Jennifer Hellum, Senior Lecturer at Auckland University. Explore the wonders of Cairo, El Miya, El Fayoum, Aswan, Abu Simbel and Alexandria as well as a Nile Cruise in a once in a lifetime experience. Ideal for anyone fascinated with Egypt who wants to see the highlights and monuments, experience the culture and learn more about the history and original civilization from an expert.

Looking forward to welcoming you soon!

Sincerely,
Vantage Travels Team



Detailed Itinerary:

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

Day 01: Arrival to Cairo International Airport & O.N.

On arrival to Cairo International Airport, you'll be met by our representative, who will help you in all formalities and transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel in Cairo. Evening time is FREE at leisure to explore Cairo by night.

No meals are included

Overnight in Cairo

Day 02: Full Day Tour to Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx

Energizing breakfast at your hotel! You will then be met by Prof. Jennifer Hellum, Senior Lecturer at Auckland University, who will enthral you on full day exploration of the majestic Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World.

Breakfast & Lunch are included

Overnight in Cairo

Day 03: Full Day Tour to Sakkara Pyramid Complex

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Cairo. Today, we will drive towards one of the oldest archaeological sites in Egypt, Sakkara. Visiting the Step Pyramid Complex of King Djoser is also included in this tour. After visiting the highlights of Sakkara.

Breakfast & Lunch are included

Overnight in Cairo

Day 04: Tour to the Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Salah El Din & Coptic Cairo

A delicious breakfast will be served at your hotel. After that, you'll be met again by our expert Egyptologist tour guide, who will guide you in a fascinating tour of The Egyptian Museum, the Citadel of Saladin and finally, we will visit the Coptic Cairo Area.

Breakfast & Lunch are included

Overnight in Cairo

Day 05: Full Day Tour to El Fayoum from Cairo

After breakfast, we will travel in our air-conditioned vehicle to the town of El Fayoum. This fascinating tour will start with the Hawara Pyramid. Afterwards, we will have lunch on the shore of Lake of Qarun, followed by a visit to the Pyramid of Meidum.

Breakfast & Lunch are included

Overnight in Cairo

Day 06: Cairo to Minya Tour & Overnight

Early check out from Cairo and drive towards El Minya. We begin our visit by exploring Tell El Amarna, established by Akhenaten at the end of the 13th century BC. The new capital was largely destroyed as the supporters of the cult of the god Amun.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included

Overnight in El Minya



Day 07: El Minya Sightseeing Tours & Overnight

Enjoy your breakfast before starting our tour in El Minya. Today we are going to explore Tombs of Beni Hassan, the site of Tuna El Gabal and the ancient city of El Ashmonien. After our stunning tour, we will get back to our hotel for overnight.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included
Overnight in El Minya

Day 08: Check Out from El Minya & Tour to Abydos & Dendera

Early check out from your hotel in El Minya. You will then join your tour guide on what will be the highlight of the trip for many. We will drive towards Luxor with two stops to visit the site of Abydos and the Temple of goddess Hathor at Dandara.

Breakfast & Lunch are included
Overnight in Luxor

Day 09: Tour to Madinet Habu & Deir El Madina

Breakfast will be served at your hotel before our full day tour in the West Bank of Luxor. The tour of today is extremely interesting, as we visit the most beautiful sites, including Temple of Madinet Habu, Deir El Madina and the Ramesseum Temple Complex.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Luxor

Day 10: Tour to Luxor Museum & the Mummification Museum

Today is an amazing day, as we are going to have a short visit in Luxor, where we can explore two of the fabulous local museums. We begin the tour at Luxor Museum, located close to the Karnak temples, and then move to visit the Mummification Museum.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Luxor

Day 11: FREE at leisure on your own in Luxor

Today a free day at leisure on your own in Luxor, where we can arrange many "optional" activities like the Hot Air Ballooning, where you get the unique chance to explore all the stunning collection of our ancient Egyptian temples from the SKY!

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Luxor

Day 12: FREE at leisure on your own in Luxor

Today is another day at leisure in Luxor. A lovely walking tour to the Souk "market" can be arranged where you get to experience and purchase the handmade curios, reflecting the unique culture of Egypt. Also, we can offer a felucca tour in Luxor.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Luxor



Day 13: Tour to the Karnak Temple Complex

After having some down time in Luxor, we are we are ready for the next stage! Today, we will explore the Karnak Temples Complex, located in the East Bank of the city. The Karnak is the most impressive ancient Egyptian monument.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Luxor

Day 14: Full Day Tour to Temple of Luxor

Check out after breakfast. We then visit the Temple of Luxor, constructed during the reign of the Middle Kingdom in the ancient Egyptian history. Next is another tour highlight – the River Nile Cruise! We will embark our ship to sail to Aswan in four days.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included
Overnight on board

Day 15: Tour to the West Bank of Luxor

After breakfast, we will visit the Valley of the Kings, Temple of Deir El Bahari and Colossi of Memnon. After the tour, we will get back to the Nile Cruise to have our delicious lunch meal on board. Enjoy your Afternoon tea on board while relaxing on the sundeck.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included
Overnight on board

Day 16: Tour to Edfu & Kom Ombo

After breakfast, we will visit Temple of Horus in Edfu. Then, we will get back to the Nile Cruise to sail to Kom Ombo, where we can visit Temple of Sobek & Haroeris. Evening time is FREE at leisure to enjoy the Egyptian folkloric show on the Nile Cruise ship.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included
Overnight on board

Day 17: Tour to the High Dam, Temple of Philae & the Unfinished Obelisk

Energizing breakfast on board. After that, we will visit the High Dam, ride in a motor-boat to visit Temple of Philae. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a felucca ride around Agha Khan Mausoleum and the Kitchener Island.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included
Overnight on board

Day 18: Tour to the Temple of Abu Simbel from Aswan by A-C van

Early check out from your Nile Cruise boat. Today, we explore one of the most unique temples in ancient Egypt, the Temple of Abu Simbel, located to the south of Aswan. After this wonderful tour, we will drive back to Aswan to check-in our hotel.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Aswan



Day 19: Tour to Nubian Museum, Temple of Kalabsha & Nubian Village

Breakfast at your hotel. Later on, we will complete our tour in Aswan by visiting the Nubian Museum, the Temple of Kalabsha and then visit Nubian Village, where we get to know the Nubian community, their beliefs and traditions, and much more!

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Aswan

Day 20: FREE day at leisure in Aswan

With its marvelous geographical location that offers its guests spending their holidays in Egypt with marvelous views of the Nile and its magnificent historical monuments, a large number of travelers who visit Egypt prefer to spend some days in Aswan.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Aswan

Day 21: Flight back to Cairo, FREE at leisure & Overnight

Check out after breakfast. Later on, our local representative, in Aswan, will transfer you to Aswan Airport in order to catch your domestic flight to Cairo. On arrival to Cairo, you'll be met by our representative, who will transfer you to your hotel.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Cairo

Day 22: FREE day at leisure in Cairo

Today is free at leisure in Cairo, the largest city in Africa and the biggest and most important city in Egypt. Cairo has a wonderful blend of Pharaonic, Coptic, and Islamic monuments with a variety that can hardly be found anywhere else in the world.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Cairo

Day 23: FREE day at leisure in Cairo

Today is free at leisure in Cairo to have some rest at your hotel, or we can offer an optional special dinner on board a five-star cruising restaurant, where you can enjoy an Egyptian Folkloric Show, Tannoura Show, Belly Dancer Show and a live band.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Cairo

Day 24: Tour to Alexandria from Cairo by A-C vehicle

Today we will visit Alexandria, the "bride of the Mediterranean Sea". In Alexandria we will see the Library of Alexandria, the Roman Amphitheatre and Qaitbay Citadel. After lunch, we will drive back to our hotel in Cairo.

Breakfast & Lunch are included
Overnight in Cairo



Day 25: Old Cairo Tour

Breakfast at your hotel followed by a tour by your Egyptologist tour guide to explore Islamic Cairo area. Today we are going to visit the monuments in the El Muizz Street, including Bab El Fetouh, El Hakim Mosque, El Aqmar Mosque & the site of El Hussein.

Breakfast & Lunch are included
Overnight in Cairo

Day 26: Free at leisure in Cairo

Today is free at leisure in Cairo, the largest city in Africa and the biggest and most important city in Egypt. Cairo has a wonderful blend of Pharaonic, Coptic, and Islamic monuments with a variety that can hardly be found anywhere else in the world.

Breakfast is included
Overnight in Cairo

Day 27: Check Out & Departure

Check out from your hotel in Cairo after having your breakfast. Later on, you'll be met by our representative, who will transfer you to Cairo International Airport in order to catch your flight to back home after touring the beaten tracks of Egypt.

Breakfast is included
Farewell Day