

# **Treasures of Egypt**

12 Days | Private Tour | Run every day from Cairo Cultural & Historical, Family, Nile Cruise



# Introduction:

TOUR SUMMARY

Discover Egypt in-depth and join our Treasures of Egypt package, a special tour to Egypt that will give the chance to see the highlights of Cairo, visit the marvelous sites of El Fayoum, explore the hidden treasures of El Minya, Abydos & Dandara and cruise the Nile from Luxor to Aswan to enjoy daily guided tours to the impressive temple complexes located on both banks of the Nile.

Your trip in Egypt will begin in Cairo, the capital of Egypt and the biggest city in Africa, where you will visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the Step Pyramid Complex at Sakkara, the Open-Air Museum in Memphis, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities at Tahrir Square, the Citadel of Salah El Din and the unique collection of our Coptic monuments in Old Cairo area. This is besides having the chance to add marvelous optional tours at night like the sound & light show at Giza Pyramids or a Dining Cruise in Cairo to enjoy sailing on the Nile for couple of hours.

The next part of your special Egypt tour will be in El Fayoum, in order to visit the beaten tracks of this small town. Our tour to El Fayoum shall cover visits to Lake Qaroun, the National park of Wadi Rayan, Gabal Al Modawara and the Wales Cemetery.

We will continue our tour to the south of Egypt in order to enjoy our visit to Luxor & Aswan passing by Abydos and Dandara on the way from El Minya to Luxor. The tour in Luxor and Aswan shall cover daily guided tours to the Karnak Temples Complex, Temple of Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Temple of Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, the Temple of Horus in Edfu, Temple of Kom Ombo, the High Dam, Temple of Philae and the Unfinished Obelisk. However, you still able to add more optional activities such as a Hot Air Balloon adventure, a Sound & Light Show at Karnak or a Felucca ride around the attractive islands of Aswan.

Looking forward to welcoming you soon!

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 and collecting your luggage. Then, you will be transferred to the hotel in Cairo by private Air-conditioned vehicle. We will check in the hotel within few minutes! The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Cairo, where we can offer you various OPTIONAL tours that enable you to explore this marvelous city by night. [No Meals]



#### What is included?

- $\blacksquare$  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

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. After that, we will transfer you back to your hotel for rest and refresh. 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 transfer you back to your hotel. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Cairo to explore the city by night! Truly amazing! [Breakfast & Lunch]



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#### Day 04: Tour to El Fayoum from Cairo, Travelling to El Minya & Overnight

Check out after breakfast. Later on, we will drive by Air-conditioned vehicle towards El Fayoum. Our lovely tour will start our visits in El Fayoum with the Hawara Pyramid, constructed by the well-known King Amenmhat III, in the 19th century BC as his royal tomb made out of limestone and mud bricks. Afterwards, we will be having lunch on the shores of the Lake of Qarun, one of the deepest natural lakes in Egypt that is more than 3300 square meters. Our last visit of the day will be to the Pyramid of Meidum, constructed by King Senfru, the constructor of the Pyramids of Giza. After the tour, we will drive towards El-Minya. On arrival, we will check-in our hotel in few minutes! Rest & refresh at the hotel. The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own to explore the city of El-Minya by night – very nice and modern city, clean and civilized. You can have a short walking tour around the hotel. Overnight in El-Minya. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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# Day 05: Sightseeing Tours in El Minya & Overnight

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, we will enjoy a marvelous tour in El-Minya, discover many important sites at this rich city! Our first visit of the day will be to the Tombs of Beni Hassan, an ancient necropolis that includes many rock-cut tombs that date to the first intermediate period and the Middle Kingdom of ancient Egypt. We will then visit the site of Tuna El Gabal, the famous Boundary Stelae of Akhenaten, that shows himself and his wife worshipping Aten, and a couple of interesting ancient tombs. Followed by El Ashmonien, that was an important center in ancient Egyptian times, during the Roman Period and the Christian era afterwards as well with many interesting remaining monuments. After the tour, we will drive back to our hotel for rest and refresh. Overnight in El Minya. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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# Day 06: Visit to Tel El Amarna, Assuit & Overnight in Abydos

Check out after breakfast. Today we will explore 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 never admitted that the worship of the new god, Aten, the god of the sun, is rightful. However, today the ruins of the city stretch over a surface area that is more than 12 kilometers. Then, you will go to Assuit city to visit Al Muharraq Monastery and then you will head to Meir Village which was the functioning cemetery for Cusae. We will continue the way to Abydos. Arrive to Abydos and check-in our hotel there, facing the awesome Temple of Abydos that will be visiting on the following day! The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own to explore the site, deal with locals or try the Egyptian drinks on a local café, BUT it is highly recommended to have some rest before the tour of Abydos. Overnight in Abydos. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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# Day 07: Sightseeing Tours to Abydos, Dandara & Overnight in Luxor

Check out after breakfast. Later on, you'll be met by our expert tour guide at the lobby of your hotel. Today, we are going to visit two of the impressive temples in Egypt. Our first visit will be to the site of Abydos, one of the oldest towns of ancient Egypt that hosts a number of tombs, temples, and other ruins today. The next stop of our day will be at the city of Dendera, where we will visit the Temple of Dendera, one of the best preserved and marvelous examples of the Greco Roman architecture in Egypt. The temple dedicated to the goddess Hathour is quite remarkable. After the tour, we will continue driving to the city of Luxor. We arrive to Luxor by the afternoon, check-in our hotel, have some rest. The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Luxor, safe, clean & modern city. Overnight in Luxor. [Breakfast & Lunch]



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#### Day 08: Tour to the East Bank of Luxor

Check out after breakfast. Later on, you'll be met by our local representative in Luxor, who will transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to your Nile Cruise ship. 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, and others kings. We will then get back to our Nile Cruise for rest & refresh. The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Luxor or we can offer you an "Optional" Sound & Light Show at the Karnak temples – One of the top-rated tours in Luxor. Overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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### Day 09: 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. Finally, we will transfer you to your Nile Cruise to enjoy your lunch meal on board while sailing towards the city of Edfu via Esna. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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#### Day 10: Tour to Edfu & Kom Ombo Temples

Energizing breakfast will be served on board before our full day tour. Our Nile Cruise ship will land at the location of the city of Edfu, where we will visit the Temple of Horus, constructed by the Ptolemies in the 3rd century BC for the worship of the god Horus, the avenger of his father. After the tour, we will get back to our Nile Cruise to enjoy lunch on board while sailing to Kom Ombo. Arrive to Kom Ombo by the afternoon and proceed to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, established in the Ptolemaic period and completed in the Roman era. Finally, you will be transferred back to your Nile cruise ship for rest and refresh. Dinner meal will be served on board. Evening time, an Egyptian folklore show on board – Most of the shows on board are inspired from the Nubian culture, just amazing! Overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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### Day 11: Aswan Classic 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 such a very attractive tour to visit the Nubian Village, a very unique place in the city, you'll deal with its nice and so kind people, enjoy Henna drawings and birdwatching too. We will then get back to our Nile Cruise ship to enjoy our delicious dinner. Overnight in Aswan. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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# Day 12: Departure from Egypt

Check out after breakfast. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Aswan or we can offer you an "Optional tour to Abu Simbel Temples". We will then transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to Aswan Airport in order to catch your flight to Cairo to back home. [Breakfast]







End of The Program Itinerary!