

# **Nile Treasures**

11 Days / 10 Nights Private Tour | Run every Sunday from Cairo Cultural & Historical, Nile Cruise



#### Introduction: TOUR SUMMARY

This is surly one amazing tour to Egypt. Guests from all over the world would love to go on such a holiday in Egypt, as it blends all the amazing features of the land of the Nile.

The guests will explore all the superb monuments and sites in Cairo and sailing down the Nile between Luxor and Aswan for seven nights to explore the unique collection of our ancient Egyptian temples.

This tour to Egypt will begin by exploring the most remarkable monuments of Cairo, including the Pyramids of Giza, the ancient site of Saqqara, the open-air museum in Memphis, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, the citadel of Saladin and Coptic Cairo including the unique collection of churches such as the Hanging Church and the Jewish Synagogue of Ben Ezra.

The guests will afterwards use the domestic flights from Cairo to Luxor, in order to embark their Nile Cruise for seven nights from Luxor to Luxor, with a fantastic visit to the highlights of Aswan. This is besides having the chance to add many optional tours to the hidden treasures in both cities.

The Nile cruise would offer the guest a marvelous chance to sail down the Nile, the same as the ancient Egyptian did thousands of years ago. The visits during the Nile Cruise journey would include includes the High Dam, the Temple of Philae, the Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut, the Colossi of Memnon, the Temple of Luxor, the Temple of Karnak in Luxor, and the Temple of Kom Ombo and the Temple of Edfu between these two amazing cities.

The last part of this short trip to Egypt will be in the city of Alexandria, one of the marvelous coastal cities in Egypt, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and has such a very unique collection of the Greco-Roman monuments date back to a precious period of Egypt's history. In Alexandria, the guests spending their holidays in Egypt will get to visit the library of Alexandria, the Catacombs of Kom El Shuqafa, the Roman Amphitheatre, and the Qaitbay Fort in a one day memorable tour of Alexandria.



# **Detailed Itinerary:**

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

# Day 01: Sunday "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.
- ${\ensuremath{\boxtimes}}$  Transportation by Air-conditioned vehicles with qualified driver.
- ${\ensuremath{\boxtimes}}$  One bottle of mineral water per person.

# Day 02: Monday "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 the tour, we will transfer you to Cairo International Airport, in order to catch your domestic flight to Luxor. Upon arrival to Luxor Airport, you'll be met by our local representative in Luxor, who will help and assist you in all formalities, collecting your luggage, etc. Then, transfer you to your Nile Cruise ship. Check-in the Nile Cruise in few minutes. The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own to explore the city of Luxor by night – Just amazing! Overnight in Luxor. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



- 🗹 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: Tuesday "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 transfer you to your Nile Cruise to enjoy your lunch meal on board while sailing towards the city of Edfu via Esna. Enjoy your afternoon tea on your Nile Cruise while relaxing on the sundeck with a perfect view of the Nile & the small island with its various kinds of birds and green fields – truly amazing! After having your dinner, a folkloric show will be operated on board by the staff. Highly recommended to join it. Overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



#### What's included?

- Guiding by Egyptologist, professional tour guide.
- $\blacksquare$  Transportation by Air-conditioned vehicles with qualified driver.
- $\blacksquare$  Entrance fees to the indicated sites.

#### Day 04: Wednesday "Tour to Temple of Edfu"

Energizing breakfast meal will be served on board before starting to your day tour. Our first visit of today will be to the location of the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the finest preserved ancient Egyptian temple in the land of the Nile. It was constructed by the Ptolemies in the 3rd century BC for the worship of the god Horus. After that, you will get back to the ship, so we can enjoy the lunch on board while sailing to the city of Aswan. Evening time a Galabeya Party will be operated by the staff on board the Nile Cruise. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on board while sailing to Kom Ombo. Dinner & Overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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#### Day 05: Thursday "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 06: Friday "FREE at leisure in Aswan"

Free morning on board, so you can enjoy the amazing view of the Nile while relaxing on Aswan! We can offer you a very interesting tour to the Nubian Village by motor boat to enjoy this awesome place and meet the so kind people of Nubia! Afternoon tea will be available on board. Evening time is free at leisure in Aswan or we can offer an "optional" tour to attend the Sound & Light Show at Philae Temple, where you can enjoy visiting this impressive temple at night. The duration of the show is about one hour. We can also offer you an "optional" tour to Abu Simbel Temples, one of the marvelous and well-known sites in Egypt. Tonight, we have a folkloric show, Nubian Show, on board the Nile Cruise. Dinner & overnight. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



- $\square$  Free morning at leisure.
- ☑ Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included.
- $\square$  Night entertainments will be operated in board.



# Day 07: Saturday "Tour to Temple of Kom Ombo"

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 the ship, so we can enjoy the delicious lunch on board while sailing towards Luxor. Afternoon time, is free at leisure to use the cruise facilities (available, but not included in the package price) or to relax on board enjoying the amazing view of the immortal River Nile! Dinner meal will be served on board. Evening time, a music performance will be operated on board the ship by the staff – However, you can join them! Tonight, we will sail towards the city of Luxor, a rich city for monuments, as it has almost 1/3 of the world's monuments! The city is famous for the impressive temples, royal tombs, statutes, obelisks and more! Overnight on board the Nile Cruise. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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

Breakfast meal will be served on board. Later on, we will move to explore the east bank of Luxor including two marvelous temple complexes. Our first visit of the day will be to the Karnak Temples Complex, constructed over a period of more than one thousand years, 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 Ramses II. We will then visit Temple of Luxor, another startling 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! After the tour, we will get back to our Nile Cruise. The remainder of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Luxor. Dinner & overnight on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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# Day 09: Monday "Cairo City Tour"

Check out after breakfast. Later on, you'll be met by our representative in Luxor, who 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 & assist you in all formalities, collecting your luggage, etc. After that, you'll be met by our tour guide, who will join you 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. Our last visit of the day will be to 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 10: Tuesday "Alexandria Tour from Cairo"

Breakfast meal will be served at your hotel. After that, we will drive towards the amazing city of Alexandria. Our first visit will be to the historical Library of Alexandria, with the ancient library being established in the 3rd century BC and destroyed in the 1st century BC. We will then visit the Roman Amphitheatre, discovered in 1960, the theatre which was established in the 4th century BC with its marble steps is one of its kind in Egypt. We will then have our lunch meal at local restaurant. After lunch, we will visit Qaitbay Citadel, this citadel was established in the 16th century and became the landmark of Alexandria today. After this amazing tour in Cairo, we will drive back to your hotel in Cairo for overnight. [Breakfast & Lunch]



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- $\blacksquare$  Entrance fees to the indicated sites.



# Day 11: Wednesday "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]







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