Best of Egypt Winter 2024 - 2025

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9 day

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waken your inner explorer on this expedition through the lush river valleys and golden desert landscapes of Egypt. Cruise the Nile past the pharaonic temples of Luxor to the Nubian treasures of Aswan. Your voyage will also take you to the mystical Pyramids of Giza, Tomb of the Nobles, and the Sphinx.

City tour in Luxor and Cairo

Sail in a felucca across the Nile

See the Ramses II statue and Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis and the Step Pyramid in Sakkara

View the High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, the Citadel, Alabaster and Sultan Hassan Mosques in Cairo, and the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza

Visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the temples of Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and the Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, the Temples at Edfu and Kom-Ombo, and the temple of Isis on the island of Philae

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Day 1

Arrival

Welcome to Cairo. You are met at Cairo Airport and transferred to your hotel. Wander through ancient, bustling streets in the City of a Thousand Minarets or simply relax after your journey.

Day 2

Luxor -**East** bank

Fly to Luxor and on arrival, visit the enormous complex at Karnak
temple, featuring the Temple of Amun and the amazing Avenue of the Sphinx. Board your luxury cruise ship in time for lunch. Later, visit the Grand Temple of Luxor before returning to your cruise ship for dinner.

Day 3

Luxor West bank

Discover the <u>Valley of the Kings</u> in the Theban Hills west of the Nile, where Tombs were built for the powerful nobles of the New Kingdom. Visit the <u>Temple of Medinet Habu</u>, the mortuary temple of Ramses III. Admire Queen Hatshepsut's impressive <u>temple at Deir el-Bahri</u>. And view the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, carved from quartzite sandstone. Later, sail to Edfu

Day 4

Edfu- Kom Ombo

Visit Egypt's best-preserved cult <u>temple at Edfu</u>, dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Relax and admire the scenery as you sail upstream to Kom-Ombo ? little has changed in a thousand years. Tour the <u>Temple of Kom-Ombo</u>, dedicated to the crocodile-headed god, Sobek. This evening, dress up in traditional clothing and experience a funfilled Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party.

Day 5

Aswan

We sail to Aswan in a traditional felucca crossing the Nile to see the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island. We will visit the Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae, see the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, and explore the High Dam that has given life to the Nile Valley for decades. A blood-red sunset is common in Aswan, made all the more breathtaking by the silhouette of dozens of feluccas set against it.

Day 6

Abu Simbel(OPTIONAL TOUR)

Consider an optional experience to the mighty Sun <u>Temple of Abu</u>

<u>Simbel</u> a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity? where four giant stone statues of <u>Ramses II</u> guard the temple's entrance. This afternoon fly back to Cairo from Aswan.

Day 7

Cairo Sightseeing

Thousands of years of history are brought to life during your full day of sightseeing. See the ancient Citadel, built to protect the city from the Crusaders. Marvel at the Alabaster Mosque's ornate interior and the Sultan Hassan Mosque, one of the masterpieces of Mamluk architecture. Visit the Hanging Church of St. Mary in Old Cairo and see Tutankhamun's priceless treasures at the Egyptian Museum, discovered by Howard Carter in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. Spend the evening as you wish.

Day 8

Pyramids tour

See the limestone Colossus of Ramses II and the giant Alabaster Sphinx at Memphis. Admire the Step Pyramid at Sakkara, which heralded the beginning of the pyramid age. Marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. See the enigmatic Great Sphinx the oldest monumental sculpture in the world. The evening is yours to do as you, please. Perhaps complete your Cairo experience with a romantic dinner cruise on the Nile.

Day 9

Depart Cairo

Today you leave this mysterious, ancient country. After breakfast at your hotel, you will check out and be driven to Cairo International Airport for your final departure.

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Accommodation in Cairo at 5-star hotel, including breakfast

5 days, 4 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise, on full board basis

Internal flights (Cairo-Luxor; Aswan-Cairo)

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, Abu Simbel, and Aswan including English-speaking Egyptologist guides

As indicated in itinerary.

Breakfast in hotels

Full board on Nile cruise

All transfers by air-conditioned vehicles during the whole tour

Meet and greet services by our travel REP in Dahab hotels

All entrance fees, and transfers.

Porterage when needed

All service charge and taxes

Exclusion

International Airfare

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended)

Drinks and any personal expenses

Entry visa to Egypt

Optional tours not included as part of the itinerary

1 Person

2499\$ Per Person

2-4 Persons

1799\$ Per Person

5-8 Persons

1699\$ Per Person

9-16 Persons

1499\$ Per Person

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