Adventure on the Nile: 15 Day Egypt Tour

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15 Day Egypt Tour Tour Package

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This 15 days <u>Egypt tour package</u> is very proper to cover all the main attractions of Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan and Luxor.

Explore the best of Egypt attractions. Trace the history of Egypt from the farthest North to the farthest South with your private Egyptologist guide.

Stay in Cairo and Alexandria in elegant hotels and spend 8 days, 7 nights onboard a 5-star maximum comfort Nile cruise.

Stare at the gigantic pyramids of Giza and wander around the treasures of King Tut in the Egyptian museum.

Learn about the history of Alexandria and its major attractions and enjoy a visit to military museum and memorials of Al Alamein.

Visit all the major temples and tombs in Luxor and Aswan, and then visit the world heritage temples at Abu Simbel.

Your Egypt Tours staff will help and assist you from start to finish.

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Day 1

Welcome

The representative of Your Egypt Tours will meet and assist you at Cairo International Airport, then handle all your procedures through passport control, luggage area, and customs formalities at ease. Then move to your Cairo hotel. Overnight in Cairo

Day 2

Giza Pyramids and Sakkara

Begin luxury holidays to Egypt, feel relaxed with your guide, and enjoy an excursion to the Giza Pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, Mykerinus, as well as the Sphinx, and Valley Temple. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then visit the ancient capital of Memphis and the oldest pyramid in Egypt known as the Step Pyramid at Sakkara. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 3

Egyptian Museum and Khan el Khalili

After breakfast in the hotel, then proceed to visit Cairo's famous Egyptian Museum houses 165,000 Egyptian artifacts, but the priceless treasures of King Tutankhamen are the highlights. His six gilded coffins dominate the main hall, while his magnificent death mask is the star attraction. Moreover, discover the Citadel of Salah el-Din where Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque stays, continuing to Khan el Khalili Bazaars Enjoy free time to stroll through the maze of streets and try your luck bargaining with the shop owners for a souvenir of your trip to Egypt. (Optional tour) Cairo nights; Egyptian Cultural Dinner Nile cruise and Show, overnight in Cairo.

Day 4

Head to Alexandria

Enjoy a day tour to the second capital of Egypt, Alexandria visiting Qaitbay Citadel, built in the 15th century by Sultan Qaitbay on the spot of Alexandria&rsquo's ancient lighthouse. Then move on to the new and much-acclaimed Alexandria Library. Also, visit the Roman cemetery cut out of the rock, the Catacomb. Overnight in Alexandria. Note: The library of Alexandria is closed on Fridays and Saturdays

Day 5

Pompey Pillar and the Roman Amphitheatre

Carry on visiting the other attractions of Alexandria. Today you will visit the Pompey Pillar and the Roman Amphitheatre and enjoy the beautiful landscape of the Muntazah park

Day 6

El Alamein

Your tour guide will pick you up from the hotel. After that, you will be transferred by an air-conditioned vehicle to relish a day trip to El Alamein, approximately 110 Km away from Alexandria. Proceed to World War II remains and cemeteries,(WW II Cemetery). El Alamein Battle was one of the most significant confrontations of this War. Your first stop during the will be at the Military Museum including displays of weapons, military garb, and tanks. Descriptions of the actions of Montgomery, Rommel, and the others who participated in the battle are also on display. Lunch break then continue to visit the WW II Cemeteries, located on the west of the town, on a small peninsula overlooking the sea. The citadel-like cemeteries are the final resting place for Commonwealth, Greek, Italian and German soldiers. Drive back to Cairo, and drop off at the hotel.

Head to Luxor

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be driven to Cairo Airport to take your flight to Luxor. Once in Luxor Airport, you will be met and assisted by your Egyptologist guide who will take you to check-in and embark on your Nile cruise for the next 8 days, 7 nights. Following this, you will go on a tour of the Valley of the Kings where the magnificent tombs were carved into the desert rocks and filled with treasures for the afterlife by generations of pharaohs. Here you will visit the tomb of King Tutankhamun. Thereafter, you will visit the Valley of the Queens where you will tour the tombs that were built for the Queens. You will then visit the Temple of Hatshepsut, which is one of the most striking monuments in Egypt. Your guide will introduce you to the history of the temple and the story of Queen Hatshepsut, the famous female ruler of Egypt who posed as a male to gain the throne. You will have free time to explore at your leisure as you wander the large courtyards and admire the intricate hieroglyphic decorations. After the conclusion of your tour, you will be driven back to your cruise ship for drop-off. Overnight on board the Nile cruise.

Day 8

Karnak Temples

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will be accompanied by your Egyptologist guide to visit the Karnak Temples, which is the largest place of worship ever built. Its ancient name "Ipet-it" means "the most sacred of places." The temple, or, more correctly, the complex of temples, was built over more than 2,000 years by generation after generation of pharaohs. Within the complex, you will find the great "Hypostyle Hall" which is an incredible forest of giant pillars. Thereafter, you will visit the Luxor temple which was built by Amenhotep III and Ramses II for rituals and festivals and is dedicated

to the god Amen. After the conclusion of your tour, you will be driven back to your cruise ship for drop-off. You will continue sailing to Esna. Dinner and overnight on board the Nile cruise.

Day 9

Kom Ombo Temple

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will go on a tour of the well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to Gods Horus at Edfu. After returning to your cruise ship, you will sail to Kom Ombo. Once you arrive in Kom Ombo, you will visit the Temple of Sobek, which is dedicated to the crocodile-headed God of fertility and creator of the world. Following this sightseeing tour, you will have lunch onboard your cruise. You will continue sailing down to Aswan. Following afternoon tea on the cruise ship, you will have free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight on board the Nile cruise.

Day 10

Temple of Philae

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will enjoy a day of sightseeing in Aswan. Your Egyptologist guide will take you on an exciting tour of the world-famous High Dam, which is an engineering miracle, built in the 1960s. Thereafter, you will visit the Unfinished Obelisk, which shows the techniques used by the ancient Egyptians to cut obelisks. This obelisk is believed to belong to Queen Hatshepsut, one of the rulers of the 18th dynasty and the royal wife of king Tutmosis II. You will then proceed to visit the beautiful Temple of Philae, which is dedicated to the goddess Isis. After your sightseeing tour, you will sail around Elephantine Island on a local Felucca boat (a traditional Egyptian sailing boat). In the afternoon, you will visit a Nubian village to gain greater insight into the Nubian culture and lifestyle. You will have traditional lunch with a Nubian family. After the

conclusion of your tour, you will be driven back to your cruise ship for drop-off. Dinner and overnight on board the Nile cruise.

Day 11

Abu Simbel and head to Aswan

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will fly to Abu Simbel. Once you arrive in Abu Simbel, you will go visit the impressive Temples of Ramses II in Abu Simbel. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments," which runs from Abu Simbel downriver to Philae (near Aswan). The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century BC, as a lasting monument to himself and his queen Nefertari, to commemorate his alleged victory at the Battle of Kadesh, and to intimidate his Nubian neighbors. However, the complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968, on an artificial hill made from a domed structure, high above the Aswan High Dam reservoir. The relocation of the temples was necessary to avoid their being submerged during the creation of Lake Nasser, the massive artificial water reservoir formed after the building of the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River. Abu Simbel remains one of Egypt's top tourist attractions. With your qualified Egyptologist as your guide, you will enjoy a personalized visit to the temples of Abu Simbel. With its four rock-hewn pharaohs, your guide will explain the history behind this magnificent site, including how the temples were discovered by accident in 1813. Due to the large number of visitors to Abu Simbel, guides are not permitted inside either of the two temples you will visit to avoid overcrowding. Following your visit to Abu Simbel, you will return to Aswan. Once you arrive in Aswan, you will be taken back to your cruise ship. Dinner and overnight on board the Nile cruise

Day 12

Edfu Temple

Aswan, Edfu Today you will enjoy the pleasant trip back from Aswan back to Luxor, via Edfu and Esna. You will enjoy free time at leisure and/or enjoy your cruise ship amenities. Dinner and overnight on board the Nile cruise. We would like to go to the Temple of Khnum at Esna when we stop there.

Day 13

Dendara and Abydos

day tour to Dendara, Abydos After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will enjoy an excursion by private vehicle to Dendara where you will visit the Temple of Hathor, before continuing for an afternoon of sightseeing in Abydos, home to "The Cult of Osiris." It is a place where most ancient Egyptians would have made a pilgrimage at least once in their lifetime. Your first stop will be Dendara. The approach path to the Temple of Hathor is between two Roman fountains that end at the massive entry gate. Hathor was the goddess of motherhood and peace and was generally shown as a cow or a woman with a cow's head. The enclosure walls are mud-brick and date back to the Roman era. Within the walls are the temple, two birth houses, a Coptic Basilica, a sanitarium, a sacred lake, and the Temple of the Birth of Isis. The temple has a long history with evidence that Pepi I (Old Kingdom) rebuilt the temple, while other texts refer to reconditioning by Thutmose III, Amenhotep III, and Ramses II and III (New Kingdom). Additions were made during the Greek, Roman, and Ptolemy periods. Your final stop will be Abydos which is located in Middle Egypt. It is an ancient holy place and burial ground of the rulers of the late prehistoric kingdom, as well as the first attested kings of the politically unified Egyptian state. Buildings constituting the settlement area in northern Abydos date back to predynastic times and have been found around Kom es-Sultan, while recent excavators have found an Old Kingdom residential area to the south-east which contains a street of mud-brick

houses with courtyards and a faience workshop with its kilns. Abydos is home to "The Cult of Osiris," the god of the dead. It is said the head of Osiris was buried at the site after he was murdered by his brother. After the conclusion of your tour, you will drive back to your cruise ship for drop-off. Dinner and overnight on board your Nile cruise.

Day 14

Head to Cairo

After breakfast, you will check out and disembark from your cruise ship. You will then fly to Cairo, and attend your last dinner at an Egyptian home.

Day 15

Bid farewell

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport to connect to your flight home

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure •

All transfers on an air-conditioned van •

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Aswan, Luxor, Abu Simbel and Alexandria, including Egyptologist guide, entrance fees and transfers on modern air-conditioned van •

Bottled water •

Accommodations in Cairo at 5-star hotel (Kempinski Nile hotel with Nile view deluxe room), breakfast included •

Accommodations in Alexandria at 5-star hotel (Steigenberger Cecil hotel Alexandria with sea view room), breakfast included •

Accommodation on 5-star deluxe cruise ship (Mayflower cruise with full board basis) for 8 days, 7 nights •

Internal flights (Cairo-Luxor; Aswan-Abu Simbel-Aswan; Luxor-Cairo)

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Portage when needed •

All taxes and service charge..

Exclusion

Gratuities (recommended).

Entry visa to Egypt.

Camel ride

Personal expenses.

Optional tours.

International airfare •

Entrance fees: to the burial chambers of the pyramids ; the tomb of King Tutankhamen

Any optional tours not mentioned in the itinerary •

Meals except where indicated

1 Person

9500\$ Per Person

2-4 Persons

6750\$ Per Person

5-8 Persons

5500\$ Per Person

4800\$ Per Person

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3800\$ /Per Person