# **Splendors of Egypt**

#### tour.duration

8 day

## tour.overview

8 Days Egypt luxury tours: This is the best introduction to the highlights of Egypt, combining a stay in Cairo including visits to the Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum, with a 4-night Nile cruise, taking in the celebrated sights of Upper Egypt including visits to both the East and West Bank to see the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Karnak and the immense Aswan High Dam. Check out our amazing Egypt travel packages and book now.

# tour.itinerary

Day 1

#### Welcome

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and assisted by our representative who will help you during passport control, luggage area, and customs formalities. You will then be transferred to your 5-star hotel in Cairo on a private air-conditioned vehicle for check-in. Overnight in Cairo

Day 2

Giza Pyramids, Sphinx, & Egyptian Museum

Achieve your life dream and enjoy an excursion to the Giza pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, and Mykerinus. Then proceed to visit the Great Sphinx with a lion's body, dating back to the time of Chephren. The Giza Plateau is about 30 minutes from Cairo, where your Egyptologist guide will introduce each of the 3 pyramids: Cheops, Khafre, and Menakaure. You will have free time to enter the chamber of the Great pyramids (included); however, your guide is not allowed to enter with you. Or you can go on a camel ride (at an additional cost). After visiting the pyramids, you will continue across the plateau for a photo opportunity of the 3 pyramids rising from the sands with the Cairo skyline in the background. A short drive to the city side of the plateau finds you standing at the feet of the Sphinx, for thousands of years the enigmatic symbol of Egypt. Your next stop is the famous Egyptian Museum. Housing 150,000 Egyptian artifacts, the Egyptian Museum attracts millions of visitors a year. The highlight is the priceless treasures of King Tutankhamen. His 6-gold gilded coffins dominate the main hall while his magnificent gold mask is the star attraction. Your Egyptologist guide will introduce you to the most important pieces before allowing you to have free time to explore the museum at leisure.

#### Day 3

#### **Luxor East bank**

Check out from the hotel in the morning then transfer to Cairo Airport for the flight to Luxor where you will be met and assisted, then taken by an air-conditioned vehicle to board your 5 stars Egypt Nile cruise to check-in. After lunch on board, enjoy a visit to the impressive Karnak Temple, the largest place of worship ever built. Its ancient name I petit 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. After this, you will be transferred to Luxor temple, which was built by Amenhotep III, and Ramses II for rituals and festivals dedicated to the god Amen. Dinner and overnight on board Nile cruise

#### Day 4

#### **Luxor West bank**

After breakfast on your Nile cruise, you will visit the West Bank of the river Nile to visit the Valley of the Kings, where the magnificent pharaonic tombs were discovered. Continue the tour to visit the Hatshepsut temple at El Deir El Bahary, dedicated to Queen Hatshepsut. Then you will visit the Valley of the Queens. Following this, you will visit the two colossal statues (Colossi of Memnon) You will head back to your cruise ship for lunch. After having afternoon tea on the ship, you will have free time at leisure. Enjoy a leisurely dinner aboard the cruise. Overnight on board Nile Cruise

### Day 5

#### **Edfu and Kom Ombo temples**

After breakfast on the Nile cruise, visit the well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to Horus at Edfu. Sail to Kom Ombo to see the Temple of Sobek, the crocodile god. Lunch aboard. Continue sailing to Aswan. Dinner and overnight on board your Nile Cruise

#### Day 6

#### **Aswan attractions**

Early morning in Aswan, you will enjoy a day's sightseeing. Start with the High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk then on to the beautiful Temple of Philae, which is devoted to the goddesses Isis and Hathor. Sail and move around Elephantine Island by a local felucca boat.

#### Day 7

#### **Abu Simbel -Back to Cairo**

Today, you will 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&rsquo'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. Then return to Aswan Airport to return to Cairo to be met and assisted at the airport and be taken to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

#### Day 8

#### **Departure**

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Cairo International Airport for final departure

## tour.included

Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure.

All transfers on private air-conditioned vehicles.

Entry fees to the great pyramid chamber.

Entry fees to the tomb of King Tutankhamen.

Accommodation in Cairo at 5-star hotel, breakfast included.

Internal flight (Cairo-Luxor) (Aswan-Cairo).

Accommodation on 5-star deluxe cruise ship for 4 nights in Upper deck deluxe cabin.

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, Abu Simbel and Aswan, including Egyptologist guide, entrance fees.

Portage when needed.

All taxes and service charge.

## **Exclusion**

International airfare.

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended).

Entry visa to Egypt.

Camel ride.

1 Person

**3999\$** Per Person

2-4 Persons

**2999\$** Per Person

5-8 Persons

**2700\$** Per Person

9-16 Persons

**2500**\$ Per Person

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