

Egypt Experience Tour 2024

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Travel to Egypt and experience the “Land of the Pharaohs on this exciting [classic tour](#). Immerse yourself in the history, grandeur, and culture of ancient Egypt as you journey across its most famous cities and archeological sites.

Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx.

Explore the famous city of Alexandria and uncover its rich history.

Witness Al-Montazah Palace and the serene atmosphere of its gardens and beaches.

Discover the unforgettable wonders of Aswan and Luxor.

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Day 1

Welcome

Welcome to Egypt! Our representative will meet you at Cairo International Airport and transfer you to your hotel for check-in.

Day 2

Pyramids of Giza

Following your breakfast, visit some of the world's most iconic sights- the [Pyramids of Giza](#) and the [Sphinx](#). Explore these ancient structures that have stood tall for over 4,000 years. Getting up close to these pharaonic tombs is an amazing and unforgettable experience. You will have the option of exploring the burial chambers of one of the pyramids (at an additional cost).

After your visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza, make your way to the [Egyptian Museum](#), home to one of the world's greatest collections of antiquities. Here you will find countless treasures on display throughout the halls of the museum. Amongst these priceless artifacts are items belonging to King Tutankhamun, including his gold-gilded sarcophagus and golden death mask. Your personal guide will introduce you to the highlights of the museum before allowing you free time to explore at your leisure.

Following your visit to the Egyptian Museum, return to your hotel for an afternoon of relaxation.

Overnight: Hotel in Cairo | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 3

Alexandria

Travel along the 'desert road' as you journey to the Mediterranean city of Alexandria. Named after Alexander the Great, this city

demonstrates the influences of Greek culture during Egypt's last royal dynasty. Explore this once-renowned capital of ancient Egypt in the company of your Egyptologist guide and discover its rich history.

Upon arrival, delve into the mysterious catacombs of Kom el-Shuqqafa. Located 20 meters below the ground, this Roman burial site is the largest of its kind in Egypt. The chambers are decorated with murals and reliefs demonstrating how Egyptian and Greek funerary myths coexisted.

After exploring Kom el-Shuqqafa, stop by the strikingly modern [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#). Inspired by the original Great Library of Alexandria, this marvelous library holds over 8 million books and intellectual works worldwide.

Following your tour, take a relaxing stroll along the Corniche and [Fort Qaitbey](#) while enjoying the fresh Mediterranean air. Afterward, head to your hotel in Alexandria and spend the afternoon at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel in Alexandria | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 4

Al-Montazah Palace

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in the morning before paying a visit to [Al Montazah Palace](#) and Gardens. This amazing location features two palaces, one built in 1892 and another in 1932 by King Faud I. The picturesque gardens are located along the shoreline and flow from splendidly landscaped gardens to great beaches. This Alexandria day tour is perfect for those seeking a relaxing afternoon in a beautiful locale.

Following your visit, return to Cairo by private van. Take time to relax or get some travel supplies before boarding an overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

Overnight: Sleeper Train to Aswan | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 5

Aswan (Elephantine Island and Philae Island)

Welcome to Aswan, the southernmost city of Egypt. This city is one of Egypt's most important market towns and serves as the southern gateway to Africa. The region is home to some of Egypt's finest archeological sites. Your personal Egyptologist guide will accompany you throughout your journey and introduce you to the region's finer attractions.

Begin by exploring the beautiful [Temple of Isis](#), which was saved from the Nile floods and relocated to Philae Island. The temple features decorative pylons featuring some of Egypt's finest carvings.

During your free time, you will have the option to visit the [Nubian Museum](#) and its excellent collection of art and history.

In the evening, immerse yourself in the Nubian culture while visiting a local Nubian village. Enjoy an unforgettable experience as you join a local Nubian family for dinner. This rare excursion gives you the opportunity to experience the daily life and culture of the locals.

Overnight: Hotel in Aswan | **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6

Nile Cruise

Begin your morning by taking a short flight from Aswan to [Abu Simbel](#) (flights not included). These magnificent temples were built as a lasting monument to [Ramses II](#) and his wife, Queen Hatshepsut. The main temple's entrance features four gargantuan statues of Ramses which have been carved directly out of the mountain of the Nile's West Bank. Your personal Egyptologist will provide you with a rich background and history of the site before allowing you free time to explore at your leisure.

After your tour of the magnificent temples of Abu Simbel, transfer to your luxurious Nile cruise and embark on a journey to Luxor. Enjoy a fantastic mix of relaxation and organized sightseeing along the iconic Nile. You will have the opportunity to board a traditional felucca boat to further enhance your experience.

Overnight: Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 7

Aswan (Kom Ombo Temple)

Continue your leisurely cruise along the Nile before making a stop at [Kom Ombo Temple](#). Dating back to 2nd century BC, this scenic temple complex sits on the edge of the Nile. The temple is divided down the middle, with each side being dedicated to a different Egyptian deity.

One half is known as the [Temple of Sobek](#) and includes details on ancient Egyptians' relationship with crocodiles, which were revered and feared with equal measure. The other half is dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god. The whole temple is decorated with fascinating reliefs which your personal guide will help you decipher.

Following your tour of Kom Ombo, return to your Nile Cruise where you will continue sailing upriver. Enjoy free time relaxing on the sundeck or take in the surrounding sights of the desert hills forming a backdrop to the lush riverbanks of the Nile.

Overnight: Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 8

Edfu Temple

Disembark from your Nile cruise and explore the lively streets of Edfu and the bustling town center and bazaar. After exploring the town of Edfu, continue to [Edfu Temple](#), a beautifully preserved temple dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god. The scale of the temple is stunning, featuring soaring sandstone walls covered in detailed relief and hieroglyphics.

Pass through the Grand Temple entrance into a colossal courtyard ringed by 32 towering columns. Each column is richly decorated with patterns and was once the site of a great altar. The sense of awe that comes from touring this temple is incredible. Your personal Egyptologist guide will accompany you throughout the temple and familiarize you with its finer sights.

After your tour of Edfu temple, return to your Nile Cruise and continue sailing towards Luxor.

Overnight: Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 9

Luxor (Karnak Temple and Valley of the Kings)

Disembark from your Nile Cruise as you arrive at the open-air museum of Luxor. Here you will find many wonderfully preserved archeological sites, from the spectacular [Karnak Temple complex](#) to the [Valley of the Kings](#).

Begin by visiting the temple complex of Karnak, one of Egypt's most impressive monumental works. The complex was expanded upon throughout the reign of several pharaohs. This vast temple features many impressive pylons and obelisks. Your personal Egyptologist guide will accompany you throughout the complex and introduce you to its finest sections.

At the conclusion of your tour, you will have the remainder of the day to spend as you see fit. Explore the lively bazaar and browse the variety of wares on display or experience the atmosphere while sitting at a local tea house.

Overnight: Hotel in Luxor | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 10

Colossi of Memnon

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel before setting off on a journey to the ancient city of Thebes. There is much to explore in this historic region. Your personal Egyptologist will accompany you throughout your journey and introduce you to these wondrous monuments.

Your first stop will be at the [Colossi of Memnon](#), two large statues carved out of granite blocks. Once part of an impressive colonnade, these statues represent the [pharaoh Amenhotep III](#).

Following your visit to the Colossi of Memnon, proceed to the spectacular [Valley of the Kings](#) and explore its royal tombs. Buried under arid hills, these tombs have eluded archeologists for decades. Here you will find over 60 tombs of the former kings of Egypt. The interior of the tombs are richly decorated with hieroglyphics and paintings. Your personal Egyptologist guide will guide you to the finest tombs present, including the tomb of Tutankhamun.

After exploring the Valley of the Kings, you will continue your journey at the [Temple of Queen Hatshepsut](#). This stunning colonnade building is set against sandstone cliffs creating a natural amphitheater. There is much to explore at this grand temple which was dedicated to one of Egypt's greatest queens.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. You will be able to visit the local markets and browse the wares available. Alternatively, you can visit the world's first Mummification Museum to discover the secrets of pharaonic preservation.

Overnight: Hotel in Luxor | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 11

Islamic Cairo

Transfer from your hotel to Luxor Airport in the morning to return back to Cairo. While returning to the capital, you will have the opportunity to explore the Islamic parts of the city. Immerse yourself in the culture of Cairo as you explore the lively city.

Your first stop will be the famous [Khan el-Khalili Bazaar](#). This vibrant market features local vendors and artisans with a variety of goods for sale. This is a great chance to browse for the perfect souvenir of your trip to Egypt.

After exploring Khan el-Khalili, head to Al-Ahzar, a quintessential part of the Cairo experience. Explore the warren of alleys that retains a distinct medieval feel. You may wander through the gold market and browse the assortment of jewelry on display. You can gather with your fellow travelers for a celebratory meal at a local restaurant.

Return to your hotel in Cairo, concluding a memorable holiday across Egypt.

Overnight: Hotel in Cairo | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 12

Departure

Check-out from your hotel and transfer to Cairo International Airport for your return flight home.

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure.

Transportation on private air-conditioned vehicles.

Accommodation at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast.

4 days, 3 nights onboard a 5-star Deluxe Nile Cruise.

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, Abu Simbel, Aswan, and Alexandria including English-speaking Egyptologist guides, all entrance fees, and transfers.

Sleeper train (Cairo-Aswan; Luxor-Cairo).

Portage when needed.

All service charges and taxes.

Exclusion

International Airfare.

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended).

Meals except where indicated.

Drinks and any personal expenses.

Entry visa to Egypt.

Entrance fees to the burial chambers of the pyramids.

Camel ride around the pyramids area.

Optional night activities not included as part of the itinerary.

1 Person

3999\$ Per Person

2-4 Persons

2999\$ Per Person

5-8 Persons

2750\$ Per Person

9-16 Persons

2500\$ Per Person

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