Egyptian Explorer 8 Days

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan.

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8 Days

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Journey to the Giza Plateau and visit the Pyramids and Sphinx.

Explore the highlights of Aswan and Luxor.

Visit the Temple of Luxor and Karnak and learn about their rich history.

Explore the Valley of the Kings and learn about the royal mummies that once rested there.

Personal Egyptologist guide and transportation included.

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Day 1

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt

Welcome to the land of the Pharaohs! At Cairo airport, your tour leader will meet and assist you and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax.

Overnight: in Cairo.

Day 2

Giza Plateau

Today, we will visit the pyramids and <u>Sphinx</u> at Giza Plateau. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World. The largest of the three great <u>Giza Pyramids</u> – Cheops, constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks- took over 20 years to construct. Afterward, we enjoy a camel ride across the desert sands.

Overnight: in Cairo | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 3

Egyptian Museum, Islamic Citadel & Khan el-Khalili bazaar

Cairo – Aswan. Today, we venture in search of the treasures of King Tutankhamun, mummies, and more at the **Citadel of Saladin** with views looking down over the old city, watching people go about their daily life. We conclude the day with a market walk through the bustling <u>Khan el-Khalili Bazaar</u>. Time to freshen up; this evening, we take the comfortable overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

Overnight: Sleeper Cabin Train | **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 4

Nubian city in Aswan

We arrive in Aswan this morning and explore the <u>Nubian city</u> on a guided walk of the local market and souq. Scenically located on the Nile, a walk along the riverfront corniche to view the many boats is a real treat, as is Aswan bazaar. Free afternoon.

Overnight: Aswan | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 5

Aswan, Abu Simbel

Free morning or opt for the morning excursion to <u>Abu Simbel Temple</u> (optional). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure; maybe relax by the pool, stroll along the Nile corniche, or explore the lively marketplace.

Overnight: Aswan | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 6

Motorboat and Head to Luxor

Aswan – Luxor. This morning we board a **motorboat** and cruise along the River Nile, passing some of the small islands en route to Sheil Island, where we disembark and visit a local village and school before enjoying lunch at the home of an Egyptian family.

The motorboats of Aswan are proudly owned and crewed by friendly local sailors. They have been adapted from the Felucca vessel style to comfortably carry travelers. Lunch will be served in the home of an Egyptian family.

After lunch, we cruise back to Aswan for our afternoon/evening train journey to **Luxor**, one of the world's greatest open-air museums. The 4000-year-old site of ancient Thebes, known today as Luxor, is our base for the next three days.

Overnight: Luxor | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Day 7

Karnak Temple and Temple of Luxor

Today we will visit <u>Karnak Temple</u>, more than a temple. Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, statuettes, and obelisks. Karnak is probably Egypt's finest ancient temple, built on a grand scale.

Free afternoon or wander along Luxor's historic waterfront. This evening, we travel in horse-drawn carriages to the illuminated **Temple of Luxor**, where you enjoy a tour in the cool evening air. The rest of the evening is free.

Overnight: Luxor | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 8

Valleys of the Kings and Bid Farewell

Early this morning, we head to the West Bank of the Nile for a guided tour of the legendary <u>Valleys of the Kings</u>. The cliffs, bereft of vegetation, are home to a vast necropolis of tombs, some of which you can enter. Some of the tombs are so well preserved that the colors of the incredible pharaonic friezes are still as vibrant as when they were first painted.

After leaving the Valley of the Kings and saying goodbye to our tour guide, we returned to our hotel, where there would be a little time to freshen up before hotel check-out and onward departure transfer to **Luxor International Airport**.

Our tour concludes at this point with fond memories of a magical family holiday to Egypt!

Note: Flights departing Luxor can be reserved anytime after 1.30 pm today. Breakfast.

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure

Transportation on private air-conditioned vehicles

Accommodation in Cairo, Luxor & Aswan at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast

All sightseeing tours in Cairo and Luxor including English-speaking Egyptologist guides, all entrance fees, and transfers

Sleeper Train (Cairo-Aswan)

Aswan – boating on the Nile and visiting a Nubian island

Giza – camel ride by the pyramids

Luxor – horse-drawn carriage to Luxor Temple

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

Camel ride around the pyramids area

Entrance fees: to the burial chambers of the pyramids and the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings

Optional night activities not included as part of the itinerary

1 Person
2750\$ Per Person
2-4 Persons
1850\$ Per Person
5-8 Persons
1650\$ Per Person
9-16 Persons
1400\$ Per Person

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