# **Spiritual tour package of Egypt**

# tour.duration

14 day

# tour.overview

Enjoy our Egypt Spiritual tours, for 14 days. Enjoy the exciting adventure includes the opportunity to have exclusive access to the Osiris shafts and the Great Pyramid in Giza. A special and private entry to the Giza pyramids area, come across the wonders of Egypt while sailing on a <u>luxury Nile cruise</u>.

See the most remarkable temples, tombs, pyramids and monuments, and even the infamous ones in 14 days package. Stay in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan in elegant hotels, learn about the history of Alexandria and its major attractions. Visit all the major temples and tombs in Luxor and Aswan, and then visit the world heritage temples at Abu Simbel.

# tour.itinerary

Day 1

# **Arrival - Cairo**

Your Egypt Tours representative will meet & assist you at Cairo International Airport, and handle all your formalities through passport control, luggage area, and customs formalities. After that, a private airconditioned vehicle will transfer you to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

# Day 2

# Giza pyramids, sphinx and Osiris shaft

After breakfast, Discover the magic of the great pyramid and explore the famous Giza pyramids area and Sphinx. You will start visiting the symbol of the Eternity and the only wonder that still survives among the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Great Pyramid of Cheops (Khufu). It is certainly one of the most important monuments of ancient Egypt. A masterpiece of fabricated structure and architecture, you will be overwhelmed by the huge size of its blocks, the height, and the age that exceeded 4600 years.

While you stare at this great monument, your guide will explain fully the history of the area including the other pyramids, of Chephren and Mycerinus, answer all your questions, and give you free time for photography. You will have the chance to take pictures of the area including all the pyramids from the panorama area.).

You will spend a long time in the area so that you can have enough time to enter the chamber of the great pyramid.

We will do a private visit to the Osirian shaft, located under the causeway of the second pyramid. From inside the Valley temple, we will inter a shortcut to the Sphinx. Moving to the Sphinx area where you will spend some time exploring this monolith statue, which symbolizes the power and wisdom of the pharaoh as the statue, was carved as a lion's body and the head of the pharaoh. Next to the Sphinx area, you will visit the valley temple where you will learn about mummification in ancient Egypt After lunch, we will have the chance to visit one of the centers of the essential oil in the area.

# Day 3

# Abydos

Fly to Suhag for, after arrival, we drive to Abydos (about one hour). Abydos in Middle Egypt is an ancient holy place and burial ground of the rulers of the late prehistoric proto-kingdom, as well as the first attested kings of the politically unified Egyptian state. Buildings constituting the settlement area in northern Abydos dating back to Predynastic times 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 mudbrick 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. At the end of the tour, you will stay the night at a hotel in Suhag.

# Day 4

#### **Dendera temple**

After breakfast, we will drive to Dendera city where you can visit the Temple of Hathor, 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 pleasure and love and was generally shown as a cow, or woman with a cow's head. The enclosure walls are mud-brick and date 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 Rameses II and III (New Kingdom). Additions were made during the Greek, Roman, and Ptolemy periods. The carvings on the ceiling of Hathor temple according to many scholars represents the cosmos. Drive back to Luxor, we will have lunch at the Nile, and in the afternoon we will visit the Luxor temple. Overnight in Luxor.

# Day 5

#### Luxor West Bank

After breakfast, we will cross the Nile River to the West Bank; you will visit the necropolis of the ancient city of Thebes. Arriving at the Valley of the Kings, the burial place of the kings of Thebes (ancient Luxor), you will have a brief stop at the visitors center. Guides are not permitted inside the tombs, but your guide will tell you what to look for inside the richly decorated rooms. Here you will visit the tomb of King Tut Ankh Amen. Thereafter, you will then visit the Temple of Hatshepsut, 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. There is free time to explore at your leisure as you wander the large courtyards and admire the intricate hieroglyphic decorations. Returning to Luxor there will be time for a brief photo stop at the Colossi of Memnon, which marks the site of the funerary temple of Amenhotep III. These two giant statues standing tall and proud on the West Bank are all that remain of the ancient complex. In addition, you will have the chance to visit an alabaster factory and purchase genuine items if you wish. After the conclusion of your tour, you will be driven back to the Nile cruise for drop-off.

### Day 6

#### Luxor East bank

On entering the Temples of Karnak, you will see each legacy left by the various pharaohs as the complex grew even larger. The deeper you go into the complex, the further back in time you will travel, with the oldest ruins dating back over 3,000 years. You will walk through the Great Court into the Great Hypostyle Hall; it is hard not to be overwhelmed by the 134 columns towering above you like an ancient forest. At the rear of the complex, you will find the sacred lake where centuries ago pharaohs and their offerings to the gods were purified. After a tour of the complex, you will have additional free time to explore at leisure. Drive back to the boat & sailing.

#### Day 7

#### Kom Ombo temple

We will visit the temple of Kom Ombo. This is one of the unique temples of Egypt. The temple was dedicated to two Egyptian Deities: Horus with the falcon head and Sobek with the crocodile head. The temple has two entrances, one for each of the two gods. The temple is beautifully located on a high mound. This location gives the visitor the chance to enjoy the view of the Nile. At the end of the tour. We carry on Sailing to Aswan.

#### Day 8

#### **Aswan attractions**

Philae Temple was carefully moved to its current location (around 500 meters from the original site) when the construction of the High Dam caused surrounding Nile waters to rise. A short motorboat ride takes you to the island where your guide will take you on a walking tour through the temple before allowing you free time to explore further on your own. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, Philae Temple has a beautiful setting on an island in the river, which has been landscaped to match its original site. Its various shrines and sanctuaries celebrate the deities involved in the myth of Isis and Osiris. Then Continue to the Unfinished Obelisk in the granite quarries of Aswan where much of the

red granite used for ancient temples and colossi came from. The Unfinished Obelisk still lies where it was carved when a crack was discovered as it was being hewn from the rock. Your qualified Egyptologist guide will explain how that obelisk was carved, and why the crack caused it to be abandoned.

# Day 9

#### Abu Simbel

Check out the cruise and drive to Abu Simbel. The name refers to two massive rock temples (the Great Temple of Ramses II and the smaller Temple of Hathor) in Abu Simbel in Nubia, southern Egypt on the western bank of Lake Nasser about 230 km southwest of Aswan. 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. Overnight in Aswan.

Day 10 Egyptian museum - Cairo Fly to Cairo, The Egyptian Museum is one of the largest museums in the world. We will take you on a 4 hours tour to explore the treasures of the museum (opened in 1901). Look at the amazing monuments and artifacts in its different halls in a guided tour. Although the museum has tens of thousands of artifacts in this short tour, your Egyptologist guide will focus on the highlights and masterpieces of the museum

Visit the Tut Ankh Amun Wing on the first floor and see his wonderful collection of historically important artwork. The treasures are mainly golden and they cover a quite large section of the museum. This area of the museum includes significant statues, furniture, and gold sculptures. After enjoying the guided part of the tour, take some free time to browse the museum.

After seeing the highlights and the masterpieces, you will be dropped off back at the hotel.

# **Day 11**

#### Alexandria day tour

Drive to Alexandria (a 3-hour drive) and enjoy the beautiful coastal city. The second-largest city in Egypt, Alexandria has an atmosphere that is more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern and is famous for its Roman remains. Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great in 312 B.C. and was the capital of Greco-Roman Egypt. Your first stop in this historic city is the Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, which is a Roman burial site that reveals the merging of Egyptian and Roman art and architecture. Descend below ground to visit the tomb and Caracalla Hall. Back above ground, continue to Pompey's Pillar, an 82-foot (25-meter) granite column built to honor Emperor Diocletian who freed the besieged city and brought food to its starving people. After lunch, you will visit the famous Alexandria Library. In contrast to the ancient architecture found throughout Egypt, this Norwegiandesigned building is a striking piece of modern design. A copy of every book published in the world is kept in the library, making it one of the great literary sites in the world. The library also houses several exhibitions relating to the history of Egypt and a display of rare antique books (for an additional cost). After the conclusion of your tour, you will return to Cairo.

# **Day 12**

#### Sakkara& Dahshur

Sakkara was the main necropolis of the old kingdom era. It is a great archeological site where the famous and multi-titled architect Imhotep built the oldest pyramid in Egypt. The first stone structure is 4800 years and was erected in the form of huge solid steps on top of each. (The name Step Pyramid is quite suitable). you will learn in the complex the step pyramid the development of the royal tomb structure.

You will visit the tombs of the nobles (tomb of Kagmini) to see murals reflecting daily life activities in ancient Egypt. Moreover, you have the chance to enter the pyramid of Titi, where you can see the oldest form of the pyramid text on the chamber walls (4340 years old.

Next stop will be at Dahshour, this archeological site is five miles away from Sakkara. There are three pyramids in this untrodden place: the Bent pyramid, the North or Red pyramid. Both belong to the pharaoh Snefru, the founder of the 4th dynasty while the third pyramid belongs to his wife Queen Hotep Heres. In this place, you will visit the bent pyramid, which was the first try to develop the shape of the Step pyramids. This pyramid looks fascinating with its two-level form and its beautiful soft casing layer. Move around this pyramid and have a look at the small pyramid of the queen.

Then, stop at the Red or North pyramid. This one is the first true and complete pyramid in ancient Egypt. You will be told about the development of the royal tomb structure in the Old Kingdom. You can enter the chamber of this pyramid, which is quite an experience to go through the narrow tunnel to the chamber.

At the end of the tour, drive back to your hotel.

# **Day 13**

# Giza pyramids & Sphinx private Entry

On this day, you will have a private visit to the great pyramid and Sphinx after the closing hours. Free morning and after lunch, we visit Giza Plateau at 16:00 to do a private visit to then we will gather for a farewell dinner

# **Day 14**

### Departure

Transfer to the airport for your flight home

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Meet & assist upon arrival and departure.

Internal flights (Cairo–Suhag/ Aswan-Cairo).

All transfers by a Private air-conditioned vehicle.

All Accommodations in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor at a 5-star hotel on a B.B basis.

5 days 4 nights 5\* Deluxe Nile cruise on full board basis

Daily breakfast in hotels and lunch during tours.

Private English Egyptologist guide.

Entrance fees to all the mentioned sites.

Entrance fees to the Great Pyramid in Giza, The shaft of Osiris, Tomb of Tut Ank Amun

All Service charges & taxes.

# **Exclusion**

Gratuities (recommended).

Any extras not mentioned in the itinerary.

Entry visa to Egypt.

Camel ride.

Personal expenses.

Optional tours.

Person
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3575\$ Per Person

9-16 Persons

3153\$ Per Person

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