

Egypt Experience Tour 2021- 2022

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[Travel to Egypt](#) and experience the 'Land of the Pharaohs' on this exciting trip. Be immersed in the history, grandeur, and culture of ancient Egypt on a journey from Cairo, through the fascinating cities of Alexandria and Aswan, to Luxor.

For action and adventure that doesn't stray too far out of the comfort zone, this is the perfect introduction to Egypt's famous treasures. Set sail down the Nile, one of the world's most iconic rivers.

Relax in comfort as scenes of everyday Egyptian life stream by. Explore the marvels, mythology, and mystery of Ancient Egypt, including the Pyramids at Giza and the tombs of iconic pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings.

Cairo's Khan al-Khalili Bazaar is an essential Egyptian experience – lose yourself in the colors and aromas of this fascinating marketplace.

Stand at the feet of Abu Simbel's monumental temples and marvel at the sheer scale of these stunning structures.

Discover the delights of Cairo, the chaos and contrasts of a rambling metropolis of sand-beaten colors. Wander the treasure-filled halls of

Cairo's Egyptian Museum and seek out the riches of Tutankhamun.

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Day 1

Welcome

Welcome to Egypt. You'll be met on arrival at Cairo airport and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo

Day 2

Pyramids of Giza

This morning after breakfast you'll see some of the world's most iconic sights – the Pyramids of Giza and the [Sphinx](#). Instantly familiar yet retaining a mystique and power, getting up close to these incredible pharaonic tombs is amazing. Explore these structures that have stood tall for 4,500 years. And for an additional charge, you may be able to go inside the Great Pyramid of Khufu, (although occasionally it may be closed to visitors). The inside thoroughfares of the [Giza Pyramids](#) are very small and very warm, so for those suffering from claustrophobia, it is not recommended. Please note that you'll be required to walk around the Pyramids complex. It can be very hot in the summer months, so be prepared for little shade and pack appropriate clothing, sun protection, and carry lots of water. Afterward, make your way to the [Egyptian Museum](#), home to one of the world's great collections of antiquities. Wander the treasure-filled halls of the museum. The masses of gleaming artifacts recovered from the [tomb of Tutankhamun](#) are an impressive sight to behold. From gold jewelry to the famous golden death mask and his gilded sarcophagi, this

pharaoh was certainly prepared for the afterlife.

Day 3

Alexandria

Jump in a private van today and drive following the 'desert road' to the Mediterranean coastal city of Alexandria (approximately 3 hours). Egypt's second-largest city and main port, locals call this vibrant city the Bride of the Mediterranean Sea. The Greek architect Dinocrates built Alexandria in 331 BC under the orders of Alexander the Great. The city, immortalizing Alexander's name, quickly flourished into a prominent cultural, intellectual, political, and economic metropolis. It was the renowned capital of Ancient Egypt's last royal dynasty, the Ptolemies, and the site of the Pharos. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, this lighthouse acted as a beacon, guiding sailors away from this notoriously treacherous stretch of coastline. On arrival, head underground and delve into the mysteries of the Kom al-Shuqqafa catacombs. This Roman burial site is the largest of its kind in Egypt and was discovered, quite accidentally, by a hapless donkey. The crypts are 20 meters below street level, and what probably began as a small family tomb grew into a labyrinth of chambers that could accommodate more than 300 bodies. Murals and reliefs inside show how Alexandria was a place where Egyptian and Greek funerary myths coexisted. Stop by the strikingly modern [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#), inspired by the original great library of Alexandria and built to hold over 8 million books. Take some time to stroll along the Corniche and around [Fort Qaitbey](#) to enjoy the fresh Mediterranean air.

Day 4

Al-Montazah Palace

This morning, pay a visit to [Al Montazah Palace](#) and Gardens. Montazah garden is home to two palaces, one built in 1892 and another in 1932 by King Fuad I, and acres of picturesque gardens. The gardens are located along the shoreline and flow from splendidly landscaped gardens to great beaches, it's the best day to spend if you need to relax among all [Alexandria day tours](#). Soak up the surroundings before returning by private van to Cairo (approximately 3 hours). Take some time to relax or get some supplies before you board an overnight sleeper train to Aswan (approximately 13 hours).

Day 5

Aswan (Elephantine Island and Philae Island)

The Nile, [Elephantine Island](#), and white-sailed feluccas: welcome to Aswan, Egypt's southernmost city. Its easy-going charm is due in no small part to its large Nubian population. The city is Egypt's southern gateway to Africa and an important market town, so take time here to check out one of the country's best bazaars. When you arrive you'll explore the beautiful [Temple of Isis](#) (the Goddess of health, marriage, and wisdom), which was rescued from the rising waters of the Nile and relocated to Philae Island. It's a marvel of decorative pylons featuring some of Egypt's finest carvings definitely one of the real gems of Upper Egypt. In any free time, you might choose to visit the excellent [Nubian Museum](#), which showcases the history, art, and culture of the Nubians. This evening you'll experience the modern Nubian culture first-hand with a visit to a nearby [Nubian village](#). You'll join a local Nubian family for dinner and get an unforgettable insight into the daily life of the local people. This is a rare and memorable experience, giving you the chance to become fully immersed in the local culture.

Day 6

Nile Cruise

This morning take a short flight (approximately 45 minutes) from Aswan to [Abu Simbel](#), where you'll explore some magnificent temples (flights not included). Built by [Ramses II](#). It was the gateway to Egypt for Southern Africans and its imposing facade delineated the line between what was the Pharaoh's land and what was not. The four gargantuan statues of Ramses guarding the Great Temple, are carved directly out of the mountain on the west bank of the Nile. This is one of Egypt's most memorable sights. Return from Abu Simbel and transfer to meet your Nile cruise boat. Enjoy a fantastic mix of total relaxation and organized sightseeing on an iconic Nile River cruise to Luxor. At some point today you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the river from a felucca, a traditional Nile sailboat.

Day 7

Aswan (Kom Ombo Temple)

Continue your leisurely cruise down the Nile, with today's stop at [Kom Ombo Temple](#), north of Aswan. Built on a high dune overlooking the Nile, the complex sits picturesquely ruined on the river's edge and dates back to the early 2nd century BC. The complex is unique because it has a mirror-image design, divided down the middle, with either side dedicated to a different set of Gods. One half is known as the [Temple of Sobek](#) (the crocodile-headed god of fertility), and it includes details on the Ancient Egyptian's relationship with crocodiles, whom they revered and feared in equal measure. The other half is dedicated to Haroeris (also known as Horus the falcon God). And the whole temple is full of fascinating reliefs. Return to the cruise boat where you'll continue traveling upriver. With free time relaxing on the sundeck. Then take in the surrounding sights and desert hills forming a backdrop to lush riverbanks. Fishermen casting their nets and farmers working their land.

Day 8

Edfu Temple

Today finds you moored near Edfu, a beautifully preserved temple also dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god. You will disembark and discover the lively streets of Edfu town and get acquainted with the bustling town center and the bazaar. Then continue to [Edfu temple](#), perhaps the best preserved in the whole country. The scale is incredibly impressive, with soaring sandstone walls covered in reliefs and hieroglyphics. You'll pass through the Grand Temple entranceway into a colossal courtyard ringed by 32 towering columns. Each is richly decorated with patterns and was once the site of a great altar. As you explore further you'll discover endless reliefs. Like the gods Horus and Thoth pouring sacred water over King Neos Dionysos the library, a laboratory, and the holy sanctuary where a golden statue of Horus once stood. The sense of awe that comes from touring this temple is incredible. Return to your boat for your final night aboard. And make the most of the incredible views of one of the world's greatest rivers.

Day 9

Luxor (Karnak Temple and Valley of the Kings)

Your Nile cruise comes to an end in the open-air museum of Luxor from the spectacular [temple complex of Karnak](#) to the [Valley of the Kings](#). Luxor is full of wonderfully preserved reminders of the Pharaohs. Today you'll visit the magnificent Karnak Temple, which is perhaps the most impressive of all the ancient Pharaohs' monumental works. One of the world's most celebrated temple complexes. Karnak is a house of the gods built over some 200 years. Your guided tour of this vast temple of impressive pylons, obelisks, and chapels will reveal its finest sections. Such as the Avenue of Sphinxes and the Great Temple of Amun. The rest of the day is free for you to relax. Then shop in the excellent bazaar (open until quite late) or perhaps experience the atmosphere of a local tea house.

Day 10

Colossi of Memnon

Today you'll hop in a private minivan and discover some of the many wonders of ancient Thebes. Your first stop is the [Colossi of Memnon](#), two 17-meter-high statues on Luxor's west bank. Carved from granite blocks, they represent the [Pharaoh Amenhotep III](#) and were once part of an impressive colonnade. Continue to the spectacular royal burial site of the [Valley of the Kings](#). Buried under the arid hills here are over 60 tombs of pharaohs, many richly decorated with reliefs and paintings. With your leader. Explore this sprawling and spectacular place. Where the pharaohs of the New Kingdom (16th to 11th century BC) were secretly interred for all eternity. Your group leader will explain the history and legends of these remarkable people and their funerary rites. And the significance of the many paintings and hieroglyphics is still well preserved in the deepest tombs. You will visit three of the most interesting royal tombs and then continue to the [Temple of Queen Hatshepsut](#). A stunning colonnaded building set against high cliffs creates a spectacular natural amphitheater. One of Egypt's greatest queens, she built this temple to prove her importance among the ancestors. The afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'd like to shop in the market. Or visit the world's first Mummification Museum to discover the secrets of pharaonic preservation.

Day 11

Islamic Cairo

Catch a short flight back up to Cairo this morning (approximately 1.5 hours). On your return to the capital. Visit the Islamic parts of the city. And the frenetic backstreets of the local bazaar ([Khan el-Khalili](#)) with your trip leader. A labyrinth of narrow streets and passageways, Khan is one of the biggest and oldest markets in the world. The 'Khan'. Sprawling around an old area known as Al-Azhar is a quintessentially

Cairo experience. A warren of alleys with stalls serving up a succession of intoxicating scenes. It retains a distinctly medieval feel. You might explore the gold market. Then maybe gather together your fellow travelers for a celebratory kebab, kofta, or sheesha as this Egypt Experience comes to an end.

Day 12

Bid farewell

There are no activities planned for the final day and you can depart the accommodation at any time

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure.

Transportation on private air-conditioned vehicles.

Accommodation at 5-star hotel, including breakfast.

4 days, 3 nights on board 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 charge 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.

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2999\$ Per Person

5-8 Persons

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