

Private 9-Day Egypt Solar Eclipse Tour with Nile Cruise

Cairo / Giza / Aswan / Kom Ombo / Edfu / Luxor / Abu Simbel.

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9 Days / 8 Nights Classic Tour Everyday

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Uncover the universe's power during a rare solar eclipse on this **9-day luxury tour** through **Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel**. Witness history and the future collide as you explore Egypt's golden cities in style.

Your Unforgettable Journey Includes:

- ? **Luxury Nile cruise** with top-tier service
- ? **Award-winning guided tours** by expert **Egyptologists**
- ? **5-star accommodations** & seamless transportation
- ? **Exclusive access** to iconic sites:

Giza Pyramids & Sphinx

Grand Egyptian Museum

Valley of the Kings

Karnak & Luxor Temples

Abu Simbel & Philae Temples

Khan El Khalili Bazaar

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Day 1

Welcome to Egypt – The Pharaohs' Land

Your celestial adventure begins at **Cairo International Airport**, where your tour manager greets you for a smooth transfer to your hotel.

Evening Highlights:

Sound & Light Show at the Giza Pyramids – Watch history unfold as the pyramids and Sphinx illuminate with dazzling colors and legendary tales.

Dinner – Savor a delicious meal after this mesmerizing spectacle.

Overnight: Comfortable stay at your **Cairo hotel**.

Day 2

Pyramids & Ancient Wonders

Morning:

Giza Pyramids Complex – Stand before the last **Ancient World**

Wonder, including:

Great Pyramid of Khufu (2570 BC) – The colossal 147m-tall mystery

Great Sphinx – Legendary guardian with Pharaoh Khafre's face

Valley Temple – Sacred mummification site (2700 BC)

Afternoon:

Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) – Explore **100,000+ artifacts**, including **King Tut's treasures**, in this groundbreaking museum.

Lunch – Enjoy a meal with **pyramid or Nile views**.

Saqqara Step Pyramid – Discover the **world's first pyramid** (2670 BC), a revolutionary leap in ancient architecture.

Overnight: Return to your **Cairo hotel**.

***Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch*

Day 3

Aswan's Ancient Marvels

Morning:

Fly from Cairo to Aswan – Begin your day with breakfast before your short flight to Aswan.

Aswan Highlights:

Aswan High Dam – Discover this **modern engineering feat** (1970) that tamed the Nile, created **Lake Nasser**, and transformed Egypt's future.

Unfinished Obelisk – Marvel at this **3,500-year-old** monument, abandoned mid-creation under **Hatshepsut's reign**, revealing ancient carving secrets.

Philae Temple – Explore this **Ptolemaic-era gem**, saved from flooding and dedicated to **Isis & Osiris**, adorned with breathtaking reliefs.

Lunch – Enjoy authentic flavors at a **local restaurant**.

Evening:

Check-in to your **5-star Aswan hotel** for a relaxing overnight stay.

***Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch*

***Flight:** Cairo ? Aswan*

Day 4

Abu Simbel – Ramses II's Sun-Kissed Masterpiece

Sunrise Start:

Early departure with breakfast boxes for a breathtaking journey to **Abu Simbel**.

Abu Simbel Temples – Witness **Ramses II's monumental cliff-carved temples** (13th century BC), featuring:

Colossal statues of the pharaoh and Queen Nefertari

Solar alignment miracle – Illuminates the inner sanctum twice yearly (Feb 22/Oct 22)

UNESCO rescue – Relocated in the 1960s to save from Lake Nasser's waters

Afternoon/Evening:

Nile Cruise Check-In – Board your luxury ship for lunch, dinner, and overnight stay.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Overnight: *Onboard Nile Cruise*

Day 5

Nile Temples – Horus & Sobek's Sacred Legacy

Morning Sail:

Glide along the Nile with breakfast as your cruise heads to Kom Ombo.

Temple Explorations:

Edfu Temple – Step into the **best-preserved Ptolemaic temple** (237-57 BC), where:

Towering **Horus falcon statues** guard the entrance

Vivid reliefs depict the **epic battle between Horus & Set**

Marvel at the **intact rooftop offering chamber**

Kom Ombo Temple – Discover this **rare double temple** (237-57 BC) featuring:

Twin sanctuaries for **Horus the Elder & Sobek**

Ancient **medical tool carvings** – some still used today

Crocodile mummy exhibits in the adjacent museum

Evening:

Gourmet dining onboard as you sail toward Luxor under the stars.

***Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

***Overnight:** Nile Cruise*

Day 6

Luxor's West Bank – Where Pharaohs Rest

Morning Exploration:

Valley of the Kings – Enter the **golden necropolis** (1570-1050 BC)
to discover:

63 royal tombs, including **Tutankhamun's** (KV62) and **Ramses VI's** (KV9)

Vibrant **afterlife murals** preserved for millennia

Hidden chambers beneath **sacred ben-ben hill**

Hatshepsut Temple – Behold the "**Divine Birth**" sanctuary of
Egypt's female pharaoh:

Terraced design **melding with desert cliffs**

Reliefs showcasing her **trade expeditions to Punt**

A testament to **15th-century BC architectural genius**

Colossi of Memnon – Stand before **18m-tall guardians** of Amenhotep III's lost temple:

Famous for their **mysterious "singing" at dawn** (Roman-era legend)

Last remnants of a **once-great mortuary complex**

Evening Return:

Back to your cruise for **gourmet meals** and **Nile views** under the stars.

***Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

***Overnight:** Nile Cruise*

Day 7

Celestial Wonders & Temple Grandeur

Morning:

Breakfast onboard followed by check-out from your Nile cruise.

Karnak Temple Complex – Explore this **2,000-year-old** (2000 BC-30 BC) "**City of Gods**":

Walk through the **Great Hypostyle Hall** (134 towering columns)

Marvel at **Hatshepsut's 30m obelisk** – Egypt's tallest standing

Discover the **Sacred Lake** where priests once purified themselves

Midday:

Gourmet lunch at a premium Luxor restaurant.

Evening Magic:

Luxor Temple by Night – Witness the **1400 BC sanctuary** glow under moonlight:

Stroll the **2.7km Avenue of Sphinxes** (recently restored)

See where **Ramses II** added his colossal statues

Learn about the **Opet Festival's rebirth rituals**

Overnight:

Check-in to your Luxor hotel for a peaceful stay.

***Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch*

***Overnight:** Luxor Hotel*

Day 8

Cairo's Timeless Treasures

Morning:

Fly Luxor → Cairo after breakfast, then dive into history:

Egyptian Museum – Explore **120,000+ artifacts** (est. 1901)

including:

King Tut's golden mask & treasures

Royal Mummies Room (optional extra)

Oldest papyri & ancient jewelry collections

Afternoon:

Lunch at a local restaurant

Hanging Church – Step into this **5th-century** marvel:

Suspended above Roman ruins

Iconic **wooden ark-shaped ceiling**

Home to **13 precious Coptic icons**

Khan El Khalili Bazaar – Lose yourself in this **14th-century** marketplace:

Hunt for **spices, lanterns & gold**

Sip mint tea at historic **El Fishawi Café**

Al-Muizz Street – Walk through **1,000 years of Islamic history:**

Open-air museum of **medieval mosques & madrasas**

See the **Qalawun Complex's** stunning architecture

Overnight:

5-star Cairo hotel stay

***Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch*

Day 9

Depart with Memories

Breakfast & check-out

Transfer to Cairo Airport – Take home:

Wonders of ancient & Islamic Egypt

Once-in-a-lifetime **solar eclipse experience**

Stories etched in golden sands

***Meals:** Breakfast*

tour.included

Airport & Transfers:

Meet & greet service at all airports

All transfers via private A/C vehicles

Flights:

Domestic flights included:

Cairo ? Aswan / Luxor ? Cairo

Accommodations:

Cairo: 3 nights (5-star hotel) with breakfast

Aswan: 1 night (5-star hotel) with breakfast

Luxor: 1 night (5-star hotel) with breakfast

Nile Cruise: 3 nights (luxury cruise) - full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Guided Experiences:

Expert Egyptologist for all tours (English-speaking)

All entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary

Dining:

All meals as specified (daily breakfast + cruise full board)

Peace of Mind:

All service charges & taxes included

Exclusion

? International airfare

? Gratuities (tipping)

? Personal expenses

? Optional activities

? Services not mentioned

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