Egypt best attractions (Cairo-Aswan-Abu Simbel-Luxor-Sharm El Sheikh) 9 days, 8 nights holiday

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Sinai.

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9 Days

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Egypt had witnessed different civilizations. In this journey, you overview Egypt through different looks. You see the ancient civilization and Modern country as you go around it, seeing the ancient monuments in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor. Then enjoy and watch the sunrise over the Sinai Mountains in Sharm El Sheikh.

Enjoy the temples of Philae and Abu Simbel in Aswan.

Explore the valley of the kings and the great temples in Luxor.

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Day 1

Arrival | Cairo International Airport

Upon arriving at Cairo International Airport, you'll embark on an adventure that promises security and excitement. Our expert

representative will greet you and provide personal assistance as you navigate through passport control, luggage retrieval, and customs clearance with ease. Then you will be transferred to your hotel by a private air-conditioned vehicle.

Overnight: in Cairo.

Day 2

Giza Pyramids, Sphinx and Sakkara

After breakfast, you will enjoy an excursion to the <u>Giza Pyramids</u> of Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus. Then proceed to visit the <u>Great Sphinx</u> with a lion's body, dating back to the time of Chephren. The Giza Plateau is about 30 minutes from Cairo, where your Egyptologist guide will provide a fascinating introduction to the three pyramids: Cheops, Khafre, and Menakaure.

You will have free time to enter the burial chambers of the pyramids (optional, for an additional cost); however, your guide is not allowed to enter with you to avoid overcrowding. You may also go on a camel ride around the pyramids area (optional, for an additional cost).

Your final stop is <u>Sakkara</u> which is home to Egypt's oldest pyramid.

The Step Pyramid was built in 2650 B.C. After your guide provides a brief history of this famous pyramid, you will have free time to explore it independently. In addition, you will have the chance to visit a Papyrus Institute to see how this famous artwork is made and have a chance to purchase genuine items if you wish.

After the conclusion of your tour, you will drive back to your hotel for drop-off.

Overnight: in Cairo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 3

Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Salah el-Din & Khan el Khalili Bazaar

After breakfast, you will immerse yourself in Egypt's history with a visit to the famous **Egyptian Museum**, housing 250,000 Egyptian artifacts. The Egyptian Museum attracts millions of visitors a year. The best part is the priceless treasures of **King Tutankhamun** and his golden mask. Your Egyptologist guide will introduce you to the most important pieces before having free time to explore the museum leisurely.

Afterward, you will step through Islamic Cairo, including Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, and visit one of Cairo's most popular Islamic attractions: the Alabaster Mosque at the Citadel of Salah el-Din, which sits on top of a limestone hill overlooking Cairo. Your guide will tell you about the basics of Islam, including a translation of the prayers.

Your final stop will be the vibrant **Khan el Khalili Bazaar**; Your knowledgeable guide will provide a fascinating introduction to this iconic marketplace, rumored to have been the catalyst for Christopher Columbus' discovery of the Americas. Take advantage of your free time to wander the streets and browse the vast shops, testing your haggling skills with local vendors for a treasured souvenir. Don't forget to stop for a refreshing cup of tea at the renowned coffee shop "El Fishawy."

As the <u>Cairo Day Tour</u> ends, our driver will safely transport you to Cairo International Airport for your flight to Aswan, where our representative will eagerly await your arrival. You can relax with the

knowledge that your guide will take you to your hotel and assist with the check-in process, ensuring a seamless transition to the next phase of your adventure in Egypt.

Overnight: in Aswan | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 4

Philae Temple and High Dam

After breakfast, our Egyptologist guide will meet you and take you to embark on your **Egypt Nile Cruise** for the next 4 days and 3 nights.

Then, you will go on a thrilling tour of the High Dam, an engineering miracle built in the 1960s. Then you will take a motorboat that will take you to the island of Agilka to visit the majestic Philae Temple that was dedicated to the Goddesses Isis.

Overnight: on board the cruise | **Meals:** Full-Board Basis.

Day 5

Abu Simbel, Kom Ombo, Edfu, and Nile Cruise

Early morning, after your breakfast, you will go on a trip in a private air-conditioned vehicle to the impressive Temples of Ramses II in Abu Simbel. A top tourist attraction in Egypt, Abu Simbel for Ramses II promises to be a highlight of your trip, made even more special with your very own Egyptologist guide to lead you through its grand temples. Marvel at the four majestic pharaohs carved out of the rock and learn about the site's fascinating history, including the lucky discovery of the temples in 1813.

After you visit Abu Simbel, return to Aswan before setting sail to the enchanting Kom Ombo. Your Egyptologist guide will accompany you to the temple, where you can pay homage to the crocodile-headed god of fertility and creator of the world. Recharge with a hearty lunch onboard the cruise, and relax as you sail towards Edfu Temple to uncover the secrets of the Temple of Horus. As the cruise continues towards Luxor, sip on some afternoon tea while taking in the stunning views from the sundeck. End your day with a sumptuous dinner onboard the cruise.

Overnight: on board the cruise | Meals: Full-Board basis.

Day 6

Colossi of Memnon, Valley of the Kings and Hatshepsut Temple

Start your <u>Luxor day tour</u> with breakfast before boarding your cruise ship and embarking on an unforgettable adventure. Your first stop will be the West Bank of the River Nile, where you'll encounter the impressive <u>Colossi of Memnon</u> - two towering statues that have stood sentinel for centuries.

Next up is the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, where you'll explore the grand tombs of ancient pharaohs. Don't miss the chance to visit the legendary <u>tomb of King Tutankhamun</u> (available for an additional fee). The tour continues to the remarkable <u>Hatshepsut Temple</u> at El Deir El Bahary. This breathtaking structure was built in honor of Queen Hatshepsut, one of ancient Egypt's most powerful rulers.

Following afternoon tea on the cruise ship, you will have free time at leisure.

Optional Activity:

Sound and Light Show at the **Temple of Karnak** for \$150 per person.

Overnight: on board the cruise | **Meals:** Full-Board basis.

Day 7

Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple and Sharm El Sheikh

Start your <u>Luxor day tour</u> with a delicious breakfast before setting sail on an adventure of a lifetime. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, you'll explore the incredible Karnak Temple - a vast and awe-inspiring complex of temples that have been continually built and expanded over 2,000 years by the pharaohs of ancient Egypt. Marvel at the sheer scale and grandeur of the Great "Hypostyle Hall," where towering pillars create an enchanting forest-like atmosphere.

Next, you'll journey to the Luxor Temple - a sacred site dedicated to the god Amen, originally constructed by <u>Amenhotep III</u> and later expanded by <u>Ramses II</u>. You'll learn about the rituals and festivals that were held here and immerse yourself in the rich history of this incredible structure.

After this unforgettable experience, you'll be whisked away to Luxor Airport for a quick flight to **Sharm El Sheikh**. Upon arrival, a friendly representative will be waiting to greet you and escort you to your hotel for check-in. Get ready to unwind and relax after a day filled with excitement and discovery!

Overnight: in Sharm El Sheikh | Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 8

Sinai Mountains and St. Catherine's Monastery

Embark on an exciting sunrise adventure after enjoying a hearty breakfast at your hotel. Witness the beauty of the Sinai Mountains as the sun rises and follow in the footsteps of Moses as he ascended Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. Brace yourself for a steep descent down the mountain, with around 500 steps to conquer at the summit.

As you make your way back down, make a stop at <u>St. Catherine's</u> <u>Monastery</u> - a sacred site of great significance in the Sinai Peninsula. Your knowledgeable tour guide will take you on a journey through the rich history and religious importance of the Monastery and its surroundings.

Overnight: in Sharm el-Sheik | Meals: Breakfast.

Day 9

Bid Farewell

After having breakfast at your hotel, you will check out and then be driven to Sharm el-Sheikh Airport to fly back to Cairo. In Cairo, you will be met and assisted by our representative, who will take you to Cairo International Airport for your departure back home.

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure

All transfers on a private air-conditioned vehicle

Accommodation in Cairo at a 5-star hotel, with breakfast included

Accommodation in Sharm El Sheikh at a 5-star hotel, with breakfast included

Aswan and Luxor on board a 5-star deluxe Nile cruise with full-board basis

Private English-speaking Egyptologist guide

Internal flights (Cairo-Aswan; Luxor to Sharm El Sheikh; Sharm El Sheikh to Cairo)

All sightseeing tours with entrance fees included in Cairo, Luxor, Abu Simbel, and Aswan

Bottled water

Portage when needed

All taxes and service charge

Exclusion

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended).

International flights.

Entry visa to Egypt.

Any optional tours not mentioned in the itiner

Entrance to the chamber of the Great pyramid.

Entrance fees to the step pyramid at Sakkara

Camel ride.

Meals except where indicated

Drinks and any personal expenses

Entrance fee to the tomb of King Tutankhamen

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2339\$ /Per Person