

Eclipse of the century

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9 Days / 8 Nights Privet Solar Eclipse Tour July 30th - August 7th, 2027

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Most total eclipses give you two minutes. This one gives you more than six — the longest totality visible from land this century, and the path runs directly over Upper Egypt. Totality is not a darker version of a partial eclipse. It is a different event. The temperature drops several degrees in a few minutes, the light goes the colour of old silver, birds settle, and the horizon glows sunset-orange in every direction at once. Then the corona appears — the sun's outer atmosphere, invisible on every other day of your life — and stays there long enough that you stop taking photographs and simply look. You watch it from an approved viewing site on the Nile, reached by private transfer from the boat rather than by coach convoy from a hotel. ISO-certified solar viewing glasses, shaded seating, cold drinks and an Egyptologist who will tell you exactly what the ancient Egyptians made of a vanishing sun are all part of the day.

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Day 1

July 30th, 2027: Cairo, Arrival

You will be warmly met and assisted upon arrival at Cairo International Airport by our dedicated representative, then transferred in a private, air-conditioned van to an Airport hotel in Cairo, where you will recover from the jet lag and your unforgettable journey begins.

Overnight: Airport Hotel in Cairo | **Meals:** N/A

Day 2

July 31st, 2027: Head to Luxor – East Bank

Today, you will take an afternoon flight to Luxor, where you will be warmly met and assisted by our representative upon arrival. You will then be transferred to your Dahabiya where your journey will continue aboard your luxurious Dahabiya for the next 6 days and 5 nights

Later, your Egyptologist guide will escort you to the Karnak Temple Complex, the largest religious structure ever constructed. Known in ancient times as Ipet-isut, or “the Most Sacred of Places,” this awe-inspiring complex was built over more than 2,000 years by successive generations of pharaohs.

Your journey continues with a visit to the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple. It was built by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, this temple was once the setting for grand rituals and festivals, dedicated to the god Amun. As it's surrounded by ancient grandeur, your immersion into Egypt's royal past has truly begun!

Overnight: Aboard the Dahabiya | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

August 1st, 2027: Luxor West Bank

After your breakfast, you will head to the West Bank of the Nile to behold the awe-inspiring Colossi of Memnon, two monumental statues that have stood the test of time. We continue to the Valley of the Kings, the sacred necropolis where the magnificent tombs of pharaohs lie hidden beneath the desert sands. Here, you will have the unique opportunity to visit the tomb of King Tutankhamen (optional, at an additional cost), one of Egypt's most famous and fascinating discoveries.

Next, you will explore the Temple of Hatshepsut at El Deir El Bahari, an architectural masterpiece dedicated to Egypt's powerful female pharaoh.

Overnight: Aboard the Dahabiya | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

August 2nd, 2027: Solar Eclipse Day

Today is the day of the solar eclipse. You will enjoy a hearty breakfast and some time to relax before heading to the main event. We will head to the approved solar eclipse viewing site around midday. There, you'll witness the incredible moment as the moon covers the sun for around six minutes and twenty-two seconds! You'll experience this rare and awe-inspiring phenomenon alongside fellow eclipse enthusiasts.

Please make sure to wear light, breathable clothing, as the weather can be quite hot, and don't forget to bring your solar viewing glasses to safely enjoy the eclipse. After the event, you'll return to Dahabiya to relax and reflect on the experience.

Overnight: Aboard the Dahabiya | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

August 3rd, 2027: Luxor– Sail to Edfu

After a leisurely breakfast, your Dahabiya as it sets sail towards Edfu, where you will explore the remarkably well-preserved Temple of Horus, celebrated as one of Egypt's most exquisite and iconic temples.

Overnight: Aboard the Dahabiya | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6

August 4th, 2027: Herdiab Island

We continue our journey to Herdiab Island, where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of the Nile. The island offers a peaceful escape, with its scenic landscapes, tranquil waters, and an opportunity to experience the authentic beauty of the Nile away from the main tourist sites.

After the tour you will head back to the Dahabiya, and as you enjoy the beauty of the Nile while sailing, we will make our way onward toward Aswan, where more wonders await.

Overnight: Aboard the Dahabiya | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 7

August 5th, 2027: Disembark – Aswan Sites's – Head to Cairo

Optional Tour activity: Abu Simbel Tour

After your breakfast, you will disembark from the Nile cruise and begin a day full of captivating sightseeing in Aswan. You will start with a visit to the impressive Aswan High Dam, an engineering marvel that tames

the Nile's mighty flow, followed by the remarkable Unfinished Obelisk, an ancient testament to Egyptian craftsmanship.

Next, you will explore the enchanting Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis and beautifully situated on an island surrounded by the Nile.

After your tour, transfer to Aswan Airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Get ready to discover Cairo's most famous and iconic sites, with exciting sightseeing ahead as you explore the heart of Egypt's ancient and vibrant capital.

Overnight: Cairo Hotel | **Meals:** Breakfast.

Day 8

August 6th, 2027: Cairo, Giza Pyramids, Sphinx and GEM museum

After a delightful breakfast, begin your day with a private guided visit to the majestic Giza Plateau, home to pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus—wonders of the ancient world that continue to captivate travelers from around the world. Then we continue to visit the enigmatic Great Sphinx and explore the Valley Temple, rich with history and timeless grandeur.

Following this, you will continue to the iconic Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)—the largest archaeological museum in the world, housing

thousands of priceless artifacts from Egypt's storied past. Your expert Egyptologist guide will walk you through the museum's most treasured masterpieces, offering fascinating insights before you enjoy leisure time to explore the vast galleries at your own pace.

Overnight: Cairo Hotel | **Meals:** Breakfast.

Day 9

August 7th, 2027: Departure

After your breakfast, you will check out of the hotel and be privately transferred to the airport, bringing to a close this truly one-of-a-kind and unforgettable journey.

Your Egypt Tours is honored to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime, phenomenal experience, guiding you through the wonders of Egypt with care and expertise.

Meals: Breakfast

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6 days and 5 nights aboard the five-star Nawara dahabiya, full board

3 nights in five-star Cairo hotels with breakfast

Domestic flights Cairo–Luxor and Aswan–Cairo

Solar eclipse day logistics and the reserved viewing site

Private licensed Egyptologist on every touring day

All sightseeing in Luxor, Edfu, Aswan and Cairo, with entrance fees

Private air-conditioned vehicles and all transfers

Meet and assist on arrival and departure, before immigration

Bottled water throughout touring, and portage

All taxes and service charges

24/7 in-country support, and a departure keepsake

Exclusion

International flights to and from Egypt

Egypt entry visa issued on arrival

Travel insurance, which we strongly recommend

Meals other than those stated

Gratuities USD 10–20 per day covers everyone except your Egyptologist, who is tipped at your discretion

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