

Classic Tour of Egypt With a Nile Cruise

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8 day

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Explore the famous landmarks of Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor in 7 nights.

Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, and explore the priceless artifacts of King Tutankhamun in the Egyptian Museum.

Journey to the Valley of the Kings and the famous temples in Luxor and Aswan.

Explore the massive temples of Abu Simbel, dedicated to Ramses II and his wife.

Sail along the Nile River on a luxurious Nile Cruise.

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Day 1

Welcome

Arrive at Cairo International Airport where our Your Egypt Tours representative will greet you. We will assist you throughout the airport to provide a seamless experience. Afterward, you will transfer to your

hotel via a private air-conditioned vehicle.

(Optional Night Activity) Your Egypt Tours welcomes you to partake in an Egyptian Cultural Dinner and Show onboard a Nile cruise. Start your vacation in Egypt on a high note and experience the vibrant nightlife of Cairo.

Overnight: Luxury Hotel in Cairo

Day 2

Egyptian Museum

After breakfast at your hotel, travel back in time through ancient Egypt on a private tour of the [Great Pyramids of Giza](#), the [Sphinx](#), and the [Egyptian Museum](#). During your private tour, you can determine the amount of time you would like to spend at each site. Your personal guide will introduce you to these remarkable sites before allowing you free time to explore at your leisure.

During your free time, you will have several optional activities you can partake in (at an additional cost). You may enter the burial chambers of the pyramids; however, your guide will not be able to accompany you. Alternatively, you may opt to [roam the Giza Plateau on camelback](#) while savoring the stunning view of the pyramids and Sphinx in the distance.

(Optional Tour) Following your tour of the Giza Plateau, you may visit the Solar Boat Museum. This museum is home to the remarkably well-preserved funerary boat of Khufu.

Continue your tour with a visit to the [Egyptian Museum](#). The museum contains countless artifacts that date across Egypt's history. These priceless artifacts include the six-gold gilded coffins of [Tutankhamun](#) and his stunning funerary mask. Your tour guide will introduce you to the museum's highlights before allowing you to explore at your leisure. You may visit the "Royal Mummies Room" to learn about mummification in ancient Egypt (optional, at an additional cost).

Following your trip to the museum, you will have the opportunity to visit the Papyrus Institute. Here, you will learn about how papyrus paper is made.

At the end of your tour, return to your luxury hotel in Cairo and spend the evening in relaxation.

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

Day 3

Luxor and Nile Cruise

Enjoy breakfast before checking out of your hotel and transferring to Cairo airport. After a short flight to Luxor, you will check in to your Nile Cruise.

After check-in, you will be accompanied by your Egyptologist guide as you visit the [Karnak Temples](#), one of the largest places of worship built. This complex of temples was built over 2,000 years ago and has been expanded across several generations of pharaohs. Within the complex, you will explore the great "Hypostyle Hall," which features an incredible forest of giant pillars.

After that, you will explore the Luxor Temple built by [Amenhotep III](#) and [Ramses II](#) for rituals and festivals. The temple features massive statues of Ramses II, which dominate the entrance. The inner walls and columns of the temple are intricately decorated with hieroglyphics.

Overnight: Onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Luxor and Nile Cruise

Enjoy breakfast onboard your Nile Cruise as you proceed to the West Bank of the Nile to visit the [Colossi of Memnon](#). Afterward, you will visit the [Valley of the Kings](#), where the magnificent tombs of the pharaohs were discovered. Here, you will have the option to explore the [tomb of Tutankhamun](#) (at an additional cost).

After exploring the Valley of the Kings, continue your journey to the impressive [Temple of Queen Hatshepsut](#). Your guide will accompany you throughout the temple and provide you with a rich background of the temple's history.

Afterward, return to your cruise ship for lunch. Spend the remainder of the afternoon in relaxation as you enjoy free time onboard your luxury cruise.

Optional Night Activity:

[Sound and Light Show at the Temple of Karnak](#)

Overnight: Onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Aswan and Nile Cruise

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will visit the well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the Gods Horus at Edfu. You will then sail to Kom Ombo to see the [Temple of Sobek](#), dedicated to the crocodile-headed God of fertility and creator of the world. Following your sightseeing tour, you will have lunch onboard your cruise as you continue sailing towards Aswan.

Overnight: Onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Aswan – Nile Cruise

After breakfast, onboard your Nile Cruise, enjoy a day of sightseeing in Aswan. You will meet your Egyptologist guide, who will assist you throughout your exciting tour of the Aswan High Dam. This modern engineering marvel was built in the 1960s and provided the region with clean energy while also regulating the flooding of the Nile.

Thereafter, you will visit the Unfinished Obelisk, which remains at the location it was originally carved. Journey to Agilkia Island to explore the beautiful [Temple of Philae](#), dedicated to the goddesses Isis and Hathor.

After your sightseeing tour, you will sail around [Elephantine Island](#) on a local felucca boat. The locale of the region features many beautiful sights for you to behold aboard this traditional Egyptian sailboat. Conclude your tour with a visit to a [Nubian village](#) and enjoy a traditional lunch with a family.

Overnight: Onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Aswan, Abu Simbel, Cairo

After breakfast on board your Nile Cruise, you will disembark and journey towards the temples in [Abu Simbel](#). The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of [Ramses II](#), and are dedicated to him and his wife, [Queen Nefertari](#). Your Egyptologist guide will provide you with the history and significance of the site before allowing you free time to explore inside the temple at your leisure.

Following your visit to Abu Simbel, you will return to Aswan Airport to return to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will transfer to your hotel for check-in.

In the afternoon, you will explore the Christian heritage in Coptic Cairo, beginning with the Hanging Church. This church is located on top of the southern gate of the Fortress of Babylon. This church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and contains a lot of historic significance.

Following your visit to the Hanging Church, you will conclude your tour with a visit to the lively Khan el Khalili Bazaar. The bazaar features many local vendors with a variety of different wares on sale. You will

have free time to explore the market and purchase any wares that interest you. Alternatively, you may enjoy a cup of tea at the famous coffee shop “El Fishawy.”

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

Day 8

Departure

After breakfast at your hotel, you will check out and transfer to Cairo International Airport for your final departure.

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure

All transfers on private air-conditioned vehicles.

Internal flights

Accommodation in Cairo at a 5-star hotel for 3 nights, breakfast included

Accommodation on a 5-star deluxe cruise ship for 4 nights on a full-board basis

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan and, Alexandria including Egyptologist guide, entrance fees, and transfers

Portage when needed

All taxes and service charge

Exclusion

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended).

International airfare

Entry visa to Egypt

Any optional tours and shows not mentioned in the itinerary: Sound and Light show at the Temples of Karnak in Luxor and Egyptian Cultural Dinner Nile cruise and Show in Cairo

Entrance fees to chambers of the pyramids & Tutankhamen’s tomb

Meals except where indicated.

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2275\$ /Per Person

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