# **Egypt Classic Tale of Cities Tour Package**

### tour.duration

14 day

## tour.overview

Explore the highlights of Egypt as you dig deep into its rich culture and history.

Visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza and meet the gaze of the Sphinx.

Sail along the Nile in a traditional felucca boat.

Explore some of Luxor's finest attractions on a guided tour.

Experience the wonders of the Siwa Oasis and witness its natural beauty.

# tour.itinerary

Day 1

Arrival | Cairo

Arrive at Cairo International Airport, our representative will meet and assist you at the airport. Afterwards, transfer to your hotel in Cairo.

Day 2

Cairo/Aswan

After breakfast, journey to the Giza Plateau for a guided tour of the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Your personal Egyptologist guide will familiarize you with these wondrous monuments before giving you free time to explore the area at your leisure. You will have the option of exploring the burial chambers of the pyramids (at an additional cost), however your guide will not be permitted to enter with you.

Following your visit to the Pyramids of Giza, you will explore Khan el-Khalili Bazaar. This 14th century marketplace has a large assortment of wares sold by local vendors and artisans. You will have the option to browse the bazaar and purchase any items of interest. Alternatively you may spend your free time at a local restaurant and sample some Egyptian cuisine.

Following your journey through Cairo, you will board a sleeper train as you continue your journey to Aswan.

Overnight: Sleeper Train to Aswan | Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

**Nubian Village (Felucca Ride)** 

Upon arrival in Aswan, meet your tour guide and prepare to experience the culture of the Nubian people. Board a traditional felucca boat and sail towards the beautiful Elephantine Island. This island has a rich history and has long been a significant location for trade and religion. The island boasts stunning scenery ideal for taking memorable photos of your journey.

Immerse yourself in Nubian culture as you visit the local Nubian village. Here you will experience the daily life of the locals first hand

and learn about their traditions. During your visit to the village you will enjoy a traditional home cooked meal.

At the end of your tour, you will check into your hotel in Aswan.

Overnight: Hotel in Aswan | Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

#### **Temple of Abu Simbel**

Begin your journey across Aswan's finest sites in the company of your personal Egyptologist guide. You will have the option to choose which tours you would like to take.

You will have the option of touring the magnificent temples of <u>Abu</u>
<u>Simbel</u>. These beautiful twin temples were dedicated to Ramses II and his wife, Queen Nefatari. The temple features impressive statues, hieroglyphics, and paintings.

Additionally, you can participate in a half-day tour of the Unfinished Obelisk, the Aswan High Dam, and Philae Temple. This half-day tour is ideal for those looking to explore ancient and modern feats of engineering.

Following your optional day tours, you will visit the modern Nubian Museum. The museum has a large assortment of Nubian artifacts including paintings and precious gemstones. Your personal Egyptologist will introduce you to the museum's highlights before allowing you free time to explore at your own leisure.

Overnight: Hotel in Aswan | Meals: Breakfast

#### **Relaxing Felucca Ride**

Embark on a relaxing ride onboard a traditional felucca sailboat.

Travel along the Nile and enjoy the natural scenery as it glides by.

Enjoy delicious meals onboard as you sail in total comfort. Sleep on the deck and gaze at the marvelous night sky illuminated by the stars.

**Please Note:** The felucca itself does not have toilets or showers equipped. However, a private boat traveling nearby has both.

Overnight: Felucca Boat | Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

#### Kom Ombo and Temple of Karnak

Set off on a journey to explore the **Kom Ombo Temples** on this guided tour. These twin temples are richly decorated with pylons depicting the worship of two ancient Egyptian deities, Horus and Sobek. Your personal Egyptologist guide will introduce you to the temple's history before allowing you free time to explore at your leisure.

As you return from Kom Ombo, stop by the fascinating <a href="Karnak">Karnak</a>
<a href="Temple complex">Temple complex</a>. Dating back thousands of years, this temple complex was built upon by several generations of pharaohs. The complex features an array of towering columns, statues, and obelisks. Your tour guide will introduce you to the finer attractions of this site and help you uncover its rich historical background.

Following your tour of Karnak Temple, enjoy lunch on the West Bank of the Nile with a local family. You will have the remainder of the day

to explore Luxor at your leisure before returning to your accommodation.

Overnight: Hotel in Luxor | Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 7

Luxor (Colossi of Memnon, Valley of the Kings, and Temple of Hatshepsut)

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, set off a guided tour across the highlights of Luxor. Your first stop along the way will be the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive statues carved from granite to honor the pharaoh Amenhotep III. Continue your tour by visiting the Valley of the Kings, a hidden royal burial site that eluded many tomb raiders and archeologists alike. The interior walls are decorated with stunningly beautiful paintings and relief carvings.

You will have the option of exploring these pharaonic tombs (at an additional cost). Amongst the many tombs available is the tomb of Tutankhamun.

After exploring the Valley of the Kings, journey to the funerary **Temple of Hatshepsut**. This large multi-level temple has a unique
architectural design compared to other temples in the region. The
temple is decorated with sandstone columns and statues beautifully
distributed around the site.

You will be able to enjoy a traditional home-cooked meal with a local family on the West Bank of the Nile. At the end of your guided tour, return to your hotel in Luxor for a relaxing evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Luxor | Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 8

#### Luxor/Alexandria

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before catching a flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will transfer to the city of Alexandria.

This Mediterranean city has served as a hub for trade, education, and religion for travelers across the world. Your personal Egyptologist will accompany you across the city's highlights as you witness the melding of Egyptian and Greco-Roman culture.

Overnight: Hotel in Alexandria | Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

#### National Museum, Pompey's Pillar, and Qaitbay Fort

Begin your journey through Alexandria with a tour of the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa. These catacombs likely served as a private family tomb before developing into the largest Greco-Roman cemetery in Egypt. This labyrinth of catacombs illustrates the melding of Egyptian and Greco-Roman mythology.

After exploring the labyrinth of catacombs at Kom El Shoqafa, visit the fascinating National Museum of Alexandria. Each floor within the museum is dedicated to a different era of Egypt's history.

After touring the National Museum of Alexandria, visit Pompey's Pillar and Qaitbay Fort. Your personal Egyptologist guide will familiarize you with these historic landmarks as well as their significance.

If time allows, you may explore the city and check out the city's various cafés or dine on the exquisite selection of seafood. Afterward, return to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Alexandria | Meals: Breakfast

**Day 10** 

#### Alexandria/Siwa

After breakfast at your hotel, journey to the Oasis of Siwa and experience the natural beauty of the region. While making your way to the Siwa Oasis, pay a visit to El Alamein Cemetery and Memorial. Here fallen soldiers who took part in World War II lie to rest.

Overnight: Hotel in Siwa | Meals: Breakfast

**Day 11** 

Siwa

Bike to the Mountain of the Dead and the Temple of the Oracle. In addition, Opt to take a dip in Cleopatra's bath or travel by donkey cart for a perfect desert sunset.

Day 12

#### Picnic in the Desert

Enjoy a 4x4 excursion to the dunes, then followed by a picnic lunch in the desert.

**Day 13** 

Siwa/Cairo

Journey back to Cairo.

## **Day 14**

#### **Departure**

Depart at any time.

# tour.included

Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure.

Transportation on private air-conditioned vehicles.

Accommodation in Cairo at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast.

Lodging in Luxor at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast.

Accommodation in Aswan at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast.

Lodging in Alexandria at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast.

Staying in Siwa at a 4-star hotel, including breakfast and dinner.

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Siwa, and Alexandria including English-speaking Egyptologist guides, entrance fees, and transfers

Sleeper Train (Cairo-Aswan)

Internal flight (Luxor-Cairo)

Portage when needed

All service charges 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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**5590**\$ /Per Person

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