Egypt Private Expedition

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Abu Simbel.

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11 Days Private Tour Every Day

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Enjoy our 11 days with **Egypt private tours package** with a knowledgeable Egyptologist guide accompanying you.

Explore the legendary **Pyramids at Giza** and ponder the riddle of the Sphinx, carved out of the limestone bedrock of the Giza plateau.

Discover stunning temples and elaborate burial chambers in Luxor, the capital of the ancient Egyptian empire at its peak; and embark on a four-day cruise down the fabled Nile.

Venture to the magnificent rock-cut <u>temples of Abu Simbel</u>, built by the pharaoh Ramses II, and hear from your private guide about the dramatic relocation of this sacred site.

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of bustling Cairo, and encounter world-renowned treasures at the Egyptian Museum. Check out our unique **Egypt luxury tours** and book now with **Your Egypt Tours**.

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Day 1

Welcome

Arrive in Cairo and settle into your elegant hotel on the Giza Plateau. Our local representative will welcome you to Cairo for a trip briefing this evening, followed by dinner at your hotel.

Day 2

Sakkara, Memphis and Dahshour

Sakkara

Begin the day at **Sakkara**, the main cemetery of the Old Kingdom. Here, the genius architect **Imhotep** built the **Step Pyramid of King Djoser**, the oldest stone structure in Egypt, dating back 4,800 years. This remarkable monument, with its solid stepped design, marks the beginning of pyramid construction.

Your guide will take you inside the **Tomb of Kagemni**, where vivid murals illustrate daily life in Ancient Egypt, and into the **Pyramid of Teti**, famous for its 4,340-year-old pyramid texts inscribed on the chamber walls.

Memphis

Continue to **Memphis**, Egypt's first capital after the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt. In the open-air museum, admire the **Alabaster Sphinx**, the second largest in Egypt, and the **colossus of Ramses II**, a stunning masterpiece showcasing the peak of Egyptian sculpture. Many other monuments discovered in this ancient city are also on display.

Dahshur

Your final stop is **Dahshur**, just five miles from Sakkara. This archaeological site houses three pyramids, including two built by **Pharaoh Snefru**, founder of the Fourth Dynasty.

Bent Pyramid: An early attempt to refine pyramid design, unique for its two-level angle and original smooth casing. Nearby lies the small pyramid of Queen Step Heres.

Red (North) Pyramid: The first true, complete pyramid in Egypt. You can even venture inside through a narrow passage to the burial chamber — an unforgettable experience.

Evening Return

At the end of the tour, return to your hotel in Cairo.

Overnight: in Cairo | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

Giza Pyramids and Egyptian Museum

Achieve your life dream and enjoy Giza day tours to see the Pyramids of Giza of Cheops, Chephren, and Mykerinus. Then proceed to visit the Great Sphinx with a lion's body, dating back to the time of Chephren. The Giza Plateau is about 30 minutes from Cairo. Your Egyptologist guide will introduce each of the three pyramids: Cheops, Khafre, and Menkaure. You will have free time to enter the chamber of the Great Pyramids (included); however, your guide is not allowed to join you. Or you can go on a camel ride (at an additional cost). After visiting the pyramids, you will continue across the plateau for a photo opportunity of the three pyramids rising from the sands

with the Cairo skyline in the background. A short drive to the city side of the plateau finds you standing at the feet of the Sphinx, for thousands of years, the enigmatic symbol of Egypt.

Your next stop is the famous **Egyptian Museum**. Housing 150,000 Egyptian artifacts, the Egyptian Museum attracts millions of visitors annually. The highlight is the priceless treasures of **King Tutankhamun**. His six gold-gilded coffins dominate the main hall, while his magnificent gold mask is the star attraction. Your Egyptologist guide will introduce you to the most important pieces before allowing you free time to explore the museum at your leisure.

Overnight: in Cairo | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

Tour in Old Cairo

Tour the Alabaster Mosque at the <u>Citadel of Salah el-Din</u>, which sits on top of a limestone hill overlooking Cairo and is the most important mosque in the city. The lower part of the mosque is clad inside and out with Alabaster. The top part is constructed from the limestone cladding removed from the <u>Pyramids of Giza</u>. Inside the mosque, your guide will introduce you to the fundamental beliefs of Islam, including a translation of the most common prayers.

Discover the historic sites of Coptic Christians and learn about their life and culture. Begin by visiting the Hanging Church, which was intricately built on top of the gatehouse of the Fortress of Babylon. It is among Egypt's oldest and most beautiful churches dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Continue to the Monastery and Church of Saint George. It is one of the few remaining circular churches in the Middle East.

Your next stop will be Abu Serga, where the holy family rested after fleeing Israel from King Herod. At the turn of the century, this little church, which dates from the 10th century, was the most important pilgrimage spot in Old Cairo for Christian tourists. You will then tour Ben Ezra Synagogue, one of Egypt's oldest synagogues. It was built on the site of the 4th-century church surrounded by a shady garden.

Conclude the evening with a visit to the Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Your guide will introduce you to the famous bazaar, which is said to have inspired Christopher Columbus to discover the New World. Here you will enjoy free time to stroll through the maze of streets and shops and try your luck bargaining with the shop owners for a souvenir of your trip to Egypt or enjoy a cup of tea at the famous coffee shop El Fishawy.

Overnight: in Cairo | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

Head to Luxor

After breakfast, board a flight to Luxor, known in antiquity as Thebes. This remarkable city once served as Egypt's capital throughout the Middle and New Kingdoms. Also known as the City of Amun, this historic location is home to a wide array of obelisks, shrines, and temples dedicated to the worship of the deities of the Egyptian pantheon. Visit the famous Karnak Temple complex, the largest temple in Egypt. Here you will explore incredible works of architecture, including its many sandstone columns decorated with hieroglyphics that have stood the test of time.

Conclude the evening with a visit to the striking Luxor Temple, which intricately displays soaring columns and statues. Explore the Avenue of Sphinxes, which holds over 600 meticulously crafted statues on each side of its mile-long path. After dark, the temple's beauty is accentuated by evocative lights that cloak the complex in a mystical atmosphere.

Overnight: in Luxor | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6

Valley of the Kings

Venture to the famed <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, where the pharaohs of Egypt's New Kingdom chose to build elaborate underground tombs instead of the pyramids typical of the Old Kingdom. Enter the <u>Tomb of Tutankhamun</u>, discovered in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter and see the remains of the boy-king. Admire the vivid wall paintings and hieroglyphics of the neighboring tomb of Seti I. Round off your time in Luxor with a visit to the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two 60-foot-tall stone statues of the pharaoh Amenhotep III, which have guarded the king necropolis since 1350 B.C. Board your vessel to begin your cruise by <u>Egypt Nile Cruises</u> down the river this evening.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7

Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

Sail to the West Bank of Luxor in the morning and explore the Ramesseum, the mortuary temple of Ramses II. This temple and its scattered granite remains of the king's giant monuments are exceedingly impressive. Explore the <u>Valley of the Queens</u> and visit the mortuary temple of <u>Queen Hatshepsut</u>, set against the beautiful backdrop of the Teban Mountains. Navigate through Esna Lock on your way to the city of Edfu.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

The Edfu Temple

Our cruise ship will take us to Edfu in the morning to see its marvelous temple. The **Edfu Temple** is the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt dedicated to the falcon god Horus. It was built in the Ptolemaic period between 240 and 57 BC. When we return to the ship, we will cruise towards Kom Ombo, where we arrive in the late afternoon.

We will visit the Ptolemaic Kom Ombo Temple. It was built during the reign of King Ptolemy V (ca. 205 to 180 BC). The Ptolemies constructed the Temple of Kom Ombo to worship the two gods, Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. After visiting the site, we will return to the ship for dinner and begin sailing south towards Aswan.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Aswan Sightseeing

High Dam

Leave the cruise and begin exploring Aswan's most famous attractions

Aswan attractions. First, Walk on the High Dam, a modern

engineering marvel that holds more material than the Great Pyramid of

Cheops. Stretching 11,811 ft long, 3,215 ft thick at the base, and

364 ft tall, it provides water and electricity for all of Egypt. From the

top, enjoy sweeping views of Lake Nasser, the Kalabsha Temple to

the south, and the massive power station to the north.

Unfinished Obelisk

Continue to the granite quarries to see the **Unfinished Obelisk**,

abandoned when a crack appeared during carving. This enormous

monument, weighing hundreds of tons, offers insight into ancient

stone-cutting techniques. Your Egyptologist guide will explain the

tools, methods, and reasons it was left incomplete.

Philae Temple

Next, take a short motorboat ride to the island of **Philae**, home to the

enchanting **Temple of Isis**. Relocated stone by stone to escape

flooding after the High Dam's construction, the temple complex

remains one of Egypt's most beautiful. Walk through shrines and

sanctuaries dedicated to the myth of Isis and Osiris, and enjoy free

time to explore the island's serene setting.

Felucca Ride

Conclude the day with a relaxing sail aboard a traditional **felucca** on

the Nile, soaking in the tranquil beauty of Aswan from the water.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Abu Simbel

Fly to Abu Simbel in southern Egypt this morning, where your local guide will join you. Embark on a tour of this awe-inspiring ancient site, often regarded as one of Ramses II's most impressive structures. At the main entrance, you will find four colossal statues of the pharaoh, which have been intricately carved out of a dramatic sandstone cliff. During the Abu Simbel Sun Festival, celebrated twice a year in February and October, the sun's rays cast a golden light on the inner chamber, illuminating the seated statues of Ramses II and two sun gods. Like the Temple at Philae, the Abu Simbel temples were dismantled and rebuilt at a higher elevation to make way for the Aswan High Dam, a feat of engineering to rival Abu Simbel's original construction. After lunch, catch a flight back to Cairo and relax at your hotel.

Overnight: in Cairo | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11

Bid Farewell

Transfer to the airport to connect to your flight home after enjoying your breakfast.

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- Airport Services
- Meet & assist upon arrival and departure

- Domestic Flights
- Internal flights (Cairo ? Luxor / Aswan ? Abu Simbel / Aswan ? Cairo)
- Private Transfers
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Luxury Accommodations
- All accommodations at 5-star hotels (H.B. basis)
- 4 days / 3 nights on 5? Deluxe Nile cruise (full board basis)
- Exclusive Monument Access
- Entry to the Great Pyramid chamber
- Entry to the tomb of King Tutankhamun
- All entrance fees to mentioned historical sites
- Expert Guidance
- Private English-speaking Egyptologist guide
- Financial Transparency
- All service charges & taxes included
- No hidden fees

Exclusion

- ? Any extras not mentioned in the itinerary.? Entry visa to Egypt.? Gratuities
- ? Camel ride.

? Personal expenses.		

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5550\$ /Per Person