# Family Expedition: Cairo to Hurghada

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Hurghada.

#### tour.duration

12 Days

## tour.overview

Set off on a 12-day adventure and experience the culture of Egypt.

Visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

Enjoy a breathtaking sunset view as you sail down the Nile.

Explore the highlights of Luxor and Aswan.

Relax along the shore of the Red Sea and enjoy its beautiful sandy beaches.

Flexible and customizable itinerary to suit your needs.

Personal Egyptologist and transportation included.

# tour.itinerary

Day 1

**Cairo International Airport** 

We will greet you at the airport in Cairo and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to settle into your hotel and relax after your journey.

Overnight: in Cairo hotel.

Day 2

#### Giza Pyramids, Sphinx, and Egyptian Museum

We start today's tour with a bang, with a visit to the immense <u>Giza</u>

<u>Pyramids</u> and <u>Sphinx</u> at Giza. We also include a camel ride at the pyramids, fun for all the family, and a great photo opportunity as well.

We then head into the center of town and visit the **Egyptian Museum** with its collection of mummies and, of course, the familiar and famous Tutankhamun exhibit with the original golden mask on display.

This evening, take the overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

Overnight: Onboard train | Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 3

#### **Temple of Philae and Local School**

The River Nile is at its most picturesque here in Aswan, and we take advantage of this with a tour of the beautiful island **Temple of Philae** by boat.

During term times, we will also visit a **local school** where we arrange fun and informal joint English/Arabic language class with children of a similar age to your group. A Nubian meal is also included today.

**Overnight:** Aswan Hotel | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 4

#### Abu Simbel, Aswan Bazaar & Felucca Sailboat

There is the option very early this morning for a tour of the temples of Ramses II at <u>Abu Simbel</u>, which have a fascinating story as they were completely dismantled and rebuilt piece by piece to escape the rising waters of Lake Nasser (optional).

If you do not do Abu Simbel, the morning is free to explore Aswan's busy and exotic bazaar or relax in the hotel before we board our Felucca sailboat for 1-hour sailing on the Nile.

Overnight: Aswan Hotel | Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 5

#### **Head to Luxor**

After breakfast, we drive to Luxor, where we check into our hotel by the Nile. The rest of the afternoon is free.

Overnight: Luxor hotel | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 6

Hot Air Balloon, Valley of the Kings & Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

There is the option today of a sunrise hot air balloon flight over the

west bank of the Nile (optional).

Today's tour takes in the West bank of the Nile, visiting the Pharaonic

tombs in the Valley of the Kings and the unique Temple of Queen

**Hatshepsut**, where we learn about her fascinating story.

The afternoon is free to relax in the hotel, explore Luxor town, take

another felucca trip on the Nile to Banana Island, or perhaps visit the

Mummification Museum.

**Overnight:** Luxor hotel | **Meals:** Breakfast.

Day 7

Luxor, Karnak Temple, and Drive to Hurghada

We tour one of Egypt's biggest and most impressive sites today,

Karnak Temple, with its huge temples, obelisks, statues, and

columned halls.

In the afternoon, we drive through the hills and down to the Red Sea

and our beach resort in Hurghada (on half board basis). Options are

available to upgrade to all-inclusive or to change the resort to a higher

level or different style.

Overnight: Hurghada Resort | Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 8

**Snorkeling and Scuba Diving** 

These three days are free to relax in and around the hotel pool and beach or to try some watersports or other activities. There is a huge amount available in and around Hurghada, including snorkeling and scuba diving, water sports and fun parks, and camel rides, and the old town and marina in Hurghada are worth a visit.

**Overnight:** Hurghada resort | **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 9

#### **Free Time for Relaxation**

Today and tomorrow, you will have more free time for relaxation or the opportunity to partake in the many activities available through your local rep.

**Overnight:** Hurghada resort | **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner.

**Day 10** 

#### **Red Sea**

Today is your last opportunity to dive into the **Red Sea** and/or join us for some optional activities before flying back to Cairo tomorrow.

Overnight: Hurghada Resort | Meals: Breakfast & Dinner.

**Day 11** 

#### **Islamic Cairo**

We take a morning flight with Egypt Air back to Cairo and then have a short tour to explore the mosque and museum at the **Saladin Citadel** 

overlooking the city, wander around, and possibly do some haggling and souvenir shopping in the busy **Khan-el-Khalili Bazaar**.

We will visit a traditional local Koshari shop for a snack lunch. In the evening, we will include a farewell dinner to say goodbye to your Egyptologist guide and fellow travelers.

Overnight: Cairo hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Day 12** 

**Bid Farewell** 

The tour ends today, and your time is free until we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast.

## tour.included

Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure

Transportation on private air-conditioned vehicles

Accommodation in Cairo, Luxor & Hurghada at a 5-star hotel, including breakfast

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

Sleeper Train (Cairo-Aswan)

Internal flight from Hurghada to Cairo

All service charges and taxes

# **Exclusion**

International Airfare

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended).

Meals except where indicated

Drinks and any personal expenses

Entry visa to Egypt

Camel ride around the pyramids area

Entrance fees: to the burial chambers of the pyramids and the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings

Optional night activities not included as part of the itinerary

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**3055**\$ /Per Person

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