



# Pyramids, Abu Simbel, Nile Cruise and the Red Sea

## 10 Night Small Group Tour

Discover all that Egypt has to offer on this amazing 10 night small group tour.

Our Pyramids, Abu Simbel, Nile Cruise and the Red Sea tour takes you on an epic trip through this historical country, from visiting the iconic Pyramids and Valley of the Kings to enjoying a relaxing cruise on the Nile and exploring Luxor.

Your Egyptian adventure is topped off with a relaxing stay in El Gouna on the Red Sea. What are you waiting for...?

### Highlights:

- Discover the Cairo not found in the guidebooks
- Visit the famous Pyramids and Sphinx
- Explore the renowned Egyptian Museum
- Spend time in a successful sustainable community project
- Enjoy a relaxing Nile cruise
- Discover the awe-inspiring temples of Abu Simbel
- Explore the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Hatshepsut temple & Memnon Colosso
- Relax on a felucca ride
- Explore the Temple of Horus, Philae and Kom Ombo
- Discover Luxor and its Temple
- Relax at the Red Sea

### What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Cairo
- Meet & greet at airports in Egypt to help with the visa/check in - excluding Sphinx International Airport
- Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicles or buses, internal flights from Cairo to Luxor and Hurghada to Cairo
- Accommodation: 10 nights total duration - 3 nights Cairo, 1 night Aswan, 3 nights onboard the Champollion II or similar, 3 nights El Gouna, Red Sea
- Meals included: 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 6 dinners
- Local English speaking tour guides throughout
- Tours as mentioned in small groups with a private guide (min 2 max 10)
- 1 bottle of water per day

### Not included:

- Any meals (other than the one mentioned in the itinerary), drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature.
- Services not specified in the program
- Early/late check-in/out service at hotels (surcharge if requested)
- Travel insurance

# Full Itinerary

## Day 1: Arrive in Cairo

Arrive at Cairo airport. Meet and greet provided at the airport followed by private transfers to the hotel for check in.

Afterwards, take a leisurely stroll along the bustling Korba Street, lined with charming cafes and inviting restaurants. Immerse yourself in Cairo's vibrant energy and indulge in delectable local cuisine or aromatic Egyptian coffee.

As night falls, the city's history and allure come to life, captivating you with its rich heritage.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Baron Hotel, Cairo or similar



## Day 2: Cairo Not in the Guidebooks, Pyramids, Sphinx and the Egyptian Museum

Today's adventure takes you beyond guidebooks as you explore the enchanting Old Islamic Cairo.

Begin your morning on the oldest street in Cairo, immersing yourself in the tranquillity of Islamic mosques away from the crowds. Guided by local experts, discover hidden gems and exclusive sites not typically accessible.

Enjoy a traditional Egyptian breakfast before heading to the iconic Pyramids and Sphinx, guided by our knowledgeable expert. Our journey continues with a visit to the renowned Egyptian National Museum at Tahrir Square, delving into the captivating tapestry of pharaonic history, including the legendary Tutankhamun exhibition. If available and time permitting, an optional visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum can be arranged to witness its vast collection.

The evening is yours to spend at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Baron Hotel, Cairo or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch



### Day 3: SEKEM Community Visit and Aswan

Today is all about immersing yourself in nature and discovering the remarkable SEKEM community.

Since its inception in 1977, the SEKEM project has worked wonders in transforming a barren desert into a thriving community. This exemplary initiative has brought life to an area that was once devoid of roads, water, and infrastructure. Through organic farming and reforestation efforts, SEKEM supports farmers in adopting sustainable agricultural practices and reducing carbon emissions.

Accompanied by an expert guide, we'll have the opportunity to explore the fields, factories, schools, training centres, and healthcare facilities within the SEKEM community. It's a chance to gain insight into their innovative approach to sustainable living and witness the positive impact they have on the environment and local communities.

You'll then enjoy a delightful lunch sourced from organic ingredients, served in the community restaurant where everyone is considered equal, be it owners, management, or staff. After a satisfying meal, be sure to visit the community shop, where you can browse and purchase a range of items such as bags, t-shirts, and children's clothing, all made from organic cotton. Additionally, the shop offers handmade crafts and food products. It's worth noting that a significant portion, 80%, of the community's products are exported, contributing to a better quality of life for its members.

After lunch, we will head to the airport to catch our flight to Aswan, a city known for its captivating beauty and vibrant culture. The rest of the day is yours to explore the village, interact with the locals, and enjoy a calm night's sleep.

ACCOMMODATION: Lodge Nub Inn, Aswan or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch



## Day 4: Aswan Dam and Nile Cruise

Today, discover the Aswan Dam, which held the distinction of being the largest dam in the world at the time of construction. After the informative tour of the Aswan Dam, embark on a Nile cruise adventure.

After lunch, enjoy a relaxing Felucca Ride on the Nile, taking you around Kitchner Island. Absorb the serene beauty of the river and the surrounding landscape as you glide along the water.

Although you have dinner included on your boat, in the evening, you will have the option to support a local family-owned restaurant named King Jamaica, where the mother prepares dinner, and the rest of the family members serve customers. It is one of the best local restaurants with the highest reviews ever (time permitting).

ACCOMMODATION: Champollion II, Nile Cruise or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



## Day 5: Nile Cruise - Abu Simbel, Kom Ombo Temple and Edfu

This morning, embark on a journey into Egypt's ancient past with an included guided tour of Abu Simbel.

Carved into the mountainside, these magnificent temples showcase the architectural brilliance of Ramses II and the devotion to the goddess Hathor. Rediscovered in the 19th century after centuries hidden by desert sands, they stand as iconic symbols of Egypt, renowned for their grandeur and historical significance.

Explore the intricately decorated interiors and immerse yourself in the rich heritage of this extraordinary site. A visit to Abu Simbel offers an unforgettable glimpse into the wonders of ancient Egypt.

You will return before lunch, as the boat will set sail directly after the meal. Enjoy the daylight sailing to Kom Ombo, aiming to arrive there before sunset to give you ample time to visit Temple of Kom Ombo. Marvel at its hypostyle halls, burial chambers, and fascinating displays of mummified crocodiles. Delve into the captivating history of the twin temple dedicated to the pharaohs Sobek and Haroeris.

Afterwards, you will continue sailing to Edfu, where you will spend the night on board. After dinner, there will be a Galabiya party, allowing you to immerse yourself in the vibrant traditional attire and lively atmosphere.

ACCOMMODATION: Champollion II, Nile Cruise or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

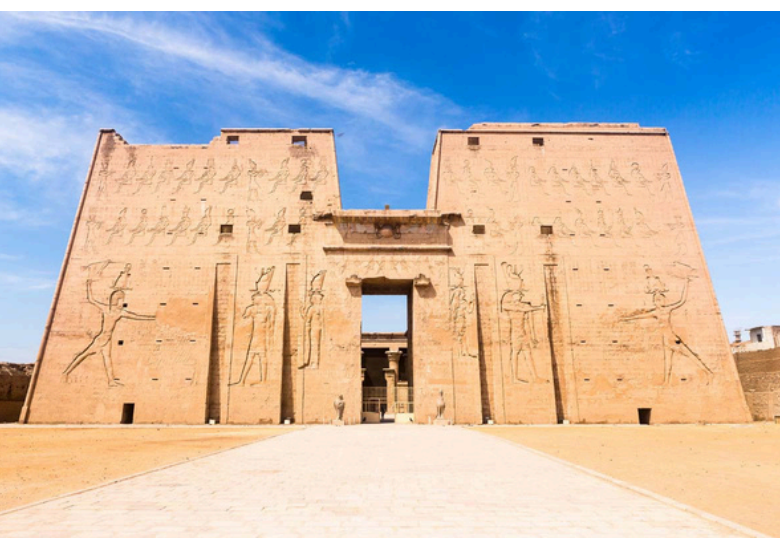
## Day 6: Nile Cruise - from the Temple of Horus to Luxor

Begin your day with an early morning exploration of the remarkably well-preserved Temple of Horus, which we'll reach by horse and carriage, considered one of Egypt's finest Pharaonic treasures. Afterwards, return to the ship and continue cruising along the magnificent riverside, enjoying the scenic views and tranquil atmosphere.

Our journey then takes us to Luxor, a city steeped in ancient wonders. Here, you will have the opportunity to visit the illuminated temple by night, experiencing the magic and splendour of Luxor after sunset. Allow yourself to be captivated by the enchanting atmosphere as you explore the grandeur of Luxor's historical sites.

ACCOMMODATION: Champollion II, Nile Cruise or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



## Day 7: Valley of the Kings and Queens, Colossi of Memnon & Karnak Temple

After breakfast, discover the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens with Hatshepsut Temple, and the Colossi of Memnon. Then, head to the East Bank, where the awe-inspiring Karnak Temple awaits. Explore the magnificent temple complex and immerse yourself in the rich history and grandeur of ancient Egypt.

After lunch, your time in Luxor comes to an end, it's time to bid farewell to the wonders of this remarkable city. Our dedicated team will be there to assist you in making your way to the seaside, in El Gouna, where you will have a wonderful time swimming and snorkelling in its beautiful beaches.

Please note:

Your visit to the Valley of the Kings includes access to the following tombs (subject to site regulations on the day) - Ramesses VII, Ramesses III, Merneptah, Ramesses IV, Ramesses IX, Ramesses I, Siptah, Tausret. Access to the following tombs is not included in the standard ticket and can be added at an additional cost: Tutankhamun, Seti I and Ramesses VI

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Ocean View El Gouna or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Days 8 and 9: El Gouna

Take advantage of these few days to enjoy the golden sun, swim, snorkel, or even book some daily activities in the area such as a submarine excursion, sea trips, desert safari, Bedouin dinner, or simply relax under the sun and get a nice suntan before flying back home.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Ocean View El Gouna or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: All Inclusive



## Day 10: Cairo

After breakfast, transfer to Hurghada Airport and catch your early morning flight back to Cairo. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Baron Hotel, Cairo or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Day 11: Home

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to Egypt and catch your flight back to the UK, cherishing the memories of your unforgettable journey.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

# FAQs

## WHAT TO PACK

- Warm clothes in case of cold weather, a scarf/shawl for religious sites
- Sun cream, a hat and insect repellent
- Comfortable shoes such as trainers
- Sunglasses and reusable bags
- Ruck sack or light bag per person
- Personal toiletries and first aid kit
- Travel plug adapter (2 round pin) – the electricity supply on board the boat is 220V.

## TIPPING

While tipping isn't mandatory, it's a thoughtful way to show appreciation, especially considering the modest wages many workers receive. A small gesture can go a long way, so setting aside a little extra for porters, guides, and drivers is always appreciated. Leaving some spare change at restaurants is also a kind way to recognise good service.

For Nile Cruises, tips are set at \$5 USD per person, per day, and will be collected at check-out.

## SHOPS

Throughout the itinerary, there will be some stops at local shops. If you'd prefer not to participate, please let your guide know. While these shops may be slightly more expensive, they offer the reassurance of guaranteed returns, even after you've returned home.

## VISAS

British passport holders require a visa for travel to Egypt.

You can apply online for an e-visa, which is valid for up to 3 months, or you can obtain a visa on arrival at the airport before immigration. Please note that your passport should also be valid for at least 6 months from arrival into Egypt. Please check the FCDO website for more information.

## HEALTH AND VACCINATIONS

Please note that there are no mandatory vaccinations required to enter Egypt. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before you travel to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive any personalised health advice.

## PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY

This tour is suitable for most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It includes activities such as climbing steep stairs, walking on uneven ground during excursions, and getting on and off coaches, vehicles, and boats.

In Cairo, where excursions are private, the pace can be adjusted to suit your needs. However, excursions onboard the Nile Cruise are conducted with other passengers and cannot be modified. That said, you always have the option to stay onboard if you prefer to relax.

## CURRENCY

The official currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP), but USD is widely accepted. We recommend exchanging some currency before leaving the UK for convenience. However, cash machines are readily available in all major cities, allowing you to withdraw money in the local currency if needed.

## INTERNAL FLIGHTS

Please note the checked luggage allowance for the internal flights is 23kg per person.