



# Pyramids, Abu Simbel and Nile Cruise

## 10-Night Small Group Tour

Discover the enchanting wonders of Egypt on our 10-night small group tour. Our Pyramids, Abu Simbel and Nile Cruise 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 awaits...

### 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 and Hatshepsut temple, and Memnon Colosso
- Relax on a felucca ride
- Explore the Temple of Horus, Philae and Kom Ombo
- Discover Luxor and its temple

### 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 where customers will be greeted in arrivals hall.
- Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicles or buses, return internal flights from Cairo to Luxor
- Accommodation: 10 nights total duration - 3 nights in Hotel Baron or similar in Cairo, 7 nights onboard the Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar
- Meals: 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners
- Local English speaking tour guides throughout the trip
- 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\* Hotel Baron, Cairo or similar



## Day 2: Pyramids, Sphinx, Egypt Museum and Khan El Kahili

After breakfast, your Egyptian adventure commences with a visit to the iconic Pyramids and Sphinx. Led by our knowledgeable expert, you'll stand in awe of the majestic Cheops, Chefren, and Mykerinos tombs.

Following lunch, explore the Egyptian National Museum at Tahrir Square, delving into the captivating tapestry of pharaonic history, including the legendary Tutankhamun exhibition. If available and if time permits, an optional visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum can be arranged to witness its vast collection.

Conclude the day by wandering through the historic Khan El Khalili Bazaar before returning to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Hotel Baron, Cairo or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch



### Day 3: Cairo Full Day Tour Not in the Guidebooks

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 SEKEM community, a serene oasis just outside Cairo. Engage with nature and support organic farming initiatives, followed by a satisfying organic lunch.

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.

The day continues with shopping opportunities at the community store, contributing to a better quality of life for members.

In the afternoon, fly to Luxor and embark on your Nile Cruise adventure, starting with an illuminated visit to Luxor Temple.

ACCOMMODATION: Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



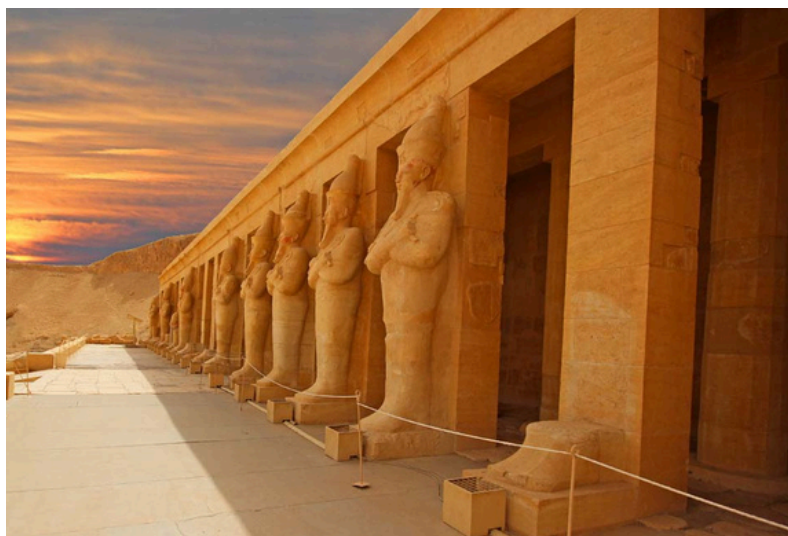
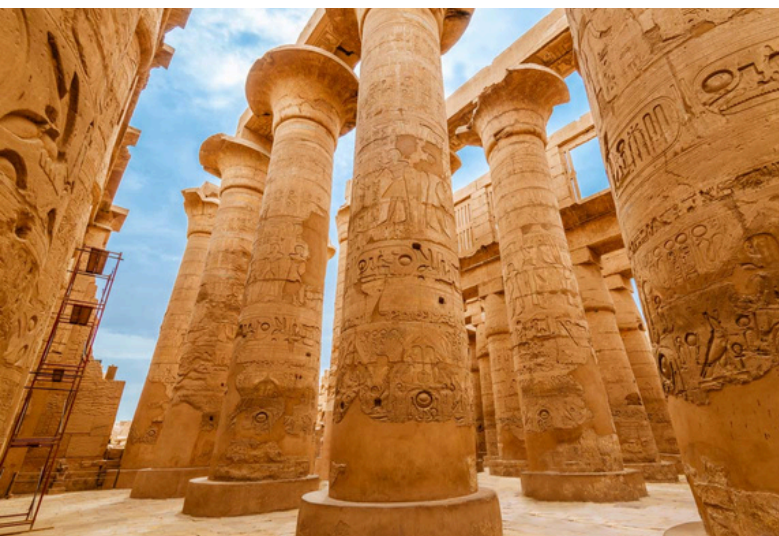
## Day 4: Nile Cruise - Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple

Begin your day with a morning visit to the magnificent Temple of Karnak, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Egypt, then enjoy a delightful lunch on board as we cruise along the Nile River.

In the afternoon, immerse yourself in the captivating atmosphere of the Temple of Luxor.

ACCOMMODATION: Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



## Day 5: Nile Cruise - Valley of the Kings and Queens, Memnon Colosso

After breakfast, discover the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens with Hatshepsut Temple, and the Colossi of Memnon. Marvel at the intricate treasures and the awe-inspiring hieroglyphics that adorn these ancient burial grounds.

Next, immerse yourself in the captivating legacy of Hatshepsut and stand in reverence before the colossal statues of Memnon.

After an eventful morning, return to your river cruiser and indulge in a delightful lunch onboard.

As your journey continues southward to Edfu, be enchanted by the timeless scenery that unfolds before your eyes.

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MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## Day 6: Nile Cruise - Temple of Horus, Kom Ombo and Aswan

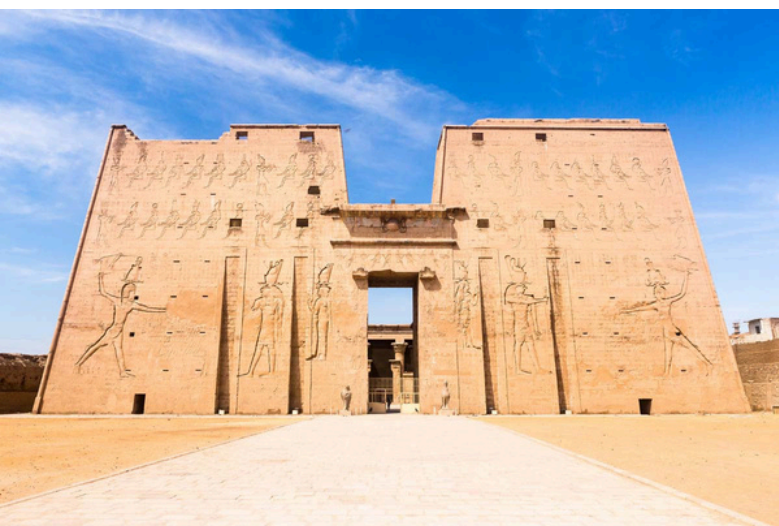
After breakfast, explore the remarkably well-preserved Temple of Horus, considered one of Egypt's finest Pharaonic treasures.

Afterward, return to the ship and continue cruising towards the magnificent riverside 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.

The journey then takes us to Aswan, where we will dock for three nights, allowing ample time to immerse ourselves in the enchanting atmosphere of this city, with the grand mausoleum of the Aga Khan serving as a constant backdrop.

ACCOMMODATION: Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



## Day 7: Nile Cruise - Philae Temple, Aswan Dam and Felucca Ride

Today, discover the Aswan Dam, which held the distinction of being the largest dam in the world at the time of construction, and the magnificent Philae Temple where you can explore the temple and marvel at its masterful architecture.

After visiting the temple, 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.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## Day 8: Nile Cruise - Abu Simbel

Today, 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.

ACCOMMODATION: Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



## Day 9: Nile Cruise

The river cruiser will gracefully sail northward, retracing its path along the mesmerizing river. Along the way, enchanting sites like Kom Ombo and Edfu will unfold before you, captivating your senses with their historical allure.

As the journey approaches its conclusion, the cruiser will dock in Luxor for the final night of your unforgettable experience.

ACCOMMODATION: Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## Day 10: Luxor to Cairo

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to the breath-taking sights of Luxor. Make your way to Luxor Airport and catch your early morning flight back to Cairo.

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel to check in, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Hotel Baron, 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. A visa on arrival costs \$25 USD and exact change is required. Alternatively, our representative can provide a full visa service and assistance for \$30 USD per person (only available at Cairo International Airport). 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.