



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 Grand 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 and 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 Cairo, 7 nights 5* Nile River cruise
- Meals: 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 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: Welcome to Cairo

Arrive in Cairo, where our representative will meet and assist you through airport formalities before transferring you to your hotel.

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, Grand Egyptian Museum and Khan El Khalili

Today, step into the world of the pharaohs as you visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. Stand before the timeless monuments of Cheops, Chephren, and Mykerinos while uncovering the secrets of ancient Egypt with your expert guide.

Continue to the spectacular Grand Egyptian Museum, home to the treasures of Tutankhamun and the world's largest archaeological collection dedicated to a single civilization.

After lunch, dive into the vibrant atmosphere of Khan El Khalili Bazaar, where narrow alleys overflow with spices, handicrafts, jewelry, and traditional cafés.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Hotel Baron, Cairo or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch



Day 3: Islamic Cairo and Travel to Luxor

Start the morning exploring the hidden treasures of Islamic Cairo before the city comes to life. Wander through historic streets, ancient mosques, and bustling local markets while enjoying a traditional Egyptian breakfast.

Later, transfer to Cairo Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, board your Nile cruise vessel, your home for the next unforgettable days along the Nile.

In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Karnak Temple, one of the largest religious complexes ever built. This evening, experience the magic of the illuminated Luxor Temple, beautifully glowing along the Nile Corniche in the heart of the city.

After your guided tour, enjoy free time to stroll through Luxor's lively market and sip Egyptian tea or coffee at a local café before returning to your cruise.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 4: Nile Cruise - Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple and Sailing to Edfu

Rise early to explore Luxor's legendary West Bank. Discover the Valley of the Kings, where Egypt's pharaohs were buried in richly decorated tombs hidden deep within the desert mountains.

Continue to the stunning Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, dramatically set beneath towering limestone cliffs, before stopping at the colossal statues of Memnon.

Later this afternoon, relax onboard as your cruise begins sailing south toward Edfu, following the timeless path of the Nile.

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: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 5: Nile Cruise - Edfu, Kom Ombo and Aswan

This morning, visit the remarkably preserved Temple of Edfu, dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god.

Continue sailing through the Esna Lock before arriving at Kom Ombo, home to Egypt's unique double temple dedicated to Sobek and Haroeris.

As the sun sets, continue cruising toward Aswan while enjoying the peaceful scenery of the Nile.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6: Nile Cruise - Aswan, Philae Temple and Felucca Ride

Discover the beauty of Aswan with a visit to the impressive High Dam before taking a short boat ride to the enchanting Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis.

In the afternoon, board a traditional felucca sailboat and glide peacefully around Kitchener Island, surrounded by palm groves and golden desert landscapes.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 7: 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: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 8: Nile Cruise

Enjoy a leisurely day onboard as your cruise sails peacefully back toward Luxor. Relax on deck, take in the ever-changing Nile scenery, or simply unwind while watching daily life unfold along the riverbanks.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 9: Nile Cruise

Arrive back in Luxor and enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace. Wander through the old market, shop for local souvenirs, or soak up the lively evening atmosphere along the Nile.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Nile River cruise

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10: Luxor to Cairo

Fly back to Cairo this morning before continuing to the inspiring SEKEM Community, located outside the city, where you will experience firsthand our sustainability partnerships and local community support initiatives. Through your journey, you contribute to certified carbon-emission offset programs that help support responsible and sustainable travel in Egypt.

Surrounded by organic farms and lush gardens, SEKEM is one of Egypt's leading sustainable development initiatives. Explore its schools, workshops, healthcare center, and pioneering organic farms while learning about its environmental vision and commitment to community empowerment.

Enjoy fresh organic meals prepared with locally sourced ingredients before returning to Cairo.

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

Tipping is customary on Nile cruises and is an important part of the local tourism industry. Most cruise operators, including ours, operate a pooled gratuity system, where guests leave a contribution at reception at the end of the cruise that is shared amongst the onboard crew.

As a guide, we recommend allowing approximately (US\$5 per person, per night) for cruise staff, with additional gratuities for drivers (US\$1–3 per person, per day), porters (US\$1–2 per service) and tour guide (US\$3–5 per person, per day) at your discretion, given directly to them.

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 FLIGHT

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