



# Nile Total Solar Eclipse Odyssey

## 8 Night Group Tour

In August 2027, the heavens will unveil one of nature's most extraordinary spectacles - a total solar eclipse - when the moon passes directly between the Earth and the sun, casting a breathtaking shadow that turns daylight into darkness. Egypt lies directly in the path of totality, offering front-row seats to this rare cosmic alignment, set against the timeless backdrop of the Nile.

The Nile Total Solar Eclipse Odyssey combines this once-in-a-lifetime event with an unforgettable exploration of Egypt's ancient treasures. Admire the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum, stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza, and sail the legendary Nile River in comfort and style.

This exceptional voyage invites you to witness one of the universe's greatest wonders while tracing the footsteps of pharaohs - a journey where time, nature, and civilisation converge in perfect harmony.

### Highlights:

- Witness the 2027 Total Solar Eclipse in Luxor.
- Explore the Grand Egyptian Museum and Tutankhamun's treasures.
- See the Great Pyramids of Giza and the mysterious Sphinx.
- Sail the legendary Nile River on a relaxing cruise.
- Visit the awe-inspiring temples of Abu Simbel, Kom Ombo, and Edfu.
- Explore the magnificent Valley of the Kings and the grand temples of Karnak and Luxor.

### What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Cairo
- Meet and greet at the airport in Egypt to help with the visa/check in
- Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicles or buses, overnight sleeper train
- Accommodation: 8 nights total duration - 2 nights Cairo, 2 nights sleeper train, 1 night Aswan, 3 nights Nile River Cruise
- Meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners
- Local English speaking tour guides throughout the trip

### 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

Upon arrival in Cairo you will be transferred to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay, preparing for the adventure ahead.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Novotel Cairo or similar



## Day 2: Pyramids and Grand Egyptian Museum

Today, after breakfast, you will begin your adventure with a visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum – a landmark project that took Egypt over ten years to complete. It houses the largest collection of Pharaonic treasures in the world, including the magnificent artefacts of Tutankhamun.

Later, you will head to the Giza Plateau to enjoy lunch with spectacular views of the iconic Pyramids. Afterwards, explore the Pyramids themselves and admire the enigmatic Sphinx.

In the evening, you will transfer to the railway station to board the overnight Egyptian sleeper train to Aswan. Dinner will be served in your cabin, airline-style, as you travel south along the Nile Valley.

ACCOMMODATION: Overnight train from Cairo to Aswan

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 3: Arrive in Aswan and City Tour

Upon arrival in Aswan, begin exploring the city's highlights, including Philae Temple, the High Dam, and the Unfinished Obelisk.

In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing felucca sailing experience on the Nile before you check into your Nubian hotel for dinner and an overnight at the Nubian Village.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Gloria Aqua Park Hotel, Aswan or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



### Day 4: Nile Sailing and Optional Visit to Abu Simbel

For an unforgettable experience, join an optional early morning excursion to Abu Simbel (at an additional cost) before continuing your Nile voyage. With its colossal statues and magnificent rock-cut temples, this extraordinary site is widely regarded as one of Egypt's finest treasures. Savour lunch while sailing past the lush green landscapes lining both banks of the river, observing local farmers and children enjoying the refreshing waters of the Nile. Relax onboard and unwind in the jacuzzi on the sundeck.

Later, visit the remarkable Kom Ombo Temple, uniquely located on the riverbank and dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. Continue sailing towards Edfu for your overnight stay.

ACCOMMODATION: Q Nile Cruiser or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Day 5: Esna to Luxor

Visit the remarkably well-preserved Temple of Edfu, dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god of protection and kingship in ancient Egyptian mythology. After exploring this magnificent riverside temple, continue sailing south through the Esna Lock and along the timeless waters of the Nile towards Luxor.

Arrive in Luxor and spend your first memorable night in the heart of ancient Thebes. As the sun sets over the Nile, enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this historic city, where ancient temples and timeless landscapes create an unforgettable setting.

ACCOMMODATION: Q Nile Cruiser or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



## Day 6: Luxor Sightseeing

Start your day early with a visit to Luxor's legendary West Bank before the heat of the day sets in. Explore the fascinating Valley of the Kings, the magnificent Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, and the impressive Colossi of Memnon. Return to the cruise for lunch and time to relax onboard. In the evening, experience the magical atmosphere of Luxor Temple beautifully illuminated under the night sky.

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: Q Nile Cruiser or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



## Day 7: Eclipse Viewing and Train to Cairo

As early as 5:00, begin your visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple before the heat of the day rises, then return to your Nile cruise for one of the most extraordinary experiences of your journey as you witness the breathtaking total solar eclipse from the sundeck of your Nile cruise.

Alternatively, you may choose to join an optional open-air BBQ experience (at an additional cost), set in a stunning green field location. Shuttle transfers are included, and the site offers comfortable seating with umbrellas, refreshments, and a unique viewing setup for this extraordinary event.

In the afternoon, transfer to Luxor Railway Station to board the sleeper train to Cairo. Relax and enjoy the unique experience of rail travel through Egypt while dinner and breakfast are served onboard the train.

ACCOMMODATION: Overnight train from Luxor to Cairo

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Day 8: Cairo and Farewell Dinner

Arrive early morning in Cairo and transfer to Khan El Khalili for a unique early morning visit to the historic bazaar. Enjoy a traditional Egyptian breakfast at a local café while experiencing the quiet and authentic atmosphere before the crowds begin to fill the streets. Wander through the beautiful Islamic alleys and enjoy relaxed shopping without the usual bustle, discovering a different side of Islamic Cairo and Khan El Khalili rarely experienced by visitors.

Afterwards, transfer to your hotel for check-in and time to relax.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner aboard a private Nile dahabiya, an elegant sailing experience through the illuminated skyline of Cairo at night. Return to the hotel for your overnight stay.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Novotel Cairo or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



## Day 9: Farewell Egypt

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer to Cairo Airport for your flight back home to the UK. As you leave Egypt behind, carry with you not just souvenirs but a lifetime of memories – from standing in awe beneath the shadow of the total solar eclipse, to wandering among temples that have stood for millennia, to sailing the timeless waters of the Nile.

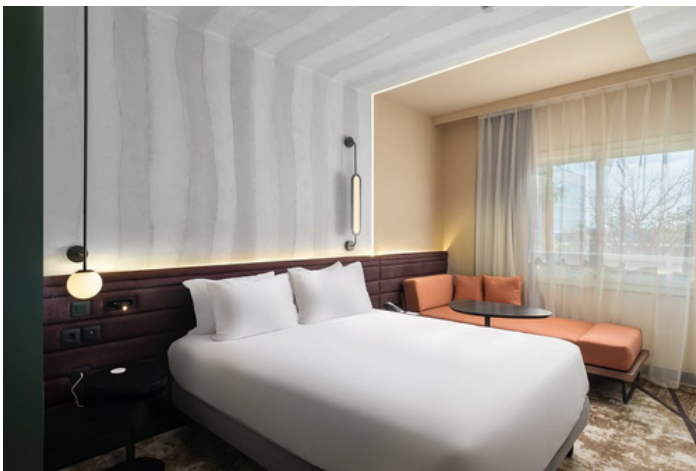
MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

Your journey through Egypt combines comfort and character, with each stay carefully selected to complement your travel experience. From a stylish modern base in Cairo to the timeless charm of a Nile cruise and the romance of travelling by sleeper train, you'll enjoy quality accommodation, warm hospitality, and a relaxed atmosphere throughout your stay.

### CAIRO – 4★ NOVOTEL CAIRO

Located just 15 minutes from the Grand Egyptian Museum and the Pyramids of Giza, the Novotel Cairo offers a contemporary and welcoming retreat after a day of exploration. The hotel features spacious rooms with modern amenities, an outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, and a choice of international dining options. With friendly service and convenient access to Cairo's major sites, it provides an ideal balance of comfort and practicality for your time in the capital.



### NILE CRUISE – Q NILE CRUISE (5★)

Q Nile Cruise offers a five-star experience and a calm, exclusive way to explore the Nile through a resort-style sailing journey, complete with all facilities designed for relaxation and enjoyment.

Onboard highlights include two restaurants with à la carte and buffet dining, wellness and fitness facilities, yoga sessions, a beauty centre, a swimming pool, lounges, retail space, and spacious outdoor areas. Themed dinners and attentive service complete a modern premium Nile experience.



## ACCOMMODATION

### SLEEPER TRAIN – CAIRO TO ASWAN // LUXOR TO CAIRO

Travelling by sleeper train offers both comfort and a touch of old-world adventure. Cabins are designed to European standards, with twin bunk beds, private washbasins, and dedicated attendants providing bed linen and evening meals served airline-style in your compartment. Wake to the scenery of the Nile Valley unfolding outside your window, making your journey as memorable as the destinations themselves.



## FAQs

### ARE ECLIPSE GLASSES INCLUDED?

Eclipse glasses are not included in your tour package. We recommend bringing your own pair of certified solar eclipse glasses to safely enjoy this rare celestial event.

### WHY DO I NEED SPECIAL GLASSES?

Looking directly at the sun — even during a partial eclipse — can cause serious and permanent eye damage, including retinal burns. Only ISO-certified solar eclipse glasses provide the proper protection to safely view the eclipse.

### WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THIS SPECIAL DEPARTURE?

To secure your place on this once-in-a-lifetime journey, the full balance is required at the time of booking.

### WHAT IF MY PLANS CHANGE?

We understand that flexibility is important when planning a special trip.

Up until 14th January 2027, you will receive a 75% refund if you need to cancel.

From 15th January to 28th February 2027, you will receive a 50% refund if you need to cancel.

From 1st March 2027, the holiday becomes non-refundable, as final preparations for this exclusive experience will be underway.

We recommend securing comprehensive travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

# FAQs continued

## WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE ECLIPSE EXPERIENCE?

The Ultimate Eclipse Experience is an optional open-air eclipse viewing barbecue. Guests will enjoy a specially arranged greenfield setting with chairs and umbrellas for comfort, along with refreshments and a barbecue lunch. This provides a relaxed and scenic way to watch the eclipse while enjoying good food and company.

## WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE FOR EXCURSIONS DURING THE TRIP?

For all guided excursions on this trip, the maximum group size will be 35 people to ensure a comfortable and personalized experience. Please note that while on the Nile cruise, the number of guests on board will naturally be higher, but excursions and activities off the boat will adhere to this maximum limit.

## 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.

## 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 guides at your discretion.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.