

## Cairo / Abu Simbel / Aswan / Luxor / Cairo (7 days / 7 nights)



### Day 01 – Arrival

Arrive in Cairo and be greeted at the airport by a Tour Representative.

Transfer to Hotel for check-in. Meet and greet your Tour Director and cover off tour basics and tour options.

Overnight in Cairo.

Hotel TBC: Fairmont Heliopolis / Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel



*The Great Temple of Ramesses II, Abu Simbel*

### Day 02 – Abu Simbel / Aswan

The tour starts with an early morning flight to **Abu Simbel** from Cairo.

The temple is dedicated to the deities Re-Harakhty, Amun, Ptah and Ramesses II himself. Four huge seated colossi of Ramesses II dominate the massive façade. You then board a short flight to **Aswan** and transfer to your cruise for your journey up the **Nile** ending at Luxor.

In the afternoon, you have the opportunity for a felucca ride across to the **Botanical Gardens**.

Overnight on board in Aswan.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

### Day 03 – Aswan / Kom Ombo / Edfu

In the morning, visit to the **High Dam**, the world-famous dam was an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s. Today it provides irrigation and electricity for the whole of Egypt together with the old Aswan Dam, 6 km downriver.

The next stop is short boat ride to **Philae Temple**. The complex is on an island dedicated to Isis, the goddess of fertility and motherhood. It was the centre of her cult that flourished from the 3rd century BC to the 4th century AD. Her worship was famous enough to spread all over the Mediterranean particularly in Rome until Christianity finally replaced paganism.

Before leaving Aswan, you stop to see the **Unfinished Obelisk** (Granite Quarries).



*The Temple of Isis, Philae Island, Aswan*

In the afternoon, your ship sets sail for Edfu with a stop at **Kom Ombo** to visit the **double temples of Sobek and Horus** the Elder, the magnificent Ptolemaic temple is in a dramatic setting on high ground beside the Nile, surrounded by fields of sugarcane. The temples are dedicated jointly to the Gods Haroeris and Sobek gods. You will also see the first ever record of a calendar. After some time to visit the markets, the cruise sets sail to continue on to Edfu.

Overnight on board in Edfu.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise



*The funerary boat inside the temple of Edfu*

#### Day 04 – Edfu / Luxor

First thing in the morning take a horse and buggy through the streets of **Edfu** to the **Temple of Horus**.

Edfu was the Greek city of Apollinopolis Magna and is a religious and commercial centre. It is located about 55 kilometres south of Esna and about 100 kilometres north of Aswan.

The main attraction here is the Temple of Horus, which is considered by most to be the best preserved cult temple in Egypt. After visiting Edfu, sail to Luxor.

Overnight on board on Luxor.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

#### Day 05 – Luxor / Cairo

Today is a big day. After breakfast / disembarkation you take a bus journey to the **West Bank**, including **Valley of the Kings** and **Queen Hatshepsut's Deir El-Bahari temple**.

The great temple of Queen Hatshepsut is built at the bottom of sheer cliffs in Luxor's west bank. The chief temple was built by Queen Hatshepsut, with other additions built by other rulers.

As you drive back to Luxor, the mighty **Colossi of Memnon** appear in the distance. The sitting colossi originally belonged to King Amenhotep III. They were once flanking his big mortuary temple that was levelled to the ground by time, its stones either reused or stolen..



*The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut*



*Karnak Temple, Luxor*

That afternoon, visit to both **Karnak** and **Luxor Temples** called Ipet-resit, or 'Private Chambers to the South (of Amun)'.  
 The temple of Luxor, some 260 metres long today, was built by Amenophis III on the foundations of a previous religious structure, dating from the time of Queen Hatshepsut.

The Queen had also ordered the construction of six kiosks, at the stopping points of the sacred barque of Amun, along the original Eighteenth-Dynasty dromos, the sacred avenue that connected the temple of Luxor with the temple of Karnak.

Late in the afternoon fly back to Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo

Hotel TBC: Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast

## Day 06 – Giza, Cairo

Today you visit the **Great Pyramids of Giza** (the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that is still standing today), the **Sphinx** and **Valley Temple**.

You will then drive to **Memphis**, the ancient capital of Egypt, visit a **Colossus of Ramesses II**. This massive statue carved in limestone is more than 33 feet long and is located in a museum built specifically to protect it). Whilst in **Memphis**, see the **Alabaster Sphinx**. This impressive monument was carved in honour of a Pharaoh who is yet to be identified during the 18th Dynasty.

Finally you travel on to **Sakkara**, a site more ancient than that of Giza containing tombs and temples spanning a 3,000 year period. See the **Step Pyramid of King Zoser**, the founder of 3rd dynasty.

Overnight in Cairo

Hotel TBC: Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel

Meals(s): Buffet breakfast



*The Great Pyramid of Khafre and the Sphinx, Giza*

## Day 07 – Highlights of Cairo

Today is your final day of the tour.

Your tour guide will accompany you to visit the **Egyptian Museum**. See the famous golden mask of **Tutankhamen** and the collection of artefacts discovered by Howard Carter. There will also be the opportunity to visit the old Oriental **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**. Right in the middle of **Islamic Cairo** this is a busy bazaar filled with unique and exotic items, such as spices, perfumes and jewellery.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meal(s): Buffet Breakfast

Hotel TBC: Ramese Hilton / Marriot Hotel



*Golden Death Mask of Tutankhamen, Egyptian Museum, Cairo*

## Day 08 – Departure

Breakfast at your hotel then our representative will meet you & check out from hotel. Drive to Cairo International Airport for check in for your international flight helping you to enter luggage & portage assisting you through passport control formalities & bordering pass, final departure

*\* Some itinerary changes may occur during cruising. Please note that all sites listed on this itinerary will still be visited whilst in these cities.*

### Optional Extras / Activities in addition to package rate include:

- Entry to go inside one of the Pyramids and the Mummy room at the Egyptian museum - both will require an extra ticket on the day: USD-TBA
- Additional Tomb visits in Valley of the Kings (standard entry includes 3 tombs)
- The Giza Pyramids Sound & Light show at: USD-TBA
- Visit to a Nubian village in Aswan: USD-TBA
- Dinner on a cruising restaurant in Cairo: USD-TBA

### **Rates**

- For minimum of 02 paying person, rate per person in twin rooms/cabins USD1710.
- For minimum of 04 paying person, rate per person in twin rooms/cabins USD1690.
- For minimum of 06 paying person, rate per person in twin rooms/cabins USD1670.
- Single supplement as USD310.

### **Program includes**

- 03 Nights in Cairo with bed & breakfast basis
- 04 Nights on board EO's supplier Nile cruise or similar on full board basis.
- All meet, assist and transfers by an EO rep. as mentioned in the program
- All sightseeing as mentioned in the program
- All entrance fees during sightseeing (unless specified)

### **Program excludes**

- Entry visa to Egypt
- Gratuities / tips
- Any personal expenses

*All information is correct at time publication and the tour going on sale, however are subject to change without notice.*