

8D6N CAIRO / ALEXANDRIA / FAYOUM / NILE RIVER

DEP: WED/FRI/SUN (2 to go)

DAY 1 (DINNER)

Upon arrival to Cairo after your long, tiring flight, proceed to meet our English-speaking guide for your transfer to hotel for check-in. After check-in, proceed for your dinner before stepping out the hotel to explore the night scene of Cairo on your own.

DAY 2 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast at hotel, excursion will start with a full day tour to the famous Giza Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. You will also come upon the mysterious Sphinx. A Sphinx is a zoomorphic mythological figure, depicted as a recumbent lion with a human head. After which, you will proceed to the Papyrus Institute. Papyrus is the material which the ancient Egyptians used for writing and the papyrus institute is a government approved shop making and selling authentic papyrus. It is located in Giza next to the pyramids. People in the shop will also walk you through the entire process of its manufacture. Papyrus is made from the stalk of the papyrus plant which has a very brittle interior inside a tough exterior covering. The tour will end with the viewing of the Egyptian Museum which was established by the government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the neo-classical style by French architect Marcel Dourgnom. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 120000 objects ranges from pre-historic era to the Greco-Roman period. Tour will end with a sumptuous dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY 3 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast at hotel, a full tour to Alexandria will start. First, you will come upon the Fort of Qait Bey. The Fort was built in the 1480's by Sultan Qaitbey, on the site of Alexandria's ancient lighthouse. Parts of the remains of the lighthouse can be seen in the construction of the old fort. One of the seven wonders of the ancient World, the lighthouse was an astonishing 125m in height with approximately three hundred rooms at the bottom for workers. Next, you will visit the Mosque of Abu Abbas. The most important historic mosque in Alexandria, Egypt, as well as a very beautiful one, is considered to be that of Abu El Abbas El Mursi. Constructed in 1775 by Algerians, it was built over the tomb of the thirteenth century Murcia Andalusian saint, Ahmed Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi (Abu'l 'Abbas) who joined and then lead, as a devout Sufi, the Shadhali brotherhood. Abu El Abbas El Mursi is in himself a very interesting story. Before ending your tour with dinner, you will get to visit the beautiful Montazah Garden where in the past, visited by the Royals.



DAY 4 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After a nice hot breakfast at hotel, your full day excursion starts with the visit of Citadel of Saladin.

The construction of the Citadel of Saladin was started by King Saladin in 1170 A.D, and completed

by his brother, King El-Addel. Saladin built this fortress to protect the old city of Cairo, and it mainly

consists of enclosure walls and watchtowers, as well as many, many gates! As every 120m there are gates into the Citadel that were built at various times in history. Later on, the Citadel became a major training centre for the Egyptian army. Tour will follow with Mohamed Ali Mosque. Amongst the most interesting Mosques in Egypt. It stands proudly on the highest point inside the courtyard of the Citadel of Saladin, and is also called the Alabaster Mosque. The architect was Yousf Boushnaq, a Turkish man who had come over from Istanbul to build this great Mosque for Mohamed Ali, the ruler of Egypt from 1805 until 1849. Tomb of Saday will follow after the visit of Mosque for Mohamed Ali. Tomb of Saday is verily known by few, but is nevertheless no attestable fact, that the will of a dead sorcerer hath power upon his own body and can raise it up from the tomb and perform therewith whatever action was unfulfilled in life. Your tour will end with a visit to Khan Khalili Bazaar. The Khan El-Khalili is one of the most interesting bazaars, not only in Egypt, but also in the whole Middle East. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and large number of vendors and buyers constitute a dynamic panorama of the place. Drinking Hibiscus, Karakare, Helba, or any of the various typical Egyptian beverages, is a pleasant experience for visitors and guests to get a real taste experience. We strongly recommend visiting this vivid bazaar, but keep in mind that in open traditional

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