

9D7N CAIRO / ASWAN / NILE RIVER / LUXOR

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

DAY 1 (MEAL ONBOARD)

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, step out the hotel to explore the morning 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. 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. 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 markets, the prices are not fixed; remember to bargain (haggle) to get the best price. The Khan El-Khalili Bazaar is place where art and commerce come together to give a unique and remarkable, harmonious experience. After a sumptuous dinner at a local restaurant, you will be transfer to railway station for your overnight train ride to Aswan.



DAY 3 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast on train, you will arrive Aswan and directly you will be transfer to the cruise on the Nile River. Along your cruise, you will visit the High Dam and Unfinished Obelisk. High Dam is an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s. Containing more material than used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the Dam is 11,811 ft long, 3215 ft thick at the base, 364 ft tall and is carved into from the existing granite, providing irrigation and electricity for the whole of Egypt. Unfinished Obelisk is in the granite quarries of Aswan where much of the red granite used for ancient temples and colossi came from. The Unfinished Obelisk still lies where it was carved when a crack was discovered as it was being hewn from the rock. Your tour will continue with Kitchener's Island or commonly known as Botanical garden by Felucca (a traditional wooden [sailing boat](#)). With the aid of the Ministry of [Irrigation](#), Kitchener rapidly transformed the small island into a paradise of exotic trees and plants and carefully planned walkways. It later passed into the property of the Egyptian government and was used as a research station for examining different food and [cash crops](#). As the cruise continue to Kom Ombo, originally known as Nubt meaning City of God, where you will visit the Temple of Sobek. The temple was erected for Sobek, the crocodile god, who was worshipped by the people of ancient Egypt in order to appease him, and the crocodiles, and to ensure the fertility of their people and crops. He was also considered to be the god of the Nile, and was prayed to for a good, bountiful flood to fertilize the farmland along the Nile River Valley. After the temple visit, you will cruise overnight to Edfu, located on the west bank of the Nile River.

DAY 4 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After a nice hot breakfast onboard the Nile river cruise, your full day excursion starts with the visit of Temple of Horus in Edfu. Of all the temple remains in [Egypt](#), the Temple of [Horus](#) at Edfu is the most completely preserved. Built from sandstone blocks, the huge Ptolemaic temple was constructed over the site of a smaller [New Kingdom](#) temple, oriented east to west, facing towards the river. The later structure faces north to south and leaves the ruined remains of the older temple [pylon](#) to be seen on the east side of the first court. After visiting the temple of Horus, you will turn around and head towards Luxor. Dinner will be served onboard while enjoying the river scenery.

Day 5 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Today's excursion will start after breakfast onboard where you will arrive at Luxor. First, you will visit the King's Valley or known as Valley of the Kings where it is normally used for royal burials. Along the way, you will visit the Temple of Hatespsut where it was built for the great queen Hatshepsut (18th century) to commemorate her achievements. Today's tour will end with a visit to the Colossi of Memnon. They are two massive stone statues of [Pharaoh Amenhotep III](#). For the past 3400 years they have stood in the [Theban necropolis](#), across the [River Nile](#) from the modern city of [Luxor](#). Dinner will be served to end your long and tiring but enjoyable trip onboard.

Day 6 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast, you will disembark your cruise and visit the Temple of Karnak and the Temple of Luxor. Temple of Karnak, universally known only as Karnak, describes a vast conglomeration of ruined temples, chapels, pylons and other buildings while Temple of Luxor was dedicated to the [Theban Triad](#) of [Amun](#), [Mut](#), and [Chons](#) and was built during the [New Kingdom](#), the focus of the annual [Opet Festival](#), in which a cult statue of Amun was paraded down the Nile. After lunch, you will be transfer to the railway station for your overnight train ride to Cairo with dinner onboard the train.

Day 7 (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After your unique experience of having breakfast onboard train, you will arrive Cairo and your full tour will start with the 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.

Day 8 (BREAKFAST)

Make your last purchases at city of Cairo before your transfer to the airport.

Day 9 (MEAL ONBOARD)

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