

JOIN THIS SMALL GROUP TO EXPLORE MAGICAL EGYPT 2022 FULL ITINERARY

Day 1: Welcome to Cairo!

You'll be greeted by the airport by your tour manager and transported by private air-conditioned vehicle to your deluxe suite at Le Riad Hotel de Charme. Your tour manager will assist you with a smooth check-in and review your vacation itinerary with you to establish and confirm pick-up times for tomorrow. Enjoy your night, order room service, eat on the rooftop terrace if you like, acclimate to the time zone and relax before your first tour day. We start early tomorrow!



Day 2: Fly to Aswan - Aswan sightseeing

Early in the morn we head to the Cairo Airport for a short flight to Aswan. We visit the famous High Dam, we take a small boat to the majestic Philae temple of devotion to the two goddesses Isis and Hathor, and we will see the massive Unfinished Obelisk still resting on its side in the stone quarries of ancient Egypt. After, we settle in to the legendary Old Cataract Hotel for some amazing food, lounging on the banks of the Nile, and sweet sleep. Evening talk next to the Nile or Qi Gong for anyone who wants it. We can tailor this to your needs for the day be it achey knees, fatigue, etc.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 : Abu Simbel Tour

We will be picked up from our hotel in Aswan to enjoy a small group tour to Abu Simbel. The two Temples of Abu Simbel, with their unique style, are considered to be the masterpieces of ancient Egypt. They reflect the glory and grandeur of the new Kingdom. The Egyptian government and UNESCO decided to co-operate in order to save these temples from the flooding that occurred when the High Dam was put in place. Later on, you will be escorted back to Aswan for your Cruise embarkation. Evening group hang out on the boat roof deck for discussion if you like.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4: Kom Ombo and Edfu Temples

For any of you who aren't fans of "cruises," I'd like to take a moment to let you know that this will not be a cruise like any other: I promise! Some of my favorite times on my trips were cruising the Nile river and simply watching this ancient, peaceful land pass by. After breakfast on board, we sail to the twin temple of Kom Ombo for the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus, whose monuments decorate each half of the temple. Lunch is back on board the ship while we sail on to visit the Temple of Edfu, the best-preserved temple of the ancient world. The structure is dedicated to Horus, the falcon god. Back to the ship for afternoon tea and a leisurely ride to Esna. Dinner and overnight on board. Qi Gong for immortality on the ship deck before bed!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 5: Valley of the Kings & the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

In the early morning, enjoy a relaxed breakfast on board as you sail to Luxor. You'll then set out to visit the West Bank of Luxor; take an excursion to the Royal Cemetery for 62 Pharaohs, the Valley of the Kings, then to the mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which was built by the architects of the New Kingdom during the 15th century BCE. You'll proceed to the towering Colossi of Memnon, and then back to the Nile cruise ship and have lunch aboard. As the ship makes its way up the Nile, you'll enjoy afternoon tea. Dinner on board and overnight in Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



Day 6: Disembarkation - Valley Of The Queens, Tombs of Nobles, Habu Temple

After Breakfast we go to the west bank where we will go first to The Valley of the Queens, called in the ancient time "ta-set-neferu", which means "the place of the beauty", used as a final resting place for members of the royal family (1500-1070 BCE) About 90 tombs have been discovered here so far; queens, princesses, and princes. Queen Nefertari's tomb here is a real treat. Discovered in 1904, this 5200 sq. ft. tomb has been closed to the public until 2019 unless purchasing a \$3000 ticket. We've included the extra cost of this tomb in your trip price. The walls are in brilliant full color depicting much of Chapter 17 of The Egyptian Book of the Dead on its walls.

Next, we proceed to Medinat Habu temple - one of the largest memorial Temples in Egypt. It measures 320m in length (East to West) and about 200 m in width (North to South). Visit a royal palace, temples, and a series of wall carvings that depict memorial scenes and Ramesses III's defeat of the Sea people. Finally travel to the Valley of the Nobles, a sprawling collection of tombs that's far less visited than the Valley of the Kings. Take in scenes of the owners' daily lives, as well as depictions of the afterlife. Following the Valley of the Nobles, we check into our hotel - the Pavillon at the Winter Palace in Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

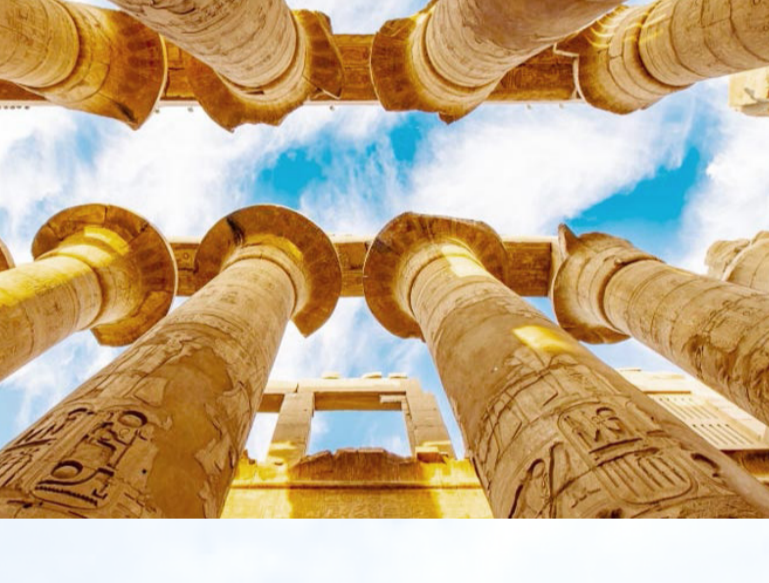
Day 7: Tour to Dendera and Abydos Temples

After breakfast, we visit Abydos, the ancient Egyptians believed the God of the Underworld was buried here. Abydos was primarily a center for the Osiris and Isis worshippers. Abydos is one of the oldest cities ever discovered, not only in Ancient Egypt but in the entire world. It's also considered to be one of the most important archaeological sites ever discovered. The paintings of the Gods and Pharaohs on the walls of the Osiris Temple at Abydos are among the most beautifully preserved in Egypt.

We then continue on to Dendera to visit the Temple of Hathor, goddess of love and joy. It is remarkable with its 2-story style, pillars, crypts, paintings, chambers and ceilings.

We head back to our hotel in Luxor when we've had our fill of these 2 places.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 8: Tour of the East Bank in Luxor - Karnak and Luxor Temples

Today we head to the east bank of Luxor to visit Karnak Temple dedicated to God Amon. (Can we get an Amen?! (Amon, the source of the Christian Amen!) I LOVE this temple! SO massive!) After sinking into this huge place full of many secrets, we will visit its sister temple - Luxor Temple. These 2 temples are joined by an ancient, half buried 3 km road lined with sphinxes. Get a glimpse of the pilgrimage between temples and imagine those times. At the end of this wonderful day, we fly back to Cairo to settle in to our hotel - the Marriott Mena House Hotel with views of the pyramids of Giza. Tomorrow is Backlist day! Ready to enter the great pyramids?!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9: Pyramids & Sphinx

We will be picked up in morning to start our Great Pyramids of Giza Tour visiting the Pyramids of Giza, Chephren and Mykerinus. We then proceed to the Great Sphinx, the head of a pharaoh with a lion's body, which has now been dated back to 12,000 BCE at least. The tour also includes a visit to the Valley Temple which belongs to the Pyramids of Chephren. This temple was used for the purification and mummification of the king before his burial. Lunch will be served in a good quality local restaurant and then we head back to our hotel for overnight in Cairo. Would you like to do dinner together or chat? Any qi gong or acupuncture needed? We will see how we are feeling.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 10: Cairo Sightseeing Tour

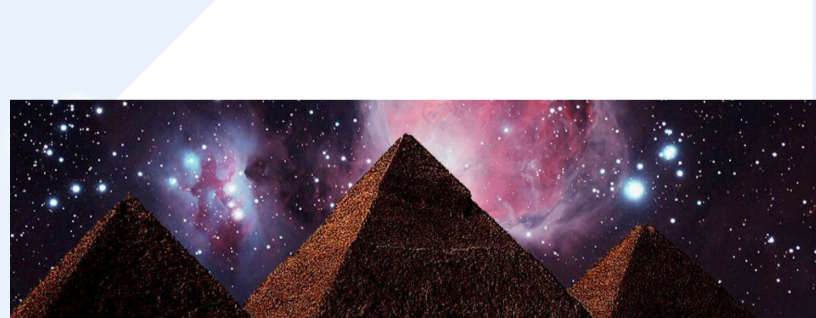
After breakfast at your hotel in Cairo, you will be escorted to the Egyptian Museum. This museum is over full of Egyptian artifacts. Highlights include the Treasures room for the child king Tutankhamen. Lunch will be tasty at a local restaurant. We continue on to Islamic Cairo to explore Khan El Khalili, Cairo's old bazaar. We will visit an Egyptian floral essence perfumery. The Egyptians have the heart of ancient perfumery and to this day, their blends are the base for many designer perfumes. Here you can get pure oil versions without the chemicals. If available, the owner is a 3rd generation Egyptian perfumer who can help you select the scent you need to speed up your attainment, be it spiritual, physical, material, etc. We will also stop at a papyrus shop where you can see how papyrus is made and buy some art if you'd like to bring a piece of Egypt home with you. Later, you will be transferred back to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 11: Cairo - Fly Back Home

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel followed by free time at your leisure. We will see you transferred safely back to Cairo International Airport for your final departure. Until we meet in Egypt again!

Meals: Breakfast



Accommodations:

- Le Riad Hotel de Charme, Deluxe Suite (First Stay Only Upon Arrival - 1 Night)
- Marriott Mena House Hotel, Deluxe Garden View Double Room (3 Nights)
- Sofitel Legend Old Cataract, luxury Double Room (1 Night)
- Pavillon winter Luxor, Classic Room Garden view (2 Nights)
- Sonesta St. George/Mayfair Nile Cruise, Standard Cabin Main Deck (3 Nights)

Included:

- Meet and greet service by our guides at airports
- Assistance of guest relations during your stay
- All transfers to/from airport & hotel by a private air-conditioned vehicle (Coaster Bus)
- Domestic flight ticket to Aswan and Luxor to Cairo
- Accommodation for 4 nights in Cairo including daily breakfast
- Accommodation for 1 night in Aswan including breakfast
- Accommodation for 3 nights on 5 star Superior Nile Cruise
- Accommodation for 2 nights in Luxor including breakfast
- All sightseeing tours in Cairo (Private Tours)
- All sightseeing tours on the cruise
- Abu Simbel From Aswan Day Tour
- Ticket For Queen Nefertari Tomb
- Local English-speaking spiritually/religiously/ritually focused tour guide during all your trips
- Entrance fees to all sites as indicated on the itinerary
- Meals at hotel, Nile cruise and during your tours as mentioned in the itinerary
- Bottled water during the trip
- Portage when needed
- All service charges and taxes

Excluded:

- International Airfare
- Entry visa to Egypt
- Any optional tours
- Personal spending
- Tipping
- Entrance fees to Tomb of Tut Ankh Amen and Seti I in Valley of the Kings.