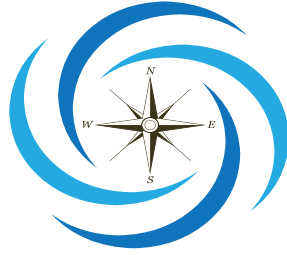


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A perspective view of a long, narrow stone staircase in an ancient Egyptian tomb. The walls are covered in hieroglyphs and large statues of pharaohs. A bright light emanates from the top of the stairs, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The word 'EGYPT' is overlaid in the center of the image.

# EGYPT



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## SAMPLE EGYPT ITINERARIES

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EXPLORE CAIRO

NILE EXPLORER

CLASSICAL EGYPT



## The Mosque-Madrassa of Sultan Hassan, Cairo

# EXPLORE CAIRO

### CAIRO - 4 Days/3 Nights

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be welcomed and assisted through the immigration process and airport customs & formalities. You will be then transferred to your hotel in modern air-conditioned coaches. Your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in. Overnight at the hotel in Cairo. **(D)**

##### Day 2: Half day Pyramids & Sphinx

After breakfast we start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders the great Pyramids of Giza (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the

public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to a papyrus laboratory or a perfume shop can be arranged then. Lunch can be served at an oriental restaurant,

Afternoon at leisure or you may book an optional tour to explore ancient Egypt with a visit to Memphis, the museum with the famous statues of Ramses & Sakkara, which includes the step pyramid. Explore some of the mysteries with your knowledgeable Egyptologist.

Evening optional tour to the spectacular sound & light show by the Sphinx. Back to the hotel and overnight in Cairo. **(B, L)**

##### Day 3: Half Day National Museum & Bazaars

Breakfast at the hotel then start the tour to visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities.

Egyptian Museum; was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum collections now exceed 120,000 artifacts, ranging from prehistoric era to the Greco Roman period. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor displays small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also offers a photography section and a large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven kings and queens.

Lunch can be served at an oriental restaurant. Afternoon at leisure or book an optional tour to visit the Citadel, the medieval fortress of Salah-El-Din and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali Your reward for buying the optional will be a





## Pyramids of Giza

complementary visit of Khan El Khalili bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area (Few years ago, Naguib Mahfouz himself used to come and sit beneath the huge, ageing and discolored mirrors of the café). The Bazaars is always a fun part of the programs as the tourists find it an amusing experience, to bargain while buying some souvenirs. The bazaar is the domain of shopkeepers and tourists, Jewelers, items made from copper, parquetry boxes, semi-precious stones, rugs, blown glass dishes and other souvenirs. Drive back to your hotel. Evening optional tour to enjoy your dinner while cruising the Nile at night with spectacular panoramic view & folkloric shows.

Overnight in Cairo **(B, L)**

**DAY 4:** Kerkouane, Haouaria, Hammamet  
Breakfast in the hotel, and check out.  
Transfer to Cairo airport for your final flight back home. **(B)**

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- Meet & assist at Cairo Airport upon arrival & departure
- Round-trip airport to hotel transfers in a/c vehicles
- Private half day guided tour to the Pyramids & Sphinx area
- Private half day guided tour to the Egyptian Museum
- English speaking guide during tours.
- Entrance fees
- 03 nights' accommodation in Cairo based on BB bases.



The Great Sphinx



Amenhotep III and Queen Tiye,  
Cairo Museum





## Memphis, Egypt

# NILE EXPLORER

**Cairo, Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis, Sakkara, Museum, Citadel, Khan El Khalili Bazaars, Alexandria, Luxor, Esna, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Optional Abu Simble - 10 Days/9 Nights**

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, Excel Travel representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process. Modern air-conditioned coaches take you to your hotel in Cairo. Your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in. Overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

#### Day 2: Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara

Buffet breakfast at the hotel in Cairo then start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders the great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists

have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.

Lunch will be served at an oriental restaurant before you start the afternoon visit to the ancient capital of Memphis & Sakkara where the Step Pyramid was built for the Pharaoh Zoser, it is the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back from 2700 BC. Drive to your hotel in Cairo for refreshment.

Evening at leisure. Optional tour to visit

the spectacular sound & light show by the pyramids or enjoy dinner while you cruise the Nile or enjoy dinner in Sequoia restaurant by the Nile. Overnight in Cairo. **(B, L, D)**



#### Day 3: Museum, Citadel, Khan El Khalili Bazaars

Breakfast in the hotel, then drive to the Egyptian Museum for an unforgettable tour; Egyptian Museum; was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the





## The Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, Citadel

French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 120,000 objects ranges from pre-historic era to the Greco Roman peri-od. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor houses small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also comprises of a photography section and large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven kings and queens.

Lunch will be served at an oriental restaurant before you start afternoon visit to the Citadel with the towering mosque of Mohamed Ali; It is one of Cairo's most popular tourist attractions is the Citadel which houses a number of museums, ancient mosques and other sites, located on a spur of limestone that had been detached from its parent Moqattam Hills by quarrying. The Citadel is one of the world's greatest monuments to medieval warfare, as well as a highly visible landmark on Cairo's eastern skyline. Particularly when viewed from the back

side (from the north), the Citadel reveals a very medieval character.

After the visit a short drive will take you to the most famous bazaars of Khan El Khalili whereby you have some free time to stroll around the bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. Drive to your hotel in Cairo. **(B, L)**

### Day 4: Alexandria full day tour

Early breakfast at hotel then drive to Alexandria via the desert road for a full day guided tour to visit the Bombay's' pillars, Alexandrina Bibliotheca, Qaite Bay citadel from outside & Al Montazah Gardens Alexandrina Bibliotheca; the New Library of Alexandria, the New Bibliotheca Alexandrina is dedicated to recapture the spirit of openness and scholarship of the original Bibliotheca Alexandrina. It is much more than a library as it contains 13 different departments. Besides, the New Library also hosts a number of institutions which is growing and it is becoming the nerve center of many international

and regional networks.

Qaite bay Fort has been guarding the bay for centuries; at the end of the Cornish rises the crenellated walls of the Mameluk fortress built in 1480 on the site of the Alexandria lighthouse Pompeii Column and Kom el-Shuqafa Catacombs Thirty meters high and built from Aswan pink granite, the Pompeii Column is thought to have been a present from the people of Alexandria to Emperor Diocletian. The majority of the remains found around the column can be seen at the Greco-Roman Museum. At the top of the hill lies the entrance to the Kom al-Shuqafa Catacombs dating from the first and second centuries. They have been discovered by chance at the beginning of 20th, century.

Montazah Gardens; is about 150-hectare park surrounding the palace of Khedive Abbas with its amazing architecture worth of Walt Disney. Visitors enjoy strolling in the gardens or swimming of the nice sandy beaches. Lunch will be served during the tour in an oriental restaurant





## Pyramids of Giza

Drive back to Cairo at the end of the day and overnight at the hotel in Cairo. **(B, L)**



Day 5: Cairo, Luxor

Breakfast in the hotel, check out, escorted transfer to Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor meet & assist at Luxor airport and transfer to the Nile cruise for embarkation.

Afternoon guided tour to visit the Karnak & Luxor temples on the East bank Karnak temple: to the east bank of Luxor the greatest example of worship in history and was dedicated to the God Amon, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu. It was

constructed from the beginning of the Middle Kingdom to the Greco Roman Kingdom.

Luxor temple: in the East bank during the sunset it is a great temple complex in modern Luxor dedicated to Amun, a creator god often fused with the sun-god Ra into Amun-Ra, construction work on the temple began during the reign of Amenhotep III in the 14th century BC. Horemheb and Tutankhamun added columns, statues, and friezes, and Akhenaten had earlier obliterated his father's cartouches and installed a shrine to the Aten, However, the only major expansion effort took place under Ramses II some 100 years after the first stones were put in place. Luxor is thus unique among the main Egyptian temple complexes in having only two pharaohs leave their mark on its architectural structure. Dinner onboard Dancing music. Overnight in Luxor. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6: Luxor, Esna, Edfu  
Breakfast onboard

Guided tour to visit the Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut temple at El Dier El Bahary and colossi of Memnon at the west bank Valley of Kings: was a magnificent burial ground for the pharaohs - the Valley of the Kings. This was the kingdom of Osiris, god of the underworld. From their grand tombs filled with treasures and decorated with magnificent art, the Egyptian pharaohs believed they would embark on a journey in which they would meet the gods in the afterlife and achieve immortality.

After that visit the Hatshepsut Temple: it is one of the most dramatically situated in the world. The queen's architect, Senenmut, designed it and set it at the head of a valley, throughout the temple, statues and sphinxes of the queen proliferated. Many of them have been reconstructed, with patience and ingenuity, from the thousands of smashed fragments found by the excavators; some are now in the Cairo Museum, and others the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Colossi of Memnon: You will pass by the



two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. For 3,400 years, they have sat in the Theban necropolis, across the River Nile from the city of Luxor.

Lunch onboard  
Sail to Edfu via Esna  
Afternoon tea  
Captain's welcome cocktail  
Dinner onboard  
Disco & Music  
Overnight  
**(B, L, D)**

#### Day 7: Edfu, Kom Embo, Aswan

Breakfast on board. Guided tour to visit the temple of Horus at Edfu the town is known for the major Ptolemaic temple, built between 237 BCE and 57 BCE, into the reign of Cleopatra VII. 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.

Lunch on board & sail to Kom Ombo  
Visit Kom Ombo Temple actually it is two temples consisting of a Temple to Sobek and a Temple of Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the river bank near here, the Temple has scant remains, due first to the changing Nile, then the Copts who once used it as a church, and finally by builders who used the stones for new buildings, everything is duplicated along the main ax-is. There are two entrances, two courts, two colonnades, two hypostyle halls and two sanctuaries. There were probably even two sets of priests. The left, or northern side is dedicated to Haroeris (sometimes called Harer, Horus the Elder) who was the falcon headed sky god and the right to Sobek (the crocodile headed god).  
Afternoon tea

Dinner on board  
Egyptian Galabeya Party  
Sail to Aswan & overnight in Aswan.  
**(B, L, D)**

#### DAY 8: Aswan

Breakfast on board. Guided tour to visit the High Dam, the unfinished obelisk and Philae temple. The High dam an engineering miracle built in 1960 protecting Egypt from annual floods from the Nile. Proceed to visit the majestic Philae Temple because of the location of the Temple on an island, we have to take a boat to get to the site, since early century, the site of Philae was flooded for six months each year, an incredible restoration program was undertaken in the 1960s, and the Temple was moved stone by stone to a higher elevation. The unfinished Obelisk: is the largest known ancient obelisk and is located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan, Egypt. It was ordered by Hatshepsut (1508–1458 BC), possibly to complement the Lateran Obelisk (which was originally at Karnak and was later brought to the Lateran Palace in Rome). It is nearly one third larger than any ancient Egyptian obelisk ever erected. If finished it would have measured around 42 m (approximately 137 feet) and would have weighed nearly 1,200 tons.

Lunch on board Sail on the Nile by felucca around Kitchener's Island and view the Agha Khan mausoleum. Dinner on board - Night entertainment (Nubian Show) Overnight in Aswan. **(B, L, D)**

#### DAY 9: Aswan, Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast, and transfer to Aswan airport for a flight to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, Excel Travel representative will welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure  
Alternatively – for those who wish to opt for unforgettable tour to Abu Simble; Early breakfast and disembarkation, and then transfer to Aswan airport for a flight to Abu Simble upon arrival to

Abu Simble you will be transferred by Egypt air buses to the great temples of Ramses II & his beloved Nefertari whereby the guides will be waiting to show you around in groups. Transfer back to the airport by Egypt air buses to board the flight to Cairo via Aswan. A Farewell dinner can be offered at a special restaurant or in the hotel Overnight at the hotel in Cairo. **(B, L, D)**

#### DAY 9: Aswan, Cairo

Final departure transfer after breakfast from the hotel; Excel Travel representative will escort you, check you into your flight.

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- Meet & assist at Cairo, Luxor & Aswan Airports by Excel Travel staff
- Private transfers from / to airports in a/c vehicles as per the itinerary
- Private guided tours to visit all sights mentioned in the itinerary with local guides
- 3 lunches during the tours in Cairo & Alexandria in an oriental restaurant.
- Bottled cold water during the tours (one bottle per person / day) in Cairo.
- Wet Towels during the tours & transfers.
- Current & new entrance fees applicable as of November 2017,
- 4 nights' accommodation in Cairo on BB bases (F.S.) Premium City View rooms
- 4 nights' accommodation onboard on the Nile cruise based on FB (food only & no beverage)
- 1 night's accommodation in Cairo on BB bases (S.S.)
- Current entrance fees
- Private sightseeing with a local English-speaking guide onboard the Nile cruise as per the above itinerary (cruise itinerary may be slightly changed but we confirm all sights listed)







Khan El Khalili Bazaar, Cairo

## CLASSICAL EGYPT

Cairo, Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili Bazaars, Luxor, Aswan - 8 Days/7 Nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, a GT representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process, then transfers to your hotel in Cairo, and will ensure a smooth hotel check-in. Overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

#### Day 2: Cairo/Full Day Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili

Buffet breakfast at the hotel, then start a full day guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders, The great Pyramids of Giza (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that, so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are

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Lunch will be served in an oriental restaurant and then drive to the Egyptian Museum for another unforgettable tour. The Egyptian Museum was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum collections now exhibit 120,000 artifacts ranging from prehistoric era to the Greco Roman period. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor displays small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also

offers a photography section and a large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven kings and queens.

After the visit of the museum a short drive through downtown will take you to Khan El Khalili bazaars, one of the most famous worldwide, with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area.





## Karnak Temple

Drive back to your hotel & overnight in Cairo. You may want to choose an optional tour to see the spectacular Pyramids sound & light show. **(B, L)**

Day 3: Cairo - Luxor or Aswan

Breakfast at the hotel, check out

Transfer with assistance to Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor or to Aswan to board the Oberoi Philae Cruiser for a relaxing 5 days tour through the history as per the Nile cruise itineraries shown hereunder:

Embarkation Luxor to Aswan (or reverse)

Day 3

12:00 noon – Embarkation

12:30 Lunch

15:00 Visit Karnak and Luxor temple

17:00 Tea at club Lounge

19:00 cocktail reception

19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Luxor

Day 4

05:00 Breakfast

06:00 Visit West bank valley of kings,

king Tut's tomb, Ramses "the six", Deir El madina, Habu and colossus of Memnon.

12:00 Sail to Essna

12:30 Lunch - Cross the Essna Lock.

17:00 Tea at club Lounge

19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Essna

Day 5

05:00 Sail to Edfu

07:30 Breakfast

10:00 Visit the Temple of Edfu,

12:00 Sail to Kom ombo

13:00 Lunch

17:00 Tea at club Lounge

18:00 Visit the twin temple of Kom ombo.

19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Kom Ombo

Day 6

05:00 Sail to Aswan

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 Visit the High Dam and Philae temple

12:30 Lunch

16:00 Visit Nubian Museum by motor boat

19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Aswan



Day 7

07:30 Breakfast

08:00 Disembarkation

Day 7: Aswan or Luxor – Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast, and transfer to Aswan or Luxor airport for a flight back to Cairo.

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, a representative will welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

**(B)**

Day 08: Final departure

Final departure transfer after breakfast from the hotel; a representative will





## Abu Simbel Temple, Aswan

escort you, check you in your flight Abu Simbel – for those who wish to opt for unforgettable tour to Abu Simbel, it will be done before embarkation from Aswan or disembarkation in Aswan.

The Tour will include a return flight from Aswan airport to Abu Simbel airport with private escorted transfers in both destinations. A Private guide will accompany GT clients and guide them through the great temples of Ramses II & his beloved Nefertari. **(B)**

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- 3 nights accommodation in Cairo on BB bases
- 4 nights accommodation onboard on the Nile cruise based on FB (food only & no beverage)

- Shared cruise sightseeing with English speaking guide to visit the sites as per the itinerary)
- VIP amenities during transfers and tours in Cairo
- Wi-fi in the car during tours in Cairo



Luxor Temple

