



EGYPT 2023

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 8

Be dazzled by the majestic Pyramids of Giza. See the modern library in Alexandria. Explore Philae Temple and High Dam at Aswan. Be awed by the spectacular Abu Simbel Temple. Cruise along the Nile River. See the tombs at the Valley of Kings and the Valley of Queens. Be perplexed by the hieroglyphics at Abydos Temple. Wander along the columns at Luxor Temple, considered the gem of all temples.

OCTOBER 29 . . .

Arrival into Cairo. Your guide will meet you at the airport, and take you to hotel to rest up. Welcome dinner. Stay in Cairo for 4 nights.

OCTOBER 30 . . .

Visit Memphis, the capital of ancient Egypt. See the colossal statue of Ramses II. See the Step Pyramid of Djoser at Saqqara. See the magnificent Great Pyramids of Giza - Cheops, Chephren and Menkaure. Have a panoramic picture of three pyramids before seeing the Great Sphinx.

OCTOBER 31 . . .

Drive 2.5 hours to Alexandria, which is the most important coastal city built by Alexander the Great. Visit the Catacombs of Kom el-Shoqafa. Pompey's Pillar, constructed in honor of Emperor Diocletian in AD 297. Roman Amphitheatre, built in the 2nd century with 13 tiers of white and grey marble. View of Qaitbay Citadel, built in 1480 by Sultan Qaitbay on the site of Pharos Lighthouse, to protect the city from the crusaders. Bibliotheca Alexandriana, which is a huge modern library and research center constructed on the site of the former Library of Alexandria, which was destroyed in 400 AD. The royal gardens of Montazah Palace, Haramlek Palace and Salamlek Palace. Return to Cairo.

NOVEMBER 1 . . .

The morning takes us to Old Cairo. St. Sergius and Bacchus Coptic Orthodox Church, which contains the cave where Mary, Joseph and Jesus hid from the Romans. The Hanging Church, one of the oldest Coptic churches in Egypt. Ben Ezra Synagogue, located on the site where baby Moses was found according to local folklore. Salah el-Dine Citadel that overlooks Cairo. Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali. Egyptian Museum, with a massive and rare 5,000+ year collection of Egyptian antiquities. See the middle coffin, inner coffin and death mask of King Tutankhamun. Afterwards, we head over to Khan el-Khalili Bazaar.

NOVEMBER 2 • • • •

Morning flight from Cairo to Aswan. Visit the High Dam, which took 10 years to complete. Unfinished Obelisk to see how ancient Egyptians cut these huge stone pillars. Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis. Enjoy a romantic felucca boat cruise in the afternoon around Elephantine Island, and a view of the Agha Khan Mausoleum as well as the botanical garden of Lord Kitchener. Overnight in Aswan.

NOVEMBER 3 • • • •

3.5 hour drive from Aswan to Abu Simbel in the early morning. Visit the Great Temple of Ramses II and the Temple of Nefertari on the western bank of Lake Nasser. Return to Aswan to embark on a cruise. Sail to Kom Ombo Temple, dedicated to 2 gods - Haroeris and Sobek. Continue on cruise towards Edfu. Stay on Nile Cruise for 3 nights.

NOVEMBER 4 • • • •

Morning visit at the Great Temple of Edfu, which is believed to be built on top of the location where the infamous battle of Horus, the falcon god, and Seth, the god of chaos, took place. Continue on cruise for the rest of afternoon towards Esna. After crossing the Esna Lock, continue towards Luxor.

NOVEMBER 5 • • • •

West Bank of the Nile. Visit Valley of the Kings, which is the burial place for most of the Pharaohs of the New Kingdom period. Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Dire el-Bahary. Colossi of Memnon. Return to cruise.

NOVEMBER 6 • • • •

At 6:00 am, we travel for 2.5 hours from Luxor to Abydos. Visit Seti I Temple (also known as Abydos Temple), which is considered one of most impressive structures still standing. Return to Luxor by 3:00 pm. Transfer to hotel. Stay in Luxor.

NOVEMBER 7 • • • •

East Bank of the Nile. Visit Karnak Temple, known as the “Temple of All Temples” in Egypt. See the obelisks, the sacred lake and the great hypostyle hall. Walk among the pillars of the colossal Temple of Amon Ra, then the Luxor Temple, which is dedicated to the Theban triad - Amon, Mut and Chons. Late afternoon flight from Luxor to Cairo. Transfer to hotel. Farewell dinner.

NOVEMBER 8 • • • •

Transfer to the airport for your flights.

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\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space. The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis. 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

\$3,300
per person /double occupancy

11 DAYS

SMALL GROUP 8 to 16

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TOUR LEADER: Maged Nabawy

WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 7 nights in 5-star accommodations.
- 3 nights on luxury cruise in double cabins with private bathrooms.
- 18 meals: Breakfast (10), Lunch (3), Dinner (5)
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses, including 2 domestic flights (Cairo > Aswan and Luxor > Cairo)
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Most tips, except for your Tour Leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- International airfares.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Single entry Egyptian tourist e-Visa.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.
- Travel insurance.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- EXTRA COSTS which will be added to the invoice.
 - \$25 for single entry Egyptian tourist e-Visa
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- There will be limited airport pick up and drop off windows at the start and end of the tour. Early/late arrivals and early/late departures outside of pick up or drop off windows are not included.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
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- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.**