



# CAPTIVATING EGYPT



**Egypt Top 10**

***Cairo, Giza, Aswan, Abu Simbel, Luxor with Nile Cruise,  
RedSea & Alexandria***

***10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS***

**Hotel Category      5\* Hotels & 5\* Nile cruise**



## DAY 1 (Wednesday) Arrive CAIRO

Welcome to Cairo, the second largest city on the African continent! Our representative will meet you and provide assistance with custom procedures at Cairo International Airport. You will then be comfortably transferred to your hotel.

**First of two nights in Steignberger Pyramids Hotel or similar (Pyramids View)**  
**No meals**

## DAY 2 (Thursday) CAIRO (The Pyramids, Egyptian Museum)

This morning we visit the Pyramids and Sphinx. Built around four and a half thousand years ago, the **Pyramids** are the only monuments of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World which are largely intact today. Later this morning we see the enigmatic **Sphinx** (included camel ride at the Pyramids).

Cairo and visit the **Egyptian Museum** with its collection of thousands of priceless artifacts from Ancient Egypt. Of course, the most famous pieces in the museum are those which were found in the tomb of the boy king **Tutankhamun**, including his solid gold death mask.

**Second of two nights in Steignberger Pyramids Hotel or similar (Pyramids View)**  
**Breakfast & Lunch**



## DAY 3 (Friday) Fly to Aswan, Philae Temple & Nubian Village by Felucca

After breakfast, our representative will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Aswan.

After arrive Aswan we take a **motorboat** out across a lake for a guided tour of the beautiful island **Temple of Philae**. From the very earliest times, Aswan has been the source of a special pink granite used in statues for thousands of years. Later we embark our Nile River Cruise, home for the next 3 nights as we sail the Nile River and have lunch.

Afternoon we take a **Felucca ride** to visit the local **Nubian people** to see how the ordinary people of today's Egypt live in their simple villages.

**First of 3 nights on our 5-Star cruise ship**  
**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



## DAY 4 (Saturday) Abu Simbel & KomOmbo Temple

This morning we get up early and drive from Aswan through the desert to **Abu Simbel**. At Abu Simbel, we see two huge temples which were built in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. and dedicated to **Ramses II** and his favorite wife, Nefertari. The four enormous seated statues of Ramses are among the most famous images of ancient Egypt. The interior of the Ramses temple is also fascinating, being decorated with images of the Battle of Kadesh fought between the Egyptians and the Hittites of what today is Turkey in 1274 BC. The two temples are carved out of the solid hillside and so the task of cutting them up, moving them piece by piece and reassembling them in the 1960s is considered one of the marvels of modern engineering. We drive back to Aswan and board our luxurious cruise ship in time for lunch.

Leaving Aswan this afternoon, we make our way down the Nile to the famous temple of **KomOmbo**. This is an unusual temple in that it is dedicated to two Egyptian gods - Horus the falcon god and Sobek the crocodile god. One interesting frieze shows ancient birthing and other medical techniques. Our guided tour also includes the **Nilometer**, a well-like structure used to measure the bounty of the Nile and as a way of setting tax levels.

Reboarding our cruise ship we set sail again towards Edfu.

**Second of 3 nights on our 5-Star cruise ship**  
**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

## DAY 5 (Sunday) Edfu Temple & Luxor Temple by Night

After enjoying breakfast and we take a **horse-drawn carriages** for a guided tour of the gigantic **Temple of Edfu**, the most perfectly-preserved temple in Egypt. Although built during the time of the Greek-speaking Ptolemies between 237 BC and 57 AD, the temple building and decorations are in the ancient Egyptian style.

**Cruising down the Nile** to Luxor.

This evening we have a guided tour of **Luxor Temple** by night. As with most Egyptian temples, this temple is really a series of buildings begun by one pharaoh (in this case the 13th century BC Pharaoh Amenhotep III) and added to by several subsequent rulers.

**third night of our 5-Star cruise ship**  
**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



## DAY 6 (Monday) (Optional Hot air balloon), Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple &

Starting out early this morning, we travel across the Nile to the **West Bank**, the location of the tombs of the great pharaohs of the New Kingdom. We take a guided tour of several of the most important tombs in the **Valley of the Kings**. We also have a guided tour of the funerary temple of the first woman to rule as a pharaoh, **Queen Hatshepsut**. Some of the most interesting **painted scenes** in the temple are of a trading expedition she mounted to the Land of Punt on the Red Sea coast. On our way back to the Nile we stop to view the gigantic **Colossi of Memnon** statues, where new excavations have discovered the remains of vast funeral temples. We return to our cruise ship for lunch.

This evening we have a guided tour of the **Temple of Karnak**. This is a vast complex of buildings added to and rebuilt over thirteen centuries but reaching its apex during the New Kingdom period when the capital of Egypt was located in **Thebes** (today's Luxor) and the temple's main god, Amun-Ra, was made the state god. One of the most impressive sections of the temple is the **Great Hypostyle Hall** with its 137 huge columns. Disembark from Nile cruise and check in Luxor Hotel for an overnight.

**Overnight in Luxor Hotel or similar**  
**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

## **DAY 7** (Tuesday) Hurghada

This morning after breakfast we drive to Hurgada. (free day)

**Overnight in Hurgada Marriott Beach Resort**  
**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

## **DAY 8** (Wednesday)

Breakfast, free day and late afternoon flight to Cairo

**First of 2 nights in Steignberger El Tahrir or similar**  
**Breakfast & Lunch**



## **DAY 9** (Thursday) Alexandria

Today we drive from Cairo to the **Mediterranean coast** and visit Egypt's second largest city - **Alexandria**. Alexandria is a city principally of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century buildings but it is built over what was one of the most important cities in the Greco-Roman world. Founded by **Alexander the Great** in 331 BC, the city grew in size and stature under the Ptolemies - the Greek-speaking rulers of Egypt for the next 300 years. Alexandria was a famous centre of learning and housed the most important library in the Ancient World.

This afternoon we tour Alexandria's important sites from the Greek and Roman eras. We include a visit to the **Catacombs** which descend 3 levels underground and include some beautifully decorated tombs which combine Roman and Egyptian decorations in a unique way. We visit the **Bibliotheca Alexandrina library**, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century interpretation of the great classical Library of Alexandria. Included are 3 museums and 5 specialized research institutes. We also visit **Pompey's Pillar**. Originally from the temple of the Serapis, it was constructed in honor of Emperor Diocletian. Drive Back to Cairo

**Second of 2 nights in Steignberger El Tahrir or similar**  
**Breakfast & Lunch**

## **DAY 10** (Friday)

After breakfast, we drive to Cairo Airport.  
Good bye Egypt.

**Breakfast**

## TOUR INCLUDES:

Accommodations in 5-Star hotels in Egypt, where we stay at the best available hotel. All our hotels have in-suite bathrooms.

- ✓ camel ride at the Pyramids.
- ✓ 3 nights on our Deluxe Nile cruise ship.
- ✓ Land and water transport by coach, motor boat, cruise ship, horse-drawn carriage, and ferry.
- ✓ 2 Domestic flights Cairo – Aswan & Hurghada - Cair.
- ✓ Sightseeing and entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ All the tour itinerary mentioned meals.
- ✓ Unlimited bottled water while travelling on our buses. Water at the hotels and on the cruise ship is as provided by them according to their own policies.
- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers.
- ✓ Private Egyptologist Tour guide.
- ✓ All transportations are A/C private vehicles.
- ✓ Tipping Kitty except Tour guide.

## NOT INCLUDED:

- X Visa fee. American passport holders require a visa for Egypt (currently \$25/person. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the date you leave Egypt.
- X Trip Cancellation / Interruption and Medical Insurance. Please buy this yourself before leaving home.
- X Personal Expenses such as souvenirs, laundry, all drinks at meals.
- X International flights.
- X **Egyptologist guide gratuity of \$25.00 per person/day.**
- X Covid-19 PCR tests if it's required according to international rules for American citizens by the tour time and before flying home (available in Cairo).

**SINGLE TRAVELERS:** Our price is based on two people sharing a room. If you wish to be **guaranteed** a single room, there is a Single Supplement. **The number of Single rooms is very limited.** To have a chance of a Single room, you must book early.

## Offered Hotels& Nile Cruise OR SIMILAR (Standard Room):

Based on availability by time of booking

Destinations	5*Hotels & 5* Nile Cruise	Category	No. of Nights
<b>Cairo</b>	Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel or similar	B.B Pyramids View	2 Nights
<b>Cairo</b>	Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir Cairo or similar	B.B Standard room	2 Nights
<b>5* Nile Cruise</b>	5*Deluxe Nile Cruise " The exact boat name will be according to availability on the day of the booking"	Standard Cabin Full board	3 Nights
<b>Luxor</b>	Steigenberger Nile Palace Luxor	B.B Standard room	1 Night
<b>Hurghada</b>	Hurgada Marriott Beach Resort	Standard room All inclusive soft	1 Nights

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

Please consult your local travel health clinic about any immunizations you may need.

This tour not suitable for those people who need walking/mobility assistance in the form of walking sticks or canes, as we walk on a lot of uneven surfaces.

The timing of our excursions from our cruise ship is dependent on sailing conditions and the number of other cruise ships visiting the sites when we wish to visit.