

EGYPT PANORAMA

9 Days FROM \$2,425



Karnak Temple, Luxor

LAND & CRUISE PROGRAM

(2) Cairo • (4) Nile River Cruise • (2) Cairo



- No. of overnight stays

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Egypt's cosmopolitan capital, Cairo, where Nile-side hotels and sidewalk cafes sit aside outdoor bazaars with Egyptian treasures
- See the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb at the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities
- Enjoy a 4-night cruise along the Nile to explore Luxor and the Valley of the Kings, famed for its tombs and royal burial chambers with hieroglyphic writings along the walls
- Experience firsthand the fascinating stories of the ancient world as you visit grandiose monuments as you tour Karnak and Luxor temples
- Sail on board a traditional Egyptian sailing "felucca" for a view of Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum
- Visit Giza's Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, and the temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu

DAY 1 | SAT | CAIRO Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. Upon completion of immigration and customs formalities at Cairo International Airport, you will be met at the exit by our representative and escorted to your hotel.

DAY 2 | SUN | CAIRO After enjoying your breakfast, you will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to see the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb. Next, it's on to the Saladin Citadel of Cairo, a medieval fortification located on Mokattam where you will enjoy a fresh breeze and grand views of the city. Today, it is a preserved historic site with mosques and museums. Then you will have your lunch at Naguib Mahfouz and continue your exploration, visiting Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church), Ben Ezra Synagogue, and Khan El Khalili bazaar. (B,L)

DAY 3 | MON | CAIRO | LUXOR Transfer from your hotel to Cairo Airport for your morning flight to Luxor. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your Nile cruise ship. Savor lunch on board before heading out with your guide to visit the impressive Karnak Temple and the Luxor Temple. The Temple of Karnak, located on the East bank of the Nile, was built by several great kings of Egypt including King Ramses II, King Tutmosis III, and Queen Hatshepsut. It was dedicated to the triad of Thebes: god Amun Ra, goddess Mut, and god Khonsu. Luxor Temple was dedicated to the god Amun and contains structures from many periods, the earliest dating back to the 12th Dynasty. Back on board, enjoy afternoon tea and dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | TUE | LUXOR | ESNA Rise and shine with breakfast on board followed by a visit to the West Bank necropolis including the Valley of the Kings & Queens where magnificent tombs were carved into the desert rocks, decorated richly, and filled with treasures for the afterlife by generations of Pharaohs. Then visit the Funerary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari who ruled Egypt for almost 20 years. She chose a very well protected location as it is surrounded by the mountains. Enjoy lunch on board, a sailing to Esna, and afternoon tea before the Captain's welcome cocktail party followed by dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | WED | ESNA | EDFU | KOM OMBO Sail to Edfu and have breakfast on board this morning. Today you will visit Edfu Temple. Totally submerged under the desert except for the very top of the pylon entrance, it is ancient Egypt's most complete and best preserved temple. A small amount of stone had been removed from the exposed part, but when excavated it was found to be in near perfect condition. Enjoy lunch on board and afternoon tea before visiting the temple of Kom Ombo, uniquely dedicated to two gods. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, while the northern part of the temple was dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris. Later, join in the Galabeya party and dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | THU | KOM OMBO | ASWAN Sail to Aswan and enjoy breakfast on board followed by a visit to the world famous High Dam, an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s. The dam was completed in 1971 and the huge reservoir behind it, named for President Nasser, was finished filling in 1979. The High Dam provided about half of the electricity production in Egypt, bringing power to most of Egypt's villages for the first time. By regulating the flow of the river, the dam also increased the cultivatable land in Egypt by around 30 percent and

allowed development in new areas that were previously inundated annually when the river flooded. Later, visit the Granite Quarries and see the unfinished obelisk; discover Philae Temple that rose to prominence during the Ptolomaic Dynasty as the center of the cult of the goddess Isis. Have lunch on board, followed by a sailing along the Nile by felucca around Kitchener's Island and Agha Khan Mausoleum. Sip on afternoon tea, and then enjoy the Nubian Folkloric show followed by dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | FRI | ASWAN | CAIRO Delight in breakfast on board then transfer from your Nile Cruiser to Aswan Airport for your morning flight to Cairo. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your Cairo Hotel. The entire day is free for you to enjoy this wonderful city on your own or relax in the comfort of your hotel. (B)

DAY 8 | SAT | CAIRO After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, the main part of a complex setting of buildings that included two mortuary temples in honor of Khufu, three smaller pyramids for Khufu's wives, an even smaller "satellite" pyramid, a raised causeway connecting the two temples, and small Mastaba tombs surrounding the pyramid for nobles. One of the small pyramids contains the tomb of queen Hetepheres, sister and wife of Snefru and the mother of Khufu. Visit the Solar Boat Museum at the base of the Pyramid of Cheops. See the Sphinx, with the head of a man and the body of a lion. Enjoy lunch at Mena House and continue to Sakkara, you will see the famous Step Pyramid. At the site of Memphis, you will see the ancient capital that once stood as a flourishing metropolis during the time of the Pharaohs. (B,L)

DAY 9 | SUN | CAIRO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) After breakfast, transfer from the hotel to Cairo International airport for your return home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 4 nights
- 4 nights on board a Nile River cruise ship
- 18 included meals consisting of:
 - 8 buffet breakfasts
 - 6 lunches
 - 4 dinners
- Sightseeing, including licensed Egyptologist and all entrance fees, as follows:
 - Full day Cairo tour including: Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian Museum, Old Cairo, Khan El Khalili Bazaar
 - Nile Cruise sightseeing including: Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu and Luxor
- All transfers and luggage handling within Egypt
- All hotel taxes and service charge
- Document holder and luggage tags

PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

| City | Nts. | Hotel |
|--------|------|----------------------|
| Cairo | 2 | JW Marriott Hotel |
| Cruise | 4 | Sonesta Star Goddess |
| Cairo | 2 | JW Marriott Hotel |

2020 DATES & PRICING SATURDAY ARRIVALS

| Dates | From Prices |
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| January 4 to April 25 | \$2,865 |
| May 2 to September 19 | \$2,425 |
| September 26 to December 12 | \$2,925 |
| December 19 & 26 | \$3,855 |

From prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Extra nights and single occupancy are available upon request. Rates are not valid during certain holidays and blackout periods.



Mosque in Esna