



African Travel Egypt – Pyramids and Nile Cruise March 3 –13, 2023

Day 01 (March 03) Friday ~ Departing USA to Egypt

Check in at JFK International Airport to board the flight to Cairo, Egypt

Day 02 (March 04) Saturday ~ Arrival in Cairo

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met and assisted through immigration and customs and then transferred to your hotel that overlooks the Giza pyramids. After a little rest, you'll have dinner out in the city. (D)

Day 03 (March 05) Sunday ~ Cairo City – Giza Pyramids - Memphis - Saqqara

After breakfast, guided by your top-rated Egyptologist, you will begin exploring one of the oldest civilizations in the world. Begin your tour at the **Great Pyramids of Giza**, then proceed to the Sphinx. You will also visit **Step Pyramid**, and the nearby town of **Memphis and Saqqara**. After visiting the Valley Temple, you will return to the hotel. (B/D)

Day 04 (March 06) Monday ~ Embarkation on the Nile Cruise – Luxor Temple

Check out and transfer to the airport to board the flight to Luxor. You will arrive in Luxor this morning to board your 5-star cruise. You will explore the impressive **Luxor Temple** that was originally joined to the **Karnak Temple** by an avenue of Sphinxes. The Karnak Temple covers a huge area and includes several temples, the largest being the Temple of Amon. Overnight on the Nile Cruise (B/L/D)

Day 05 (March 07) Tuesday ~ West Bank and the Valley of the Kings – Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride

Have breakfast on board the cruise and then depart for the Valley of the Kings. You will enter some of the tombs to admire these well-preserved archeological sites. You will also visit the **Temple of Hatshepsut**. Queen Hatshepsut was a powerful female pharaoh from 1479 to 1458 BC. Her temple and story are magnificent. End the day's tour at the **Colossi of Memnon** before returning to the cruise. Sailing past the Esna Lock is also an experience that should not be missed. So, stay up after dinner to enjoy the experience with the group. (B/L/D)

Day 06 (March 08) Wednesday ~ Edfu and Kom Ombo

Today you will tour the sanctuaries, courts, and chambers of **Kom Ombo Temple**, dedicated to the Crocodile god, Sobek and **Edfu Temple** dedicated to Horus, the Falcon god. These temples date back to 237 to 57 B.C. After the excursion, you will return to the cruise to continue sailing to Aswan, home of the Nubians. (B/L/D)

Day 07 (March 09) Thursday ~ Aswan

Today you will visit the Aswan High Dam to learn about its importance and impact on the area. Tour the city of Aswan, making a stop to see the **Unfinished Obelisk** and how it was built. Take a boat ride to Agilkia Island to explore the well-preserved **Philae Temple** dedicated to the Love Goddess Isis and then return to the cruise. (B/L/D)

Day 08 (March 10) Friday ~ The Nubian Experience – Return to Cairo

Today you will visit the **Nubian Museum** to learn more about the Nubians. Have lunch in the warm atmosphere of a Nubian home enjoying Nubian cuisine considered one of the best in Egypt. After lunch, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Cairo. Arrive and transfer to your hotel and enjoy your dinner. Overnight in Cairo (B/L/D)

Day 09 (March 11) Saturday ~ Egyptian Museum, Islamic, Christian, & Jewish Religious sites

After breakfast we will continue further exploration at the **Egyptian Museum in Cairo** that holds over 120,000 pieces from the Pharaonic era. The marvels include impressive finds from Tutankhamun's tomb. Then we drive to Coptic Cairo where we will visit the oldest Christian churches in Egypt. From here, we proceed to the **Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue**, and then enjoy the city from the imposing **Citadel of Salah El Din** dating back to the 12th century. We visit the **Alabaster Mosque** then end the day at **Khan El Khalili bazaar**. Have dinner with the group and overnight in Cairo (B/D)

Day 10 (March 12) Sunday ~ City of Alexandria

Alexandria is a 3-hour drive from Cairo. Visit **Montazah Park and Palace**, the **Catacombs**, the **Citadel**, dating from the Islamic period and the **Bibliotheca-the newly rebuilt library** that replaces the one that was burned down during the time of Cleopatra. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant that overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. Return to Cairo after the excursion to the beautiful city of Alexandria. This evening, we meet for our farewell dinner and overnight in Cairo (B/D)

Day 11 (March 13) Monday ~ Departing USA to Egypt

Check out and transfer to the airport to board your flight to JFK International after a memorable experience in Egypt.

Meals 22

Breakfasts 8 - Lunches 5 - Dinners 9

INCLUSIVE SERVICES

- Escorted from JFK, NY to Cairo and back to JFK
- Escorted by English speaking Egyptologist in Egypt
- 4-night Nile Cruise, 5-star
- 5-night accommodation in Cairo, 5-star
- Round trip flight from JFK, NY to Cairo, Egypt (*quoted separately below*)
- Flight from Cairo to Luxor / Flight from Aswan to Cairo (*quoted separately below*)
- Transportation in air-conditioned coach with WIFI and onboard; restroom; complimentary bottled water for you to enjoy while traveling
- Hotel and restaurant tips are included when meals are provided. Taxes and portorage charges at hotels are also included.
- Baggage handling and delivery to your room at hotel and on the cruise
- Complimentary private airport transfers in (Cairo/Luxor/Aswan) when flights are included in program
- Entry fees for tours and sites listed on the itinerary
- Pre-departure Orientation & Personalized Luggage Tags

EXCLUSIONS

- Passport for travel
- Entry Visa for Egypt (*African Travel Seminars will however arrange prior to arrival*)
- Gratuities to the Egyptologist (*to be collected upon arrival in Egypt*)
- Optional – Hot Air Balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings
- Meals not listed as included (4 lunches)
- Beverages at meal or leisure time, anything of a personal nature.

PRICE

- Per person based on double occupancy: - \$2365 + Flight (*See options below*)
- Single Room Supplement: - \$1044
- **Flight** – Economy/Coach Class \$1190.37
- **Flight** – Business Class \$3356.07

Registration

Completed Registration Form with \$150 deposit by April 4, 2022

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