

CLASSIC EGYPT

THE PYRAMIDS - LUXOR - ASWAN - VALLEY OF THE KINGS - CAIRO - NILE CRUISE

8 Days from **\$2,699** air, land & cruise

(1) CAIRO • (3) NILE RIVER CRUISE • (2) CAIRO



Sail the majestic Nile River between Aswan and Luxor in one of the first-class Sakkara Nile cruise ships. All ships offer spacious cabins, delicious cuisine, and uncompromising service. All staterooms boast a private bath with full-size bathtub, international direct dial telephone, and individual climate control. Additional amenities include panoramic dining rooms and lounges, gift shops, spacious sun decks, jogging tracks, gyms, bars, nightly entertainment, pools, and sun decks.



TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York and all intra-Egypt flights
- **FIRST-CLASS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** - 3 nights in Cairo
- **FIRST-CLASS RIVERBOAT ACCOMMODATIONS** - 3 nights Nile River cruise
- **CUISINE** - 13 included meals consisting of 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Cairo tour including Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum of Antiquities and Nile Cruise sightseeing including Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu, and Luxor. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a discussion with an Egypt specialist, workers at an oils and perfume factory, and a visit to an Alabaster workshop
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Cairo
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- **CUISINE** - 7 included meals consisting of 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: scenic drive to Alexandria and a city tour of Alexandria including Catacombs
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

See one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramids of Giza • Visit the iconic Sphinx • Cruise the Nile • Explore the impressive Valley of the Kings • Visit the stunning temples of Karnak & Luxor • Marvel at the beautiful Temple of Horus in Edfu • Gaze upon Ptolemaic Temple of Sobek and Haroeris in Kom Ombo • Visit the Aswan granite quarry • See the unfinished Obelisk & Temple of Philae • Marvel at the monumental Aswan High Dam • Tour Cairo • Museum of Antiquities (Grand Egyptian museum if open) • Explore Alexandria including the Catacombs

Day 1 Depart USA Depart USA for Cairo. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Cairo Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. At Cairo International Airport you will be welcomed and assisted through immigration and customs by your tour director, then escorted to your hotel. Evening on your own to settle-in and start getting acquainted with the destination, relax by the pool or learn about the history of this ancient land and the story of the Sphinx through an optional Sound & Light Show. With laser beams and light projections on the ancient walls of the Mummification Temple, desert sands, pyramid walls and the Sphinx itself, a fascinating story is revealed. The accompanying soundtrack enhances the surroundings, and the voice of the Sphinx is aptly dramatic and mysterious. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 3 Cairo/Luxor-Cruise After breakfast, transfer to Cairo Airport for your 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 dinner. Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Cruise 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 and the Colossi of Memnon. Today you will visit an Alabaster workshop to see stonemasons working the same way as they have for centuries, then onwards and enjoy lunch on board. After lunch, join a discussion with your Egypt specialist as you set sail down the Nile to Esna. Tonight, enjoy a welcome to the Nile party followed by dinner on board. Overnight in Edfu. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Cruise Today you will visit Edfu Temple dedicated to Horus, the Falcon God. 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 as you sail to Kom Ombo. In the afternoon, you will visit Kom Ombo with its magnificent temple overlooking the river Nile. This Ptolemaic Temple is the only double temple in Egypt shared by two gods, the crocodile-headed God Sobek, and the falcon-headed God Horus. The temple has two entrances, two courts, two colonnades, two Hypostyle halls and two sanctuaries, one side for each god. This evening, enjoy a Galabeya Party after dinner. You are encouraged to shop and wear "The Galabeya", traditional Egyptian garments native to the Nile Valley. Overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Aswan/Cairo Enjoy breakfast on board then visit the Aswan's 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. Continue your visit workers at an oils and

perfume factory to learn about this ancient industry, then the Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk, and the Temple of Philae. Philae in Greek or Pilak in ancient Egyptian, means 'the end,' and defined the southernmost limit of Egypt. After the tour return to the boat to relax or walk to the nearby restaurants for lunch, before transferring to the airport. Upon arrival in Cairo, transfer to your hotel and check-in. Evening on your own for last minute shopping or to relax by the pool. (B)

Day 7 Cairo After breakfast, visit the Great Pyramid of Giza, the defining symbol of Egypt and the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World, and the mysterious Sphinx a mythological creature with a lion's body and a human head, an important image in Egyptian and Greek art and legend. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and then continue to the Museum of Antiquities or the new Grand Museum. Evening is free for you to enjoy the last night of Cairo. (B,L)

Day 8 Cairo to USA Today you bid farewell to Egypt. After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION

Day 8 Cairo/Alexandria - Catacombs Tour Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Cairo and then depart for a scenic drive to Alexandria. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and sample the flavors and cuisine of the region. After lunch your tour takes you on an amazing adventure including one of the best known ancient monument still standing in Alexandria, Pompey's Pillar, which is located on the city's ancient acropolis and was originally part of a temple colonnade. Explore the Catacombs which are made up of 3 levels cut into the rock, a large spiral staircase, a rotunda, the triclinium or banquet hall, a vestibule, an antechamber and the burial chamber with three recesses in it. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish - this seaport city was founded around a small ancient Egyptian town and holds some of the most famous and historic wonders of Egypt. This evening enjoy dinner at the hotel and relax. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Alexandria - City Tour Today your tour takes you on another adventure exploring Hellenic city of Alexandria. On this tour you will see the Royal Library of Alexandria which was once the largest library in the world and the 15th century Qaitbay Citadel, considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon free to explore this city by the sea on your own. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Alexandria/Cairo After breakfast, transfer to Cairo and check in at your hotel. The afternoon is yours to explore Cairo at your own pace. (B)

Day 11 Cairo to USA After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. We thank you for joining us for this extension to Alexandria! (B)

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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ACTIVE

TOUR PRICE

Tour price is from **\$2,699** per person, double occupancy based on category M1. See registration form for further pricing.

For single occupancy, add Cat M1 \$599/Cat C2 \$799 (limited availability)

Fuel surcharges of \$536 per person are included in the price. Taxes and other fees are currently \$150 per person and are additional. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

Early Bird Special: Save on all Cabin Categories if booked by April 15, 2022. The price increases by \$100 per person after this date.

This pricing does not include gratuities for driver, guides, and cruise staff, baggage charges by the airline, passports, visas (US\$25 cash upon entry), and items of a personal nature.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions. On some departure dates, the cruise may operate from Aswan to Luxor.

OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION:

Alexandria Extension: \$699 Double Occupancy or \$948 Single



Kom Ombo