



EGYPT...SOLAR ECLIPSE

July 29 - August 07, 2027

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On August 2, 2027, you will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the longest total solar eclipse for the next 87 years from Luxor, Egypt. Known historically as Thebes, this city was once the capital of ancient Egypt and is now celebrated as one of the world's greatest open-air museums. Luxor is home to a plethora of spectacular temples, tombs, and monuments that testify to its rich historical legacy.

The climate in Luxor during August is characterized by extreme heat and arid conditions, dominated by the desert landscape. These conditions are ideal for eclipse viewing, as they significantly optimize the chances of clear skies. Our selected viewing location has been carefully chosen based on historical weather data for this date, ensuring that you will enjoy the best possible experience as the sun obscures the moon.

Luxor offers unique photography opportunities against the backdrop of its ancient structures, allowing enthusiasts to capture stunning images of the eclipse framed by iconic monuments. For those who prefer to immerse themselves in the awe of the phenomenon without the distraction of a camera, the historical significance and archaeological grandeur of Luxor provide a breathtaking setting.

Regardless of how you choose to witness this magnificent solar event, the experience promises to be unforgettable, set in a location steeped in history that enhances the magic of the eclipse.

Ihab Zaki

Managing Director

Thursday, July 29 Arrive in Cairo (EGYPT)



Upon arrival in **Cairo**, meet and transfer to *Cairo Marriott Hotel* or similar for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(D)**

Note: Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm. If you arrive on July 28 or in the early morning of July 29, an extra Hotel night needs to be booked.

Friday, July 30 Cairo



After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of the city, starting with a visit to the **El Darb El Ahmar Touristic Road**, where we will see the most mesmerizing monuments of Islamic Egypt from the Fatimid, Ayyubid and Mamluk era throughout Egypt's Islamic history. The monuments include mosques, schools, complexes, palaces and even 700 year old ancient handicraft markets. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then, head to the **Citadel of Saladin** overlooking the whole city of Old Cairo, and **Sultan Hassan Mosque**. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, July 31 Cairo



After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to **Adam Henein Museum**, a 2014 gift from the artist (1929-2020) to the nation. It is one of the MENA region's most important and ground-breaking sculptors, Henein contributed greatly to Egypt's cultural landscape: in Aswan, which we will visit later in the tour. Henein founded the city's annual international sculpture symposium; from 1989 to 1998 and headed, the design team involved in the painstaking restoration of the Great Sphinx; and represented Egypt at one of the world's most illustrious art exhibitions, the Venice Biennale. In the afternoon head to visit **Ramses Wissa Wassef Arts Centre** (winner of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture) in Harrania and near the Giza Pyramid Complex. Founded as a weaving school in 1951 by the renowned vernacular architect Ramses Wissa Wassef (1911-1974), the Centre includes workshops and showrooms, a pottery and

sculpture museum, and farm buildings. Constructed entirely of mud brick (adobe), the Centre reflects Wissa Wassef's architectural style that was influenced by the traditional Nubian houses in and around Aswan. Visit the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**, the first museum in the Arab world that focuses on the ancient Egyptian civilization across the times from pre-historical to Ancient Egyptian periods, Greco-Roman, Coptic, Islamic & contemporary modern times. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and then return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, August 01 Cairo - Luxor



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight to **Luxor**, upon arrival, cross the river to Luxor's West Bank to explore the **Valley of the Kings**. Visit the well-preserved tombs of several rulers of Old Kingdom Egyptian dynasties along with **King Tut Tomb**. Visit the Mortuary **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** (18th dynasty of the Old Kingdom, ca. 1490 BCE), one of Egypt's most successful pharaohs, as well as the longest-reigning female, the temple is also called "**El Deir El Bahari**" and **Medinat Habu temple**. Drive back to Luxor and embark on *Queen Farida Dahabeya & Queen Of Egypt Dahabeya*. After lunch, head to visit the **Karnak Temple**, built between 2055 BC and around 100 AD. It was built as a cult temple and was dedicated to the gods Amun, Mut, and Khonsu and **Luxor Temple**, built in 1400 BCE during Egypt New Kingdom. The first one who built it was Pharaoh Amenhotep III, one of the great builders of ancient Egypt then Tutankhamun (1336-27 BC), then Horemheb (1323-1295 BC) and then finished by Rameses II (1279-13 BC). Return to the *Cruise* for dinner & overnight. **(Boxed B,L,D)**

Monday, August 02 Luxor - Esna (Start cruising)



Enjoy a leisurely breakfast onboard, a serene morning that sets the stage for the adventure that lies ahead. As the clock approaches mid-afternoon, gather for an unforgettable experience. As the moon begins its celestial

dance to cover the sun, watch in awe as the daylight dims, igniting gasps of wonder. The sky transforms into a masterpiece, filled with vibrant colors, shadows, and ethereal light. Experience the beauty and magic of the eclipse, connecting with fellow travelers in this shared moment of awe. It's not just an event; it's a celebration of nature's splendor, best appreciated in the company of those who share your enthusiasm. As the late afternoon unfolds, set sail toward **Esan** and enjoy an overnight stay onboard. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, August 03
Esna - Edfu - Kom Ombo



Enjoy breakfast and set sail to **Edfu**. In the afternoon, have lunch and then head to visit the **Temple of Horus**, the largest temple dedicated to the god Horus. It was built in the Ptolemaic period between 237 and 57 BC. Then head back to the cruise and continue sailing to **Kom Ombo**, an agricultural town in Egypt and was originally known as Nubt, which means "City of Gold," reflecting its historical significance and wealth. Enjoy dinner and overnight onboard. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, August 04
Kom Ombo



Enjoy breakfast onboard while sailing to Kom Ombo and upon arrival, head to visit the **Kom Ombo temple**, unique in its dedication to two deities. The most spectacular of the river temples, Kom Ombo is honeycombed with crypts, secret passages, and tunnels under the floors, the source of the gods' human voices. Return to the cruise and enjoy lunch while sailing to **Aswan**. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon onboard, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, August 05
Aswan



Transfer to the airport for your flight to **Abu Simbel**. The monuments on the bank of Lake Nasser south of Aswan were built by Ramses II (r. 1277-1212 BCE). See the two temples excavated in the mountain by Ramses II to his wife Nefertari in the guise of the goddess Hathor, and to himself. They were moved when the High Dam at Aswan was built to avoid being flooded. Return to Aswan, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant then start your visit by boat ride to explore **Philae Temple** (dedicated to Goddess Isis) and visit the **Nubian Museum**, dedicated to the ancient Kingdom of Nubia. Enjoy a drink on the terrace of the *Old Cataract Historical Hotel*. Transfer to *Movenpick Aswan Hotel* for check-in and overnight. **(B,L)**

Friday, August 06
Aswan - Cairo - USA



Transfer in the early morning to the airport for our flight back to **Cairo**, and upon arrival meet and head to visit the **NEW Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)** with visits to **Ramses II Statue**, the **Hanging Obelisk - 10 Statues of Senusert** (from distance), **Ptolemaic Statues Victory Column of King Mernptah**, **Royal Regalia**, the **Grand Atrium** & the **Gift Shop**. The visit is escorted by a GEM

guide and joining other groups). Enjoy a late lunch and then head to **Khan El Khalili Bazaar** and walk through the medieval labyrinth alleyways and do some shopping. Dinner and overnight at the *Hotel*. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, August 07
Cairo - USA



Transfer in the early morning for your flight back to the US. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients."



Tour Cost (Land Only): \$10,995.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$1,595.00

Cruise Single Supplement: \$2,995.00

Single rooms are limited on both cruises and will be on first come first serve basis

Price based on group size minimum of 10 participants and maximum of 16 participants

Trip Grade: I Lodging Level: ****



Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Accommodation at mentioned *Hotels* or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Accommodation on Dahabiya cruise on full board basis.
- Domestic flights ASW / ABS / ASW & CAI / LUX - ASW / CAI).
- Travel by modern A/C motor coach.
- Bottled water during touring days on bus.
- All Tours as per itinerary & entrance fees to the sites and museums mentioned.
- Visit of King Tut Tomb.
- Abu Simbel excursion.
- English Speaking Guide throughout the tour.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and porters (provided minimum number of travelers is reached).

Trip Grade

I Easy - Reasonably paced sightseeing, easy walking, and leisurely days. No particular physical challenges.

Lodging Level

★★★★ **Luxury** - Regular style, usually large hotels, typical western standard with ample venues, and full amenities. (4 or 5 stars).

Nile cruising is aboard small luxury Yachts (Queen Farida & Queen Of Egypt) with 6 cabins and 2 suits).



Tour does not include:

- International airfare USA - CAIRO - USA.
- Entry visa (currently upon arrival for \$30.00 - subject to change).
- Entrance to the Pyramids and Tomb of Seti 1st from inside.
- Beverages and alcoholic drinks with or without meals and meals not mentioned.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, emails, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on scheduled tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules.
- Any increase to entrance fees imposed by government or new taxes or fuel surcharges.
- Travel protection insurance (Highly Recommended).

Deposits:

- Non-refundable \$1,000.00 pp is due by December 06, 2024 along with a completed booking form.
- 2nd Payment: \$2,000 pp due by August 06, 2025.
- 3rd payment: \$2,000.00 pp due by August 06, 2026.
- Final payment is due by December 06, 2026

Cancellation Terms:

- From booking date - Aug 06, 2025: Penalty is \$1,000.00
- August 07, 2025 - Aug 06, 2026: Penalty is \$3,000.00
- Aug 07, 2026 - Dec 06, 2026: Penalty is \$5,000.00
- From Dec 07, 2026 - Trip date: Penalty is \$100%



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