



**EGYPT**  
**The LAND OF THE PHARAOS**  
**Lake Nasser Cruise**

November 06 - November 20, 2022  
Led by Local Guides

Includes 4 nights private sailing cruise on the Nile on

Whether it is your first visit or your tenth, this is the perfect time for you to see Egypt, with its incredible monuments, temples, artifacts and history. Cruise along LAKE NASSER on the 5-star deluxe ship steigenberger Omar El Khayam, which is one of Lake Nasser's pearls. Enjoy the unique views over the panorama of Upper Egypt from the sun deck; and delicacies from Egypt and specialties of international cuisine.

Witness time standing still evidenced by the rhythm of life along its banks. Visit all of the classical sites of Egypt but also the unique and less traveled parts of the country that will reveal to you some of the most magnificent sites barely ever seen by travelers such as the Middle Egypt area with Akhenaton's capital of Amarna and the rock-carved tombs of Beni Hassan as well as the most beautiful of Egypt's temples at Abydos. A highlight of this tour is the visit of the newly-opened Museum of Antiquities, which is the largest in the world and a true showcase. Visit temples, tombs, pyramids and markets and explore the Coptic Christian heritage of Egypt as well as its Islamic monuments. Explore Khan el Khalili bazaar in Cairo for a slice of life both past and present. NO trip is complete in Egypt without flying to see the most majestic and monumental of its temples: Abu Simbel. Let this superbly-crafted exploration of Egypt captivate you with the bountiful treasures of ancient times and the hospitality of modern natives.

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Managing Director, Spiekermann Travel

**Sunday, November 06**

**Arrive in Cairo**



Upon arrival in Cairo (depending on your arrival time), you will be met, and transferred to *Cairo Marriott hotel* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(D)**

**NB: Dinner provided for arrivals into Cairo prior to 8:00 PM, otherwise, not included for later arrivals.**

**Monday, November 07**

**Cairo (Pyramids)**



After breakfast at the hotel, you will be picked up by the driver and guide for a full day of touring, starting with a visit to the Cairo's iconic **Giza pyramids** (from outside), where the city meets the desert, and the **Sphinx**, constructed around 2000 B.C. It is one of the largest and oldest statues in the world. After lunch, head to visit the **Grand Egyptian Museum** the largest archeological museum in the world. The museum replicates and modernizes the triangular shape of the nearby pyramids. Return to the *hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**NB: Optional entrance to the pyramids (separate ticket-on own).**

**Tuesday, November 08**

**Cairo (Fayoum Oasis)**



Enjoy breakfast then around 08:00, we will drive (2 hours) to the **Lahoun Pyramid**, which was constructed for the pharaoh Sensusret II in the 12th Dynasty. Unlike the pyramids of Giza, which were made with limestone blocks, the tomb of Sensusret II was made of mud bricks supported by a limestone base. We will continue To **Hawara**. Known also as the Labyrinth, built by Amenemhet III in the 19th century BC and was the most visited site of the ancient World. We will then continue to Fayoum Oasis We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Fayoum, and then head to visit **Karanis** and **Kom Oshim** museum, an archaeological museum that displays ancient Egyptian relics from Crocodilopolis and the Faiyum Oasis archaeological region. Drive back to Cairo; enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and then return to the *Hotel* you're your overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Wednesday, November 09**

**Cairo**



Enjoy breakfast then we will begin our day with a visit to the **Islamic Museum**, then head to "**El Moez Street**", On-Foot where you will get the opportunity to walk through **El Khayameyah Area**, you will visit **Bab Zewiila** (from Outside), **Sultan Kalaoum complex**, **Prince Beshtak palace**. Enjoy lunch (set Menu) at a local restaurant, and then we will continue to visit the **Citadel Of Saladin** then the **Alabaster Mosque**. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Thursday, November 10**

**Cairo - Luxor**



After Breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to **Luxor**, upon arrival, meet and begin touring the temples in the massive two-square-kilometer **Karnak complex**, who's ancient name means "the most perfect of places," and the graceful **Luxor Temple** in the heart of town. After the tour, you will head for Lunch (set menu) at a local restaurant then transfer to the *Hotel* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Friday, November 11**

**Luxor**



Have breakfast, then we will begin the day with a visit to the **Valley of the Kings** where we will visit the well-preserved tombs of several rulers of Old Kingdom Egyptian dynasties. Also visit the Valley of the Queens and the **Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El-Bahari** (18<sup>th</sup> dynasty of the Old Kingdom, ca. 1490 BCE), one of Egypt's most successful pharaohs, as well as, the longest-reigning female; also visit the **Colossi of Memnon**, better known for its Roman name, the Temple of Memnon. A hero of the Trojan War, Memnon was a king of Ethiopia who traveled with his army from Africa to Asia Minor to help defend the beleaguered city under attack but it was slain by the Achilles. Enjoy lunch then head to visit **Luxor Museum**. Head back to the *Hotel* for your overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Note: Optional entrance to King Tut Tomb (separate ticket-on own).**

**Saturday, November 12**

**Luxor - Aswan**



After breakfast, we will drive to Aswan and on the way visit **Kom Ombo** to visit the **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. Also, visit **Edfu Temple**, the most complete example of pharaonic architecture. Upon arrival in Aswan, enjoy lunch (set menu) at a local restaurant then transfer to the *Hotel* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Sunday, November 13**

**Aswan**



After Breakfast, we will head by a motor boat to visit **Elephantine Island**, considered one of the greatest islands in the Nile River, the **Tombs of the Nobles** and the **Nubian Village**. The history of Nubia starts from the Paleolithic era 3,000 years ago and during their early life, they were famous for their horse-riding skills and their impressive marksmanship with bows and arrows. After lunch (set menu), we will head to visit the **High Dam** one of the largest embankment dams in the world and the **Philae Temple** (dedicated to Goddess Isis). Return to the *hotel* for dinner & Overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Monday, November 14**

**Aswan**



We will head in the morning to visit the **Nubian Museum** featuring artifacts from Nubia, which were housed there during the construction of the Aswan Dam. Then we will embark on the **Lake Nasser Cruise**. Lunch & Dinner Onboard with overnight in Aswan. **(B,L,D)**

**Tuesday, November 15**

**Aswan - Kalabsha - Wadi El Seboua**



Enjoy breakfast onboard and begin sailing south towards **Kalabsha Temple**, known also as "Mandoulis" and it dates back to the Roman times. It was located in the old days in the city of Kalabsha and was then rescued and moved to the current location. We will enjoy lunch on board while we continue sailing towards **Wadi El Seboua**, which is accessed through a pathway of Sphinxes bearing Ramses's effigy. The Pharaoh Ramses II in dedication built the temple to the Gods Amun-Re and Ra. Enjoy dinner and overnight on board. **(B,L,D)**

**Wednesday, November 16**

**Wadi El Seboua - Amada**



Enjoy breakfast on board then we will sail to Amada and upon arrival, we will head to visit to **Amada Temple**, which is considered among the most interesting temples in Nubia. King Thoutmuisis III and King Amenophis II. Return to the cruise for lunch on board. We will dock for our dinner and overnight on board, **(B,L,D)**

**Thursday, November 17**

**Amada - Abu Simbel**



Today we will set sail to Kasr Ibrim and upon arrival in the region; we will have breakfast on board. Enjoy lunch on board before set sailing to **Abu Simbel Temple**. Upon arrival, we will begin exploring the wonders of **Abu**

**Simbel Temples** of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari. The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside in the 13<sup>th</sup> century BC, during the 19<sup>th</sup> Dynasty reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II. They serve as a lasting monument to the King and his queen Nefertari and commemorate his victory at the Battle of Kadesh. Their huge external rock relief figures have become iconic. The great temple at Abu Simbel, which took about 20 years to build, was completed around year 24 of the Reign of Ramses the Great (which corresponds to 1265 BC). It was dedicated to the gods Amun, Ra Horakhty and Ptah, as well as, to the deified Ramses himself. It is generally considered the grandest and most beautiful complex commissioned during the reign of Ramses II and one of the most beautiful in Egypt. We will attend the **Sound and Light show** that is performed in front of the temple. Dinner and overnight on board. **(B,L,D)**

**Friday, November 18**

**Abu Simbel - Aswan - Cairo**



Enjoy breakfast on the cruise, and then we will disembark and we will drive to Aswan then transfer to the airport for your flight to **Cairo** and upon arrival, meet and transfer to the *Hotel* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Saturday, November 19**

**Cairo**



After breakfast, we will head to visit the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**, the first museum in the Arab world that focuses on the ancient Egyptian civilization across the period from pre-historical to Ancient Egyptian periods, Greco-Roman, Coptic, Islamic and Contemporary modern times. Enjoy lunch (set menu) at a local restaurant then head to the **Coptic museum** for a visit with the largest collection of Egyptian Christian artifacts in the world. The museum traces the history of Egypt from its beginnings to the present day. You will also visit **St Sergius and St Bacchus Church**, then head to one of the city's oldest quarters since the Roman and Byzantine times with the ancient Coptic Church of **Mo'Allaqa (Hanging)** then visit the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, site where Moses allegedly was found floating in the basket by the Pharaoh's daughter. You will get the opportunity to enjoy sitting in the famous **El Fishawi Coffee shop** for a cold beverage or a cup of coffee and visit **Khan El Khalili Bazaar** before returning to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

**Sunday, November 20**

**Cairo**



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back home. **(B)**

*"We reserve the right to change the order of activities or places visited due to unforeseen schedule conflicts or in order to make the itinerary run smoothly"*



## Tour Cost (Land Only): \$.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

## Single Supplement: \$.00

Price based on group size minimum of 6 participants and maximum of 14 participants

**Trip Grade: I Lodging Level: \*\*\*\***

agree to meet up for a game in the inviting billiard room. Enjoy the unique views over the panorama of Upper Egypt from the sun deck, where you can also cool down in the pool. During your stay on board the team of chefs in the main restaurant, Abu Nawas, will tempt your palate with delicacies from Egypt and specialties of international cuisine. You can round off an eventful day in style in one of the two lounge bars. For an unalloyed feel-good experience, you can also try the whirlpool and the pool bar, where the barkeeper will serve you refreshing drinks.

**About your lecturer, Michel Behar** Discover the holy sites of Upper Egypt in elegance and luxury on the Omar El Khayam. The 5-star deluxe ship is one of Lake Nasser's pearls. Unforgettable feel-good experiences of a very special kind await you in the ship's own Cleopatra Spa. If you appreciate a stimulating conversation with your fellow passengers, you can



### Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Domestic flights within Egypt.
- 6 Nights' accommodation at *Cairo Marriott hotel*.
- 2 Nights' accommodation at *Sonesta Hotel* in Luxor.
- 2 Nights' accommodation at *Movenpick Hotel* in Aswan.
- 4 Nights' accommodation on ***Steigenberger Omar El Khayam***.
- Meals as mentioned in the brochure (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner).
- Bottled water during visits.
- All Entrance Fees as per the Program.
- English Speaking Egyptology Guide throughout the tour.
- All visits & transfers as per the brochure.
- Headset whisperers throughout the tour.
- Gratuities to drivers, guides, porters, cruise staff, etc.,

### Tour does not include:

- International Airfare USA-CAIRO / CAIRO-USA.
- Entry visa (Currently \$30.00 available upon arrival).
- Entrance inside the Pyramids and King Tut Tomb.
- Any meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Drinks with or without meals.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Dayroom or extra hotel nights necessitated by airline flight schedule changes.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees at sites, laundry, phone calls, emails, excess luggage, etc.), drinks, tips.
- Any increase to entrance fees imposed by government or new taxes or fuel surcharges.
- Travel insurance (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED).

### 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).

### Sailing the Lake Nasser aboard Steigenberger Omar El Khayam...

Single Cabins on board are limited to ..... so availability will be based on first come first served. 8 cabins are grand suites and also there are 4 Royal suits (supplement applies).

