

DAY 1

Arrive Cairo

Upon arrival in Cairo Airport, meet with your private guide who will join you on your trip.

Private transfer to your hotel and check in at your hotel before spending the rest of the day exploring at your leisure.

Duration 3 Nights

DAY 2

Full day Pyramids, Sphinx, Camel ride, Sakkara and Carpet Factory

Kick start the day with some breakfast at the hotel before setting out to explore Cairo's finest features. Set off in the morning towards one of Egypt's biggest draws – the pyramids and the sphinx. Reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the immense size of the pyramids will stun visitors – especially when they can enter the Cheops Pyramid to explore for themselves!

Sitting not far off, the Great Sphinx of Giza stands at 65 feet tall, ready to be captured and shown off on camera back home. Journey between the two with a brief camel ride to assist in the exploration before grabbing a quick included lunch and heading off to the next stop at Sakkara.

Known to be one of the most historical areas in all of Egypt, Sakkara's archaeological site draws attention through the step pyramid of King Zoser. Preceding the other pyramids by centuries, this pyramid exists as the first to be built in Egypt, designed by pharaonic architect, Imhotep.

End the day with a glimpse at tools of the trade by touring the depths of the carpet making world. Pick up on the intense work that goes into the weaving of Egyptian handmade carpets and the history behind them before heading back to the hotel for the night.

Meal Plan Breakfast

DAY 3

Full day Citadel, Old Cairo, Churches, Coptic museum, Civilization museum

Start off the day with a quick bite at the hotel before heading out for a day full of history. Set off in the morning to the Citadel, sitting proudly on Mokattam Hills of Old Cairo. Previously serving as the nerve center of Egypt for almost 700 years, the Citadel now holds a fascinating monument to medieval warfare. Once finished looking through the hallowed halls of the Citadel, head outside to explore a bit of Old Cairo, the eldest district of the Egyptian capital. From serving as the City of Phas to later becoming the Christianity center of Egypt, the area is rife with history, churches, and monuments to discover. Bring history into a new context as you tour the Coptic Museum. Filled with one of the richest collections of Coptic Christian art in the world, this more recent museum holds around 16,000 pieces to discover.

After a local lunch, take a step back through time at the Civilization Museum. Hosting a range of objects and information that speak to the diversity of Egyptian civilization, this museum boasts interactive displays, cutting technologies, and even has a section on the process of mummification.

Once history has made its mark, head back to the hotel for the night to rest up.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

DAY 4

Cairo to Aswan

Finish off your last morning in Cairo with an early breakfast before being transferred to the airport to head on to Aswan. Upon arrival, set out to explore the city, starting with the Aswan High Dam. Completed in 1971, this dam sits north of the border between Egypt and Sudan, capturing the power of the Nile in the world's largest artificial reservoir, Lake Nasser. Enjoy the beauty of the world's longest river stretching through the country before taking a short motorboat trip to visit the Philae Temple. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, the Temple of Philae is attached to many legends and myths connected to the gods.

Once back on land, get ready to learn as a family takes you in to explore the joys of Nubian cooking. Understand the balance of spices, curries, and baking, completing your cooking session with a family meal.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure before boarding the cruise ship for the night.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 3 Nights

DAY 5

Kom Ombo and Edfu

Start the day with a hearty breakfast onboard before getting off in the city of Kom Ombo. This small agricultural town gets its attention for being home to the Kom Ombo Temple, dedicated to two Egyptian deities, the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed god Horus. This twin temple sets up two of everything from the halls to the courts to the sanctuaries themselves. While not all remains of the temples, the site still holds a number of relics, columns, and friezes dedicated to the gods.

Head back onboard for a bit of lunch as the boat sails down to Edfu for the next stop. Once in town, take a relaxing horse drawn carriage ride to the Temple of Horus at Edfu. Known as one of the best preserved Egyptian sanctuaries, this temple is filled with wall carvings speaking to religion, daily life, and mythology of the area. Explore the halls of history before taking a carriage ride back to the boat to rest for the night as you sail onwards to Luxor.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6

Luxor

Grab an early breakfast onboard before starting off to Luxor to The Valley of the Kings and Queens. Head to the West Bank near Luxor to tour through history at the Valley of the Kings, housing the burials of numerous Pharaohs including Ramses III, Tutankhamun, and Seti I. Journey a bit south to explore the next site, known widely as the

Valley of the Queens, known for being the final resting place for Nefertiti amongst others. Take time to explore the site, venturing to the mortuary temple of Hatshepsut and the neighbouring Colossi of Memnon.

Take a brief break by heading back to the boat for a filling lunch before setting out to Karnak and the Luxor Temples. Settled in Thebes, the Karnak temple was dedicated to Amun, god of Thebes at the time, and is comprised of three main temples, smaller enclosed temples, and several outer temples. Explore the site including the three main temples of Mut, Monthu, and Amun.

Head further into Thebes to journey to the Luxor Temple, which previously hosted rituals and festivals. Previously operating as the center of the festival of Opet, the Temple of Luxor reconciled the human aspect of the ruler with his divine office.

Once tired out from the dive into history, head back to the boat for dinner and a night at leisure.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 7

Luxor to Cairo

Start off your last day onboard with a filling breakfast before flying back to Cairo and settling at the hotel. Spend the day at leisure, visiting familiar spots, exploring new locations, or simply resting up before enjoying an evening visit to Khan ElKhalili. This Turkish bazaar offers a diverse experience of trade and communion featuring shops, handmade goods, cafes, and more. Take some time to do a bit of last minute shopping before settling at the Naguib Mahfouz restaurant for your farewell dinner.

End the night with a restful sleep at your hotel.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

DAY 8

Depart Cairo

Enjoy one last breakfast at your hotel before checking out for a transfer to Cairo Airport for final departure home.

Meal Plan Breakfast