

EXOTIC EGYPT

07 nights / 08 days



DAY-WISE ITINERARY:

DAY 01: MONDAY / WEDNESDAY

You will be meet and assist you by our representative showing a sign of your Name, assisting you through passport control and customs formalities, Luggage & portage then transferring you by private air-conditioned vehicle to Your Hotel, where you will be assisted for Check-in so you may proceed to your room. Rest of the day is free for you to enjoy this wonderful city on your own. You can either relax in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Cairo Hotel.

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DAY 02: TUESDAY / THURSDAY



Breakfast at Hotel. Direct transfer by air-conditioned vehicles with your Egyptologist who will guide you for a Full day tour visit: Great Pyramids: The Great Pyramid of Giza is the main part of a complex setting of buildings that included two mortuary temples in honor of Khufu (one close to the pyramid and one near the Nile), three smaller pyramids for Khufu's wives, an even smaller "satellite" pyramid, a raised causeway connecting the two temples, and small Mastaba tombs surrounding the pyramid for nobles. One of the small pyramids contains the tomb of queen Hetepheres (discovered in 1925), sister and wife of Snefru and the mother of Khufu.

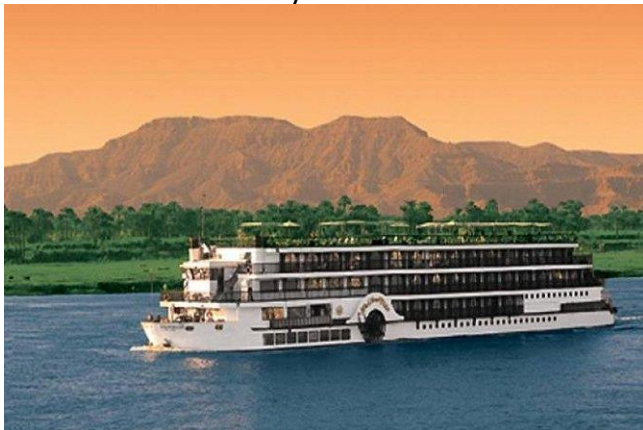
Lord of the Sphinx: The word "sphinx", which means 'strangler', was First given by the Greeks to a fabulous creature This had the head of a man and the body of a lion Of Egypt, there are numerous sphinxes, usually with the Head of a king wearing his headdress and the Body of a lion, the head and face of the Sphinx certainly reflect a style that belongs to Egypt's old kingdom and to the 4th dynasty in particular.

LOCAL Lunch at local restaurant.

Then you will continue your visits The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities "Tahrir Square" : Your Egyptologist will escort you on a fascinating Tour of 7,000 years of this famous museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts (more than 145,000 items on display) featuring the famous Tutankhamen collection with its beautiful gold death mask and sarcophagus and the royal Mummy room, which houses an additional eleven Pharaonic dignitaries.

Khan El-Khalili Bazaar: Proceed to the fascinating Khan El-Khalili Bazaar Reputed to be the largest bazaar in the Middle East Originally founded as a watering stop for Caravanserai in the 14th Century, the bazaar has Now grown to vast Proportions as you wander through the labyrinth of narrow Streets you will find Workshops and stalls selling all Manners of things from woodwork, glassware and leather Goods to Perfumes, Fabrics and Pharaonic Curiosities. Direct transfer from to station for sleeper Train Cairo/Aswan. Dinner and Overnight On-Board Train.

DAY 03: WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY



Breakfast on board of Sleeper train.

Upon arrival to Aswan railway station.

Meet & assist by our representative and direct Transfer to your Nile Cruise to drop the luggage and proceed to visit High Dam: Located near Aswan, the world-famous High Dam was an engineering miracle when it was built in the 960s. It contains 18 times the material used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops. The Dam is 11,811 feet long, 3215 feet thick at the base and 364 feet tall.

Philae Temple "By Motor-Boat": Philae dedicated to Goddess Isis and constructed on the beautiful island of Philae. Philae the modern-day name is Greek but the ancient Egyptians called the island P-aaleq which amongst other definitions has

the dual meaning of "end" and "creation".

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The unfinished obelisk (From Outside) is the largest known ancient obelisk, located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan (Assuan), Egypt. It was ordered by Queen Hatshepsut commemorating her 16th anniversary on the throne. It is nearly one third larger than any ancient Egyptian obelisk ever erected. If finished it would have measured around 42 m (120 feet) and would have weighed nearly 1,200 tons. Archeologists speculate that it was intended to complement the so-called Lateran Obelisk which was originally at Karnak and is now outside the Lateran Palace in Rome. (Thutmose III obelisk in Lateran, Rome: 105 ft)

Lunch on board of Nile Cruise. Dinner on board of Nile Cruise & Overnight.

DAY 04: THURSDAY/SATURDAY

Breakfast on board of Nile Cruise.

Sail to Kom Ombo.

Kom Ombo temple: The temple of Kom Ombo is unique in one respect: it is dedicated to two gods, and the entire temple holds two perfectly symmetrical sections. The sanctuary to the left is dedicated to the falcon-headed sky god Harwer (also written Haroeris), or Horus the elder and his family.

Lunch on board of Nile Cruise.

Dinner on board of Nile Cruise & Overnight.



DAY 05: FRIDAY/SUNDAY



Breakfast on board of Nile Cruise.

Visit Edfu temple: Edfu was the 2nd Nome of Upper Egypt and the centre of the cult of a triad of Gods, which consisted of Horus of Behdet, Hathor, and their son, Hor-Sama-Tawy. Edfu was known as "Apollo polis Magna" because the Greeks identified Horus with their God Apollo, the work of construction began during the reign of Ptolemy III (about 237 BC) and was finished during the reign of Ptolemy IV.

Lunch on board of Nile Cruise.

PM Sail to Luxor.

Luxor temple: The Temple of Luxor is among the most beautiful Temples in Egypt. It was known in the New Kingdom period as Ipt-Rsyt, which means the southern

shrine. This was to differentiate between this Temple and Karnak Temple, which was the northern house of Amon Ra. Amenhotep III built Luxor Temple. The Temple run close and parallel to the river Nile from north to south, it was constructed on the site of a small Temple of Amon, built by kings of the 12th dynasty. Dinner on board of Nile Cruise & Overnight.

DAY 06: SATURDAY/MONDAY

Breakfast on board of Nile Cruise.

Disembarkation (Check out), Proceed to visit the West bank including:

Valley of the Kings: The first king of the New Kingdom, Ahmose of the 18th Dynasty, built a pyramid-like structure at Abydos, which may or may not have been his original tomb the Valley, known as Biban el-Muluk, "doorway or gateway of the kings," or the Wadyein, meaning "the two valleys," is actually composed of two separate branches. The main eastern branch, called TA set aat, or "The Great Place," is where most of the royal tombs are located, and in the larger, The Valley is hidden from sight, behind the cliffs, which form the backdrop to the temple complex of Deir el-Bahari.



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Hatshepsut Temple: The mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Queen's architect, Senenmut, designed it and set it at the head of a valley overshadowed by the Peak of the Thebes, the "Lover of Silence," where lived the goddess who presided over the necropolis. His daughter became pharaoh, her father Tutmose I circulated the legend that the God Amon became father of Hatshepsut and therefore she is half a God she was married twice unfortunately and her second husband and stepbrother Tutmose III hated her so much that he had all pictures and inscriptions of her destroyed after she died.



Colossi of Memnon: These two, gigantic figures of Amenhotep III were originally situated in front of his Mortuary temple which was destroyed for unknown reasons! The two colossi are made of sandstone, which during ancient times was brought from Gabal El Silselah. Each colossus, including the pedestal and the crown, is about 21m tall and represents King Amenhotep III seating on his throne, wearing the Nemes, or royal headdress, with the divine cobra protecting his forehead.

Karnak temple: This great Temple of Amon Ra was known during the Middle Kingdom period as Ipt-Swt, which means the Selected Spot. It was also called Pr-Imn, which means the House of Amon. The entrance you will find a ram-headed avenue of Sphinxes, which was built to

protect the Temple. There are 20 rams on each side, as you cross this pylon, it takes you into an Open court, whose dimensions are 100m long by 80m wide, built during the 22nd Dynasty, and containing rows of bud papyrus columns.

Direct transfer from to station for sleeper Train Luxor/Cairo.
Dinner and Overnight On-Board Train.

DAY 07: SUNDAY/TUESDAY

Breakfast on board of Sleeper train.

Upon arrival to Cairo railway station.

Meet & assist by our representative and direct transfer by air-conditioned vehicles with your Egyptologist to Alexandria City, to escort you for Overday Trip visit:



Catacomb: This is the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria. It is composed of three levels cut 30 meters deep into the existing rock, dating to the beginning of The Second Century AD, it is a blend of Pharaonic and Roman art.

Pompey's Pillar: Mistakenly named so in the Middle Ages, this granite Pillar is over 25 meters high built amidst the ruins of the Serapium in AD 297 AD in honor of Emperor Diocletian; it is the most prominent remaining Greek Landmark in Alexandria.

Roman Amphitheatre: Located downtown at Kom al-Dikkah the Roman Amphitheatre is considered unique in Egypt. Discovered only in the early 1960's while laying the foundation of a new

building, the amphitheater has twelve semi-circular marble tiers in remarkably good condition

LOCAL Lunch at local restaurant.

Then you will continue your visits to Quait bay fortress from outside: The fort, built in 1479, stands on the site of the Pharos, the fabled lighthouse of Alexandria and One of the wonders of the ancient world, some of the Stones used in the fort's Construction came from the Pharos the promenade near the fort is a lovely place to sit and watch the world go.

You will visit the large and famous Alexandria Library, reconstructed by building the new library in Selsela at Shatby Which is beside the conference center. The library is one of the greatest cultural and scientific centers that specialize in the affairs of, literature, civilization, sciences, and arts of the area so this attracts scholars from all over the world.

Then drive back to hotel for overnight. Overnight in Cairo Hotel.

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DAY 08: MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

Breakfast at hotel. Free till departure. Transfer to Cairo airport.

Xplore Destination thanking you for your patronage. Return with unforgettable memories of your holiday!

Take Away Sweet Memories...!!

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- ✓ Tourist Visa & Travel Insurance.
- ✓ 02 Nights' accommodation at the Hotel in Cairo on bed & breakfast basis.
- ✓ 02 Nights' accommodation on board of 01st class sleeper Train on half board basis (LOCAL dinner & breakfast), Route: Cairo/Aswan-Luxor/Cairo.
- ✓ 03 Nights' accommodation on board of Nile Cruise on full board basis.
- ✓ II. Transfers – “All by private deluxe air-conditioned vehicles”:
- ✓ Meet & assist at Cairo International Airport and transfer to Cairo Hotel.
- ✓ Transfer from Cairo Hotel to Cairo railway station for Aswan 01st Class Sleeping train.
- ✓ Meet & assist at Aswan railway station and transfer to Nile Cruise pier in Aswan.
- ✓ Transfer from Nile Cruise pier in Luxor-to-Luxor railway station for Cairo 01st Class Sleeping train.
- ✓ Meet & assist at Cairo railway station and transfer to Cairo Hotel.
- ✓ Transfer from Cairo Hotel to Cairo international airport for final departure.
- ✓ III. Tours – “All by private deluxe air-conditioned vehicles”:
- ✓ Private full day tour, visiting: Pyramids, Sphinx, papyrus institute, perfume factory, Cotton & Jewelry Shops, Egyptian Museum “Tahrir Square” & Khan El Khalili Bazaars including English speaking guide, entrance fees & transportation.
- ✓ All daytime excursions/sightseeing is per cruises itinerary with local English-speaking guide joining other passengers on board.
- ✓ Aswan: High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk (From Outside) & Philae Temple “By Motor-Boat”.
- ✓ Kom Ombo: The Temple Shared by the two gods Sobek and Haroeris.
- ✓ Edfu: The Temple of Horus “by horse carriage”.
- ✓ Luxor: Valley of the Kings, the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Colossi of Memnon, Karnak & Luxor Temples.
- ✓ Private Overday Alexandria tour, visiting: Catacombs, Pompey’s Pillar, Roman Amphitheatre, Quiet Bay Fortress (From Outside), The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Stanley Bridge & Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi Mosque Including English Speaking Guide, Entrance Fees & Transportation.
- ✓ IV. Meals & Beverages:
- ✓ 01 LOCAL Lunch at Local restaurants in Cairo during the full day tour.
- ✓ 01 LOCAL Lunch at Local restaurants in Alexandria during the Overday trip.
- ✓ 01 SMALL bottle of mineral water per person during Cairo full day & Alexandria Overday ONLY 2 Bottles per person in 2 days.

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