



Central Holidays™
Group Travel Experiences



EGYPT

LAND OF THE PHARAOHS

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

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

(2) CAIRO - (4) NILE RIVER CRUISE - (2) CAIRO

LAND/AIR FROM JFK - OTHER GATEWAYS AVAILABLE

EGYPT - LAND OF THE PHARAHOHS TOUR FEATURES



- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation from New York and all intra-Egypt flights
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 4 nights in Cairo
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 4 nights Nile River cruise
- **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE** 18 included meals consisting of 8 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Cairo tour including Pyramids, Sphinx, the brand new Grand Egyptian Museum, Alabaster Mosque and Khan El-Khalili Bazaar, 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 a renowned Egyptologist, a tour ancient carpet manufacturing school, a visit to a local school, an essential oils and perfume factory, and an Alabaster workshop
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Cairo
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACH** Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

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 • Marvel at the step pyramid of Sakkara • See the unfinished Obelisk & Temple of Philae • Marvel at the monumental Aswan High Dam • Sail in a felucca, a typical Nile sailboat • View Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden & the Agha Khan Mausoleum • Tour Cairo • See Tutankhamun's priceless treasures • Haggle for bargains at the market.

OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE** 7 included meals consisting of 3 buffet 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 full day tour of Alexandria
- **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





DAY 1 USA TO CAIRO

Depart from the 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, visa purchase and customs by your tour director, then escorted to your hotel. (Check in at 03:00 P.M.) Evening is free at your leisure.

DAY 3 CAIRO



(B,L)

After breakfast you will head to Sakkara where you will see the famous Step Pyramid. Visit a Carpet manufacturing school, a handmade tradition that began during the reign of King Farouk. The craft of weaving preserves its old form which classifies it as an Egyptian antiquity. After Lunch, start your day with exploring the Citadel of Saladin, a medieval fortification, including the marvelous Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque. Then, drive to Old Cairo to visit Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church) and Ben Ezra Synagogue. Overnight in Cairo.

DAY 4 CAIRO | LUXOR-CRUISE



(B,L,D)

Have your breakfast OR grab your breakfast box (in case of early flight) and 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.

DAY 5 LUXOR | EDFU-CRUISE



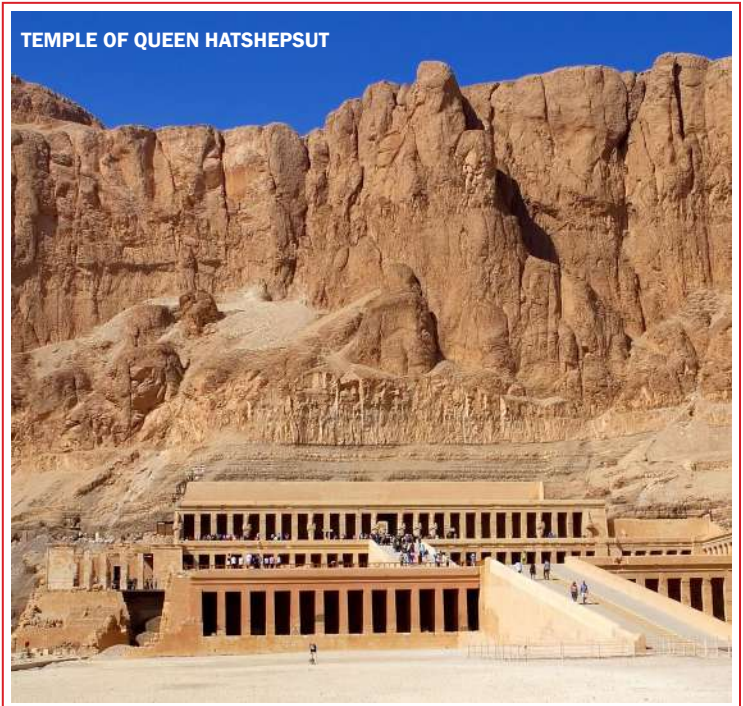
(B,L,D)

After breakfast, you will visit the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings. The ancient Egyptians built massive public monuments for their pharaohs. They also spent time creating concealed underground tombs full of treasures. The most famed collection of such intricate tombs, the Valley of the Kings, became a royal burial ground for pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I, and Ramses II, as well as queens, high priests, and other elites of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties. Later see the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Prior to leaving the Valley of the Kings, you visit an Alabaster workshop (Cultural Discovery Series) to see how vases and statues are made in the traditional ancient styles. Lunch on board, in the evening, welcome cocktail party followed by dinner on board. Sailing to Edfu passing through the Esna Lock. Overnight in Edfu.

KARNAK TEMPLE



TEMPLE OF QUEEN HATSHEPSUT



DAY 6 EDFU | COM OMBO-CRUISE  (B,L,D)

After breakfast once again, in today's adventure 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 and 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 7 ASWAN-CRUISE  (B,L,D)

After breakfast, you will visit Aswan's High Dam, an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960's. 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. Later you will visit workers at an oils and perfume factory to learn about this ancient industry. Your day will continue with visiting the Temple of Philae. Philae in Greek or Pilak in ancient Egyptian, means 'the end,' and defined the southernmost limit of Egypt. Return to your Nile cruise for lunch. After lunch, you sail onboard a "Felucca", a typical Nile sailboat, and view Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. In the evening enjoy a Nubian Folkloric Show on board. Overnight in Aswan.

DAY 8 ASWAN | CAIRO  (B)

Check-out and breakfast on board. According to your flight time back to Cairo, enjoy an "Optional Tour" to visit a Nubian village on Sohail Island. Here you will visit a traditional Nubian house to learn about the history and culture of the Nubian people over a glass of welcome tea. After your time at the house, take a walk to explore the island on your own, stroll through the village, and chat with the locals. Transfer to Aswan airport. Upon arrival in Cairo, transfer to your hotel and check-in. This evening is your own to relax by the pool.

DAY 9 CAIRO  (B,L)

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. Next, visit the Papyrus Institute and learn about papyrus making as an important part of Egypt's history (Cultural Discovery Series). Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and continue your visit to The Grand Egyptian Museum. The Museum hosts over 100,000 artifacts from ancient Egyptian civilization, including the complete Tutankhamun collection, and many pieces will be on display for the first time. With 81,000 m2 (872,000 sq ft) of floor space, it is the world's largest archeological museum.

DAY 10 CAIRO TO USA  (B)

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home or extend your stay to Alexandria..

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 3 ④ 5 ACTIVE

Mobility Advisory:

This trip is listed as a 4 out of 5, for active physical mobility. On a daily basis, travelers will be expected to walk, unassisted, at a moderate steady pace, occasionally over difficult terrain such as uneven cobblestones. Travelers will also be expected to be able to get on and off various means of transportation, unassisted.




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.

OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION**DAY 10 CAIRO | ALEXANDRIA**  (B,L,D)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Cairo and then depart for a scenic drive to Alexandria. Upon arrival, your guide will take you on amazing adventures including one of the best-known ancient monuments still standing in 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. After visits, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and sample the flavors and cuisine of the region. 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. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 11 ALEXANDRIA - CITY TOUR  (B,L,D)

Today your tour Alexandria today, you will also see the Royal Library of Alexandria which was once the largest library in the world and the Qaitbay Citadel in Alexandria which is considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt, but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. After visits, enjoy lunch at another local restaurant with flavors and cuisine of the region. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 12 ALEXANDRIA | CAIRO  (B)

After breakfast transfer to Cairo and check in at your hotel. The afternoon is yours to explore Cairo at your own pace.

DAY 13 CAIRO TO USA  (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

 (B) - BREAKFAST (L) - LUNCH (D) - DINNER

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at the guide's discretion due to local conditions



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