

Egypt Eclipse Adventure 2027 (A)

Country(ies): Egypt

Tour type: Small Group

Transport: A/C minibus, internal flight & Nile cruiseboat

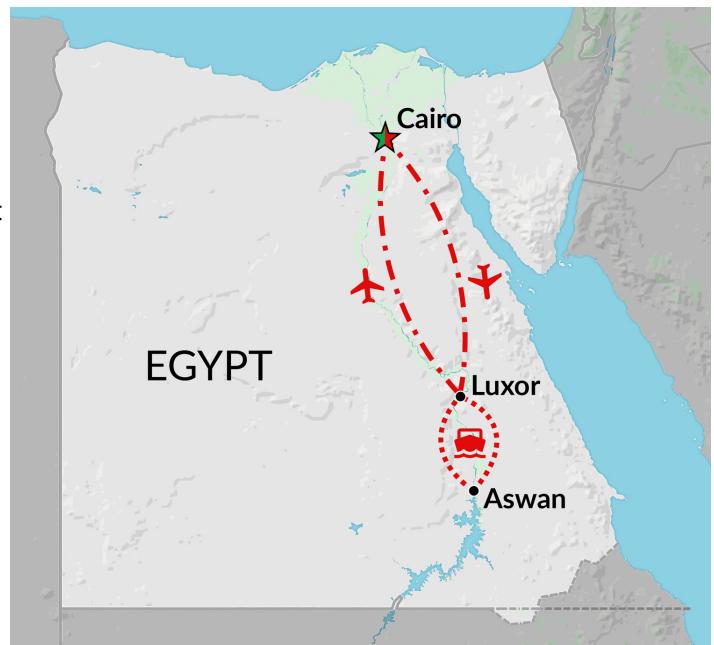
Group size: Min: 2 | Max: 30

Days: 10 days

Start Location: Cairo, Egypt

End Location: Cairo, Egypt

Meals: Breakfasts - 9, Lunches - 5, Dinners - 6



Highlights:

2027 total solar eclipse, Iconic Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza, Egyptian museum, 5-star cruise down the Nile visiting Karnak & Luxor temples, the Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatchepsut, Medinat Habu & Philae Temples and Felucca Sailboat experience

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive into Cairo, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel for the start of your trip. They will help you settle in, introduce you to the local area, and explain tomorrow's arrangements.

OVERNIGHT: Cairo hotel

MEALS: None

EXTRAS: Single room supplement (EGSG27)

Day 2: Visit the Pyramids in Giza and the stepped Pyramid in Saqqara

Our Egyptian adventure begins with a journey back in time to the Giza Plateau, home to the iconic Great Pyramids. These magnificent structures, declared one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world by the Greeks, will leave you breathless with their sheer size and intricate construction. We'll explore the Pyramids of Giza, including the Great Pyramid of Khufu, and encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, standing guard over these ancient wonders.

But that's not all! We'll also delve deeper into Egypt's rich history with a visit to Memphis, the first capital of the ancient kingdom. Here, we'll come face-to-face with the colossal statue of Ramses II, a powerful reminder of the pharaohs who once ruled this land. Our journey continues to Sakkara, where we'll marvel at the Step Pyramid of Djoser, an architectural masterpiece that predates the Great Pyramids and offers a fascinating glimpse into the evolution of pyramid construction.

OVERNIGHT: Cairo hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Discover the wonders of ancient Egypt at the GEM. Fly to Luxor

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel, anticipating a truly monumental experience. Today, we delve into the treasures of Egypt's Pharaonic past at the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), located near the Giza Plateau. This state-of-the-art museum houses an unparalleled collection of artefacts, offering a comprehensive insight into ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Prepare to be amazed as you explore the vast exhibition halls. The highlight for many is the complete Tutankhamun collection, displayed together for the first time, showcasing the dazzling golden mask, sarcophagi, chariots, and thousands of other objects discovered in the young pharaoh's tomb. Wander through galleries dedicated to different periods, marvelling at colossal statues, intricate jewellery, and everyday items that bring ancient Egypt vividly to life. The museum's modern design and interpretative displays provide a captivating context for these timeless wonders.

Following our immersive museum visit, we will have a break for lunch before transferring to Cairo Airport. Here, we board a short domestic flight southwards to Luxor, the city often described as the world's greatest open-air museum. Upon arrival in Luxor, ancient Thebes, you'll be met and transferred to the Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

which will be your base for the next 6 nights.

After settling in, enjoy dinner and relax. The evening is yours to perhaps take a gentle stroll or simply rest, ready to explore the magnificent temples and tombs of Luxor, the heartland of the New Kingdom pharaohs, tomorrow.

OVERNIGHT: Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

MEALS: Breakfast,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Morning visit to the West Bank of the Nile. Afternoon exploring Karnak and Luxor Temples on the East Bank

Get ready to be impressed as we begin our exploration of the Nile's West Bank, a place steeped in ancient Egyptian mythology and history.

Our first stop will be the Colossi of Memnon, two towering statues that have stood sentinel for millennia. Imagine the stories these giants could tell! From there, we'll venture into the Valley of the Kings, a hidden valley where pharaohs, including the legendary Tutankhamun, were laid to rest. We'll get to explore these elaborately decorated tombs and uncover the secrets of their fascinating past.

Next, we'll journey to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, a magnificent complex built into the cliffs, dedicated to one of Egypt's few female pharaohs. We'll marvel at its grandeur and learn about the powerful queen who ruled over Egypt. Our West Bank adventure culminates with a visit to Medinat Habu, a temple complex adorned with vibrant and intricate hieroglyphics that depict scenes of ancient Egyptian life and mythology.

After a break for lunch our next stop is the sprawling Karnak Temple complex, arguably the largest religious building ever constructed. We will spend time navigating its immense grounds, exploring the layers of history built by generations of pharaohs and marvelling at key features like the Sacred Lake and the towering columns of the Great Hypostyle Hall. Subsequently, our visit takes us to Luxor Temple. We'll explore its elegant courts, chapels, and the remaining sections of the Avenue of Sphinxes, appreciating the temple's unique construction, which includes Roman and Coptic additions, reflecting its long history.

OVERNIGHT: Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS: Hot air balloon in Luxor

Day 5: Witnessing the Great Luxor Eclipse. Sail to Edfu.

Today promises to be an extraordinary highlight of your journey, a day centred around one of nature's most awe-inspiring spectacles: a total solar eclipse. On this date, Luxor finds itself uniquely positioned as a prime gateway to witness an exceptionally long totality, occurring just outside the city limits.

The morning will begin with palpable excitement and anticipation. After breakfast, preparations will be made to travel to a carefully selected viewing site in Luxor, and you will be provided with a packed lunch for the day. This location has been chosen to ensure the best possible, unobstructed view of the sky, placing you directly within the path of totality for the maximum duration possible in this region – predicted to be over an incredible six minutes!

As the morning progresses, the celestial drama will begin to unfold. You will witness the Moon starting its slow passage across the face of the Sun, taking an increasingly large 'bite' out of it. You will be provided with special eclipse viewing glasses, essential for protecting your eyes during these partial phases. Observe the subtle, yet increasingly noticeable, changes in the quality of light; colours may seem sharper, shadows strangely defined, and the ambient temperature might begin a slight, perceptible dip even before the main event.

Then, in the moments leading up to totality, the sky will dramatically darken. You might witness the phenomenon of shadow bands rippling across the landscape. As the last sliver of the Sun vanishes behind the Moon, the world will transform. Day will plunge into an eerie, deep twilight. Remove your viewing glasses only when totality begins, and prepare to be mesmerised.

For over six breathtaking minutes – an unusually long duration for a total eclipse – you will stand under a sky unlike any other. The Sun's magnificent outer atmosphere, the ethereal corona, will blaze into view, streaming outwards around the black silhouette of the Moon. Brighter stars and planets may become visible in the darkened sky. Look towards the horizon, and you might see colours reminiscent of a 360-degree sunset. Experience the distinct drop in temperature and listen to the potential reactions of wildlife or the hushed awe of your fellow observers. It is a truly multi-sensory experience, standing in the Moon's shadow.

Just as suddenly as it began, the end of totality will approach. A brilliant burst of light, known as the 'diamond ring effect', will signal the Sun's reappearance, requiring you to immediately use your eclipse glasses again. Daylight will swiftly return, the temperature will climb, and the partial phases will proceed in reverse as the Moon gradually moves away from the Sun.

Reflecting on this profound experience, perhaps contemplating how the ancient Egyptians themselves might have reacted to such an event amidst their monumental temples, will add another layer to the day.

While the precise timings and logistical details for accessing the prime viewing location will be finalised and communicated closer to August 2027, rest assured that every arrangement will be made to guarantee you are in an optimal position, complete with necessary viewing equipment and refreshments, to safely witness the full, spellbinding totality of this historic solar eclipse near Luxor.

After witnessing the Solar Eclipse, we'll return to our cruise boat and sail south to Edfu.

OVERNIGHT: Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 6: Visit Edfu Temple and cruise to Aswan

After a leisurely breakfast on board, we'll disembark and head to the nearby Temple of Edfu. This remarkably well-preserved temple, dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus, is a stunning example of Ptolemaic architecture. As you wander through its impressive courtyards, you'll be transported back in time, imagining the processions of priests and pharaohs that once graced these halls. Admire the intricate reliefs depicting scenes of Horus's mythology, and learn about the temple's important role in ancient Egyptian religious practices.

Back on board our comfortable cruise ship, we'll continue our journey up the Nile towards Aswan, soaking in the ever-changing scenery. The pace of life along the riverbanks unfolds at a slower pace here, offering a captivating glimpse into traditional rural life in Egypt. Watch as farmers tend their fields using age-old methods, fishermen cast their nets into the flowing waters, and children play along the shore. It's a timeless scene that speaks to the enduring connection between the Egyptian people and the Nile River.

As we cruise, why not take some time for yourself to relax and unwind? Head to the sundeck and enjoy a refreshing dip in the plunge pool, perhaps with a cool drink in hand. Or simply find a comfortable spot to lounge in the sun with a good book, letting the gentle rocking of the boat and the warm breeze lull you into a state of pure tranquility.

Our cruise continues southward towards Aswan, the historic gateway to Nubia. Enjoy the remaining daylight hours out on deck, watching the sun cast long shadows over the river and the desert landscape as we approach this vibrant city. Perhaps you'll spot traditional felucca sailboats gliding along the water, or catch sight of a Nubian village with its brightly painted houses.

OVERNIGHT: Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Abu Simbel option. Sail the Nile on a traditional Felucca. Visit Philae Temple & Aswan Dam

This morning, you have the incredible opportunity to embark on an optional excursion to the awe-inspiring Abu Simbel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that stands as a testament to the grandeur of ancient Egypt. We'll depart before dawn, making our way through the desert landscape. Our goal is to arrive in time to witness the magical moment when the rising sun illuminates the facade of the temples, casting a golden glow on the colossal statues of Ramses II. It's a truly unforgettable experience that captures the mystique and majesty of this ancient wonder. Please note that if you choose to visit Abu Simbel, you will not participate in the Felucca sailboat trip which takes place this morning.

If you choose to remain in Aswan, we'll step back in time and experience the magic of the Nile River firsthand with a leisurely sail on a traditional Felucca sailboat. Imagine yourself gliding along the legendary waters, the gentle breeze filling the sails as you soak in the stunning scenery of Aswan from a unique perspective. It's the perfect way to unwind and connect with the soul of Egypt before continuing our explorations.

Our afternoon tour in Aswan takes us to the enchanting island temple complex of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis. We'll journey by boat to this picturesque island, where the temple complex, with its graceful columns and intricate carvings, seems to rise organically from the water. Philae remains one of Egypt's most romantic and picturesque sites, its beauty enhanced by its remarkable history. The entire complex was carefully dismantled and relocated to its current location following the construction of the Aswan High Dam, ensuring its preservation for generations to come.

Speaking of the dam, we'll also pay a visit to the impressive Aswan High Dam, a monumental feat of engineering that harnessed the power of the Nile and created Lake Nasser, one of the world's largest man-made lakes. We'll learn about the dam's construction and its impact on Egypt, both positive and negative, gaining a deeper understanding of this country's complex relationship with its lifeline, the Nile River.

OVERNIGHT: Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS: Abu Simbel overland

Day 8: Sail to Luxor, stopping at Kom Ombo Temple along the way

With our cruise ship turning back towards Luxor, our next port of call is Kom Ombo, home to a truly remarkable temple. Standing dramatically on the Nile's edge, this temple holds the distinction of being dedicated to two deities: Sobek, the crocodile god, and Haroeris, the falcon god. We'll have the chance to explore its intriguing chambers and discover the story behind its unique dual dedication. Be sure to see the display of mummified crocodiles, which highlights the ancient Egyptians' deep respect for these formidable animals. We'll then have a final night onboard in Luxor with free time to further explore the town at your leisure, or perhaps revisit Karnak Temple for the Sound and Light Show.

OVERNIGHT: Beau Rivage Nile Cruise

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS: Karnak Sound & Light Show

Day 9: Morning flight to Cairo. Explore Khan-el-Khalili Bazaar

Our day begins with a transfer to Luxor airport to catch a morning flight northwards to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, you will be met and transferred towards the heart of the historic city for an unforgettable cultural immersion.

This afternoon's tour takes you to the famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar, one of the oldest and most atmospheric marketplaces in the Middle East. Prepare to be captivated as you navigate its maze-like alleys, which have buzzed with activity for centuries. Experience the vibrant tapestry of sights, sounds, and smells – from the glint of handcrafted metalwork and colourful lanterns to the rich scent of exotic spices and perfumes, and the lively calls of vendors. It is the perfect place to browse for unique souvenirs, traditional crafts, jewellery, and textiles, or perhaps pause to soak up the bustling atmosphere in a traditional coffeehouse (ahwa). This visit offers a fascinating glimpse into the enduring commercial and cultural spirit of Cairo.

OVERNIGHT: Cairo hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS: Nile dinner cruise in Cairo

Day 10: Cairo, departure transfer to the airport

Your time is free today until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. Extensions are available to add onto the end of the tour to spend some time by the Red Sea, add some day trips to Alexandria or visit the World Heritage Site of Wadi Rayan and the Valley of the Whales.

OVERNIGHT: N/A

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Included:

- 3 nights accommodation at the 5-star Crowne Plaza Arkan in Cairo
- 6 nights onboard the 5-star Beau Rivage Nile Cruise (Luxor-Aswan-Luxor)
- Domestic flights (Cairo-Luxor, Luxor-Cairo)
- A day dedicated to witnessing the 2027 solar eclipse in a prime location in Luxor
- Eclipse Viewing Glasses
- All transport and transfers
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- Services of a local Egyptologist tour guide for all sightseeing tours
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Excluded:

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (compulsory)

- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees - allow approx. US\$141 (correct at the time of publication)
- Tipping kitty (allow US\$100)
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tour guide tips
- Hotel gala dinners (see Tour notes)
- Any other items not mentioned above

Notes

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Deposit Note:

Please note that due to stricter cancellation and deposit rules imposed by accommodations over this travel period, our standard deposit policy will not apply to this tour, please find the deposit rules applicable to this tour below:

Initial non-refundable deposit at point of booking - GB£500 / US\$650 per person (or equivalent in your currency - you will be advised on the required deposit in your selected currency during the online booking process)

Interim non-refundable deposit at 31 Jul 2026 - GB£1000 / US\$1300 per person

Balance due on 31 Jan 2027 (non-refundable after payment)

Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

Hot air balloon in Luxor

Min numbers: 1

This popular optional tour starts early in the morning so that you experience the sunrise over the Valleys of the Kings & Queens, temples and desert. We endeavour to use the earliest flights of the day as they are timed to fit with the rising sun, this means that times may vary. You get around 1 hour in the air.

The price of this option is approximately \$170.00. Please note that this option is only available to be booked locally, via your tour guide who will also advise you of the current price.

Alexandria day trip

Min numbers: 1

Alexandria is about 2.5 hours drive, north of Cairo on the Mediterranean coast of Egypt. This ex colonial city is the second largest in Egypt and our visit will include the Roman amphitheatre with its twelve semi-circular marble tiers, the Catacombs of Kom al-Shoqafa which is the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria, Pompey's Pillar, Fort Qaitbey (from outside), the famous modern library before returning to Cairo. If time allows you can tour inside Fort Qaitbey and we may also visit the Montazah Palace gardens. Lunch at a seafood restaurant is included. As the tour takes a full day you will either need a late evening flight departure on the last day of the tour to accommodate it, or to add an extra day to the start or end of your trip.

Prices are based on a minimum of 2 travellers choosing the option. Solo traveller supplements apply. Entrance fees to sites visited are not included (budget approx. USD 28)

Cairo city tour

Min numbers: 1

This half day guided tour of Cairo begins with Islamic areas including the Citadel of Saladdin, boasting the famous Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Then we head onto the Coptic area of Cairo where the Romans constructed the fortress of Babylon. The church of St. Mary was built over the ruins of two towers of the fortress whilst it is more commonly known as the Hanging Church next stop is St. Sergius which is said to be the resting place of the Holy Family. The tour finishes at the Khan-el-Khalili bazaar. The entrance fees budget covers the Coptic Museum, the Citadel and the Sultan Hassan Mosque. Depending on your day, you may not have time to visit all of these.

Entrance fees to sites visited are not included (budget approx. USD 22)

Prices shown are based on a minimum of 2 people travelling. Solo traveller supplements apply.

Abu Simbel overland

Min numbers: 2

The temples built by Ramses II at Abu Simbel are one of Egypt's highlights, and have a fascinating story behind them to go with their impressive size. When Lake Nasser was flooded, the final water level was going to submerge several temples, the most important of which being Abu Simbel. The temple was therefore dismantled completely and rebuilt further up the hillside where it sits today. The temple stands today as a testament to Ramses II and the great building prowess of the ancient Egyptians, as well as to modern engineering. We depart Aswan very early in the morning (around 4am), with the aim of getting to Abu Simbel to see the temples in the light of the rising sun. We then have a guided tour with one of our Egyptologists and some free time before we drive back to Aswan (approx. 3 1/2 hours drive each way, with around 2 hours at the temples). The tour itinerary is designed so you will not miss any other activities if you choose this option.

Note - we choose the overland route to get to Abu Simbel as the flight times there are unreliable and the journey using the flight is much more segmented (you get more rest on the coach), not to mention it is much more expensive to fly.

Entrance fees to the site (approx. US\$17, 50% for children) are not included in the option price and should be paid locally. A minimum of 2 people is required to operate this option.

Pyramids Camel Ride

Min numbers: 1

Experience the Giza Pyramids from a unique vantage point with an optional camel ride. This excursion takes you across the desert to a scenic view point, offering panoramic views of the pyramids. Capture memorable photos and enjoy the desert landscape.

Cairo Sunset Felucca

Min numbers: 1

Take a relaxing felucca ride on the Nile at sunset. See Cairo's landmarks from the water as the sky changes colour. Enjoy a peaceful break from the city, and get great photo opportunities of the skyline. This trip offers a calm way to experience the Nile and create memorable moments of your time in Egypt.

The price of this option is based on a minimum of 2 travellers, single supplements may apply when this tour is operated for just 1 passenger.

Cairo Tower inc.transfers

Min numbers: 1

Experience breathtaking panoramic views of Cairo by night with an optional evening visit to the iconic Cairo Tower. This trip includes convenient round-trip transfers from your hotel, ensuring a comfortable and hassle-free journey. Ascend to the tower's observation deck and witness the city's glittering skyline, the Nile River, and the illuminated landmarks stretching into the distance.

Please note: The Cairo Tower entrance fee is not included and is approximately \$8. Pricing is based on a minimum of 2 passengers, a single supplement applies when this tour is operated for just 1 adult.

Single room supplement (EGSG27)

Min numbers: 1

This tour is based on twin-share accommodation. This option books a single room in all the accommodation throughout the tour. As demand for our solar eclipse tours is very high, should a same sex room share not be available, the single supplement will be mandatory whenever a single room is required.

Karnak Sound & Light Show

Min numbers: 1

Experience the magic of Karnak Temple at night with a captivating sound and light show. This optional extra includes convenient round-trip transport from your hotel, ensuring a hassle-free evening as you witness the ancient wonders illuminated against the Egyptian sky.

Pricing is based on a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together. Supplements may apply when this option is operated for just 1 passenger.

Siwa Oasis Extension (3 Nights)

Min numbers: 1

Discover the wonders of Siwa Oasis on a 4-day optional tour from Cairo, featuring ancient sites, unique natural landscapes like salt lakes and desert springs, and cultural experiences before returning to Cairo.

Philae Sound and Light Show

Min numbers: 1

Experience the magic of Philae Temple at night with a captivating sound and light show. This optional extra includes convenient round-trip transport from your hotel, ensuring a hassle-free evening as you witness the ancient wonders illuminated against the desert sky.

Pricing is based on a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together. Supplements may apply when this option is operated for just 1 passenger.

Nubian Village Visit by Boat

Min numbers: 1

Embark on a captivating journey along the Nile and immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of the Nubian people. This optional day trip, departing from Aswan, offers a unique opportunity to experience traditional Nubian life.

Board a motorboat and sail upriver, enjoying breathtaking views of the Nile's picturesque scenery. Arrive at a colourful Nubian village, where you'll be welcomed with warm hospitality. Explore the village's distinctive mud-brick houses, adorned with bright colours and intricate designs.

Discover the rich history and traditions of the Nubian people, learning about their unique customs and way of life. You'll also have the chance to browse local handicrafts and souvenirs, supporting the village's artisans.

This optional excursion provides an unforgettable glimpse into Nubian culture, offering a peaceful and authentic experience away from the bustling city of Aswan. Return to Aswan by boat.

Wadi Rayan day trip (Valley of the Whales)

Min numbers: 1

This tour provides a great contrast to the Pharaonic sites you have visited on the rest of your tour. We leave Cairo and head to the Fayoum region where we head for the Wadi Rayan Protected Area, which surrounds a fresh-water lake in the middle of the desert, filled by the remaining irrigation water from the Fayoum area. There are several waterfalls here (popular in Egyptian pop music videos), and a bird hide which gives good views of the lakes birdlife, particularly in the winter months when the lake is an important stop for migrating water-birds. We also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, and host to many different plants and animals, including Dorcas Gazelle, Ruppell's Sand Fox and Fennec Fox. Before lunch, we'll make a

stop in the sand dunes surrounding Wadi Rayan to have a go at Sandboarding. After a stop for a packed lunch, we then drive into the stunning desert & mountain scenery of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is accepted as the most significant site in the world to demonstrate the evolution of whales, and we take a 2-3km walk here to see several specimens of fossilised whales of different types sitting on the surface of the sand, as well as fossilised mangroves and the remains of crab holes.

This tour requires a full free day in Cairo, but can also be arranged straight after you arrive back in Cairo from Luxor/Aswan from the overnight sleeper train. We can also arrange it on any tour if you add extra days before and after your main tour. Prices shown are based on 2 or more people travelling, with an additional supplement due for solo travellers.

Entrance fees are excluded, please budget \$15 per person.

1. Transport

Our trips feature a mix of different transport options. We want you to feel like you're really experiencing the country you're travelling through, but at the same time we want you to finish journeys refreshed enough to enjoy the next stage of the tour. In Egypt we do not use any public tourist buses or overnight coach journeys as we know that people don't sleep on board and end up very tired for the following few days. All the vehicles we use are air-conditioned, many are fitted with speed limiters, and all are inspected and checked daily. Some 4WD vehicles used on desert safari options may not always have air conditioning where they are only used for short periods.

This tour also avoids any overnight train journeys, featuring domestic flights with Egypt Air between Cairo-Luxor and Aswan-Cairo.

Nile cruise boat itineraries are subject to alterations depending on local conditions at the time of travel. Some sailing may be done after dark. Boats may moor up alongside each other at night, requiring you to cross through other boats to reach the shore. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve the cruise boats normally run a special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is normally compulsory, whether you attend or not, and is not included in our group tour prices, and will be added to bookings when we get the final prices from the cruise boats (budget around USD100 to USD180 per person).

2. Total Solar Eclipse 2027

On the day of the solar eclipse, transport will be provided to a designated viewing location in Luxor. Facilities at this site may be limited and it will be hot, so we recommend bringing a day pack with essentials such as ample water, snacks, suncream, a hat, and perhaps an umbrella for extra shade. To ensure safe viewing, we will supply all group members with certified eclipse glasses. A packed lunch will also be provided.

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3. Dates & Prices

Due to exceptional demand, accommodations have very limited availability around these dates, we will therefore only be operating 1 group departure. We may also be able to assist with a limited number of private tours - contact us for details.

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Note: Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel as itineraries and information does change from time to time.
