

## Egyptian Legacy

---

**Country(ies):** Egypt

**Tour type:** Small Group

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

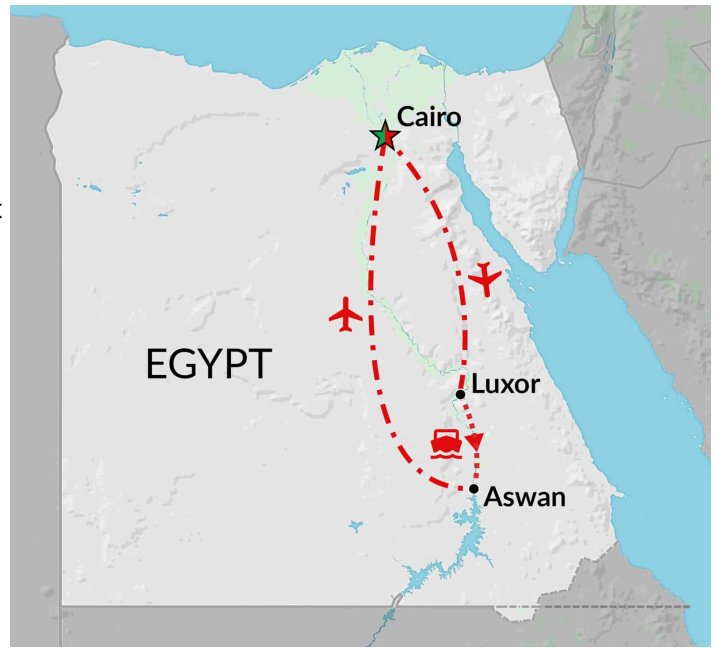
**Group size:** Min: 2 | Max: 18

**Days:** 8 days

**Start Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**End Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 7, Lunches - 4, Dinners - 4



### Highlights:

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 (EGSGEL) Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - pre-tour

## 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: Early flight to Luxor. Morning visit to the West Bank of the Nile and Luxor Temple by night

This morning, we'll catch an early flight to Luxor, the ancient city of Thebes and a treasure trove of historical wonders. 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 day of exploration, you'll have the afternoon free to unwind. Relax on board your luxurious 5-star Nile cruise ship, perhaps with a refreshing dip in the pool or a leisurely stroll on the deck. Or, if you're feeling adventurous, dive into the bustling atmosphere of Luxor's markets, where you can find souvenirs, spices, and local handicrafts.

As dusk settles over Luxor, we'll embark on a magical walking tour of the Luxor Temple. This magnificent temple, illuminated against the night sky, is truly a sight to behold. We'll wander through its towering columns and courtyards, learning about its rich history and religious significance.

**OVERNIGHT:** On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:** Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 4: Explore Karnak Temple and continue sailing to Edfu

This morning, you'll have the opportunity to witness the sunrise over the majestic West Bank of the Nile from a truly unique perspective – a hot air balloon! Imagine drifting silently above the ancient landscape, the Valley of the Kings spread out beneath you as the sun paints the sky with vibrant hues. It's an experience that will stay with you forever.

After a delicious breakfast, we'll delve into the heart of ancient Thebes with a visit to the awe-inspiring Karnak Temple Complex. Prepare to be amazed by this sprawling complex, a city of temples within a city. Wander through the towering columns of the Great Hypostyle Hall, explore the numerous temples dedicated to various gods and pharaohs, and marvel at the intricate carvings and hieroglyphics that adorn every surface. Karnak truly lives up to Luxor's reputation as the world's largest open-air museum.

In the afternoon, we'll embark on a leisurely cruise up the Nile River. Settle in on the sundeck and watch as the scenery unfolds before you – lush green fields, traditional villages, and ancient monuments dotting the riverbanks. We'll pass through the lock at Esna, a fascinating feat of engineering, and continue on to Edfu, where we'll moor for the night.

**Note:** Nile cruise boat itineraries are subject to slight alterations en-route)

**OVERNIGHT:** On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:** Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:** Hot air balloon in Luxor

## Day 5: Visit Edfu Temple and cruise to Kom Ombo & 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 Kom Ombo, 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 next stop is Kom Ombo, where a truly unique temple awaits. Dramatically situated right on the banks of the Nile, this temple is unusual because it's actually dedicated to two gods: Sobek, the crocodile god, and Haroeris, the falcon god. We'll explore the temple's fascinating chambers and learn about the unique duality of its dedication. Don't miss the section where mummified crocodiles are on display - a testament to the ancient Egyptians' reverence for these powerful creatures.

With the fascinating Kom Ombo behind us, 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:** On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:** Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 6: 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.

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 (please note that if visiting Abu Simbel, the Felucca ride will be missed as these activities both take place this morning)

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:** On board 5-star cruise boat

**MEALS:** Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:** Abu Simbel overland

## **Day 7: Morning flight to Cairo. Visit the Egyptian Museum. Optional afternoon tours**

This morning, we bid farewell to Aswan and embark on a short flight back to Cairo, where we'll delve deeper into the heart of Egypt's captivating history. Our journey begins at the renowned Egyptian Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artifacts that spans millennia.

Accompanied by your expert Egyptologist guide, you'll embark on a fascinating journey through the museum's vast collection. Wander through the halls, each dedicated to a specific historical period, and marvel at the intricate sarcophagi, the delicate jewelry, and the imposing statues that bring ancient Egypt to life. Of course, no visit to the Egyptian Museum is complete without gazing upon the treasures of Tutankhamun, including his iconic golden mask – a symbol of Egypt's enduring fascination.

This afternoon offers the freedom to explore Cairo at your own pace. Perhaps you'll wander through the bustling streets, soaking up the city's vibrant energy, or relax at a charming café, enjoying the warm Egyptian sunshine.

Alternatively, you can join an optional half-day tour that unveils the diverse cultural heritage of Cairo. Venture into Coptic Cairo, a historic district where ancient churches and synagogues stand as testaments to the city's Christian and Jewish communities. Marvel at the Hanging Church, with its intricate woodwork and serene atmosphere, and explore the Ben Ezra Synagogue, steeped in history and tradition. Next, we'll ascend to the Citadel, a medieval fortress that offers panoramic views of the sprawling city below. Explore the Mosque of Muhammad Ali, with its Ottoman architecture and soaring minarets, and imagine the powerful rulers who once commanded this strategic stronghold. Our final stop takes us to the labyrinthine alleys of the Khan el-Khalili bazaar, a vibrant marketplace where the scents of spices and perfumes fill the air. Lose yourself in the maze of stalls, haggling for souvenirs, handcrafted jewelry, and traditional Egyptian crafts. It's a sensory overload that captures the essence of Cairo's vibrant soul.

**OVERNIGHT:** Cairo hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:** Cairo city tour Nile dinner cruise in Cairo

## Day 8: 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:** Alexandria day trip Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - post-tour

### Included:

- Domestic flights
- 3 nights accommodation in 5-star hotels
- 4-night 5-star Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- Felucca sailboat experience in Aswan
- 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\$135)
- Tipping kitty (allow US\$85)
- 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

### Similar tours:

The following tours are also available to provide an in depth exploration of Cairo, ancient Egypt and the River Nile...

- [Discover Egypt](#) - exchanges the luxury cruise for an overnight felucca sailboat trip outside of Aswan, and then heads to the Red Sea at Hurghada to make a 10-day tour
- [Gods of Egypt](#) - changes the Nile Cruise section to a 3-night cruise from Aswan to Luxor, before heading to the Red Sea at Hurghada to make a 10-day tour
- [Nubian Adventure](#) - uses the sleeper train instead of internal flights and exchanges the luxury cruise for an overnight felucca sailboat trip on the Nile outside Aswan

### Hotel Gala Dinners

Many of Egypt's hotels and Nile cruise boats arrange a very special gala dinner with entertainment in the evening on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Payment for these is often optional on Christmas Eve (24 Dec) but may be compulsory on New Year's Eve (31 Dec), whether you attend or not. Prices can range from around US\$50 to over US\$150 per person. Final decisions on prices and whether dinners are compulsory are made relatively close to the time. We aim to always select hotels that make their Gala Dinners optional, though this is not always possible. Gala dinner prices are therefore not included in our prices above, but will be added to your booking if they become required. More information is available on request.

# 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 be accommodated 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 10)

## 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 10)

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

## 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.

Price includes lunch whilst in Wadi Hitan and entrance fees.

## 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\$10, 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.

## Single room supplement (EGSGEL)

Min numbers: 1

The tour price is based on 2 people sharing twin/double rooms. This option books a single room in all the accommodation throughout the tour. If you are a single traveller and would be happy to share a room, let us know and we will see if we can pair you up with another single traveller of the same sex. If a room share is not available when you book then we will add the single room supplement to your booking and it will be payable with your balance payment unless we have arranged a room share for you by then. If a room share is arranged after you have paid the supplement then we will refund it to you. Room shares are arranged in order of booking.

**Note:** Single supplement prices may vary seasonally.

## Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - pre-tour



Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the start of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport arrival transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## **Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - post-tour**

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the end of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## **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.

## **Pyramids Sound & Light Show**

Min numbers: 1

Experience the magic of the Giza Pyramids 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.

## **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 \$7. Pricing is based on a minimum of 2 passengers, a single supplement applies when this tour is operated for just 1 adult.

## **Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) Visit**

Min numbers: 1

Elevate your Egyptian exploration with an unmissable optional guided visit to the awe-inspiring, brand new Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) in Cairo. This monumental museum is a landmark achievement, eagerly anticipated for years, and now ready to share its treasures with the world. We will provide comfortable and convenient return transportation directly from your accommodation to the museum, allowing you to relax and anticipate the wonders ahead without the hassle of navigating Cairo's bustling streets.

Upon arrival, you will embark on an enlightening tour led by an expert guide. They will bring the wonders of the GEM to life, providing fascinating insights into Egypt's rich and captivating history and navigating you through its vast collections. Your guide will highlight the most significant artefacts, ensuring you don't miss the key exhibits, including colossal statues, intricate jewellery, and the famed treasures of Tutankhamun, all presented in a state-of-the-art setting befitting their historical importance. This guided experience will deepen your understanding and appreciation of the splendours on display.

Please be aware that the entrance fee to the Grand Egyptian Museum is not included in the cost of this optional excursion. As of the time of publication (May 2025), the standard entrance fee is approximately \$26 per person. However, it is anticipated that this fee will increase to around \$30 per person in the near future. We recommend verifying the current entrance fee closer to your travel date.

Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to be among the early visitors to what is destined to become one of the world's most important cultural institutions, all while benefiting from the knowledge and passion of a dedicated guide. Secure your place on this excursion and prepare for an unforgettable and insightful encounter with the splendours of ancient Egypt in a truly twenty-first-century museum.

## **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.

---

## 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. Dates & Prices

We run regular small-group departures on this tour starting on Saturdays throughout the year. All departures are guaranteed to run with a minimum of 2 travellers. Departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request.

---

**Printed on:** Tuesday 21st of October 2025

**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.

---