

## Sands & Seas

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**Country(ies):** Egypt

**Tour type:** Small Group

**Transport:** A/C minibus/coach & sleeper train

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

**Days:** 11 days

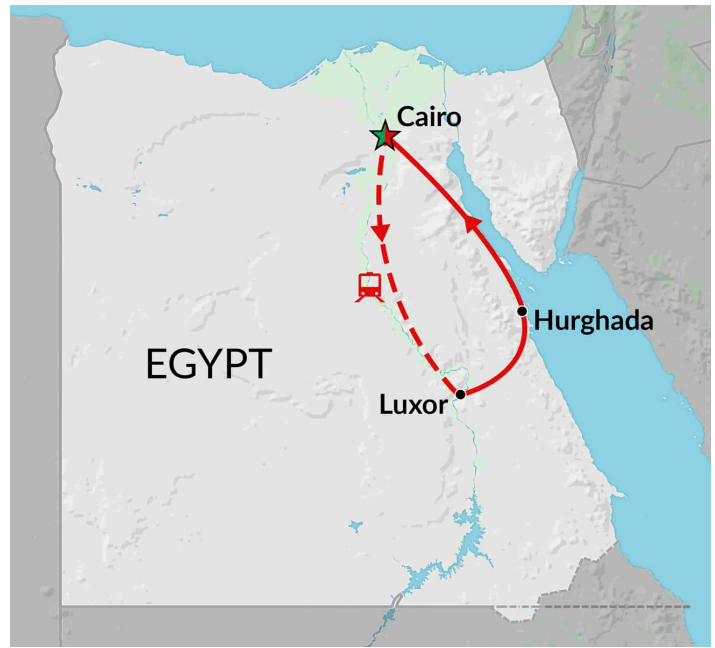
**Start Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**End Location:** Cairo, Egypt

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 10, Lunches - 1, Dinners - 2

**Highlights:**

Great Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx, Egyptian Koshary Lunch, Egyptian Museum, Tombs & Temples in Luxor, Felucca Sailing Experience on the Nile, laid-back Dahab



# Itinerary

## Day 1: Arrive into Cairo, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport, assist you with obtaining your visa and luggage, and then 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. The rest of the day is free. If you arrive early you may like to take an evening dinner cruise on the Nile, or enjoy a spectacular sound and light show at the pyramids (both available to book locally on arrival).

**OVERNIGHT:** Cairo 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** None

**EXTRAS:** Nile dinner cruise in Cairo Single room supplement (EGSGSS) Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - pre-tour

## Day 2: Explore the Ancient Pyramids and Sphinx in Giza. Enjoy a tasty Koshary Lunch and visit the Egyptian Museum

Our Egyptian adventure begins at the Giza Plateau, home to the iconic Great Pyramids – arguably the most recognizable ancient structures in the world. These colossal monuments, built by the Pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure around 2500 BC, have captivated travelers and scholars for centuries.

Our expert Egyptologist guide will be your key to unlocking the secrets of these ancient wonders. They'll share fascinating insights into the construction techniques, the religious beliefs that inspired their creation, and the stories of the pharaohs who were laid to rest within these monumental tombs. You'll learn how these pyramids fit into the broader narrative of ancient Egyptian history and gain a deeper appreciation for the ingenuity and ambition of this remarkable civilization.

For those who are feeling adventurous (and not claustrophobic!), you'll have the opportunity to venture inside one of the pyramids. Descend into the cool, dimly lit passageways and experience the unique atmosphere of these ancient chambers. It's a truly unforgettable experience that brings you face-to-face with the past.

Next, we'll encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human. This majestic guardian, nestled close to the pyramids, was only fully uncovered in the 1920s, adding to its mystique. Stand in awe of its imposing presence and contemplate the mysteries it holds.

After our awe-inspiring visit to the Sphinx, we'll take a well-deserved break to refuel with a delicious Koshary lunch. This beloved Egyptian dish is a true culinary adventure, a hearty and flavorful combination of rice, lentils, macaroni, chickpeas, and a tangy tomato sauce, topped with crispy fried onions. It's a symphony of textures and tastes that perfectly embodies the country's rich culinary heritage and will leave you feeling satisfied and ready for the next adventure!

Our exploration continues with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, a treasure trove of artifacts that spans millennia. Here, you'll encounter the golden treasures of Tutankhamun, marvel at the intricate sarcophagi of pharaohs, and come face-to-face with the art and artifacts that bring ancient Egypt to life.

As evening descends, we'll transfer to the train station for a unique experience – an overnight journey to Luxor on a sleeper train. Settle into your private twin-berth compartment and enjoy dinner as the train rolls through the Egyptian countryside. As the landscape slips by, your steward will transform your compartment into a cozy

sleeping space, ensuring a comfortable night's rest as you journey towards the ancient city of Luxor.

**OVERNIGHT:** Overnight sleeper train cabin

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**EXTRAS:** Cairo to Luxor flight upgrade

## **Day 3: West Bank Tour including the Valley of the Kings, Temple of Queen Hatchepsut, Valley of the Craftsmen and Colossi of Memnon**

Arriving in Luxor early this morning, we'll cross the majestic Nile River and embark on a journey through time to the West Bank, a place steeped in ancient Egyptian history and mythology.

Our first stop will be the legendary Valley of the Kings, a hidden valley where pharaohs, including the famous Tutankhamun, were laid to rest. We'll explore these elaborately decorated tombs, marveling at the intricate hieroglyphics and vivid paintings that adorn the walls. Even today, archaeologists continue to uncover new secrets in this ancient burial ground, making it one of the most important archaeological sites in the world.

Next, we'll journey to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, a magnificent complex built into the cliffs and dedicated to one of Egypt's few female pharaohs. We'll learn about the powerful queen who ruled over Egypt and admire the grandeur of her mortuary temple, a testament to her reign and ambition.

Our exploration continues at Deir el-Medina, also known as the Valley of the Craftsmen. This fascinating site offers a glimpse into the lives of the skilled artisans who built and decorated the royal tombs. We'll wander through the remains of their village, exploring their homes and workshops, and gain a deeper appreciation for the artistry and craftsmanship that went into creating these ancient wonders.

Our final stop on the West Bank will be the Colossi of Memnon, two towering statues that have stood sentinel for millennia. Imagine the stories these giants could tell as we stand in awe of their imposing presence and learn about their historical significance.

After a day of exploring the wonders of the West Bank, you'll have the afternoon free to relax and unwind. Enjoy the amenities of your hotel, perhaps taking a dip in the pool, indulging in a spa treatment, or simply lounging by the Nile, soaking up the peaceful atmosphere.

As evening descends, we'll venture into the heart of Luxor to visit the magnificent Luxor Temple. Beautifully illuminated against the night sky, this temple is a true spectacle to behold. We'll wander through its towering columns and courtyards, learning about its rich history and religious significance as we immerse ourselves in the magic of ancient Egypt.

**OVERNIGHT:** Luxor 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 4: Sail the River Nile onboard a traditional Felucca sailboat. Explore the immense Karnak Temple complex**

This morning, you'll have the chance to experience the magic of the Nile River with an included felucca ride. Glide along the tranquil waters, soaking in the sights and sounds of Luxor from a unique perspective. It's the perfect way to start your day and connect with the lifeblood of Egypt, the River Nile.

After a relaxing morning, you can enjoy a leisurely lunch before we embark on an afternoon adventure to the awe-inspiring Karnak Temple Complex. This sprawling complex, once the religious center of Thebes and Upper Egypt, is a true testament to the grandeur and ambition of the ancient Egyptians.

There was a time that Karnak was linked to Luxor Temple by an extensive avenue lined with sphinxes, and the whole complex was connected to the Nile via a canal through which the sacred boats of the god Amun would sail. We'll enter through a smaller sphinx-lined avenue, built by Ramesses II, and arrive at the immense pylon entrance, a gateway to another world.

Inside the vast Courtyard, we'll discover three chapels dedicated to the gods Amun, Khonsu, and Mut, each with its own unique atmosphere and history. But the true highlight of Karnak is the remarkable Hypostyle Hall, a forest of 134 towering columns, each carved with intricate scenes of gods, pharaohs, and hieroglyphic inscriptions. The sheer scale and artistry of this hall will leave you breathless.

For those seeking an even more unforgettable experience, a spectacular hot air balloon flight over the West Bank of the Nile is available this morning. 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 (but be prepared for an early start to catch the sunrise as the balloon rises!).

**OVERNIGHT:** Luxor 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:** Hot air balloon in Luxor

## **Day 5: You have a free day in Luxor today, explore at leisure or join one of our optional tours**

Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace! Relax and recharge at the hotel, perhaps lounging by the pool or indulging in a spa treatment. Or, if you're eager to delve even deeper into Egypt's fascinating history, consider joining an optional tour.

There's so much more to discover in Luxor! The West Bank beckons with intriguing sites like the Ramesseum, a sprawling mortuary temple dedicated to Ramses II; Medinat Habu, a well-preserved temple complex with vibrant reliefs; and the Valley of the Queens, the final resting place of powerful queens and royal children. Or, if you prefer to stay closer to town, the Luxor Museum houses a fascinating collection of artifacts that shed light on the city's rich past.

You can also venture out and explore Luxor independently. Wander through the bustling souk, haggling for souvenirs and soaking up the vibrant atmosphere. Visit the Mummification Museum to learn about the ancient Egyptians' intricate burial practices. Or, for a truly relaxing experience, take a felucca ride to nearby Banana Island, enjoying the peaceful scenery and the gentle breeze on the Nile.

Your tour guide will be happy to help you arrange any extra visits, or you can book sightseeing tours in advance to ensure your spot. The choice is yours!

In the evening, we'll head back to the train station to catch the overnight sleeper train back to Cairo. Settle into your comfortable compartment and enjoy the journey as the train rolls through the Egyptian countryside. For those seeking a quicker return, flight upgrades are available on request.

**OVERNIGHT:** Overnight sleeper train cabin

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner

**EXTRAS:** Extra West Bank tour in Luxor Luxor Museum tour Luxor/Cairo flight upgrade

## **Day 6: Arrive in Cairo. Free time or join one of a wide range of optional tours**

We arrive back in Cairo this morning and transfer to our hotel, where you can settle in and freshen up after your overnight journey. The day is then free for you to explore Cairo at your leisure, or you can choose to join one of our optional tours to delve deeper into the city's fascinating history and culture.

Our optional tours offer a variety of experiences to suit your interests. Embark on a city tour that takes you to 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.

Alternatively, journey to the outskirts of Cairo to explore the fascinating world of pyramid building. Visit Saqqara, Dashour, and Memphis, each site offering unique insights into the evolution of pyramid construction. At Saqqara, you'll encounter the Step Pyramid of Djoser, an architectural masterpiece that predates the Great Pyramids. In Dashur, you'll see the Bent Pyramid and the Red Pyramid, each with its own intriguing story to tell. And in Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt, you'll come face-to-face with the colossal statue of Ramses II.

For those seeking a true adventure, consider a full-day trip to the Wadi Rayan, a desert oasis located outside of Cairo. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to the Valley of the Whales, a paleontological treasure trove where you can see the fossilized remains of ancient whales and other marine creatures. It's a unique opportunity to step back in time and explore a different side of Egypt's natural history.

**OVERNIGHT:** Cairo 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:** Alexandria day trip Cairo city tour Saqqara, Dashour & Memphis Wadi Rayan day trip (Valley of the Whales)

## Day 7: Drive through Sinai to Dahab

This morning we'll depart Cairo for our drive to Dahab, the journey will take us under the Suez Canal and through the Sinai region. If you prefer to fly, we also offer an optional Cairo to Sharm el Sheikh flight upgrade. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax by the hotel pool or beach, or head into Assalah to enjoy the unique feel of this friendly village. The word Dahab in Arabic means gold and refers to the fine yellow sand that colours the beaches either side of the main bay. The nearby Bedouin village of Assalah lies along the shore of Ghazala Bay and is a collection of campsites, hotels, restaurants, shops, dive-centres and bars, dotted with palm trees. It is here that you'll experience the Bohemian feel that makes Dahab so special (most hotels provide shuttle buses and taxis to and fro are cheap as well). The evenings provide a perfect opportunity to try out some of the many restaurants and excellent local seafood.

**OVERNIGHT:** Dahab 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 8: Dahab Free day (options available)

Today is free to explore the many delights that Dahab, and its surroundings have to offer. You can do more snorkelling or try an introductory scuba-dive. Alternatively you can relax at one of the numerous beachside restaurants or do a spot of sunbathing on the beach. If you'd like to see more of what this area has to offer day trips are available to the protected area of Ras Abu Galum where you'll have the opportunity to get up close with the marine life which this area has become famous for. Other options are available to the Blue Hole, Coloured and White Canyons, Mount Sinai & St Catherine's Monastery and even a Bedouin evening in the desert.

**OVERNIGHT:** Dahab 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 9: Further free day in Dahab

You have another free day in Dahab today, to relax or explore the local area further on another of our optional tours.

**OVERNIGHT:** Dahab 4-star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 10: Return to Cairo

We bid farewell to the stunning Red Sea Riviera today as we make our way back to the vibrant city of Cairo. Once you've settled back into your hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy as you please. Perhaps you'll wander through the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar, seeking out those last-minute souvenirs and soaking up the vibrant atmosphere. Or maybe you'll prefer to unwind at the hotel.

**OVERNIGHT:** Dahab – 4 star hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 11: Cairo, departure transfer to the airport

Our Egypt guided tour comes to an end today however, the day is yours to do some last-minute sightseeing or shopping until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight.

If you have an afternoon or evening flight departure, then the half-day Cairo City Tour or Saqqara, Dashour & Memphis tours are also available today. Alternatively, you can add extra nights to your time in Cairo which would allow you to take a day trip to the colonial city of Alexandria on the Mediterranean coast, or a trip into the desert outside Cairo to see the World Heritage Site of the Valley of the Whales at Wadi Rayan.

**OVERNIGHT:** N/A

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:** Alexandria day trip Cairo city tour Extra day in Cairo (5-star) - post-tour Saqqara, Dashour & Memphis

### Included:

- 8 nights accommodation in 5-star hotels
- 2 nights on board overnight sleeper train in private twin-berth cabins (flight/hotel upgrade available)
- All transport and transfers in private AC vehicles
- Sightseeing tours as detailed in the itinerary
- Egyptian Koshary lunch in Cairo
- Felucca sailboat experience on the Nile in Luxor

- The laid-back resort of Dahab
- Services of a local Egyptologist guide for all sightseeing tours
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- 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\$76)
- Tipping kitty (allow US\$65)
- Drinks, snacks, guide tips, and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Hotel gala dinners (see Tour notes)
- Any other items not mentioned above

## **Notes**

#### **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 normally compulsory on New Year's Eve (31 Dec), whether you attend or not. Prices can range from around US\$50 to over US\$180 per person in 5-star hotels. 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, especially for New Year's Eve. Gala dinner prices are therefore not included in our prices above, but will be added to your booking if they become required. Please budget accordingly. More information is available on request.

# Options

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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 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 tour 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.

## Single room supplement (EGSGSS)

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.

## Saqqara, Dashour & Memphis

Min numbers: 1

This half day guided tour on the outskirts of Cairo provides more insight into the history and evolution of pyramid building, and of the Egyptian civilisation. Our tours are based in the area of ancient Memphis, a former capital of Egypt. First we'll visit Saqqara, a huge desert necropolis which was built for the kings and nobles of the Old Kingdom. Here we see Zoser's 'step' pyramid and the adjacent Imhotep museum where we learn more about Memphis and the history of the region. Next we head to Dashour to see one of the next attempts at pyramid building. Dashour's moniker of the 'bent pyramid' shows they still had a bit to learn, but this is a fascinating site and the pyramid still has much of its original limestone cladding. We'll then return you to your hotel.

Prices are based on a minimum of 2 people choosing the option. Entrance fees to the sites visited are not included (budget approx. USD 12). Solo traveller supplements apply.

## 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.

## **Snorkelling - Blue Hole, Abu Galoum and Blue Lagoon**

Min numbers: 1

Our adventure begins at 10am in Dahab, where we set off for the renowned Blue Hole. Here, we'll spend an hour snorkeling and exploring this underwater wonder.

Next, we'll hop on a boat and cruise to Ras Abu Galum, a hidden gem waiting to be discovered. Upon arrival, we'll be welcomed with traditional Bedouin hospitality and a refreshing cup of Bedouin tea in a local home.

Afterward, we'll don our snorkeling gear once again and delve into the vibrant underwater world of Ras Abu Galum. A delicious Bedouin lunch awaits us in the afternoon, offering a taste of authentic local cuisine.

Our journey continues with a short 20-minute car ride to the breathtaking Blue Lagoon. Here, we'll soak in the panoramic views of the majestic mountains and pristine sandy beach.

Finally, we'll make our way back to the Blue Hole via Ras Abu Galum, concluding our day with an exciting jeep ride back to Dahab. We expect to arrive back around 5pm, filled with unforgettable memories.

Includes: Transfers, Guide, Lunch, Entry Tickets & Snorkelling Mask

## **Jeep Safari - Coloured Canyon, Ain Khudra Oasis and White Canyon**

Min numbers: 1

Embark on a captivating journey through the Sinai's breathtaking landscapes!

Our day begins at 8:00 am with a scenic 2-hour drive to the Colored Canyon, a natural wonder adorned with vibrant rock formations. We'll spend approximately 2 hours exploring this geological marvel on foot, immersing ourselves in its beauty.

Next, we'll venture through Wadi Ghazala, a picturesque valley, on a 1.5-hour drive to witness the iconic Mushroom Rock.

Our journey continues to the tranquil Ain Khudra Oasis, where we'll enjoy a well-deserved lunch amidst the serene surroundings.

Refreshed and re-energized, we'll embark on a guided walk through the White Canyon, marveling at its pristine beauty and unique rock formations.

Finally, we'll make our way back to Dahab, arriving around 5:00 pm, with hearts full of unforgettable memories and cameras filled with stunning photographs.

***Includes:*** Guide, Lunch, Land-cruiser transportation, Entry Permits

## **Mount Sinai Hike & St Catherine's Monastery**

Min numbers: 1

Embark on an unforgettable overnight journey from Dahab, departing late evening around 11pm. Venture into the expansive desert towards the legendary Mt. Sinai, where Prophet Moses is said to have received the Ten Commandments.

Prepare for an invigorating climb up Mt. Sinai, a 3-hour trek, but fear not, the summit offers a rewarding respite, where you can witness the awe-inspiring sunrise painting the horizon with vibrant hues. The descent is a quicker affair, followed by a visit to the historic St. Catherine's Monastery. This sacred site, nestled at the foot of Mt. Sinai, honors Catherine, a Christian martyr condemned to death by the Romans. The monastery, built in the 6th century, is now under the care of Greek Orthodox monks.

Conclude your adventure with a return to Dahab around noon, filled with memories of this extraordinary experience.

**Price is based on a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together. A supplement will apply when this tour is operated for 1 passenger.**

***Includes:*** Transfers, Guide & Entrance Fees

## **Hurghada to Cairo flight upgrade**

Min numbers: 1

This tour travels by road from Hurghada back to Cairo, a journey of around 6-7 hours driving plus stops. This option provides an upgrade to an internal flight in place of this drive. We aim for morning flights, though flight times will be subject to availability at the time of booking.

## **Cairo to Luxor flight upgrade**

Min numbers: 1

This option upgrades the overnight sleeper train from Cairo to Luxor to an internal flight. Instead of spending the night on the train, you transfer to the airport and fly to Luxor, spending an extra night in the hotel there.

Flights are subject to availability. Single room supplements apply.

## **Cairo to Luxor flight upgrade**

Min numbers: 1

This option upgrades the overnight sleeper train from Cairo to Luxor to an internal flight. Instead of spending the night on the train, you transfer to the airport and fly to Luxor, spending an extra night in the hotel there.

Flights are subject to availability. Single room supplements apply.

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## 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 safaris may not always have air conditioning where they are only used for short periods.

For the overnight train journey from Cairo to Luxor (approx. 9 hrs) this tour uses the overnight sleeper train. This train has private twin berth cabins with large seats and fold-down beds with sheets, pillow & blanket. The lockable cabins also have a washbasin and storage cupboard, and an airline tray-style evening meal and breakfast is included. If you wish you may upgrade this journey to internal flights. You can also upgrade the Hurghada-Cairo drive to a flight if you wish - the normal drive takes around 7 hours.

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## 2. Dates & Prices

We run regular small-group departures on this tour starting on Tuesdays throughout the year. All departures are guaranteed to run with a minimum of 2 travellers and a maximum of 18. Departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request.

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