

Jewel of the Nile

10 days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



PREMIUM TOUR: Embark on a five star Egyptian adventure. Stay in one of Cairo's smartest hotels, cruise the River Nile in style aboard a 5 star Nile cruiser and see Egypt's best sites, guided by a professional Egyptologist guide for your entire stay.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- 5 star Nile River Cruise - Spend four nights onboard a luxury cruise boat
- Cairo - Marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza, explore the Necropolis of Saqqara and see King Tut's treasures at the Grand Egyptian Museum
- Luxor West Bank - Discover exquisite tombs at the Valley of the Kings, see the towering Colossi of Memnon and explore the beautiful Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Luxor - Roam around the colossal Temple of Karnak and see the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night
- Aswan - Visit the High Dam, take a leisurely boat trip to Agilkia Island to explore romantic Philae Temple and wander around the colourful souqs

- Elephantine Island and Kitchener island - Visit the islands on a traditional felucca (sailing boat)
- Kom Ombo - Visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 6 dinners (2 aboard the sleeper train)
- 3 nights 5 star hotels, 4 nights aboard luxury 5 star Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin)
- 2 overnight trains from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin) including meals
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 10
- Touring and sightseeing in Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor and Aswan
- Felucca sailing around the islands of Aswan
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology (groups of 4 or more)
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$60-80pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$100-120pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa

- Tip for Nile Cruise staff. Tip for your tour guide - we recommend you allow USD \$5-7 per day, per traveller for your guide, though ultimately tipping is an entirely personal gesture

COVID SAFE GUIDE

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Day 1 : Cairo

Friday. Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you will be met and transferred to your 5 star hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax by the hotel pool, or those arriving early, opt to join our unique **Backstreets tour of Cairo** which departs the hotel at 10am today. This optional tour takes you off the beaten track in Egypt's bustling capital, visiting Downtown Cairo, the exquisite mosques and monuments of El Moez Street in Islamic Cairo, Garbage City and the incredible Cave Church of St. Simon.

At 7pm this evening meet your guide and the rest of the group at a Welcome Meeting.

You may also extend your stay in Cairo with our pre or post tour accommodation or **[[tour add-ons/121802]]**.

Overnight - Cairo

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Day 2 : The Grand Egyptian Museum

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the new Grand Egyptian Museum. A mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history are housed inside this incredible 490,000 sq.m complex. Arguably the most famous exhibit is the solid gold funerary mask of King Tutankhamun. Weighing 11kg, the exquisite gold mask was found covering the head of the mummy, where it lay inside a series of 3 sarcophagi.

After our tour we head over to National Museum of Egyptian Civilization to visit the fascinating Royal Mummies' Hall, where the mummies of ancient Egyptian kings and queens are on display. Some of the mummies are so well preserved, they still have thick locks of hair, visible finger nails and smooth, if blackened skin! Spend the remains of the day at leisure, relaxing by the hotel pool.

Please Note: the Grand Egyptian Museum is scheduled to open in summer 2022, though an official opening date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum instead.

Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 3 : Pyramids of Giza



Cairo - Luxor. Today we visit Egypt's most loved sight - The Great Pyramids of Giza. We explore the Giza plateau, pyramids and massive Sphinx. We continue to explore Saqqara - an ancient necropolis with many half-buried tombs and the famous Zoser's Step Pyramid. Later, we travel to Luxor by overnight train. You are accommodated in

comfortable twin sleeper cabins and a light dinner is served onboard.

If you don't fancy travelling by overnight sleeper train, consider our **Treasures of the Nile** tour that replaces overnight trains with flights and comfortable 5 star hotels.

Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, D)

Day 4 : Valley of the Kings



Arriving into Luxor this morning, we visit the West Bank. The massive pair of statues known as the Colossi of Memnon are the first monuments we see during our morning visit to the West Bank - home to the legendary Valley of the Kings. We also see the colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Return to Luxor for check-in onboard our Nile 5 star cruiser where lunch is at leisure and free time to relax until our early evening visit to the Temple of Luxor. Luxor Temple looks stunning at dusk and is beautifully illuminated at night.

Note: Dependent upon Nile Cruiser scheduling it may be required that we also undertake our excursion to Karnak Temple this afternoon. Should this occur, day 5 will be spent at leisure.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Luxor & Nile Cruising



Luxor - Nile cruising. This morning we tour the ancient city of Thebes (the East Bank)

and take in the magnificent Temple of Karnak. More than a temple, Karnak is a gigantic and stunning complex of sanctuaries and pylons dedicated to the Theban gods. Anchors away this afternoon as we set sail downstream.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Cruising & Kom Ombo



Nile cruising. Relax and soak in the views as we sail the Nile. Later today we visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, a unique riverside temple. It is unusual in that everything architecturally is doubled and perfectly symmetrical along the main axis of the temple including twin halls, courts, colonnades, sanctuaries and entrances. Arrive in Aswan late evening - a prosperous town at the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Beautiful Philae Temple

Nile cruiser - Aswan. Today, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island to explore Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple dates from 4th century BC, but the Ptolemies and the Romans up to 3rd century AD built most of the existing structures. In danger of being completely submerged by the rising water of Lake Nasser, in 1972 UNESCO stepped in and an 8-year rescue effort was undertaken to relocate the entire temple 20m higher on nearby Agilika Island. We then make a stop at a perfume oil emporium. Perfumed oils in Egypt date back to 2700BC and were used by women, pharaohs and by temple priests.

After lunch, we visit the High Dam and take a traditional felucca sailing trip to Elephantine and Kitchener Island. As the sun sets, enjoy free time to shop in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax and watch an

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amazing sunset in Egypt's southernmost town straddling the River Nile.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Optional excursion to Abu Simbel



Aswan - Cairo. Consider our optional early morning excursion to the **Temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel**. Possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan rock-cut facade is the magnificent Abu Simbel. Guarding the entrance to the temple are 4 colossal seated statues of the pharaoh himself, staring out across Lake Nasser. This excursion is not to be missed!

Alternatively you can spend the morning at leisure. If you choose not to embark upon this optional excursion, there is plenty to do in Aswan. You can explore Aswan with its beautiful shoreline and corniche or perhaps do a spot of shopping. Late this afternoon, we board the overnight train (twin berth sleeper cabins provided) for our journey back to Cairo. A light dinner is served on board.

Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, D)

Day 9 : Explore Cairo your way



This morning, have breakfast in your train cabin and upon arrival to Cairo we transfer to our hotel for check in. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the hotel facilities or

you can join our optional tour of Old Cairo, Coptic Cairo and the Citadel of Saladin (book/pay locally). **Overnight - Cairo** (B)

Day 10 : Cairo

Sunday. Our amazing holiday comes to an end and we bid farewell to our guide and fellow travellers. Included airport departure transfer.

For information about visas, top travel tips and much more, take a look through our **travel guide**.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Steigenberger Cairo Pyramids Hotel

Just footsteps away from the Great Pyramids of Giza is the Cairo Pyramids Hotel. Combining ancient history with world-class hospitality, the hotel is the perfect base for sightseeing. Guestrooms are spacious and comfortable, with friendly staff offering 24-hour room service. You're spoilt for choice when it comes to food, with four restaurants offering international and local specialities. Enjoy stunning views of the pyramids from the lush gardens and end your day with a refreshing dip in the pool.



InterContinental Semiramis

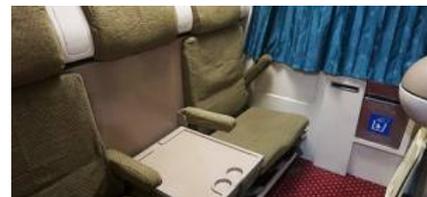
Situated on the banks of the River Nile in the heart of the capital, the luxury InterContinental Semiramis is conveniently located next to the Egyptian Museum and the bustling bazaars of Old Cairo. The tastefully appointed guest rooms have been designed with comfort in mind, with all

modern amenities and balconies offering Nile or city views. The hotel's large rooftop pool is perfect for a refreshing dip and with 12 restaurants offering cuisine from across the world there's certainly no shortage of dining options. At the end of the day, head to the Nile Terrace to watch a spectacular sunset over the Nile, with a cool drink in hand.



Sleeper Train

When travelling on an overnight train in Egypt, sleeper carriages offer the highest level of comfort. Cabins are equipped with two beds (one above the other), a basin, electric points and air conditioning. Freshly laundered bedding is provided and in the early evening an attendant will come round and make up your bed for you. The carriages have toilets at each end and there is a club car which serves snacks and beverages. In the morning a very basic breakfast is provided.



Sheraton Cairo Hotel

The recently renovated Sheraton Cairo Hotel, Towers and Casino is a stylish, contemporary hotel with fantastic views over the Nile. The rooms are particularly spacious with large bright windows, complimentary WiFi and all of the modern amenities required to ensure a comfortable stay. If you're feeling lucky head to the casino, or relax in the spa tub and soak up the sun by the large outdoor pool. The hotel has a choice of three restaurants and bars, where you can enjoy a tasty meal and refreshing drinks after taking in the ancient wonders of Egypt's capital city.

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M/S Royal Lotus

Movenpick MS Royal Lotus is a 5-star deluxe Nile cruise that will enable you to discover the ruins of Ancient Egypt with style and comfort. This cruiser is appointed with elegant accommodations of 60 cabins and 2 magnificent Royal Suites. The Movenpick MS Royal Lotus also offers a range of public spaces from where you can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the banks of the Nile as you cruise by in relaxed settings. The cruiser features a range of leisure activities with a plunge pool and jacuzzi surrounded by a spacious sun deck, along with a spa and gymnasium with amazing views of the Nile. The restaurant offers both international and local cuisine in both buffet and a la Carte styles, with a selection of bars for enjoying a sunset cocktail whilst taking in the breathtaking views.



M/S Farah

MS Farah is an elegant, first-class experience combined with an old-world spirit of adventure and state-of-the-art comfort. The MS Farah ship offers 60 deluxe cabins and 2 Royal Suites that feature luxurious comfort with oversized windows that are virtually wall-sized and boast the most magnificent views of the passing banks of the Nile. Relax with onboard features, including fitness and spa services, pool and sun deck, gourmet dining, and a caring crew who help create the wonderful onboard experience. A variety of regional and international cuisine can be enjoyed at the lavish restaurant, with breakfast and lunch served in a buffet style

and dinner a la carte, with one night a week offering an Egyptian buffet.



M/S Moon Dance

MS Moon Dance Nile Cruise is a floating hotel, designed for luxury 5 star cruising on the Nile between Luxor and Aswan. It offers exquisite comfort for up to 132 passengers with its 60 cabins and 8 suites, which provide an ideal refuge for relaxation, along with a variety of entertainment and recreation on board. All rooms have a range a facilities you would expect from a luxury hotel, and enjoy panoramic view windows to take in the wonders of the Nile. On board the cruise, features include a luxurious lounge bar; plunge pool, sun deck with bar; beauty salon; spa and fitness equipment and gift shop. Breakfast and lunch are served as an open buffet, with a delicious variety of French, Italian and local specialties, whilst dinner is served on a la carte and buffet basis, with a fine list of international and local cuisine.



M/S Nile Premium

The modern and luxurious M/S Nile Premium cruise boat boasts stylish cabins equipped with all modern amenities and large panoramic windows. Facilities on board include a fitness centre, spacious deck with swimming pool, large restaurant and cocktail bar. Grab a good book and a refreshing beverage and relax on the Sund Deck - the perfect way to spend the day. The M/S Nile Premium sets sail on Mondays on a 4 and 7 night cruise from Luxor and on Fridays on a 3 and 7 night cruise from Aswan.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room. If you are a solo traveller and happy to share a room this can be arranged, subject to there being another solo traveller of the same gender for you to share with. Please book a single room and contact us if your preference is to room share.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
25 Jun	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
23 Jul	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
06 Aug	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
03 Sep	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
17 Sep	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
01 Oct	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
08 Oct	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
22 Oct	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
05 Nov	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
12 Nov	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
26 Nov	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
03 Dec	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
24 Dec	USD 2,080	USD 3,003
31 Dec	USD 2,080	USD 3,003

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
07 Jan	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
21 Jan	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
04 Feb	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
11 Feb	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
25 Feb	USD 1,776	USD 2,649

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11 Mar	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
25 Mar	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
08 Apr	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
15 Apr	USD 2,080	USD 3,003
29 Apr	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
13 May	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
20 May	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
27 May	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
10 Jun	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
24 Jun	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
08 Jul	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
29 Jul	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
19 Aug	USD 1,612	USD 2,485
09 Sep	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
23 Sep	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
07 Oct	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
14 Oct	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
21 Oct	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
04 Nov	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
18 Nov	USD 1,776	USD 2,649
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