

# Cairo to Luxor Explorer

6 days | Cairo to Luxor



*This tour encompasses the major highlights of Egypt. Uncover the treasures of Egypt at the Egyptian museum, explore the tomb strewn Valley of the Kings, take in the sights & smells wandering through the Khan el Khalili Bazaar, gaze in awe at the mighty pyramids & sphinx & discover the Temples of Hathor, Queen Hatshepsut & Karnak in 6 incredible days.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza and explore the Necropolis of Saqqara
- The Egyptian Museum - Uncover the treasures of King Tutankhamun
- Luxor - Roam around the colossal Temple of Karnak and take an optional tour of the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night
- 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

- Dendera - Explore the beautifully preserved Temple of Hathor with its exquisitely decorated ceiling

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- 4 nights 4-5 star hotels
- 1 overnight train from Cairo to Luxor (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Touring - Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor and Dendera
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 6
- Services of an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

### What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40-50pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$70-90pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5-7 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

## COVID SAFE GUIDE

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Cairo

Sunday. Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you will be met and transferred to your 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.

Note: If you would like to extend your stay we offer an **[[Alexandria Day Trip122837]]** on the Saturday before your tour starts, and we can arrange pre tour accommodation as well, please enquire.

### Overnight - Cairo

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## Day 2 : Pyramids of Giza



After a good night's rest, we enjoy a full day of touring. Our first stop this morning is the famous pyramids and the iconic Sphinx at the Giza Plateau. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek, listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction. Known as Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, the pyramids were already more than 2,000 years old when Herodotus the Greek historian visited them (in 5th century BC). A highly skilled corps of mathematicians, masons, surveyors and stone cutters carried out the job of building the pyramids. 100,000 workers were used to carry out the back-breaking task of moving and laying the stones of the largest pyramid - Cheops and about 2.5 million limestone blocks, quarried locally and weighing in excess of 6 million tonnes were used to construct it. Leaving the Pyramids of Giza, we stop at a government supervised papyrus emporium where you can buy genuine papyrus at quite reasonable prices.

Continuing to the necropolis of Saqqara, we explore the myriad tombs and temples at this site and see Zoser's Step Pyramid which constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC. The remainder of today is free to relax or explore Egypt's capital at leisure. Perhaps head to Khan el Khalili Bazaar, the ideal place for souvenir shopping.  
**Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 3 : Egyptian Museum

Cairo - Luxor. We take a guided tour of the vast new Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza this morning. In this incredible 490,000 square meter complex, we'll discover a mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history, including the treasures of King

Tutankhamun. The afternoon is free to relax by the pool at the hotel or independently explore before we board the overnight sleeper train to Luxor this evening.

Note: The Grand Egyptian Museum is set to open in 2020, though an official date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum this morning.

**Overnight - Sleeper Train (B)**

## Day 4 : Luxor & Dendera



We arrive into Luxor this morning and drive to Dendera which is one of Egypt's best preserved temple complexes, located 60km north of Luxor. This vast complex covers 40,000 square metres and its temples, chapels and shrines were gradually built over thousands of years. Dendera's crowning glory is the 2000 year old Temple of Hathor, with its exquisitely decorated ceiling. After our guided tour of this incredible site we return to Luxor where the afternoon is free to spend at leisure. Take a stroll around town or enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool.

This evening there is an optional visit to view the beautiful Temple of Luxor, beautifully illuminated at night (book locally).

**Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 5 : Valley of the Kings



4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at its very best. This morning we visit Luxor's famous West Bank. Our first stop is the famous Valley of the Kings which is studded with beautifully decorated tombs, including the tombs of Ramses II, Seti I, Amenhotep II and of course, King Tutankhamen. After exploring this incredible site we travel to visit the Valley of the Queens and the beautiful limestone, colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut, who was one of only three Egyptian ruling queens. Our final stop on the West Bank is to see the imposing 18m-high Colossi of Memnon, which is all that remains of the temple of the hedonistic Amenophis III.

Returning to the hotel at around midday, there's time to have lunch and relax by the pool before we visit the colossal Temple of Karnak later this afternoon. More than a temple, Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Theban gods and to the greater glory of Egypt's Middle and New Kingdom rulers.

**Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 6 : Luxor

Friday. Our tour comes to an end today with a transfer to Luxor Airport to meet your onward flight. Alternatively we can book post tour accommodation, so you can further explore Luxor's abundance of antiquity's.

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.**

### Holiday Inn Cairo Maadi

Overlooking the Nile and offering distant views of the Great Pyramids of Giza, this Holiday Inn provides the perfect location for

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your stay in Cairo. Each guestroom features a balcony (not Nile View as standard) and is well-equipped with modern amenities including free WiFi. Evenings can be spent enjoying international or Egyptian cuisine and unwinding with a cocktail at one of the hotel's bars. Thanks to the friendly hotel staff, you'll soon feel at home. And with panoramic views of the city from the rooftop lounge and pool, there's no better place to base yourself for exploring Egypt's ancient wonders.



## 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.



## Steigenberger Nile Palace

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a grand hotel and stylishly furnished, with many rooms overlooking the Nile River. The hotel has a health club with massage rooms, sauna, steam room and fitness room, and a tennis court on the roof, not to mention a riverside pool. Its four restaurants offer a choice between Nubian, Lebanese, Italian, and Thai cuisine.



## Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa. All its rooms offer views of the city or the river, complemented by a wide range of restaurants and cafes. Just minutes away you will find the temples at Luxor and Karnak, home to two of ancient Egypt's most famed sanctuaries.

### 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. 'Solo Room' prices are applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

### PRICES / DATES 2021

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14 Feb	USD 714	USD 1,006
02 May	USD 679	USD 971
16 May	USD 679	USD 971
30 May	USD 679	USD 971
27 Jun	USD 679	USD 971
25 Jul	USD 679	USD 971
08 Aug	USD 679	USD 971
05 Sep	USD 714	USD 1,006
19 Sep	USD 714	USD 1,006
03 Oct	USD 714	USD 1,006
10 Oct	USD 714	USD 1,006
24 Oct	USD 714	USD 1,006

### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
31 Oct	USD 714	USD 1,006
07 Nov	USD 714	USD 1,006
21 Nov	USD 714	USD 1,006
05 Dec	USD 714	USD 1,006
19 Dec	USD 768	USD 1,086
26 Dec	USD 768	USD 1,086

### PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
02 Jan	USD 714	USD 1,006
16 Jan	USD 714	USD 1,006
30 Jan	USD 714	USD 1,006
13 Feb	USD 714	USD 1,006
06 Mar	USD 714	USD 1,006
20 Mar	USD 714	USD 1,006
03 Apr	USD 714	USD 1,006
17 Apr	USD 768	USD 1,086
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31 Jul	USD 679	USD 971
07 Aug	USD 679	USD 971
28 Aug	USD 679	USD 971
11 Sep	USD 714	USD 1,006
18 Sep	USD 714	USD 1,006
25 Sep	USD 714	USD 1,006
02 Oct	USD 714	USD 1,006
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