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ARTS & ANTIQUITIES OF ANCIENT EGYPT

TOUR ITINERARY 2010

15 Days/14 Nights

Day 1



Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport you will be met, assisted through Immigration & Customs, and then escorted to your selected hotel.

Day 2



Cairo

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Today's sightseeing takes you to the fabulous **Egyptian Museum**. Regarded as one of the most prominent in the world, it offers visitors remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history dating back 5000 years. The priceless antiquities include King Tutankhamon's Treasures -- a spectacle beyond belief! After lunch we visit **Cheops' Pyramid**--one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World--and the **Sphinx**, the great god-lion sentinel, built over 35 centuries ago. The towering pyramid stands majestically on a desert plateau with two slightly smaller pyramids (one built by Cheop's son Kephren and the other by Mycerinus) erected to preserve their bodies and treasures for the afterlife. East of Cheops Pyramid is the **Solar Boat Museum** housing the spectacular funerary boats placed at the King's disposal for his journey of Day and Night in the afterlife with the Sun God Ra. Your sightseeing also includes the bazaars featuring a variety of items and bargains galore! **(BL)**

Day 3

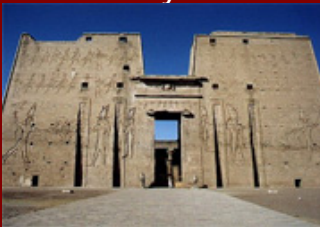


Karnak Temple, Luxor

Cairo / Luxor - Cruise

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival you will be escorted to your Ship, your floating hotel for the next 5 days as you cruise up-the-Nile. This morning you cross the Nile to Luxor's West Bank, where you'll explore the astonishing and extensive **New Kingdom city of "Thebes"**. Sightseeing includes the **Valley of the Kings and Queens** where some 64 of Egypt's Pharaohs have their palatial resting places hewn into the sheer rock and the **Colossi of Memnon**, two huge seated statues of Amenhotep III. After lunch, you will visit Luxor and Karnak Temples, a holy city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues and obelisks built over many centuries and dedicated to the God Amon-Ra, his consort Mut, and their son Khonsu. **(BLD)**

Day 4



Edfu Temple

Luxor / Edfu - Cruise

Sail to Edfu via Esna lock. Overnight in Edfu. **(BLD)**

Day 5



Temple in Kom Ombo

Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan - Cruise

Today an exhilarating carriage ride takes you through town to the **Temple of Horus**, the Falcon God. Return to your ship and sail to Kom Ombo to visit the Graeco - Roman style **Temple of Sobek**, the Crocodile God. Standing serenely on a hilltop, the site offers an incredible view over the Nile. Then sail to Aswan. **(BLD)**

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Day 6

Aswan

Aswan - Cruise

Morning sightseeing includes Aswan's **Old and High Dams**, the ancient **Granite Quarries**, and the **Temple of Philae**. After lunch we sail around **Elephantine Island**, the **Botanical Gardens**. **(BLD)**

Day 7

Cairo

Aswan / Abu Simbel* / Cairo

Disembark after breakfast. Transfer to Aswan Airport for your flight back to Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. *Passengers who purchased the "Abu Simbel" excursion will fly from Aswan to this dramatic site to admire the magnificent **Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari**. They were moved up the hillside to keep them from destruction by flooding from the Nile when the High Dam was built forming Lake Nasser. **(B)**

Day 8

Kom Ombo

Aswan/Kom Ombo/Edfu – Nile Cruise

We leisurely sail to Edfu – the perfect time to enjoy a book about the Pharaohs and Ancient Egypt. **(BLD)**

Day 9

Esna

Edfu/Esna/Luxor – Nile Cruise

We continue sailing to arrive Luxor in the afternoon. We highly recommend a visit to Luxor Museum. **(BLD)**

Day 10**Luxor/Cairo**

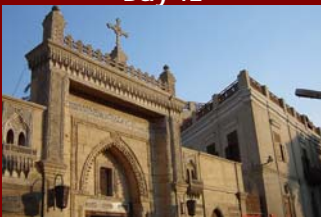
Disembark. A short flight back to Cairo. **(B)**

Day 11

Necropolis of Sakkara

Cairo

We visit today Memphis, the first capital of ancient Egypt. Though most of the city has been destroyed by time, the Alabaster Sphinx and statue of Ramses II remain. We then proceed to the Necropolis of Sakkara, City of the Dead, to see the step pyramid of King Zoser and the Wall of Cobras. We also stop at the Carpet School for a demonstration. **(B)**

Day 12

Ben Ezra Synagogue

Cairo



Drive through Old Cairo to visit the ancient Ben Ezra Synagogue; Al Moallaka Church, better known as the "Hanging Church", and the Abu Sergah Church dating back to the beginning of the 5th Century. Then proceed to the Citadel of Salah El Din. Built in 1183 AD, it houses many important monuments, including the great Mohammed Ali Mosque, constructed in 1830 AD. **(BL)**

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Day 13	Cairo/Alexandria/Cairo
 Alexandria	Early morning we drive north to Alexandria to visit the National Museum OR Graeco-Roman Museum ; the Roman Amphitheater ; Pompey's Pillar and the Catacombs . After lunch we visit Alexandria Library before heading back to Cairo. (BL)
Day 14	Cairo
	Day at leisure. You may consider a day-trip to Al Fayyum. (B)
Day 15	Depart
	Transfer to airport.

(B)- Breakfast **(L)**- Lunch **(D)**- Dinner

Note: All itineraries are subject to change

Hotels					
	3/4 Star Standard	5 Star Standard	5 Star Superior	5 Star Deluxe	5 Star Premium
Cairo	President; Longchamps or similar	Triumph Heliopolis; Swiss Inn Pyramids Golf Resort or similar	Sheraton Dreamland or similar	Cairo Marriott; Grand Hyatt; Sofitel El Gezira or similar	Four Seasons – Nile View
Luxor	Mercure; Iberotel or similar	Winter Pavilion or similar	Winter Pavilion or similar	Sheraton Nile; Sonesta St. George Nile	Old Winter Palace – Nile View
Nile Cruise	Presidential	N. Symphony ; MS Premium or similar	Premium; Festival or similar	Amarante; Nile Goddess; St. George or similar	Beethoven or similar
Season					
LO SEASON	May 1 – September 30, 2010 (Tour ENDS October 3, 2010)				
HI SEASON	September 26, 2009 to April 30, 2010 except holidays (Tour ENDS May 2 nd , 2010)				
HOLIDAYS & PREMIUM	December 19, 2009 to January 3, 2010 – March 27 – April 9, 2010				
HI SEASON – Estimated Cost Increase 5%-15% unless otherwise specified.	October 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 except holidays (Tour ENDS Sunday May 1 st , 2011)				

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Rates

Category	TWIN			SINGLE		
	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS
3*/4* Standard	\$ 1,179	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,434	\$ 465	\$ 533	\$ 533
5* Standard 5* STD (<i>N. Symphony</i>)	\$ 1,389	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,666	\$ 607	\$ 675	\$ 697
5* Standard (<i>MS. Premium</i>)	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,553	\$ 1,859	\$ 437	\$ 595	\$ 777
5* Superior (<i>Premium or Festival</i>)	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,638	\$ 1,995	\$ 493	\$ 692	\$ 930
5* Deluxe (<i>Amarante</i>)	\$ 1,678	\$ 1,955	\$ 2,584	\$ 833	\$ 992	\$ 1,428
5* Deluxe (<i>Nile Goddess</i>)	\$ 1,910	\$ 2,493	\$ 3,576	\$ 1,071	\$ 1,411	\$ 2,119
5* Deluxe (<i>St. George</i>)	\$ 2,091	\$ 2,992	\$ 4,029	\$ 1,173	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,380
5* Premium (<i>Beethoven</i>)	\$ 3,984	\$ 5,338	\$ 6,284	\$ 3,134	\$ 4,454	\$ 5,377
Premium Hotel Rates Are Subject To Availability And Review At Time Of Booking Supplements						
INTER- AIR (Y CLASS)	\$352	\$352	\$352	\$352	\$352	\$352
ABU SIMBEL EXC.	\$267	\$267	\$267	\$267	\$267	\$267
HOT AIR BALLOON	\$142	\$142	\$142	\$142	\$142	\$142

Price Includes: Airport transfers; Accommodations; Meals as indicated BLD; Guided sightseeing & entrance fees as per itinerary.

Additional Information:

- **Touring in Cairo** is based on shared seat in a van. Private touring available on request.
- **Cruise Shore excursions**, shared with other English Speaking passengers onboard. Private guide available on request
- **Shore excursions** are at the discretion of the cruise line. Description provided may be altered or changed. Refer to the Ship lobby bulletin Board for the final daily cruise itinerary schedule.
- **Egyptair** is the only major airline within Egypt. Their internal flights are generally very early morning and late evening. Be prepared for flight cancellation; delay; change of schedule; overbooking condition; too many or too little flights. therefore, your cooperation and understanding are very much appreciated.
- **Beyond our Control:** During certain times of the year, hotels and cruise ships may overbook. If so, we reserve the right to substitute accommodations within the same or higher category. We also reserve the right to change the sequence of the itinerary and internal flight schedule should local conditions necessitate. Onsite passenger(s) will be attended to at all times.

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