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EGYPT AND NILE CRUISE

7 Nights/ 4 night cruise
Arrivals Saturday or Sunday

Highlights:

- See one of the 7 wonders of the world: **The Cheop's Pyramid and Sphinx, dating back 35 centuries!**
- Visit the **Egyptian Museum** to see such priceless antiquities as **King Tutankhamon's** treasures!
- **Wander through the active and dynamic bazaars** filled with Egyptian crafts, spices, and unique jewelry; not to mention the bargains galore!
- Explore **Old Cairo** with special attention paid to the religious structures of the **Ben Ezra Synagogue, Al Moallaka and Abu Sergah Church, and the Citadel of Salah El Din and Mohamed Ali Mosque**. See the diverse way these ancient structures play a role in modern day Cairo.
- See extravagant sights including **Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Sobek, Elephantine Island, and the Luxor and Karnak Temples!**
- Enjoy a **carriage ride** as you travel to catch glimpses of the **Temple of Horus**.
- **Optional:** Take a tour to Abu Simbel to discover the temples and massive statues of **Ramses II and his wife Nefertari**.
- **Includes:** Airport transfers; Accommodations; Meals as indicated BLD; Guided sightseeing & entrance fees as per itinerary.

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

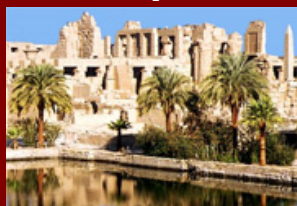


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Today's sightseeing takes you to the fabulous **Egyptian Museum**. Regarded as one of the most prominent in the world, it offers visitors remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history dating back 5000 years. The priceless antiquities include King 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

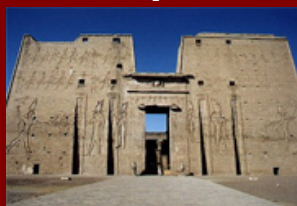


Kernak Temple, Luxor

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)**

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Day 5

Temple in Komombo

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)**

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**Cairo**

Transfer to Airport. Fly back home or take one of our extensions. **(B)**

(B)- Breakfast**(L)**- Lunch**(D)**- Dinner*Note: All itineraries are subject to change***Hotels**

	4 Star Standard	5 Star Standard	5 Star Deluxe	5 Star Premium
Cairo	Swiss Inn Nile or similar	Swiss Inn Pyramids Golf Resort or similar	Grand Hyatt; Fairmont; Marriott; Sofitel Gezirah or similar	Four Seasons - City View
Nile Cruise	Presidential	Royal Ruby; Renaissance; Domina; Festival or similar	Sonesta Sun Goddess; Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar	Sonesta St. George or similar
Season				
LO Season	May 30 to September 27, 2009 (Tour ENDS September 27, 2009) Jordan & Israel seasons are different - please ask us for accurate dates.			
HI Season	September 27, 2008 to May 31, 2009 except holidays (Tour ENDS May 31st, 2009) Jordan & Israel seasons are different - please ask us for accurate dates.			
HOLIDAYS	December 20, 2008 to January 4, 2009 - April 4 to 19, 2009. Jordan & Israel seasons are different - please ask us for accurate dates.			

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Rates

Category	TWIN			SINGLE		
	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS
4 Star Standard	\$595	\$703	\$895	\$867	\$986	\$1,178
5 Star Standard	\$765	\$963	\$1,320	\$1,207	\$1,450	\$2,028
5 Star DLX Nile Goddess (Monday Sailing)	\$1,014	\$1,354	\$1,807	\$1,501	\$1,920	\$2,714
5 Star Premium Standard	\$1,580	\$1,955	\$2,374	\$2,351	\$3,054	\$3,654
Premium Hotel Rates Are Subject To Availability And Review At Time Of Booking Supplements						
Inter - Air (Y Class)	\$351	\$351	\$351	\$351	\$351	\$351
Abu Simbel Exc.	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$255
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.

Price Excludes: International Airfare; Travel Insurance; Tips to guide/driver and Hotel staff; Personal extras or meals not mentioned above

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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