



Treasures of Travel

Classic Nile Tour, 2023 ~ 10 days/8 nights ~

Please note: This tour is not offered as a pre-planned group tour.

We would be delighted to meet the expectation of the interested individuals and/or groups with the below example outline of the trip, based on the highlights of the country, or custom design one working around the offered itinerary according to your special interest and desire to make it unforgettable experience.

Day 1 ~ Depart Home

Depart the USA

Day 2 ~ Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be **met and assisted through passport and customs procedures**. You will be **transferred** to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 3 ~ Cairo

After breakfast, you will meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start your full day sightseeing which includes **Memphis, Sakkara, the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx**. You will be treated to **lunch** during the tour. You will then be taken back to your hotel for overnight.

Day 4 ~ Cairo

After breakfast, you will start the second day tour of Cairo by visiting **the Egyptian Museum**, which houses the **treasures of King Tutankhamen** amongst other outstanding artefacts, and **the Royal Mummy Room**. More sightseeing will take you to **the Citadel**, built by Saladin in 1176, **Mohamed Ali Pasha Alabaster Mosque, Old Cairo, the Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue** which dates from the 9th century and **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**. **Lunch** is included during the tour. You will be transferred back to your hotel for overnight.

Day 5 ~ Nile Cruise

After breakfast, you will be **transferred** to Cairo Domestic Airport for your **flight to Luxor**. Upon arrival, you will be **transferred** to your Nile Cruise for check-in. The rest of the day will be dedicated to touring the East Bank: the **Temple of Luxor** and the **Temple of Karnak**.

The Temple of Luxor is on the Nile River, with its plan following parallel the riverbank. King Amenhotep III built this beautiful temple and dedicated it to Amon Re, king of the gods, his consort, Mut and their son Khons in about 1400BC. This temple has been in almost continuous use as a place of worship right up to the present day. It was completed by Tutankhamen and Horemheb and added to by Ramses II. Towards the rear is a granite shrine dedicated to Alexander the Great.

The Temple of Karnak is the largest temple in the world. It is a complex containing a group of temples such as those of Amon Ra, Khonso, Ipt, Ptah, Montho and the god Osiris. The name Al Karnak literally means fortified village.

You will go back to your cruise for dinner on board and overnight in Luxor.

Day 6 ~ Nile Cruise

After breakfast you will start the sightseeing of the West Bank which includes visits to: the **Valley of the Kings**- home to most tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs; **Valley of the Queens**, and the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** at El Deir El Bahari. This was originally called Djoser-djeseru, which means 'the sacred of sacreds'.

You will also stop at the **Colossi of Memnon**, before returning to your Nile Cruise for lunch. Sail will take you to Edfu, as you enjoy afternoon tea and later dinner on board. Overnight in Edfu

Day 7 ~ Nile Cruise

In the morning you will tour the **Horus Temple** at Edfu. This is the place where the god Horus was worshipped and the battle between Horus and his traditional enemy Seth took place. This temple is the most well-preserved and the only one we know to have been completed.

You will return to the boat for lunch and sail to Kom Ombo.

In the second half of the day you will visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, dedicated to two gods Horus and Sobek. This was mainly dedicated to the god Sobek, the crocodile god, and his wife, the goddess Hathor.

In the evening sail to Aswan with dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan.

Day 8 ~ Nile Cruise

In the morning, after breakfast, you will start the sightseeing with the **Temple of Isis** in Philae – one of the greatest temples in Egypt, occupying a quarter of the island it is on. You will then visit the **Unfinished Obelisk** and the **High Dam**. The High Dam of Aswan is one of the most important achievements of the last century in Egypt, symbolizing the new era of the revolution of 1952.

Lunch and dinner will be on board. Overnight in Aswan.

Day 9 ~ Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast and will be followed by **transfer** to Aswan airport for your **flight** to Cairo. Upon arrival, you will be **taken** to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 10 ~ Home

After breakfast, you will be **transferred** to Cairo Airport for your flight home.

Best time to travel:

late fall, winter and early spring.