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WONDERS OF EGYPT + RED SEA

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COUNTRY FOCUSED

Uncover the intriguing mysteries of 7,000 years of ancient Egyptian history as you set off on a fascinating cruise on the Nile river and marvel at the incredible ruins and monuments.

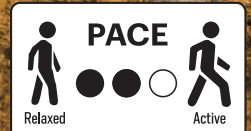
THE GIZA PYRAMIDS, CAIRO, EGYPT



Wi-Fi
Router



Whisper
System



Relaxed

Active

HIGHLIGHTS

RED SEA

- Hurghada Beach Resort

LUXOR

- Luxor Temple
- Karnak Temple
- Valley of the Kings
- Temple of Hatshepsut
- Colossi of Memnon

EDFU

- Horse-drawn Carriage Ride
- Temple of Edfu

KOM OMBO

- Temple of Kom Ombo

ASWAN

- Abu Simbel Temples
- High Dam
- Philae Temple

CAIRO

- Mosque of Mohamed Ali
- Citadel of Saladin
- The Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- Camel Ride
- Saqqara Step Pyramid
- Egyptian Museum
- Khan El-Khalili Market
- Papyrus Institute
- Perfume factory

OLD CAIRO

- The Hanging Church
- Ben Ezra Synagogue
- Church of Abu Serga



EU TRAVEL TIPS

- From Aswan to Cairo, take a 1.5-hour flight instead of 14-hour overnight train journey.



DELICACIES

Meal Plan

9 Breakfast, 9 Lunches, 8 Dinners

5★ HOTELS

RED SEA Movenpick Soma Bay

CAIRO Movenpick Media City

NILE CRUISE Deluxe 4N (Luxor to Aswan)

*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.



GREAT PYRAMID & SPHINX OF GIZA

01 HOME ▶ CAIRO

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **Cairo**, the capital of Egypt.

02 CAIRO

Local Lunch, Hotel Dinner

Upon arrival, be greeted by our representative who will assist you with the immigration procedures, including visa and customs clearance. Start your day by visiting the 12th-century **Citadel of Saladin**, a hilltop fortress commissioned by Saladin, and venture in the **Mosque of Muhammad Ali**, a multi-domed sanctuary built in the Ottoman style.

Note: For evening arrival in Cairo

QR1305 ETA: 2255hrs: Upon arrival, will be transferred to hotel for rest. Day 02 - Lunch and Dinner will be replaced on Day 04.

EK923 ETA: 1715hrs: Upon arrival, will be transferred to hotel and dinner in the hotel. Day 02 - Lunch will be replaced on Day 04.

03 CAIRO ▶ RED SEA (FREE DAY)

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Following a delightful breakfast, you will embark on a journey to **Hurghada** and smoothly check-in at the resort. Take this opportunity to unwind and enjoy a leisurely evening. How about indulging in the serene ambiance of the sandy beach or taking a refreshing dip in the captivating waters of the Red Sea? For those seeking an extra adventure, an optional Desert Safari tour awaits, allowing you to explore the mesmerizing desert landscape at your own expense.

04 RED SEA (FREE DAY)

Breakfast

Enjoy a free day at leisure exploring more of the Red Sea region today. You may wish to take up an optional trip to discover the marine life of the famous Red Sea through a Red Sea Submarine Tour or a snorkelling tour at your own expense.

05 RED SEA ▶ LUXOR ▶ NILE CRUISE

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast, depart the Red Sea for **Luxor**. When you arrive, pay a visit to the East Bank of Luxor and explore the **Karnak Temple** – a sprawling complex of shrines, obelisks, and gateways where Amun and other deities were worshipped. Next, visit the striking **Luxor Temple**, an ancient structure featuring a colonnade of soaring columns and larger-than-life statues that look particularly beautiful after dark. Transfer to the dock and board your vessel, which is where you

will be staying for the next 4 nights as you explore the River Nile.

Note: Overnight cruise may not stop at the stated city port and is subject to the cruise schedule.

06 (NILE CRUISE) LUXOR ▶ EDFU

Cruise Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast, begin an exciting discovery of Luxor's West Bank by visiting the **Valley of the Kings**, where tombs were built for the pharaohs and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom of ancient Egypt. Next, continue to the **Temple of Hatshepsut**, a mortuary temple dedicated to the Sun God and pass by the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. Return to the ship and continue cruising towards **Edfu** via **Esna Locks**.

07 (NILE CRUISE) KOM OMBO ▶ ASWAN

Cruise Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Set off on a horse-drawn carriage to visit the beautiful and well-preserved **Temple of Edfu**, which is dedicated to Horus. Return to the ship and continue along the Nile, the longest river in Africa (6,670km) and second longest in the world. Sail to **Kom Ombo** and visit the unique temple dedicated to two gods – the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus. Thereafter, enjoy an epic Nile sunset from the deck of your ship as you continue south towards Aswan.

08 (NILE CRUISE) ASWAN

Box Breakfast, Cruise Lunch, Dinner

Get an early start to your day with a trip to the **Abu Simbel Temples** by coach. Prepare to be blown away by these majestic temples, which are undisputedly one of the world's most breath-taking monuments. Thereafter, make your way to the gorgeous **Philae Temple**, dedicated to the goddess Isis. Stop for a photo stop at **High Dam**, an embankment dam built across the Nile in Aswan, before returning to your ship for lunch. In the afternoon, you may wish to take up an optional tour to visit the Nubian villages or a felucca ride on the Nile around Kitchener's Island.

09 ASWAN ▶ CAIRO

Cruise Breakfast, Lunch - Mixed Grill, Dinner - Seafood

After breakfast, your delightful cruise will come to an end. Disembark from the ship and transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to **Cairo**. After

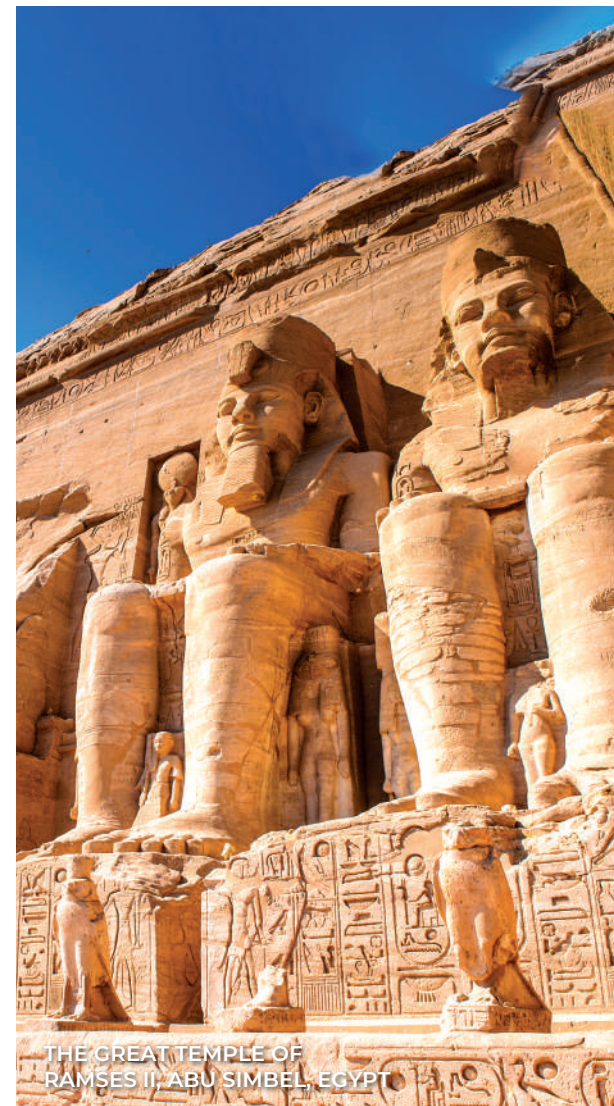
your arrival, wander through the labyrinthine alleys of **Khan el-Khalili**, an enchanting souk tucked away in the heart of the old city. Next, stop by the **Papyrus Institute** to observe the making of papyrus and visit a **perfume factory** for local fragrances bottled in unique blown glass perfume bottles.

10 CAIRO

Breakfast, Farmhouse Lunch, Chinese Dinner

Kick-off the day with a trip to one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the **Great Pyramids of Giza** and the **Great Sphinx of Giza**, the legendary guardian statue with the body of a lion and the head of King Chephren. Enjoy an extraordinary **camel ride** experience and take some memorable photos before we begin to explore the legendary **Step Pyramid of Saqqara**. Following that, visit the **Open-Air Museum at Memphis** to see the majestic limestone statue of Ramses II and an Alabaster Sphinx.

Note: Admission to the Royal Mummies Room is excluded.



THE GREAT TEMPLE OF RAMSES II, ABU SIMBEL, EGYPT



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RIVER NILE, LUXOR, EGYPT



RIVER NILE, EGYPT

11 CAIRO ► OLD CAIRO ► HOME

Breakfast, Western Lunch, Meals on Board

After breakfast, visit the fascinating **Egyptian Museum**, home to a treasure trove of ancient Egyptian antiquities. The museum displays a rare collection of 5000 years of art, which is considered the largest and most precious collection of Egyptian art in the world. Stop to see the **Hanging Church**, aka St Virgin Mary Church. Built in the 7th century, this old church takes its name from its location – it sits above a gateway in the old Roman fortress. Admire the courtyard and interior with its screens, marble pulpit and icons, and hear about its long history. Next, after visiting the Monastery and Church of St George – an early 20th-century church that is the only round church in Egypt, drop by **Abu Serga**, a 5th-century

Coptic Church and the oldest in Coptic Cairo. View the 24 interior columns and 12th-century icons on the walls and learn how the church stands where the holy family is thought to have stayed during their flight into Egypt from Israel King Herod. Then, admire the sight of **Ben Ezra Synagogue** – once a Christian church – before finishing your tour at the Coptic Museum, located in one of Coptic Cairo oldest areas. See some of the 16,000 ancient artifacts on display, including precious icons and books that illustrate the history of Egypt Coptic community. Bid Cairo farewell and head to the airport for your flight back home.

12 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company. We look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursions:

Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.

- Minimum group size may apply
- Hurghada Seascope Semi Submarine: USD70
- Hurghada 4WD Desert Safari with BBQ Dinner: USD75
- Luxor Horse Carriage City Night Tour: USD25
- Luxor Sunrise Hot Air Balloon: USD140
- Aswan Nubian Village USD40
- Sound & Light Show: USD55

Service Fee Guideline:

- (12D9N): USD110 per person

Notes:

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the sequence of the itinerary may be subject to change without prior notice.
- VISA is required to travel to Egypt.
- A minimum group size of 15 passengers to confirm departure