





#### 2019 Tour Prices (per person)

#### MAIN TOUR

Based on 10 to 19 passengers -

Land price based on double occupancy: \$3,475 per person

Single Room Supplement: \* \$1,095 per person

\*If you book as a share and request a change to a Single room, the penalty is \$150. Should we find a suitable match for your former room mate, the penalty will be credited back to you.

# Inclusions

- 4 nights Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel Garden Section
- 3 Nights on the Luxury M/S Tulip Cruise on Full board basis from Aswan to Luxor.
- 1 Night at Hilton Heliopolis Hotel with buffet breakfast.
- Welcome dinner at Hotel
- Sightseeing in Cairo per the Itinerary
- 3 Lunches in Cairo at Local restaurants.
- The cruise excursions include private transportation and admissions.
- All transfers at Cairo, Luxor and Aswan with meet and assist.
- Private Egyptologist English speaking guide throughout.
- Dinner in Luxor with an Egyptian Family.
- Farewell dinner at hotel or local restaurant
- Abu Simble excursion
- Domestic flight tickets (CAI/ABS/ASW & LXR/CAI)
- Portage at airports, Hotels, and cruise.
- All service charge, taxes and VAT.

# The Women's Travel Group ANCIENT EGYPT

#### December 2 - 10, 2019

There are very few places which give you an experience of oneness with ancient souls. Egypt is the most emotionally moving of these iconic countries. From the oriental markets in Cairo, to the Pyramids and the mysterious Sphinx, there is a feeling in the pit of your stomach that you are somehow connected. We fly to Aswan to see the magical Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari. It is here we board our luxury ship to continue on the Nile. We visit all the important sites as we float past villages built on the green shores that end with the Sahara sands. Women's Travel Group specials are: our private archaeologist, dinner in a private home, and a visit to women's workshops along the way.

#### Day 1: Mon, Dec 2 - Arrival Cairo

Arrive to Cairo, Egypt, where you are met and escorted to your hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel gives you an opportunity to meet your fellow travelers. You will also meet our dedicated English-speaking Egyptologist Guide who will accompany us throughout the tour. (D) The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel, Garden Section

Set amidst 40 acres of verdant gardens, this stunning hotel offers 331 plush rooms and suites offering spectacular views of the mighty Giza Pyramids and the surrounding lush greenery. Leisure facilities include an outdoor heated pool, Health Club and Spa.

#### Day 2: Tue, Dec 3 - Cairo - Giza Pyramids & Sphinx

Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, including the Pyramid of Khufu and the Sphinx. Enjoy a visit to the Solar Boat Museum. Lunch at a local restaurant with the afternoon at leisure. This might be a good afternoon for a relaxing massage. (BL) **Day 3: Wed, Dec 4 - Cairo - City Sightseeing** Explore the ancient city of Cairo, including the Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali and the colorful Khan el Khalili Bazaar. We'll also visit the spice market and the antiques market and have lunch at a local restaurant. (BL)

#### Day 4: Thu, Dec 5- Cairo - Memphis, Saqqara & Egyptian Museum

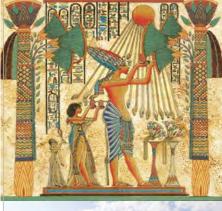
This morning we visit Memphis, once a vast metropolis and capital of the Old Kingdom. Continue to Saqqara, the oldest stone complex in the world, to see the towering Step Pyramid of Djoser, the earliest of all pyramids. After lunch at a local restaurant, spend the afternoon viewing antiquities at the Egyptian Museum. (BL)

#### Day 5: Fri, Dec 6 - Cairo / Abu Simbel / Aswan - Nile River Cruise

Transfer to Cairo Airport for the scheduled domestic flight to Abu-Simbel. Upon arrival, visit the magnificent Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari. We then depart on the scheduled domestic fight to Aswan. Transfer to our Nile cruise ship, our home for the next three nights as we cruise the majestic and mystical Nile River. This afternoon visit the High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. Visit a Nubian Village where they can get invited for tea inside one of the homes. Meet with women and learn more about the culture and see their handicrafts. We visit the spice market is Aswan where you'll have time to have your hands decorated with a delicate henna design! (BLD)

3 Night Nile Cruise on-board the M/S Tulip The M/S Tulip cruise ship was completely refurbished in 2018.







#### Not Included:

- Meals not mentioned
- Beverages with meals
- Tours not mentioned
- International Air & Airport taxes •
- Insurance
- Entry Visa to Egypt
- Gratuities to drivers Guide, Hotel and cruise staff
- · Any beverages with the meals
- Any additional personal expenses



The M/S Tulip cruise ship features spacious communal areas with panoramic views from the large windows. Each of the standard 40 cabins has a panoramic window and balcony. *Cabins and suites offer air-conditioning, en-suite* bathroom with bathtub and overhead shower. There is a large sun deck with sun beds and stylish furniture. It provides a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the spectacular views of the Nile and the swimming pool is ideal for a refreshing dip during the day. The Deck bar offers cool daytime refreshments and the lounge bar offers drinks and entertainment in the evening. There is also a Sauna, small fitness suite that is free to use and a massage service at an additional charge.

#### Day 6: Sat, Dec 7 - Nile River Cruise - Aswan / Kom Ombo / Edfu

Today we set sail to Kom Ombo. Visit the Ptolemaic Temple of Kom Ombo, then continue to Edfu. (BLD)

#### Dav 7: Sun, Dec 8 - Nile Cruise - Edfu / Luxor -**Home Hosted Dinner**

At Edfu, a short horse-drawn carriage ride takes you to the temple dedicated to the falconheaded god, Horus. In the afternoon sail to Luxor and visit the Karnak and Luxor temples. Tonight a traditional Egyptian dinner is arranged with a local family in their home. (BLD)

#### Day 8: Mon, Dec 9 - Nile Cruise / Luxor / Cairo

This morning disembark from your cruise and visit of the Valley of the Kings, Colossus of Memnon and in the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Hatshepsut. Hatshepsut held great power in the Ancient Kingdom. In the afternoon depart on the scheduled domestic flight back to Cairo. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. (BD)

1 night stay the Hilton Cairo Heliopolis Hotel Hilton Cairo Heliopolis is an iconic hotel in the presidential quarter just 10 minutes from the airport and 9 miles (15 km) from city center and the business district. Enjoy attentive service and unrivaled amenities such as 15 dining outlets, a wellness spa, beauty salon, two outdoor pools, a fitness center and sport courts.

#### Day 9: Tue, Dec 10 - Depart Cairo

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

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#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ALEXANDRIA**

#### Day 9: Tue, Dec 11 - Cairo / Alexandria

Mid-morning pick up by your private car with driver/guide for the journey to Alexandria (approx 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 3 hours). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### 2 night stay at Montaza Sheraton Hotel

Sheraton Montazah, overlooks King's Farouk Palace and gardens on one side and the bright blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea on the other. From the moment you arrive, you will receive the warmest welcome from attentive and responsive staff whose mission is to make your stay a relaxing and unforgettable one. This property is 1 minute walk from the beach and features a well-equipped gym and free-form pool offering panoramic sea views.

#### Day 10: Wed, Dec 12 - Alexandria - City Sightseeing

Full day tour on private basis with English-Speaking Egyptologist guide. First visit the the Catacombs. This family tomb shows the merging of Egyptian and Roman art and architecture. You'll see Pompey's Pillar built to honor Emperor Diocletian who had freed Alexandria. On to the Citadel of Quitbay in the Mediterranean Sea. Built in the 15th century by Sultan al-Ashraf Qu'it Bay. Enjoy lunch at a seafood restaurant This afternoon visit Bibliotheca Alexandria (Alexandria Library). (BL)

#### Day 11: Thu, Dec. 13 - Alexandria / Depart Cairo

You will be transferred back to Cairo airport by your private car and driver/guide. Board your flight home with memories of your exciting journey through Egypt.

#### Extension to Alexandria 3 days/2 nights -

**MINIMUM 2 PASSENGERS** Based on double occupancy: \$575 per person Single Room Supplement: \$250 per person

## Included:

2 Nights at Montaza Sheraton Hotel including buffet breakfast daily. Round-trip transfer by private car and guide Cairo/Alexandria/Cairo Full day excursion to visit: The Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, The Citadel of Quitbay and the Bibliotheca Alexandria Seafood lunch at local restaurant Egyptologist English speaking guide during the full day visit

## Not Included:

Gratuities to Driver and guide

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