



The Women's Travel Group

ANCIENT EGYPT

December 6 -15, 2020

Post Tour Alexandria, Egypt Nov 15 -17

Cairo, Abu Simbel, Aswan, Nile River Cruise & Luxor

Tour Overview

Egypt is a nation of epic history. Enjoy this land as the pictures you've seen in books come to life. Walk down the paths of pharaohs in Cairo, stand in the shadow of gargantuan pyramids in Giza, and fly to Abu Simbel to visit the iconic temple and statues of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. From Aswan, you cruise down the mystical Nile River. Our trip is unlike any other with extra time in places you want to experience and a hand picked guide to help you travel to the ancient world. **LAST YEAR THIS TOUR WAS SOLD OUT.**

Day 1: Sunday Dec. 6 - Arrive Cairo

Arrive to Cairo, Egypt, where you are met and escorted to our hotel.

4 night stay at 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: Monday Dec. 7 - Cairo - Giza Pyramids & Sphinx

This morning we meet our dedicated English-speaking Egyptologist Guide who will accompany us throughout the tour. Today we visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, including the Pyramid of Khufu and the Sphinx. Welcome dinner at the hotel. (BD)

Day 3: Tuesday Dec 8 - Cairo - City Sightseeing & Egyptian Museum

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. Spend the afternoon viewing antiquities at the Egyptian Museum. (BL)

Day 4: Wednesday Dec. 9 - Cairo - Memphis and Saqqara.

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. Lunch at a local restaurant and the balance of the day is at leisure. (BL)

Day 5: Thursday Dec. 10 - Cairo / Abu Simbel / Aswan

Transfer to Cairo Airport for the scheduled domestic flight to Aswan. Connect to the scheduled flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival, visit the magnificent Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari. We then depart on the scheduled domestic flight back to Aswan. Arrive and transfer to our hotel. This afternoon we visit the High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. (B)

1 night stay at Movenpick Resort Aswan

Pleasing its guests with a spectacular view over the river Nile, the Movenpick Resort Aswan offers a unique location on Elephantine Island. It lies within walking distance of the historical Island's, touristic sites, central station and Nubian culture..



Day 6: Friday - Dec.11 - Aswan / Nile River Cruise

We visit the spice market in Aswan with time to have our hands decorated with henna designs! Visit a Nubian Village where we are invited for tea inside one of the homes. Meet with women and learn more about the culture and handicrafts. Transfer to Nile cruise ship, our home for the next three nights as we cruise the majestic and mystical Nile River. (BLD)

3 Night Nile Cruise onboard the M/S Tulip

The M/S Tulip cruise ship was completely refurbished in 2018. The ship features contemporary themed cabins and spacious communal areas with panoramic views from large windows. Each of the standard 40 cabins have panoramic window and balcony rail. Cabins and suites offer air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom with bathtub and overhead shower. Hair dryer, satellite TV and an individual safe, mini fridge and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a large sun deck with sun beds and stylish furniture: a relaxing place to sit and enjoy spectacular views of the Nile. 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 7: Saturday - Dec.12 - Nile River Cruise - Aswan / Kom Ombo / Esna

Today we set sail for Kom Ombo. Visit the Ptolemaic Temple of Kom Ombo featured by Agatha Christie, then continue to Esna. (BLD)

Day 8: Sunday - Dec 13 - Nile Cruise - Esna / Luxor – West Bank & Home Hosted Lunch

Early morning sail to Luxor. This morning disembark and visit Luxor's West Bank - Valley of the Kings and Queens, Temple of Hatshepsut and Colossus of Memnon. A traditional Egyptian lunch is arranged with a family in their home. Tonight visit the illuminated Luxor Temple. (BLD)

Day 9: Monday - Dec. 14 - Nile Cruise / Luxor / Cairo

Morning visit Luxor's East Bank – Karnak and Luxor Temples. In the afternoon depart on the scheduled domestic flight back to Cairo. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. (BD)

1 night stay at the Hilton Cairo Heliopolis Hotel

Hilton Cairo Heliopolis is an iconic hotel in the presidential quarter 10 minutes from the airport and 15 km from city center. 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 10: Tuesday - Dec. 15 - Depart Cairo

Transfer to the airport for our departure flights. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ALEXANDRIA

Day 10: Tuesday – Dec. 15 - Cairo / Alexandria

Mid-morning pick up by private car with driver/guide for the journey to Alexandria (approx. 2 ½ to 3 hours). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B)

2 night stay at Helnan Palestine Hotel

Helnan Palestine hotel is a five star deluxe hotel in a unique location, embracing the Mediterranean scenery. 350 acres of gardens and golden sandy beaches surround its bay. The hotel faces one of the most famous historical landmarks in Alexandria, "Montaza Royal Palace" which was once the site where the late Egyptian royal family vacationed.

Day 11: Wednesday – Dec 16. - Alexandria - City Sightseeing

Full day tour on private basis with English-Speaking Egyptologist guide. First visit Catacombs. This family tomb shows the merging of Egyptian and Roman art and architecture. We see Pompey's Pillar built to honor Emperor Diocletian who freed Alexandria. Next Citadel of Qaitbay 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 12: Thursday – Dec 17. - Alexandria / Depart Cairo

We will be transferred back to Cairo airport by our private car and driver/guide. Arrive at approximately 1:30pm. Board our flights home with memories of our exciting journey through Egypt. (B) *Note: An additional overnight or day room may be needed, depending on flight schedule.*

Land Tour Prices

Main Tour double occupancy

6 persons minimum traveling

\$3,995.00 per person

Single room supplement

\$1,373.00 per person

POST TOUR Extension to Alexandria

2 persons minimum traveling

\$700.00 per person

Single room supplement

\$290.00 per person

Included:

- 4 Nights at The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel Garden Section with buffet breakfast
- 1 Night at Movenpick Aswan Resort with buffet breakfast
- 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, 2nd night.
- 3 Full days excursions in Cairo as per the Itinerary by private car.
- 3 Lunches in Cairo at Local restaurants.
- All excursions during the cruise include private transportations and admissions.
- All transfers at Cairo, Luxor and Aswan by private car with meet and assist.
- **Private Egyptologist English speaking guide throughout.**
- Lunch in Luxor with Egyptian Family.
- Farewell dinner at hotel
- Abu Simble excursion
- Domestic flight tickets (CAI/ABS/ASW & LXR/CAI)
- Portage at airports, Hotels, and cruise.
- All service charge, taxes and VAT.

Not included:

- Entry Visa to Egypt
- Gratuities to drivers Guide, Hotel and cruise staff
- Any beverages with the meals
- Any additional personal expenses.

Extension to Alexandria 3 days/2 nights – MINIMUM 2 PASSENGERS

Included

- 2 Nights at Helnan Palestine Hotel include buffet breakfast
- Roundtrip transfer by private car and guide CAI/ALX/CAI
- Full day excursion to visit: The Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, The Citadel of Qaitbay 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

