

SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT

Learn the insights behind the Pyramids, cruise the Nile and stop for high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel, where Winston Churchill once dined.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 26 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: B945/WB945

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/splendoursegypt

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next seven nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts. This evening, get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a Welcome Drink followed by dinner. The rest of the evening is at leisure. (B) (L) (D)

MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

DAY 3 | EXPLORING DENDERA AND ON TO EDFU

In the morning, visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, it contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarian. At lunchtime return to your ship and enjoy a scenic journey via the Esna Lock to Edfu. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4 | EDFU TO ASWAN

Start the day with breakfast, as you cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo before continuing on to the city of Aswan. Famous for its archaeological sites, such as the Philae temple complex and the Temple of Isis, Aswan is an agreeable mix of ancient and contemporary Egypt. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM & TEMPLE OF ISIS

Today's sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities on your cruise ship. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on things to do onboard or perhaps ask for more insights into Egypt's fascinating history? (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA

Throughout your journey you'll have seen many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it's your time to explore one for yourself. On this traditional vessel, you'll meet a local sailor who will teach you about the ancient art of sailing. Later, meet the wonderful ladies of a local Women-owned co-operative on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie once did before you. The hotel is rumoured to be where Christie wrote her bestselling novel, "Death on the Nile." (B) (L) (AT) (D)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | FREE TIME AND ON TO KOM OMBO

With the morning free, perhaps join an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8 | CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR

Your cruise continues along the bustling waters of the Nile. Enjoy the facilities on board and have your cameras at the ready for the sights, as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. In the evening, visit Luxor Temple, where you dock for the night. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 9 | EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

Disembark from your cruise and travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun.

Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians, during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, while they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life.

Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. (B)

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DAY 10 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

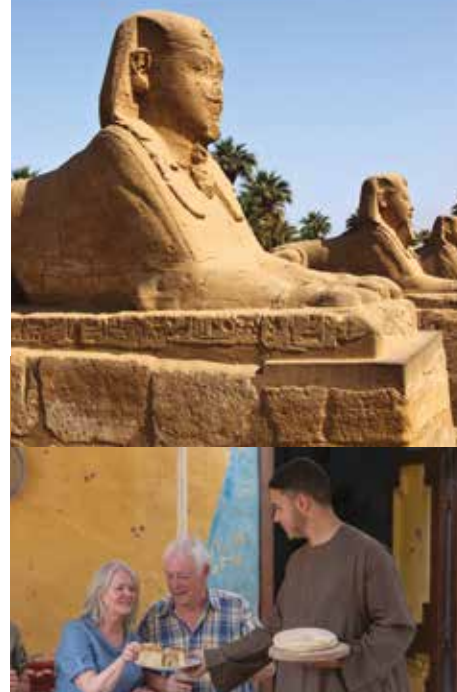
Ascend to the Citadel and visit the Alabaster Mosque, otherwise known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum with your Egyptologist. Later, see history come to life on the pyramids as you witness the magical Sound and Light Show. (B)

DAY 11 | CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Head to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. See the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back to 2700 B.C. In the afternoon, it's on to Giza to explore the magnificent pyramids. Here you'll come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. Venture inside one of these ancient wonders to see the chambers where the pharaohs were sent to meet their gods in the afterlife. (B)

DAY 12 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise | Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel, as the sun begins to set.

Insightful Experiences

Luxor: Enjoy listening to stories of village life from local residents, when you visit a family home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

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DAY 6 | Meet the women of a local women-owned co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women from the local villages to learn new skills and become financially independent.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel with return flights from Cairo | Ride a Nile felucca | Visit the Karnak Temple Complex | Dendera Temple | Valley of the Kings and Temple Hatshepsut on the West Bank | Luxor Temple | Temple of Kom Ombo | High Dam and Granite Quarries of Aswan | Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae | Egyptian Museum | Pyramids of Giza | See the Colossi of Memnon | Cairo Citadel | Great Alabaster Mosque | Giza's Sound and Light Show | Statue of Rameses II and the Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis | Sakkara's Step Pyramid of Zoser I.

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