



## The Amazing Ancient Egyptians - 8 Days



[Your Itinerary, maps and weather](#)



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## An Amazing Holiday Awaits You

The holiday has been crafted to showcase the very best that Egypt has to offer. A 5 Star experience which has you spending 3 days in Cairo and then onto your wonderful Nile River Cruise.

Egypt stands alone in having the only remaining relic of the 7 Wonders of the World, the amazing pyramids at Giza. And the historical legacy that the ancient Egyptians left the world are showcased in this amazing holiday. It will leave you with memories of a lifetime and is the ultimate bucket list destination.

### The Essential Aspects of this Itinerary Are

#### 5 Stars All The Way

- 5 Star Hotels in Cairo
- 5 Star Luxury Class for your Nile Cruise

#### Concierge Service in Cairo

- Your concierge will meet you as you disembark your flight and/or in the Customs Halls.
- You will be ushered with priority through Customs and Immigration - no more waiting in long queues.
- All transfers will be accompanied by our staff and in air-conditioned comfort.

#### An App Which Keeps You in Contact with Love Ones

- We can provide a personal Travel App for your phone, lap top or tablet that enables you to keep in direct contact with your friends and family and which gives you updates about any changes to your flights. The ultimate travelling companion!



## Day 1: Arrival Into Cairo and Your Overnight Accommodation

### Meet and Greet At Cairo Airport

Our representative will be on hand to facilitate your transit through Customs and Immigration.

### Transfers and Free Time

Our representative will travel with you from the airport to your hotel to ensure a smooth transition and booking in process. Time to rest up in preparation for the start of your trip.



## Day 2: The First of 2 Incredible Days in Cairo

[Saqqara](#) - The Saqqara area is the most researched archaeological site in Egypt with recent excavations uncovering new tombs previously unknown.

[Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx](#) - Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure are over 4500 years old and are a testament to ancient Egyptians skills

Transfer and overnight - the second of 3 nights at the [Cairo Marriott \(Nile River\)](#) or equivalent. B L included - Dinner at Own Expense.



## Day 3: Where History, Culture and Adventure Converge

We begin the day at the [National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation](#) for a great perspective of the influences that shaped Egypt. After lunch we venture into [Old Cairo](#), combining places of Islamic and Coptic historical interest. We explore the Hanging Church, the as well as the architectural masterpiece [Muhammad Ali Mosque](#), the Citadel and the of [Muhammad Ali](#).

Transfer and overnight - the third of 3 nights at the [Cairo Marriott \(Nile River\)](#) B L included - Dinner at Own Expense.





## What You Can Expect From This Experience

The National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation (NMEC) gives both perspective and deep insight into this amazing society. The history of Egypt is presented in themes with the bottom floor built like a pharaohs tomb whilst the upper floors covers more recent periods. There over 20 mummies in the museum.

[NMEC](#) presents the innovation of the ancient Egyptians and their contribution to mathematics, engineering, astronomy and many other disciplines.



## A World Class Museum Dedicated to Egyptian History

Since its opening in 2017, [NMEC](#) has gained an international reputation for excellence. It's themes include the **Dawn of Civilization, The Nile, Writing, State and Society, Material Culture, Beliefs and Thinking** and the **Gallery of Royal Mummies**.

For travellers to Egypt, it provides deep insight to the amazing society that the Egyptians built from prehistoric days to the present. The Museum is in Al Fustat, an area at the heart of Egyptian history.



## Their Intellect Drove Innovation

The ancient Egyptians would come to invent **mathematics, geometry, surveying, metallurgy, astronomy, accounting, writing, paper, medicine, the ramp, the lever, the plough, and mills for grinding grain**. They also developed:

The first **police force**,

The first medical centres (**Houses of Life**) and even;

A **public health system** for pyramid workers.





## Ancient Egypt's Incredible Achievements

The scope of the ancient Egyptians' brilliance and innovation ranged from its well-known architectural accomplishments (the pyramids) which were based on the ground-breaking achievements it made in mathematics and engineering, to its advancement in the sciences of astronomy, medicine, medical surgery and the law.

[NMEC](#) presents Egyptian innovations in a way which leave you in awe!



## Some Fun Facts About Egyptian Inventiveness

**Cosmetics** for both men and women were Egyptian inventions from 4000 BC. They combined soot with a lead mineral to create a black ointment for the eyes.

And removing **unwanted hair** with a wax-like substance made of sugar to augmenting the facial features with make-up made from natural pigments was popular.

**Wigs** too were in vogue with Egyptian women. The cheapest wigs were made out of vegetable fibres, whilst the royal family had theirs made exclusively of human hair.



## Day 4: Today You Fly to Aswan to Join Your Nile Cruise

**Breakfast at hotel - transfer to airport for Aswan.**

**Aswan Dam and Elephantine Island:** Today, you embark on a 1 hour sail on a traditional Egyptian craft called a **felucca**

**[Philae Temple Complex](#):** According to the legend, Philae is the place where Isis found the heart of Osiris and then buried it on the Island.

**Transfer to your cruise and overnight - the first of 3 nights. B LD Included**





### Day 5: Leisurely Cruising And Amazing Sites

**Abu Simbel** The pharaoh Ramses II built the temple in 1200 BC. It was relocated to its current site when the Aswan Dam was built.

**Temple Kombo Ombo:** Located on the banks of the Nile in a village of the same name, Kom *Ombo* is unique in Egypt as a double temple.

**Transfer to your cruise and overnight - the second of 3 nights. B L D Included**



### Day 6: Where the History Flows and Captivates

The Great **Temples of Karnak** and Luxor

Karnak is an ancient Egyptian temple precinct located on the east bank of the Nile River in Thebes (modern-day Luxor). It covers more than 100 hectares, and is an extraordinary complex of sanctuaries,

**Transfer to your cruise and overnight- the third and last night on the cruise vessel. B L D Included**



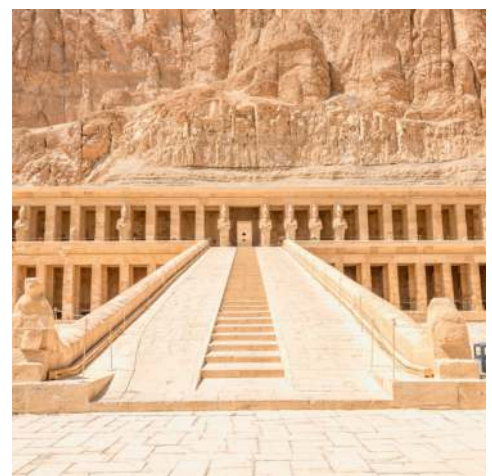
### Day 7: A Spectacular Day

**The Valley of the Kings and Workers:** The Valley is where rock-cut tombs were excavated for pharaohs in the New Kingdom and a valley where the artisans lived.

**The Temple of Hatshebut** Queen Hatshepsut's temple was built to tell Hatshepsut's life story and to assert her power.

**B L included - Dinner at Own Expense**

**Transfers and Flights:** You will transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo and overnight at the **Cairo Marriott Hotel - 5 stars**





## Day 8: And Perhaps Some Last Minute Shopping

### Breakfast in the hotel

**Checkout:** Checkout times can be discussed with the hotel but are typically between 11 am and noon. Depending on your departure time, it may be that you would like to relax or have a shopping experience at the [Khan El Khalili Bazaar](#).

**.Transfers and Flights:** You will transfer to Cairo International Airport for your ongoing journey

### End of Tour



## The Most Amazing Cultural Experience in Old Cairo

The [Khan El Khahlili](#) Bazaar is open 24 hours a day and has been since the 1400'S. And with the hundreds of store holders within its precincts, the windings alleys reveal something around each corner. It attracts a cross section of Egyptians and is a truly incredible cultural experience.

And be warned, the allure of the bazaar and the friendliness of the locals will draw you back time and time again.



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## Inclusions and Exclusions

### Egypt

- 4 x nights' accommodation at Hotel Cairo with daily breakfast
- Return domestic flights Cairo /Aswan –Luxor /Cairo
- 3 x nights' accommodation at 5 Star Nile Cruise with daily full board meals
- 2 x full day tours of Cairo (as determined on the itinerary)
- Over day Abu Simple Temple excursion
- Camel or horse ride in the Giza Pyramids area
- All ground transfers in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan as per itinerary in private modern A/C coach
- All entrance fees, service charge, current taxes, and vat. A meet and assist by our local representative.
- Services of English-speaking guide

### Exclusions

- International Airfares
- Visa Fees
- Optional tours
- Personal expenditure of any kind
- Entrance to enter inside the pyramids.
- Tips
- Drinks, extra meals, and any personal expenses



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