

SPLENDORS OF EGYPT

Tour Days: 11 Days / 10 Nights Tour Style: Private Group



TOUR DATE: 9th Feb, 2022

TORONTO | CAIRO | LUXOR | EDFU | KOM OMBO | ASWAN | CAIRO | TORONTO

On this Small group tour of Egypt, marvel at the Pyramids of Giza, cruise down the Nile in five-star comfort, visit the Valley of the Kings, and so much more!

Price Per Person
Double Occupancy

Toronto

CAD **3565**

Single Supplement:

CAD **749**

TOUR SUMMARY:

Starting in Cairo, our 'Splendors of Egypt' tour will explore the Pyramids at Giza, the Egyptian Museum and the ancient capital of Memphis before flying to Luxor. Visit the Valley of the Kings and the spectacular Temples on the East & West Bank. Cruise along the Nile River in style and visit some amazing historical sites such as Edfu and Kom Ombo. In Aswan, you'll discover the High Dam and Temple of Philae before flying back to Cairo.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza one of the "seven wonders of the ancient world"
- Visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years
- Wonder at the stunning Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the falcon god Horus
- Explore the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo
- Discover the Temple of Philae with its exceptional island location



TOUR LODGING INFO:

9 Night's Accommodation + 1 Night onboard flight
Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	DELUXE HOTELS
Cairo	03 Night	Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir
Luxor	01 Night	Sonesta St. George Hotel
Luxor - Aswan Cruise	04 Nights	M/S Esmeralda Nile Cruise
Cairo	01 Night	Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 5 nights accommodation on a twin sharing basis at listed hotel or similar
- 4 nights accommodation on a twin sharing basis at the listed cruise ship or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 2 Lunches in Cairo at a local restaurant
- Full board meal plan during a four-night cruise
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Transportation in a private AC vehicle
- Service of English-speaking guide
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Full day visit of the Pyramids of Giza including the Sphinx
- Full day visit of Egyptian museum including Mummies room
- Tours from the cruise ship as per below details:
 - East & west bank in Luxor
 - The Edfu Temple & Kom Ombo temple
 - Aswan's High Dam
- International airfare from Toronto
- Domestic flights
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips & gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Optional tours
- Visa fees if applicable
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- Any item not mentioned as included

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1: 09 FEB 2022 TORONTO

Make your own way to the International Airport to check in for your flight to Cairo, Egypt. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.

DAY 2: 10 FEB 2022 CAIRO ARRIVAL

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt's capital with a population of 17 million, is not only Africa's largest city but the political and cultural center of the Arab World. and it's the largest city! Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and assisted through customs and formalities, then transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day acclimating to your new surroundings in exotic Cairo, an extraordinary mix of old and new.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 3: 11 FEB 2022 CAIRO (B/L/-)

Spend the day on the Giza Plateau home of Egypt's signature attractions: The Great Pyramids, proclaimed by the Greeks to be among the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and one-half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers & artists have sought to convey over the centuries. Continue to see the Great Pyramid of Khufu and the timeless Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone & standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. Enjoy your lunch at the local restaurant before going back to the hotel.

Overnight in Cairo

Optional: Sound and Light show at the Pyramids – CAD 82 per person based on Min. of 2pax

Available: Every Day

Departure Time: Approx. 7 am - *Pick up time may vary depending on the location / pick up point / flight time

Meeting Point: Cruise Lobby

This evening return to Giza for a spectacular Sound & Light show. Nothing compares to seeing the Pyramids and the Sphinx illuminated at night; the visual effects, as well as dramatic commentary, make for an unforgettable evening. The show begins with the story of the Sphinx who has been the vigilant guardian of the City of the Dead for five thousand years. The show depicts the story of the building of the Pyramids of Cheops, Kephren, Mykerinos and relates the history of great and famous figures of ancient Egypt such as Nefertiti, Thutmosis IV, Akhnaten and Tut Ank

DAY 4: 12 FEB 2022 CAIRO (B/L/-)

This morning, visit the world-renowned Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Accompanied by your certified Egyptologist, stroll through the halls highlighting each historical period of this ancient land. Admire the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts and the Mummy Room, where more than 20 pharaohs lie in state. Enjoy lunch at the local restaurant before visiting the Citadel, situated on a highly visible spur of the Mokattam Hills of Old Cairo, the nerve centre of Egypt for almost 700 years. Construction of the grand structure began in 1176 and was completed by Muhammad Ali Pasha, ruler of Egypt in the late 19th century. Mamluk sultans and Turkish governors resided in the Citadel, which is among the world's most splendid monuments of medieval warfare. Facing the Citadel is the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, built between 1356 and 1363 and perhaps the most majestic monument of Arab architecture in Egypt and the Mosque of Al-Rifai was constructed in two phases over the period between 1869 and 1912 when it was finally completed. Last but not the least, visit Khan El Khalili, known as the Turkish bazaar during the Ottoman period, built in 1382 by Emir Djaharks ElKhalili, in the heart of what was then Fatimid City. To this day, the bazaar is a centre of trade and communion in the city and offers a wide array of antiques, handcrafts of gold, silver and copper as well as numerous old coffee shops and local restaurants which attract both Egyptians and tourists alike.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 5: 13 FEB 2022 CAIRO – LUXOR (FLIGHT) (B/-/-)

This morning we are transferred back to Cairo International Airport for a flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, we will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Luxor

Optional: Full day excursion to Dendarah & Abydos from Luxor: CAD 163 per person based on Min of 2 pax

Available: Every Day

Departure Time: Approx. 7 am - *Pick up time may vary depending on the location / pick up point / flight time

Meeting Point: Luxor Airport

Hathor, the ancient Egyptian goddess of love and joy, was what Aphrodite was to the Greeks and Romans Venus. It was at Dendarah, some 60kms North of Luxor that the Egyptians worshipped Hathor in a Temple, which is exceptionally well preserved.), plus a visit to Abydos another 60 Kms drive north of Dendarah. Abydos occupies an important place in the religious history of Pharaonic Egypt. By the end of the Old Kingdom, its local god, Osiris, was the most prominent and popular of the Egyptian gods, since he was considered the god of the afterlife. According to the popular tradition, Osiris' head was buried in Abydos. Here Seti I and his son Ramses II built a beautiful temple ca. 1300B.C.

DAY 6: 14 FEB 2022 LUXOR (EMBARKATION) – EAST BANK (B/L/D)

This morning, start a half-day visit of the East bank of Luxor. Visit the ancient Temples of Karnak and Luxor. Built over several centuries by Amenophis III, Tutankhamun, Ramses II, and Alexander the Great, Luxor Temple is a graceful piece of architecture preceded by an avenue of sphinxes. Afterward, proceed to the Karnak Temples. In the New Kingdom, Amun-Ra was worshipped as the most important state god and the immense wealth of Thebes was spent embellishing and building temples in his honor. The balance of the day is on a cruise.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 7: 15 FEB 2022 WEST BANK - EDFU (B/L/D)

After breakfast, cross the newly constructed Luxor Bridge to explore the Valley of the Kings, which is home to many pharaonic tombs of the New Kingdom, including those of King Tutankhamun and Ramses the Great. You will visit 3 Royal tombs based on the availability of the day. Each king's formal name and a title is inscribed in his tomb, which is also adorned with his images and statues. Most of the tombs were cut into limestone following a similar pattern: three corridors, an antechamber, and a sunken sarcophagus chamber. Explore several amazing Royal Tombs. Then visit the Valley of the Queens which includes between 75 and 80 tombs. These tombs belong to Queens of the 18th, 19th and 20th Dynasties. Among these is the famous tomb of Nefertiti, one of the five wives of Ramses II. Afterward tour the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, the only woman Pharaoh to rule ancient Egypt. The mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut of the 18th dynasty was built just north of the Middle Kingdom temple of Mentuhotep Nebhepetre, amid the bay of cliffs known as Deir El-Bahri. In ancient times the temple was called Djoser-djeseru, meaning the sacred of sacred. The female pharaoh chose to build her temple in a valley sacred to the Theban Goddess of the west, on a direct axis with Karnak Temple of Amun on the East Bank. After lunch on board, we sail to Edfu

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 8: 16 FEB 2022 EDFU - KOM OMBO - ASWAN (B/L/D)

This morning, visit the Horus Temple in Edfu, the largest and most completely preserved Pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, temple in Egypt. Construction began on this extraordinary temple in 237 BC and was completed nearly 200 years later. Dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed son of Osiris who avenged his father's murder by slaying his uncle Seth, the temple was built on the site where, according to legend, the two gods met in deadly combat. We then sail to Kom Ombo and have lunch and afternoon tea onboard the ship. This afternoon, disembark and

enjoy a short walk to the Temples of Kom Ombo. This temple complex consists of two temples: The Temple of Sobek and the Temple of Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank near here. The Temple has scant remains, due first to the changing Nile, then the Copts who once used it as a church, and finally by builders who used the stones for new buildings. After the visit return to the cruise and we sail to Aswan

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 9: 17 FEB 2022 ASWAN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, Visit the Aswan High Dam (completed in 1971); the Old Dam (completed in 1902). You will also visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, a structure rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser at the time of the High Dam's construction. The High Dam, just north of the border between Egypt and Sudan lies the Aswan High Dam, a huge rockfill dam which captures the world's longest river, the Nile, in the world's largest artificial reservoir, Lake Nasser. The dam, known as "Sadd El-Aali" in Arabic, was completed in 1970 after 10 years of work. Later take a short trip on a motorboat to Discover the Philae Temple. The Boat ride will bring the visitor to a magnificent vista of the island, before landing at what would have been the ancient quay on the south side. The temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis and has many legends connected to it. The most well-known legend tells the story of how Isis found the heart of Osiris here after his murder by his brother Seth.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 10: 18 FEB 2022 ASWAN (DISEMBARKATION) – (FLIGHT) CAIRO (B/-/-)

Disembark the cruise after breakfast before being transferred to Aswan Airport for our flight back to Cairo where we will be met and escorted back to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or perhaps take an optional tour.

Overnight in Cairo

Optional: Morning visit to Abu Simbel: CAD 564 per person based on Min. of 2pax

Available: Every Day

Departure Time: Approx. 7 am - *Pick up time may vary depending on the location / pick up point / flight time

Meeting Point: Cruise Lobby

This morning transfer to Aswan airport to board a flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival in Abu Simbel, you will be transferred to the temple site. Visit the Temple of Ramses and Temple of Queen Nefertari; not only are the two temples located at Abu Simbel among the most magnificent monuments in the world, but their removal and reconstruction were a historic event. When the temples (280 km from Aswan) were threatened by submersion in Lake Nasser the two temples that of Rameses II primarily dedicated to Re-Harakhte, and that of his wife, Nefertari dedicated to Hathor were moved to their new location. After touring you will be transferred back to the airport for a short flight back to Aswan.

DAY 11: 19 FEB 2022 CAIRO – TORONTO (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred back to Cairo International airport for your onward flight.

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