



## Land of Pharaohs Egypt



**Travel Date: 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **Flight Details**

**25 Dec 2023 SV757 10:25 DEL - 18:30 CAI**

**01 Jan 2024 SV320 11:30 CAI - 16:45 DEL**

### **7 Nights / 8 Days Program**

#### **Tour USP**

- Pyramids of Giza and sphinx | Light & Sound Show at the Pyramid
- Egyptian Museum of Antiquities | Perfume & Papyrus factory | Khan Khalili Bazaar
- Alexandria – The Pompey's Pillar
- Aswan High Dam | Philae Temple
- 5\* Full Board Nile Cruise
- Kom Ombo | Edfu | Abu Simbel Temples | Edfu Temple | Esna Temple | Luxor
- Valley of the Kings | Deir El Bahari | Colossi of Memnon | Karnak & Luxor Temples

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## **Day 1: 25 Dec. Monday. Arrival Cairo**

HRS: Arrive at Cairo international Airport, meet, assist by our representative

HRS Transfer to the hotel for check-in

20:30 HRS: Dinner at Maulana Restaurant

Overnight at hotel (D)

## **Day 2: 26 Dec. Tuesday. Cairo / Alexandria / Cairo**

**06:00 HRS: Breakfast at hotel** early morning

07:30 HRS: Transfer to Alexandria by road on private coach.

10:30 HRS: Arrive Alexandria and visit the Town of Alexandria (The **Pompey's Pillar**, The **Catacombs** of Kom-Shogafa,

**Pompey's Pillar** is a Roman triumphal column in Alexandria, Egypt, and the largest of its type constructed outside the imperial capitals of Rome and Constantinople. The only known free-standing column in Roman Egypt which was not composed of drums, it is one of the largest ancient monoliths and one of the largest monolithic columns ever erected.

The monolithic column shaft measures 20.46 m in height with a diameter of 2.71 m at its base. The weight of the single piece of red Aswan granite is estimated at 285 tones. The column is 26.85 m high including its base and capital.<sup>[2]</sup> Other authors give slightly deviating dimensions



**13:00 HRS: Lunch at Elite Restaurant**

Continue to **visit** Morsi Abu-Abas Mosque and **Citadel** from outside

16:00 HRS: Return back to Cairo on private basis

19:00 HRS: Arrive Cairo and dinner on the way back to the hotel

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Overnight at hotel. [B, L & D]

### **Day 3: 27 Dec. Wednesday- Aswan**

HRS: After Breakfast at hotel & check out

HRS: Transfer to Cairo airport to take flight to Aswan

09:00 HRS: Arrive Aswan airport with assist by our representative

11:00 HRS: Visit the **High Dam & Philae Temple.**

The **Aswan Dam**, or more specifically since the 1960s, the **Aswan High Dam**, is an embankment dam built across the Nile in Aswan, Egypt, between 1960 and 1970. Its significance largely eclipsed the previous Aswan Low Dam initially completed in 1902 downstream. Based on the success of the Low Dam, then at its maximum utilization,



construction of the High Dam became a key objective of the government following the Egyptian Revolution of 1952; with its ability to control flooding better, provide increased water storage for irrigation and generate hydroelectricity the dam was seen as pivotal to Egypt's planned industrialization. Like the earlier implementation, the High Dam has had a significant effect on the economy and culture of Egypt.

### **Temple of Philae**

is currently an island in the reservoir of the Aswan Low Dam downstream of the Aswan Dam and Lake Nasser, Egypt. Philae was originally located near the expansive First Cataract of the Nile in Upper Egypt and was the site of an Egyptian temple complex.

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These rapids and the surrounding area have been variously flooded since the initial construction of the Aswan Low Dam in 1902. The temple complex was later dismantled and relocated to nearby Agilkia Island as part of the UNESCO Nubia Campaign project, protecting this and other complexes before the 1970 completion of the Aswan High Dam.

**14:30 HRS: Transfer to the 5\* Cruise ship (Aswan – Luxor 3 nights)**



**15:00 HRS: Lunch on-board**

**Dinner & overnight onboard (B, L, and D)**

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## **Day 4: 28 Dec. Thursday - Aswan – Kom Ombo – Edfu**

05:00 HRS Packed breakfast & start tour to **Abu Simbel** by coach (OPTIONAL)

The **Abu Simbel temples** are two massive rock temples at Abu Simbel a village in Nubia, southern Egypt, near the border with Sudan. They are situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser about 230 km southwest of Aswan (about 300 km by road). The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments which run from Abu Simbel downriver to Philae (near Aswan). The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside during the 19th dynasty reign of the Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th



century BC, as a lasting monument to himself and his queen Nefertari to commemorate his victory at the Battle of Kadesh. Their huge external rock relief figures have become iconic

**12:30 HRS:** Lunch onboard the Cruise

**13:00 HRS:** Sail to Kom Ombo

16:30 HRS: Visit **Temple of Kom Ombo** is an unusual double temple in the town of Kom Ombo in Aswan Governorate, Upper Egypt. It was constructed during the Ptolemaic dynasty, 180–47 BC. Some additions to it were later made during the Roman period. The building is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the

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crocodile god Sobek, god of fertility and creator of the world with Hathor and Khonsu. Meanwhile, the northern part of the temple was dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris, also known as Horus the Elder, along with Tasetnofret (the Good Sister, a special form of Hathor or Tefnet/Tefnut) and Panebtawy (Lord of the Two Lands). The temple is atypical because everything is perfectly symmetrical along the main axis.

**18:30 HRS:** Sail to Edfu,

**Dinner & overnight onboard (B, L, and D)**

## **Day 5: 29 Dec. Friday - Edfu – Esna – Luxor**

06:00 HRS: Tea & Coffee break

06:30 HRS: Visit **Edfu Temple** The **Temple of Edfu** is an ancient Egyptian temple, located on the west bank of the Nile in Edfu, Upper Egypt. The city was known in Greco-Roman times as Apollonopolis Magna, after the chief god Horus-Apollo. It is one of the best preserved shrines in Egypt. The temple, dedicated to the falcon god Horus, was built in the Ptolemaic period between 237 and 57 BC. The inscriptions on its walls provide important information on language, myth and religion during the Greco-Roman period in ancient Egypt. In particular,

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**08:00 HRS: Breakfast on board**

**08.30 HRS: Sail to Esna, pass the Esna Lock & sail to Luxor**

**13:00 HRS: Visit the Valley of the Kings, Deir El Bahari and Colossi of Memnon.**

The valley stands on the west bank of the Nile, opposite Thebes (modern Luxor), within the heart of the Theban Necropolis. The Wadi consists of two valleys, East Valley (where the majority of the royal tombs are situated) and West Valley



**Dinner & overnight on board (B, L, and D)**

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## Day 6: 30 Dec. Saturday - Cruise – Luxor / Cairo

07:00 HRS: Check out from cruise after Breakfast,

### **08:00 HRS: Karnak & Luxor Temples.**

The **Karnak Temple Complex**, commonly known as **Karnak**, comprises a vast mix of decayed temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings. Construction at the complex began during the reign of Senusret I in the Middle Kingdom and continued into the Ptolemaic period, although most of the extant buildings date from the New Kingdom. The area around Karnak was the ancient Egyptian *Ipet-isut* and the main place of worship of the eighteenth dynasty Theban Triad with the god Amun as its head. It is part of the monumental city of Thebes. The Karnak complex gives its name to the nearby, and partly surrounded, modern village of El-Karnak, 2.5 kilometres (1.6 miles) north of Luxor.



**Luxor Temple** is a large Ancient Egyptian temple complex located on the east bank of the Nile River in the city today known as Luxor (ancient Thebes) and was constructed approximately 1400 BCE. In the Egyptian language it is known as *ipet resyt*, - the southern sanctuary - In Luxor there are several great temples on the east and west banks. Four of the major mortuary temples visited by early travelers and tourists include the Temple of Seti I at Gurnah,

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14:00 HRS: Transfer to Luxor airport to take flight back to Cairo after lunch

16:00 HRS: Arrive Cairo airport with assist by our representative.

**18:30 – 20:20 HRS:** Sound & Light show at the Pyramids



20:00HRS: Transfer to your hotel in Cairo for check-in after dinner at local restaurant

Overnight at hotel (B, L&D)

## **Day 7: 31 Dec. Sunday- Cairo**

08:00: HRS: Breakfast at hotel

09:00.: Visit the **pyramids of Giza and sphinx**, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, continue to visit the papyrus & Perfume factory where you will have some time for shopping.

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13:00 HRS: Lunch at Caviar restaurant with Indian food

14:30 HRS **Egyptian Museum of Antiquities** which houses one of the world's greatest collections of Egyptian artefacts. It boasts of more than 136,000 artefacts from over five thousand years of Egyptian history.



16:30 HRS: Time to see perfume & Papyrus factory

20:00 HRS: Dinner at Tasty restaurant

Overnight at hotel [B, L & D]

**Day 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2024 Monday- Cairo / Final departure**

09:00 HRS: Breakfast at hotel

12:00 HRS: check-out.

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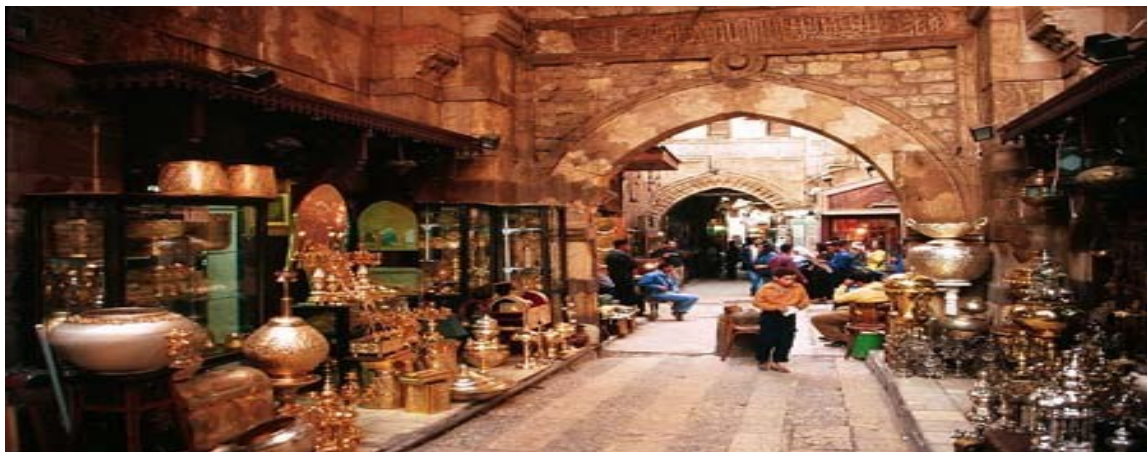
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15:00 HRS: Lunch at Walk Away restaurant

**17:00 HRS: End with Khan Khalili Bazaar one of the old market in Middle East & Africa.**

By the time of Sultan Barquq, the first Circassian Mamluk Sultan in the late 14th century, Egypt had been significantly affected by the ravages of the Black Death but continued to be the centre of great economic activity, and many commercial and religious buildings were constructed at this time. During Barquq's first reign (1382-1389), his Master of the Stables (*amir akhur*), the amir Jaharkas al-Khalili, destroyed the Fatimid cemetery to erect a large caravanserai (a building that could house merchants and their goods) at the heart of the city, reportedly disposing of the bones of the Fatimid royal family by throwing them into the rubbish hills east of the city.



The *khan* was located at the middle of Cairo's most important zone of economic activity, and later sultans also built commercial establishments nearby, including Sultan Qaytbay's *wikala* (another word meaning caravanserai) south of the Al-Azhar Mosque

19:30 HRS: Transfer to Cairo airport

20:00 HRS Arrive Cairo airport to take flight back to board your departure flight and bid Farwell to Egypt and the new friends you have made. Your fascinating journey comes to an end however you must be sure to visit this splendid country at least once again **[B, L]**

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**Cairo – 4 Nights | 5\* Nile Cruise – 3 Nights | Alexandria**

### Hotel Accommodation

<b>Cairo</b>	<b>Amarante Pyramids or Similar   4*</b>
<b>Nile Cruise</b>	<b>M/S A Sarah Nile Cruise 5* or similar</b>

### Vehicle

<b>Transport</b>	<b>AC Brand New Toyota Coaster 25 Seater</b>
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<b>Adult</b>	<b>INR 1,58,000* Inclusive All</b>
<b>Child</b> <b>0 - 2.99 Y</b>	<b>Only Airfare &amp; VISA</b>
<b>Child</b> <b>2.99 - 5.99 Y</b>	<b>INR 77,000* Inclusive All</b>
<b>Child</b> <b>6 - 11.99 Y</b>	<b>INR 1,29,000* Inclusive All</b>

- Meals as mentioned in the below itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide.

### Price Excluding

<b>Tipping Charge 3\$ per day</b>
<b>Entrance Inside any of the Three Pyramid of Giza</b>
<b>Beverage (Hard drinks) in the Restaurant, Hotel or Cruise</b>
<b>Any expenses of personal type such as activities / meals not mentioned in the itinerary/ inclusions</b>

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