

## Best of Egypt

**Duration: 12 Days / 11 Nights**

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	Arrival	Welcome to the land of the pharaohs -- we'll get you to your hotel and you'll spend the night in enchanting Cairo.	
2	Cairo • Pyramid Tour	Today you'll leave bustling Cairo and head into the desert.... You'll stand at the foot of the Great Pyramids and marvel at the Sphinx just as visitors have for 5000 years. We'll travel to Memphis and view the remains of the first capital of united upper and lower Egypt. Saqqara is our next destination, site of the earliest pyramid, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. It's architect, Imhotep, was considered a god.... We'll return to Cairo, share dinner and spend the night.	Breakfast Dinner
3	Cairo (Cairo City Tour)	Today, let our experts show you Cairo. The Egyptian Museum will not only dazzle you with ancient treasures, but bring you face-to-face with pharaohs -- Rameses II, Seti I, Amenhotep III.... An incredible opportunity to look upon the actual people behind the history. You'll explore the medieval Citadel of Saladin and the beautiful Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque. A true highlight of the day is a walking tour of the 13th century covered market, Khan El Khalili Bazaar -- there is nothing that can't be bought here! We stay in Cairo tonight.	Breakfast
4	Luxor	A short flight from Cairo will bring you to Luxor for a 5 day /4 night luxury cruise down the Nile. You'll marvel at the stunning Temples of Karnak and Luxor; our expert guide will bring to life the lives of the ancient pharaohs -- we'll take our dinner aboard ship and spend the night here.	
5	Luxor • Esna	Today you'll explore the final resting places of Egypt's ancient leaders in the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. In a land of "big" architecture, the Temple of Hatshepsut, the most celebrated female pharaoh, never fails to fill one with awe. We'll finish the day viewing the Colossi of Memnon, all that remains of the massive temple complex of Amenhotep III. Tonight we'll sail on to Esna and spend the night.	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
6	Edfu • Kom Ombo • Aswan	Today we head to Edfu and the Temple of Horus, considered the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt. You'll sail on to Kom Ombo and explore the Temple of Sobek, the crocodileheaded god. The scale of these complexes, built without the equipment of today, boggles the mind. We'll continue down the river to Aswan and stay the night.	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
7	Aswan	This morning you'll visit the Aswan Dam, a modern engineering marvel in the land that set the standard... this is the source of the granite used in monuments throughout Egypt an unfinished obelisk serves as poignant reminder of the labour these projects involved. You'll stand in the exquisite Temple of Philae and board a felucca to view the tranquil gardens of Kitchner's Island and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. You'll spend the night in Aswan.	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
8	Lake Nasser Cruise	Today you'll transfer ships and set out on Lake Nasser and a tour of the temple complex at Kalabsha, the	Breakfast Lunch

### Highlights:

- Guaranteed departures every day of the week
- Meeting/assistance at the airport
- Transfer to/from airport
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Deluxe air-conditioned transportation
- English speaking driver / guide
- All entrance fees to places of interest
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Domestic flights

### Meals

- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunch, 6 dinners.(B)
- Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

		largest in ancient Nubia. We'll sleep aboard.	Dinner
9	Wadi Souba	We'll explore further into Nubia today, taking in the temples of Dakka and Meharakka – again, we'll dine and sleep aboard.	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
10	Amada • Abu Simbel	Morning we'll find us in Amada, home to a temple illuminating this intriguing period Egypt's history... we'll pass the picturesque ruins of Qsar Ibrim and arrive in Abu Simbel for a visit to the renowned temples of Rameses II and his queen, Nefertari. We'll spend the night here.	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
11	Abu Simbel • Luxor	Today we'll leave the ship and transfer to the airport for the short flight to Luxor. We stay here tonight.	Breakfast
12	Cairo • Departure	After breakfast, you'll say farewell to newfound friends, board the flight for Cairo and from there, home.	Breakfast