

Israel & Mt. Sinai - Highlights of Egypt - A Taste of Cairo Protestant

Duration:

This spectacular tour explores not only Israel, but the whole of Egypt: the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx, Aswan and Luxor. For many, Mt. Sinai, site of the Ten Commandments is the highlight of the trip!

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	Sinai / St. Catherine's	Cross the border into Egypt to see the Sinai Desert, the land of the Exodus, the parting of the Red Sea, and the land in which Moses received the Ten Commandments. Your excursion will be to the barren wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula and to St. Catherine's Monastery where God spoke to Moses through the burning bush. We will make our way by bus to the Orthodox Monastery Santa Katarina which is at the foot of Mount Sinai. As we traverse the desert we will reflect on the Exodus experience, the Victory Chant (Exodus 15) and certain texts that speak of the Israelite's time in the desert. That evening, you are free for your own interests, or we will discuss the Sinai Covenant. Dinner and overnight at Mount Sinai.	Dinner
2	Mt. Sinai / Eilat	In the early morning hours (around 3 a.m.), we will climb the mountain and arrive at the summit for sunrise, where we will celebrate the Eucharist (led by our spiritual leader). After our descent, we will make our way to our hotel for breakfast. We depart one hour later for Israel and the Red Sea port of Eilat.	Breakfast
3	Arrival	'Ahalan Wa Sahalan' - we will be met by this traditional greeting as we arrive at Cairo airport. An assisted transfer by our representative will take us to our Cairo hotel for dinner and overnight.	Dinner
4	Great Pyramids /Memphis / Sakkara	This morning we visit the three great Pyramids of Giza, considered to be one of the seven wonders of the world. Visit the 5000 year old Sphinx and the Temple of the Valley. Proceed to visit the ruins of the ancient capital of Egypt, Memphis, where the monumental statue of Ramses II is located. At Sakkara you visit the Step Pyramid of Zoser, representing a staircase to heaven, the Tombs of Sakkara, the amazing City of the Dead. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.	Dinner
5	Old Cairo	Spend an exciting day of sightseeing in Old Cairo. Visit the famous Egyptian museum which houses the Tutankhamen exhibition. Stop at the Citadel, the Alabaster and Sultan Hassan Mosque and visit the noisy and colourful Khan El Khalili Bazaar. An evening transfer will take you to Cairo railway station as you leave aboard the first class sleeper train to Aswan. Dinner and overnight aboard the sleeper train	Dinner
6	Aswan	Morning arrival in Aswan. Visit the high dam in Aswan, a wonder of the modern world, built to alter the course of the River Nile for the first time in history. Stop at the ancient granite quarries between the old and new dams and complete the tour with a visit to Kitchener Botanical Gardens and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. An afternoon transfer will take you to the railway station for your departure aboard the first class train to Luxor. Late arrival in Luxor and transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.	Dinner
7	Luxor / Karnak / Valley of The Kings	Be prepared today for an adventure of a lifetime as you wander through the most spectacular statues and monuments in this incredible site. Visit the Temple of Karnak and Luxor. Stroll through the awe-inspiring	Dinner

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- The spectacular monuments of ancient Egypt bring most tourists here: the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx and Cairo are all a must-see but there is more than that. For many Christians, the story of the 10 Commandments at Mt. Sinai is the ultimate trip!

and the Colossi of Memnon. An evening transfer will take you to the airport for the flight back to Cairo, for your last dinner and overnight of this tour.

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