

Everyone may be familiar with the Great Pyramids of Giza but Egypt offers so much more. Now you can experience it all from Biblical Mount Sinai, to Alexandria and poignant El-Alamein.



Visit St Catherine's, one of the oldest monasteries in the world, at the foot of Mt Sinai

# Grand Tour of Egypt

## TOUR PACE

It's a lively start to this tour - especially if you are planning on witnessing the sun rise from the summit of Mt Sinai. The tour then slows down considerably after Cairo. Once aboard your Nile Cruise, just relax and enjoy the colossal temples, exotic towns and ever changing scenery.

## HOTELS

Hotels vary in comfort and style on this tour. In the main cities of Cairo and Alexandria you will stay in Deluxe properties. However, in St. Catherine's your hotel is more basic, but among the best available in this famous pilgrimage town. On the Gulf of Suez your beach side hotel is conveniently located en route to Alexandria.

**DAY 1 – CAIRO AT LEISURE.** Welcome to Egypt, the timeless land of the Pharaohs and a treasure house of ancient history. On arrival in Cairo you are met and transferred to your sophisticated tour hotel, built around a stunning landscaped atrium. Hotel: Fairmont Heliopolis

**DAY 2 – CAIRO – ST CATHERINE.** After driving through the tunnel under the Suez Canal, look out for the huge cargo ships as they negotiate this famous waterway. Cross the Sinai Peninsula to St. Catherine's village in the shadow of Mt Sinai. You are also invited for tea with the local Bedouins. Later there is time to relax before dinner. Hotel: Morgenland St Catherine (BB,D)

**DAY 3 – ST CATHERINE – GULF OF SUEZ.** Passengers who choose to ascend Mt Sinai will see the cave where Moses hid and the sunrise from the summit. Later, one of the priests guides you through St. Catherine's Monastery (if open). Drive on to your seaside resort. Hotel: Palmera Beach Resort Ain Sokhna (BB,D)

**DAY 4 – GULF OF SUEZ – ALEXANDRIA.** Drive through the desert to Alexandria, Egypt's major port, founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC. Hotel: Helnan Palestine/Sheraton Montazah (BB,D)

**DAY 5 – ALEXANDRIA SIGHTSEEING.** Your full day city tour includes the National Museum, Roman Amphitheatre and Roman Catacombs. After a visit to the 15C Quayet-Bey Fortress, your final stop is at the Montazah Gardens. Tonight, your Highlight Dinner is at a local restaurant. (BB,HD)

**DAY 6 – ALEXANDRIA – CAIRO.** Drive into the Western Desert to El-Alamein. Time here to pay your respects at the War Cemeteries and visit the Military Museum. En route to Cairo make a stop at the Coptic Monasteries at Wadi El Natrun (if open). Hotel: Marriott (BB)

**DAY 7 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING.** Enjoy views over the city from the Citadel of Salah El Din and then visit Mohammed Ali's great alabaster mosque. Continue to Tahrir Square, focal point of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution. Then gaze upon Tutankhamun's treasure in the Egyptian Museum. Tonight, experience a Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza! (BB)

**DAY 8 – CAIRO – LUXOR – JOIN CRUISE.** Fly to Luxor on the banks of the Nile, to tour the Temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of Ram-headed sphinxes, past the statue of Rameses II, to the vast Hypostyle Hall, a veritable stone forest, housing 134 giant decorated columns. Later, get to know your cruise boat, and set sail for Dendara. Ship: MS Miriam/Ms Giselle (BB,L,D)

**DAY 9 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendara, one of the best preserved temples in Egypt and containing a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarian, whose father was Julius Caesar. Return to Luxor around midday where you are at leisure. In the cool of early evening, visit the ancient Temple of Luxor, founded in 1400 BC during Thebe's Golden Age. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 10 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Travel by air-conditioned coach to the West Bank of the Nile to see the Colossi of Memnon, and visit both the Temple of

Hatshepsut and Valley of the Kings, where many Pharaohs were buried. Return to your cruise boat and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 11 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, dedicated to the Falcon God. After exploring this fascinating site, your cruise continues to Aswan. Don your galabees, (traditional Egyptian attire), for a fun-filled Egyptian Dinner and Galabeya Party. (BB,L,HD)

**DAY 12 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Sightseeing includes a visit to the Aswan High Dam and Granite Quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. Later, return to Aswan to sail in a traditional Nile felucca around Aswan's Botanical Gardens and enjoy a very English high tea before sunset. (BB,L,HD)

**DAY 13 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Perhaps join the optional excursion by air to the temples of Abu Simbel? Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods, the crocodile headed, Sobek and falcon headed Horus the Elder. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 14 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Your cruise continues along the life giving waters of the Nile. In the evening arrive back in Luxor where there is time for last minute shopping and sightseeing. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 15 – LUXOR – CAIRO.** Disembark from your cruise and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Hotel: Marriott (BB)

**DAY 16 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING.** Drive to Memphis to admire the statue of Rameses II and the great alabaster sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest in the world. Now enjoy a highlight visit inside one of the Pyramids of Giza and see the guardian Sphinx. (BB)

**DAY 17 – DEPART CAIRO.** The tour ends with transfers to Cairo airport. (BB)



The pyramid of King Zoser



Alexandria - one of the most famous cities of the Ancient World

**Key**

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- GATEWAY HOTEL + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
- CRUISE + NIGHTS



Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant  
Quayet-Bey Fortress



Taste the Bedouin lifestyle, join the locals for tea

- Included Premium Highlights**
- Visit Tahrir Square, 'beating heart' of the recent 25 January 2011 Revolution
  - Admire the artefacts recovered from the tomb of Tutankhamun in Cairo's Egyptian Museum
  - Drive to the Pyramids to witness the magical Sound and Light Show
  - Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut and tombs of the Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings
  - Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae
  - Enjoy high tea in English colonial style before the sun sets in Aswan
  - Venture inside one of the Pyramids on your guided tour of Giza

- Included Personal Insights**
- Sample the Bedouin lifestyle as you join the locals for tea in St Catherine.

- Included Other Excursions & Sights**
- Enjoy a guided visit to St Catherine's Monastery (when open)
  - Visit the new Civilisation Museum, Roman Amphitheatre, Catacombs, Quayet-Bey fortress and Montazah Gardens in Alexandria ● Visit El-Alamein War Cemeteries & Military Museum
  - Visit the great Coptic Monasteries of Wadi El Natrun (if open)
  - Visit Mohammed Ali Mosque and enjoy stunning views over Cairo from the Citadel
  - Tour the awesome Karnak Temple with its vast Hypostyle Hall
  - Visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendara ● See the Colossi of Memnon
  - Enjoy a visit to Luxor Temple which lay hidden beneath the sand for thousands of years
  - Visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu ● Tour the Temple of Sobek at Kom Ombo
  - Visit the unfinished obelisk in the granite quarries & see Aswan High Dam
  - Sail on a 'felucca' around Aswan's Botanical gardens
  - Visit the Rameses II statue & alabaster Sphinx in Memphis
  - See the Sakkara Step Pyramid of King Zozer - the oldest in the world

- Insight's Cairo & Nile Cruise**
- Insight's professional multi-lingual Egyptologist/Tour Director accompanies you
  - Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
  - Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
  - Deluxe hotels in Cairo and Alexandria, best available in St Catherines with all service charges, taxes and portage
  - 7 night Nile cruise on MS Miriam or MS Giselle (or similar), including all cruise boat gratuities
  - Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book and information pack
  - Scheduled air travel between Cairo and Luxor
  - Services of Insight's Representative in Egypt
  - Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotel.

- Included Quality Dining**
- Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party with entertainment (HD)
  - Highlight Dinner at a local restaurant in Alexandria (HD)
  - 16 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 7 Lunches (L) and 9 Dinners (D), plus bottled water, tea or coffee with included lunches and dinners while cruising
  - Departures on tour for New Year's Eve, enjoy a festive celebration dinner



See the magnificent Pyramids and Sphinx come to life at the Sound & Light Show  
Egyptian Museum see the treasure recovered from the tomb of Tutankhamun  
Visit Tahrir Square, epicentre of the uprising that changed the course of Egyptian history

See the Great Pyramids and their guardian Sphinx with a highlight visit inside one of the pyramids

Visit the reconstructed Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings

Enjoy a fun filled Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party

Take a motorboat across the Nile to the well preserved Philae Island temple complex  
Enjoy high tea in English colonial style

**TOUR CODE: G945W** **Low prices and great quality**

Starts	Ends	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction	Starts	Ends	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction
Thu 03 Nov	- Sat 19 Nov	\$3875	\$845	n/a	Thu 19 Jan	- Sat 04 Feb	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 10 Nov	- Sat 26 Nov	\$3875	\$845	n/a	Thu 26 Jan	- Sat 11 Feb	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 17 Nov	- Sat 03 Dec	\$3875	\$845	n/a	Thu 02 Feb	- Sat 18 Feb	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 24 Nov	- Sat 10 Dec	\$3875	\$845	n/a	Thu 09 Feb	- Sat 25 Feb	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 01 Dec	- Sat 17 Dec	\$3875	\$845	n/a	Thu 16 Feb	- Sat 03 Mar	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 08 Dec	- Sat 24 Dec	\$3875	\$845	n/a	Thu 23 Feb	- Sat 10 Mar	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 15 Dec	- Sat 31 Dec	\$3899	\$875	n/a	Thu 01 Mar	- Sat 17 Mar	\$3875	\$845	n/a
◆ Thu 22 Dec	- Sat 07 Jan	\$4025	\$905	n/a	Thu 08 Mar	- Sat 24 Mar	\$3875	\$845	n/a
◆ Thu 29 Dec	- Sat 14 Jan	\$4450	\$935	n/a	Thu 15 Mar	- Sat 31 Mar	\$3875	\$845	n/a
<b>2012:</b>					Thu 22 Mar	- Sat 07 Apr	\$3875	\$845	n/a
Thu 05 Jan	- Sat 21 Jan	\$3899	\$875	n/a	Thu 29 Mar	- Sat 14 Apr	\$3935	\$905	n/a
Thu 12 Jan	- Sat 28 Jan	\$3875	\$845	n/a					

**Extra Accommodation**

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Fairmont Heliopolis			
23 Dec '11 - 05 Jan '12,			
04 Apr - 13 Apr '12	\$146	\$240	n/a
All other times	\$114	\$177	n/a
Cairo Marriott			
23 Dec '11 - 03 Jan '12,			
04 Apr - 13 Apr '12	\$166	\$284	n/a
All other times	\$135	\$221	n/a

**Festive Highlights**  
◆ New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included

**Notes**  
All prices are in US dollars.  
**Additional Visa Requirements:** Check with your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

**DEF** **Definite Departures (DEF)**  
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**Highlight Dinners & Included Sightseeing are worth approximately US\$451**

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