

Egypt's vast wealth of antiquities take centre stage here: Karnak, the Pyramids and Sphinx, Tutankhamun's treasure, and the ubiquitous hieroglyphics.



Carved from the bedrock of the Giza plateau, the Sphinx is a mysterious marvel from the days of ancient Egypt

# Splendours of Egypt

## TOUR PACE

While you might find hustle and bustle in the bazaars of Cairo, it is certainly not to be found aboard your stylish Nile cruiser. With seven nights to relax while you glide down the Nile, this tour could quite possibly be one of the most graceful holidays you will ever experience.

## HOTELS

Whilst staying in Cairo your Insight hotel is the deluxe, river front Marriott, housed in a former palace in the heart of this vibrant city, with six acres of lush, tranquil gardens. Your traditional Nile cruiser has comfortable cabins, bars, shops, a restaurant and plunge pool.

**DAY 1 – CAIRO AT LEISURE.** Welcome to the timeless land of the Pharaohs, a vast treasure trove of ancient temples, tombs and monuments, which has attracted travellers for centuries. On arrival in Cairo, you are met and transferred to your hotel to relax and settle in. Hotel: Marriott

**👑 📷 DAY 2 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING.** After breakfast there is a detailed pre-tour briefing with your Tour Director. Then commence your exploration of Cairo with a visit to the Citadel for breath-taking views over the city. Salah El Din started the Citadel in the 12th century, but it owes its present outline to Mohammed Ali, whose great Mosque you visit next. Continue to Tahrir Square, focal point of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution. Now on to the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Among the many exhibits are the fabulous artefacts recovered from the tomb of King Tutankhamun. Later, drive to the Pyramids to witness the magical Sound and Light Show which literally illuminates the ancient history of Giza - an unforgettable introduction to the world of ancient Egypt. (BB)

**DAY 3 – CAIRO – LUXOR – JOIN CRUISE.** Transfer to the airport for your flight south to Luxor, founded around the ancient site of Thebes. On arrival, drive immediately to Karnak, the largest temple complex ever built by man, constructed over a time period of 1500 years. 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 4 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Visit the Temple of Dendara this morning. It was built in the 1st century BC by Ptolemy VIII, and then later, Roman Emperors continued to decorate it in honour of Hathor, the Goddess of maternity, love and music. One of the best preserved temples in all Egypt it also contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra VII and Caesarian, the son of Julius Caesar. Cruise back along the Nile to Luxor, arriving around midday where you can take in the exotic mix of sights and sounds at your leisure. In the cool of early evening, visit the ancient Temple of Luxor, which was hidden for thousands of years, buried beneath the streets and houses of the town. (BB,L,D)

**👑 DAY 5 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Across the Nile, to the west of the city, lies the necropolis of ancient Thebes. Stop for a photo of the Colossi of Memnon; these two giant seated figures of Amenhotep III once guarded his mortuary temple. Continue to the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, one of the rare female Pharaohs. In the nearby Valley of the Kings, the Egyptian kings planned to meet their Gods in the afterlife. See how when you visit some of their tombs! Return to your cruise ship now and set sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu. (BB,L,D)

**📷 DAY 6 – ON BOARD SHIP.** This morning, have a look inside the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, dedicated to the Falcon God. After exploring this fascinating site, your cruise continues to the exotic city of Aswan. Don your galabeas (traditional Egyptian attire), for a fun-filled Egyptian Dinner and Galabea Party. (BB,L,HD)

**👑 DAY 7 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Begin your sightseeing with a motorboat ride across the Nile to the well preserved temple complex of Isis on the island of

Philae. Visit the High Dam and the granite quarries to see the unfinished obelisk commissioned by Hatshepsut, but abandoned due to a large fault line. Complete your day by sailing in a traditional felucca around Aswan's botanic gardens and a very English high tea before sunset. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 8 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Spend the morning at leisure in Aswan or perhaps join the optional excursion by air to the temples of Abu Simbel, carved out of the rock by Rameses II. In the afternoon, sail for Kom Ombo. The Kom Ombo Temple is a beautiful sight as you approach it from the river. It's uniquely dedicated to both Horus the Elder and Sobek the Crocodile headed God. At one time crocodiles would have been kept in the temple and there is even a mummified example on display. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 9 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Your cruise continues along the life giving waters of the Nile, a visual feast for the senses, passing irrigated fields and shady villages. In the evening, arrive back in Luxor where there is time for last minute shopping and sightseeing. (BB,L,D)

**📷 DAY 10 – LUXOR – CAIRO.** Disembark your cruise and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Hotel: Marriott (BB)

**👑 📷 DAY 11 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING.** Drive to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. Admire the colossal statue of Rameses II and the great alabaster sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back from 2700 BC. In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour of Giza, home of the enigmatic Sphinx and the magnificent Pyramids, the last survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Your tour includes a highlight visit inside one of these extraordinary creations! (BB)

**DAY 12 – DEPART CAIRO.** The tour ends with transfers to Cairo airport. (BB)



Enjoy a ride on a traditional Nile felucca



Join in the fun of a Galabea party while on your cruise

**Key**

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- CRUISE + NIGHTS

Visit Tahrir Square, epicentre of the uprising that changed the course of Egyptian history

Enjoy a guided tour of Giza including a visit inside one of the Pyramids!

See the Pyramids and Sphinx come to life at the magical Sound & Light Show

Visit the famous Egyptian Museum, a virtual warehouse of Pharaonic treasure



Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party aboard the MS Miriam



Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings

Take a motorboat across the Nile to the Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae



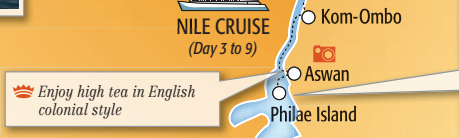
Enjoy high tea in English colonial style

- Included Premium Highlights**
- Visit Tahrir Square, 'beating heart' of the recent 25 January 2011 Revolution
  - Admire the treasure of Tutankhamun in Cairo's Egyptian Museum
  - Drive to the Pyramids to witness the magical Sound and Light Show
  - Visit the Temple of Queen 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 Other Excursions & Sights**
- Visit Mohammed Ali Mosque and enjoy views over Cairo from the Citadel
  - Tour the awesome Karnak Temple with its vast Hypostyle hall
  - Visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendara with its rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarion
  - See the Colossi of Memnon, two giant faceless statues of Amenophis III
  - Enjoy a visit to Luxor Temple which lay hidden beneath the sand for thousands of years
  - Visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu built on the place where Horus and Seth met in combat
  - Tour the Temple at Kom Ombo, uniquely dedicated to two gods
  - Visit the unfinished obelisk in the granite quarries and the Aswan High Dam
  - Sail on a 'felucca' around Aswan's Botanical gardens
  - Visit the Rameses II statue and alabaster Sphinx in Memphis
  - See the Sakkara Step Pyramid of King Zozer - the oldest in the world

- Included First Class Services**
- Insight's professional multi-lingual Egyptologist/Tour Director accompanies you
  - Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
  - Sightseeing by air-conditioned coach
  - Deluxe hotel with all service charges, taxes and portorage
  - 7 night Nile cruise on the MS Miriam or MS Giselle (or similar) including cruise boat gratuities
  - Scheduled air travel between Cairo and Luxor
  - Services of Insight's Representative in Egypt
  - Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book and information pack
  - Arrival & departure transfers between Cairo airport and your Insight tour hotel.

- Included Quality Dining**
- Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party with entertainment (HD)
  - 11 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 7 Lunches (L) and 6 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



**TOUR CODE: B945W** **Low prices and great quality**

Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Triple Room	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Triple Room
Cairo	Cairo	p.p.	Option	Reduction	Cairo	Cairo	p.p.	Option	Reduction
Tue 01 Nov	- Sat 12 Nov	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 17 Jan	- Sat 28 Jan	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 08 Nov	- Sat 19 Nov	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 24 Jan	- Sat 04 Feb	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 15 Nov	- Sat 26 Nov	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 31 Jan	- Sat 11 Feb	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 22 Nov	- Sat 03 Dec	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 07 Feb	- Sat 18 Feb	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 29 Nov	- Sat 10 Dec	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 14 Feb	- Sat 25 Feb	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 06 Dec	- Sat 17 Dec	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 21 Feb	- Sat 03 Mar	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 13 Dec	- Sat 24 Dec	\$2785	\$695	n/a	Tue 28 Feb	- Sat 10 Mar	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 20 Dec	- Sat 31 Dec	\$2825	\$695	n/a	Tue 06 Mar	- Sat 17 Mar	\$2750	\$635	n/a
◇ Tue 27 Dec	- Sat 07 Jan	\$2975	\$695	n/a	Tue 13 Mar	- Sat 24 Mar	\$2750	\$635	n/a
<b>2012:</b>					Tue 20 Mar	- Sat 31 Mar	\$2750	\$635	n/a
Tue 03 Jan	- Sat 14 Jan	\$2750	\$635	n/a	Tue 27 Mar	- Sat 07 Apr	\$2825	\$695	n/a
Tue 10 Jan	- Sat 21 Jan	\$2750	\$635	n/a					

**Extra Accommodation**

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

**Notes**

All prices are in US dollars.

**Additional Visa Requirements:** Check with your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

**DEF** **Definite Departures (DEF)**

These are regularly updated and listed on our website [www.insightvacations.com](http://www.insightvacations.com) (see page 8 for details).

**Festive Highlights**

◇ New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included

**Highlight Dinners & Included Sightseeing are worth approximately US\$325**

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