

8 Days Egypt Tour

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival in Cairo, meet with local guide and transfer to hotel for check-in. Take rest till dinner time.

Day 2: Cairo - Aswan (B/L/D)

After breakfast, first visit **the Giza Necropolis**. This complex of ancient monuments includes the three pyramid complexes known as **the Great**



Pyramids, the massive sculpture known as **the Great Sphinx**, several cemeteries, a



workers' village and an industrial complex. Among them, the Great Pyramid was listed by Antipater of Sidon as one of

the Seven Wonders of the World. It is by far the oldest of the ancient Wonders and the only one still in existence. In the afternoon, we will transfer to **the Egyptian Museum**. It is home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities. It has 120,000 items, with a representative amount on display, the remainder in storerooms. Process to Aswan by train in the evening.

Day 3: Aswan - Nubian Village (B/L/D)



Wake up in Aswan. Today's sightseeing starts in **Aswan dam**, and then transfer to **the Temple of Philae**. It was formerly an island in the First Cataract of the Nile River and the previous site of an Ancient Egyptian temple complex in southern Egypt. The complex was dismantled and relocated to nearby Agilkia Island during a UNESCO project started because of the construction of the Aswan Dam, after the site was



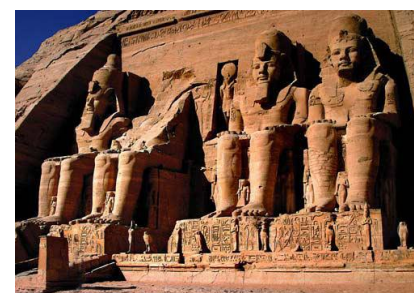
partly flooded by the earlier Aswan Low Dam for half a century. After lunch, take rest back in hotel. In the afternoon, you can have a walk along the Nile river or explore the local souvenir shops or enjoy the lovely sunshine at hotel. You can also join activities at your own expenses such as the sailing tour to Nubian Village.

Day 4: Aswan - Abu Simbel – Luxor (B/L/D)

Today you have to get up at 2:30 am and pay a visit to the renowned **Abu Simbel Temples**. Depart to the site at 3:00 am.



The Abu Simbel temples are two massive rock temples situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser, about 230 km southwest of Aswan. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments." The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century BC, as a lasting monument to himself and his queen Nefertari, to commemorate his alleged victory at the Battle of



Kadesh, and to intimidate his Nubian neighbors. However, the complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968, on an artificial hill made from a domed structure, high above the Aswan High Dam reservoir. Abu Simbel remains one of Egypt's top tourist attractions. Return to Aswan for lunch. Thereafter you can enjoy free shopping in local stores. Gather at 3:00 pm for departure to Luxor.



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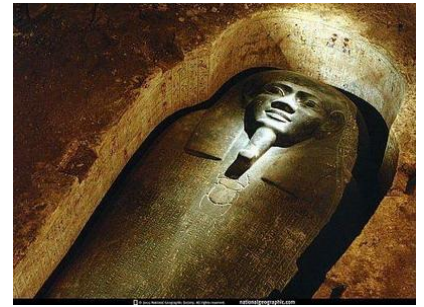
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Day 5: Luxor – Cairo (B/L/D)

In the morning, explore **the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs** and **the Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, via **the Colossi of Memnon**. Next to **the Karnak**



Temple Complex. The complex is a vast open-air museum and the largest ancient religious site in the world. It is believed to be the second most visited historical



site in Egypt, second only to the Giza Pyramids near Cairo. It consists of four main parts of which only the largest is currently open to the general public. The key difference between Karnak and most of the other temples and sites in

Egypt is the length of time over which it was developed and used. Construction of temples started in the Middle Kingdom and continued through to Ptolemaic times. Approximately thirty pharaohs contributed to the buildings, enabling it to reach a size, complexity, and diversity not seen elsewhere. During the night, take train back to Cairo.

Day 6: Cairo (B/L/D)

Upon arrival in Cairo in the morning, visit the old Cairo, including **the Citadel, the Muhammad mosque, the Hanging Church, and the Khan el-Khalili market**. In the



afternoon, we will process to the new town centre along the Nile river. During leisure time, you fully enjoy the strong historical and cultural favour among Cairo's streets, city buildings and local street markets. You



can return to hotel in the evening or join other activities at your own expenses, such as the luxury cruise tour on Nile river during which you will be served with typical food and performance.

Day 7: Alexandria (B/L/D)

Alexandria is the second-largest city of Egypt, also the largest city lying directly on the Mediterranean coast. Alexandria was founded around a small pharaonic town c. 331 BC by Alexander the Great. It remained Egypt's



capital for nearly a thousand years, until the Muslim conquest of Egypt in AD 641. Next, we will pass by **the Sahara Desert** and enjoy the stunning **dunes landform**. Then



we will visit **the Pompey's Pillar**, a Roman triumphal column, and the largest of its type constructed outside of the imperial capitals of Rome and Constantinople. It is one of the largest ancient

monoliths and one of the largest monolithic columns ever erected. Next visit to **coastal fortress** and **the ruins of ancient lighthouse**. Meanwhile, you will enjoy your lunch in near the Mediterranean sea. Free at leisure afterwards. Visit **Alexandria Library** in the afternoon (outdoor scene) and the **Montaza Garden**. Depart to Cairo after sightseeing.



Day 8: Cairo (B)

After breakfast in hotel, transfer to airport for departure.