

# JEWELS OF THE NILE TOUR

Featuring - Aswan, Cairo, Hurghada, Luxor, Nile Cruise  
28 Feb, 2024 - 10 Mar, 2024

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
10 Nights / 12 Days	35 People	Los Angeles	Twin Sharing Price - \$ 3,799.00 Single Supplement Price - \$ 899.00

## OVERVIEW

Egypt is a country located in North Africa, renowned for its rich and storied history that spans over 5,000 years, with ancient civilizations including the Pharaohs, Greeks, Romans, and Arabs leaving a lasting impact on its culture, architecture, and traditions. Egypt is best known for its iconic landmarks such as the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and Luxor's Karnak Temple. The Nile River runs through Egypt, providing a lifeline to the country's agricultural sector and offering stunning scenery for visitors to enjoy. Egypt is also known for its vibrant culture, delicious cuisine, and warm hospitality. The country's major cities include Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan. With a blend of ancient wonders, modern infrastructure, and natural beauty, Egypt offers visitors a unique and unforgettable experience.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Cairo	SOFITEL CAIRO NILE EL GEZIRAH	3 Nights
Hurghada	MARRIOTT BEACH HURGHADA	3 Nights



## Rate Include

- ◆ 06 Nights Accommodation in listed hotels or similar based on DBL / TWN sharing basis
- ◆ 03 Nights on Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor
- ◆ Daily Breakfast
- ◆ 2 Lunches in Cairo, and Full board during your stay in Hurghada
- ◆ All meals and entertainment while on board the Nile Cruise
- ◆ Entrance to the attractions as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Transport in private / scheduled touring vehicles
- ◆ Domestic flights from Cairo to Aswan // Hurghada to Cairo
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver/ guide for all transfers and sightseeing
- ◆ International Return Airfare **ex Los Angeles (Please check with price from other gateways)**
- ◆ Porterage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels
- ◆ Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## Rate Exclude

- ◆ All other meals
- ◆ All other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Beverages during the meals
- ◆ Egypt entry Visa Fee \$35 Per person
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Local city taxes to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart Los Angeles [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Cairo to start your magical journey to Egypt.

## DAY 2 Cairo - Arrival [-/-/-]

Upon arrival in Cairo, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm). Our local representative will assist you with a smooth check-in.

Check-in at the hotel and catch up on your rest. You can unwind or tour the city throughout the remaining part of the day.

Overnight in Cairo

## DAY 3 Cairo (Pyramids & Sphinx Tour) [B/L/-]

Begin your day with a delightful buffet breakfast at the hotel and then embark on a full-day guided tour to explore one of the Seven Wonders of the world - the Great Pyramids of Giza. These pyramids, which include Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus, were once considered by the Greeks to be a marvel of the world. It is astonishing to learn that a single pyramid is constructed from 2.3 million blocks, each weighing around two and a half tons. The sheer enormity of this architectural wonder is enough to leave one in awe, a feeling that countless writers and artists have tried to capture throughout the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is especially fascinating as its interior burial chambers are open to the public for inspection.

Located close to the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates back to the time of Chephren (2620 BC). This incredible statue, made from natural yellowish limestone and standing at a height of 65 feet and length of 187 feet, is a unique combination of a Pharaoh's head with a lion's body. After visiting the Pyramids, you can take a quick trip to the papyrus institute or a perfume shop.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant, and after that, you

will be transported back to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax and unwind at your own pace.

Overnight in Cairo

## DAY 4 Cairo - (Egyptian Museum)- (B/L/-)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast. Post breakfast, Journey to the heart of the pharaohs' civilization. Arrive at Tahrir Square in front of the Egyptian Museum, a majestic building constructed in 1902. The ground floor contains colossal statues spanning thousands of years, arranged in chronological order. Take an informative and enlightening tour of the upper floor, marveling at smaller statues, fossils, paintings, sarcophagi, and ancient Egypt maps. The famous Tut-Ench-Amun also has an exclusive section in the museum. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Post lunch stop by the vibrant colored market. The shops and bazaars display and sell a dizzying array of trinkets and artworks, giving you the chance to take home a small piece of Egyptian culture and civilization. Buy souvenirs for your friends or simply meander around the bustling shops. Your guide will then drop you off at your hotel in Cairo.

### ***Add-on - Dinner Cruise on the Nile inclusive of transfers (Minimum 2 Pax) : USD 65 Per person***

Experience an evening cruising along the Nile River in Cairo while enjoying dinner and traditional entertainment. Enhance your visit to Egypt at an elegant cruising restaurant while taking in the sights of Cairo illuminated at night. A dinner cruise on a Nile River Steamer is a fabulous way to enjoy a night out while you're visiting Cairo. You'll cruise in comfort and elegance as you take in the lights of the Cairo skyline at night. During the evening you'll enjoy an open buffet that features international and Egyptian cuisine. In addition, you'll be entertained by a folkloric and belly-dancing show. Experience a perfect ending-or addition-to your visit to Egypt. This is a full evening out and a great opportunity to enjoy good food, unique entertainment, and a romantic evening gazing at the sights along the banks of the Nile.

Overnight in Cairo

## DAY 5 Cairo - Aswan - Nile Cruise [B/L/D]

Following your breakfast at the Cairo hotel, our representative will transport you to the airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon reaching Aswan, you will be escorted to the Cruise ship. Following check-in, indulge in a delicious lunch and then proceed to visit The High Dam. This dam was erected in 1960 AD by Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser to protect Egypt from the flooding of the Nile River.

After that, you will board a motorboat and sail on the Nile to reach the Temple of Philae. This temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, was constructed during the Graeco-Roman period. Your next stop will be The Unfinished Obelisk, which was created from red granite and was dedicated to the god Amun Ra. Once you've completed your tour, you will return to your Cruise ship. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to explore on your own.

You will have dinner and spend the night onboard the Cruise ship.

### **Add-on: Nubian Village Tour - USD 40 Per Person (minimum 6 Pax)**

Proceed to discover village life on the Nubian Nile on this 3-hour motorboat cruise from Aswan to Gharb Soheil village. Along the journey, you'll see the Aswan Botanic Garden, Saloga, Ghazal, and Elephantine islands, the Old Cataract Hotel, the First Cataract of the Nile, and the Nilometer and Temple of Khnum. At Gharb Soheil, you'll meet a Nubian family, explore a brightly colored Nubian village, and visit a traditional market post tour you will be transferred to your fabulous Nile cruise ship.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

## DAY 6 Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu [B/L/D]

You have the morning to yourself in Aswan to do as you wish. For those interested, we highly recommend our optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site called the "Nubian Monuments".

### **Add-on: Take the opportunity to join our most recommended optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel - USD 190 Per person [Minimum 2**

### **Pax] - Subject to the Cruise Sailing Schedule**

The two massive temples in southern Egypt. Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments", these iconic temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II. With the four gargantuan statues of Ramses guarding the Great Temple, carved directly out of the mountain on the west bank of the Nile, this is one of Egypt's most memorable sights. Please note this optional activity has a very early start (but it's totally worth it). The journey by land is 3 -4 hours each way, with an early departure from Aswan at 4 am

For those who choose to remain onboard, you can enjoy breakfast and then join your Egyptologist tour guide to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris. After returning to the ship, you can enjoy your lunch while admiring the beautiful scenery of the Nile. In the afternoon, you can take a chariot ride to visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus in Edfu with your tour guide. After the tour, you will return to the ship and spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing onboard. Dinner will be served on the ship, followed by an entertaining Egyptian Folkloric Show party in the evening.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

## DAY 7 Luxor West Bank [B/L/D]

Breakfast on the Nile cruise. After that, you will start your magical tour in Thebes, the sacred land by exploring the west bank of Luxor including the Valley of the Kings, which considers the royal cemetery of the Theban kings and rulers of ancient Egypt, and the place where our Pharaohs were buried. After that, you will proceed to visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari. This temple is considered as one of the most wonderful examples of Architecture in ancient Egypt because it was totally carved inside the mountain. At the end of the tour, you will visit the Colossi of Memnon, which is belonging to King Amenhotep III. After that, you will return to your ship to have your lunch. Afternoon, free at leisure. Dinner and overnight on the cruise.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

## DAY 8 Luxor East bank- Hurghada [B/L/D]

Add-on: Early Morning Luxor West Bank Hot Balloon at USD150 Per person.

Your stay in Luxor would not quite be the same without a bird's eye view of the city from one hot air balloon. Departing from your cruise ship just before dawn, cross the River Nile to the West Bank - where your hot air balloon awaits. After a safety briefing and introduction to your ground crew and pilot, you will climb into the balloon's basket and get ready for lift-off. It is the time for the gentle rise into the dawn sky. Away from the daytime crowds, you will drift peacefully over the west Bank of Luxor and sights such as the monuments of Thebes. The early morning sun rising over the East Bank will illuminate the city and the surrounding mountains. The Hot Air Balloon flight depends very much on the weather and might not be available daily, from October till next April is the best time for it

Check out after breakfast (at 08:00 AM). After that, you will enjoy your tour discovering the East Bank of Luxor, including the most wonderful Karnak Temples Complex, which is considered to be the biggest complex construction in the world covering an area of a hundred. Finish your lovely tour in the Temple of Luxor, built by one of the kings of the 12th dynasty & completed by the well know king Ramses II. After finishing your day tour, we will head to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast, where we'll be staying for the next 2 nights.

Overnight in Hurghada

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

## DAY 9 Hurghada [B/L/D]

Today, enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. Your day is free today to relax and enjoy your time by the Red Sea. Hurghada is world famous for its scuba diving and snorkeling and the rich Red Sea marine life here attracts divers from all over the world. Other adventurous activities available include windsurfing and kite surfing, glass-bottomed submarines, quad biking, camel rides, and sea fishing trips.

**Add-on: Desert Adventure (Minimum 2 pax) - USD 65 Per person.**

Get an early start on the day with pickup at your Hurghada hotel, then travel to the quad bike station in an air-conditioned vehicle. Spend 10 minutes at the station learning the basics of maneuvering your quad bike, then join the desert guides for a trip into the sand. Drive roughly 12 miles (20 km.), roaring across dunes and opening up the throttle on the flats as the sun climbs above the coastline. When you reach a small Bedouin village, park your bike and explore the community on foot. The Bedouin people are semi-nomadic, with food, traditions, and crafts that are perfectly adapted to the harsh desert environment. Enjoy a glass of 'welcome tea,' then take a turn at the shisha pipe while learning about life in the Sahara Desert. Fire up your bike for the return trip to the quad bike station, retracing your path through the desert.

Overnight in Hurghada

## DAY 10 Hurghada - Cairo [B/-/-]

After breakfast, we will check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to the hotel. You can opt to join to visit Khan el Khalili bazaar, the ideal place for some last-minute souvenir shopping.

**Add-on - Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids inclusive of transfers (Minimum 2 Pax): USD 65 Per person**

Evening head to the world-famous Pyramids of Giza. Sit back and relax as you watch an incredible Sound and Light Show, which transports you back in time and brings Ancient Egypt to life. As you admire the colorful display, discover the journey of the pyramids and Egypt itself over the course of history.

Overnight in Cairo

## DAY 11 Cairo Departure [B/-/-]

Your incredible tour of Egypt comes to an end today. Your tour concludes after breakfast this morning. You will be transported to the airport for your return flight at the appropriate time.

## Payment Policy & Travel Insurance

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Deposit: US\$300 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]

Deposit Date: 25/01/2023

50% Deposit: By (16th Oct 2023)

Full Balance: By (15TH Dec 2023)

### INSURANCE

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. Travel insurance is widely available to purchase. It is the personal responsibility of each traveler to ensure that they have adequate travel insurance coverage. Please read the policy details carefully. It is each traveler's personal responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover purchased is suitable and adequate for their particular needs. Voyages Hub will not be responsible or liable for any consequence of any nature arising from the failure to comply with the responsibility of providing adequate travel insurance cover.

**Please contact Jean Freeman for your Travel Insurance Needs.**

## Cancellation Policy

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- Up to 121 days before departure: \$300 per person Non-Refundable Deposit & interruption insurance are retained
- 120-60 days before departure: 50% of the cost per person
- 59 days or fewer before departure: No refund is available.

Note: A person becoming single as a result of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

### PLEASE NOTE

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