

Lake at the Karnak Temple complex

Tour Code: TDE20



Highlights of Egypt

Including Nile Cruise & Red Sea

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE:
Jan. 4 – 14, 2020



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If booked by
December 14, 2018!



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Giza Plateau



DAY 1: Saturday, January 4, 2020 • Depart for Egypt
We depart for Egypt.

DAY 2: Sunday, January 5, 2020 • Arrive in Cairo
Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. We arrive in Cairo and transfer to our hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we attend an orientation meeting and welcome drink with our Tour Manager and fellow travelers at our hotel.

DAY 3: Monday, January 6, 2020 • National Museum – Old Cairo Churches – Mosque & Bazaar
We begin our tour at the Egyptian Museum, a neoclassical building located on Tahrir Square. The museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts with more than 120,000 items on display. We enjoy lunch at an authentic Egyptian food restaurant. Then we make a visit to Old Cairo's ancient churches with crypts where the Holy family stayed, also visiting a Jewish Synagogue. We continue to the famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar area with many mosques where we find copper, brass-ware, leather, perfumes and antiques. Tonight, we attend the colorful *Sound & Light Show* held in Giza with views of the mighty Pyramids. After a spectacular and unforgettable evening, we return to the hotel and treat ourselves to a superb dinner at one of the fine international restaurants. **B,L**

DAY 4: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 • The Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx – Sakkara, the Step Pyramid

After breakfast, we visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. These monumental undertakings stand as a marvelous testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. We enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. Not far from the Pyramids, we see the great Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of one huge piece of limestone. We enjoy lunch at an authentic Egyptian food restaurant. We then continue to Sakkara and the Step Pyramid, the first Pyramid and the oldest construction of stone in the whole world. We also observe wall carvings with daily life activities depicted on the Nobel Tombs. You may want to explore the Pharaoh's Burial chamber. We return to the hotel to relax this evening. **B,L**



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

DAY 5: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 • Flight to Aswan - Nile Cruise Embarkation- Nubian Village visit
After breakfast, we fly to Aswan, an ancient frontier town. Upon arrival, we spend the morning enjoying a cultural visit to the Nubian Village to visit a family house, and a school (if open). We sail with a motor boat through the National Parks of Aswan, watching local & migrant birds, various plants while learning about the Nubians' origin, culture, ancient & modern history. In the afternoon, we board our Nile cruise for an unforgettable cruise on the legendary Nile River. You'll be warmly welcomed aboard with time for lunch and to settle in. Late afternoon, we top our day off with a beautiful Sunset Felucca Ride, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile and watch the exquisite sunset. **B,L,D**

DAY 6: Thursday, January 9, 2020 • Aswan High Dam, and Philae Temple & Obelisk
After breakfast, we take a tour to the spectacular Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle when originally constructed in the 1960s. The dam brought an end to the Nile's devastating floods. We continue to Philae Temple dedicated to the goddess Isis and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. We conclude the tour with a visit to a granite quarry holding the largest known unfinished ancient obelisk. In the afternoon, we start sailing to Edfu, stopping to tour the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo that is dedicated to Horus, the Sky God and Sobek, the Crocodile God. We admire the fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls and continue sailing to Edfu and overnight. **B,L,D**

DAY 7: Friday, January 10, 2020 • Edfu Temple, Cruise to Luxor
This morning, we visit the stunning Temple of Horus in Edfu, considered one of the best preserved of all the Egyptian temples. It was built during the Ptolemaic times and was completed over a 180-year period. The temple is dedicated to the falcon god Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris. Its extravagant design and sheer size is an indication of the country's prosperity at the time. This afternoon, the ship sails via Esna to Luxor, known in ancient Egyptian times as the city of Thebes. **B,L,D**

DAY 8: Saturday, January 11, 2020 • Disembarkation- Valley of Kings- Temple of Hatshepsut, Colossi of Memnon- Temples of Karnak & Luxor
Today, we view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank on our morning tour including the Valley of the Kings and



Temple of Hatshepsut along with Colossi of Memnon. We begin with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes, where we admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, we head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs. We learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. We conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon—two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III, returning to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor. We visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. We walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. Afterward, we head to Luxor Temple to admire the colossal statues of the great pharaoh Ramses II. We transfer to Hurghada Resort City, on the Red Sea around. **B,L**

DAY 9: Sunday, January 12, 2020 •

Hurghada, Red Sea – Full day Snorkel Trip on a Yacht

After breakfast, we transfer to a yacht for a wonderful excursion to snorkel in the crystal clear warm waters of the Red Sea. (*Diving is an option for an extra fee*). We delight in the beautiful coral and colorful fish around the famous islands of the Red Sea. Later, we enjoy a fresh fish meal on board. Our evening is at leisure to experience the facilities of our hotel and dine on our own in a restaurant of our choosing. **B,L**

DAY 10: Sunday, January 13, 2020 •

Bedouin Village Safari Trip

This morning, we have an exploration visit to the Egyptian desert where we learn about the Bedouin's life and traditions. We enjoy a jeep ride, a short camel ride if you wish, and tea or coffee. Late this afternoon, we depart to Hurghada airport for our flight to Cairo. We check into our hotel for the night. **B**

Day 11: Monday, January 14, 2020 • Depart Egypt

We transfer to the airport for our flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

TOUR COST*:

\$4,459 per person, double occupancy

\$4,459 \$3,459 if booked by Dec. 14, 2018

Single supplement = \$700
 with a minimum of 20 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated roundtrip international flights** from Chicago to Cairo including taxes and fees. (*Estimated at \$1350 from Chicago*)
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned vehicle
- Domestic flights within Egypt
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4 and 5 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout
- **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary, except those listed as optional
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Entry Visa at Cairo airport (Available upon arrival)
- **End of tour tips** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Second payment of \$400 by March 15, 2019. Final payment is due September 6, 2019 \$150 Air deposit will be required when routes are confirmed in 2019. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

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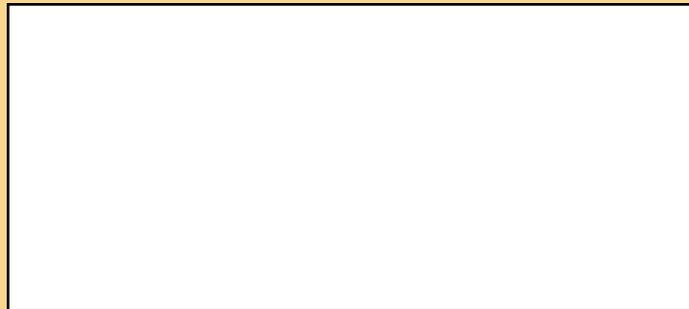
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- Single Supplement • \$700

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR **Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

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- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
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Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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