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Egypt Tour - Nile Valley / Sailing, 11 days





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Itinerary

- Day 1 Cairo
- Day 2 Cairo, excursion Memphis, Sakkara en Gizeh -flight to Aswan
- Day 3 Aswan, excursiion Philae and High Dam
- Day 4 Aswan, optional excursion Abu Simbel, start sailing trip
- Day 5 Kom Ombo - Gebel Silsila (sailing)
- Day 6 Gebel Silsila - Edfu (sailing)
- Day 7 Edfu - Esna (end of sailing) - Luxor
- Day 8 Luxor, excursion West Bank and Valley of the Kings
- Day 9 Luxor, visit Temples of Karnak and Luxor - Sleeper train to Cairo
- Day 10 Arrival Cairo
- Day 11 Cairo - Depart



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Day by day

THIS SECTION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Day 1 Cairo

Day 2 Cairo, excursion Memphis, Sakkara and Giza - flight to Aswan

We start in the vibrant metropolis of Cairo. Everywhere around you you hear honking cars and you see merchants selling their goods. Experience the sweet smells and cosiness of the small cafes and make unexpected discoveries during a walk through the narrow streets.

From Cairo we make a full-day excursion to Memphis, Sakkara and Giza. We first depart for the 20 km south of Cairo located Memphis, once capital of ancient Egypt. After a short visit we drive to the excavation complex of Sakkara where the pyramid of Djoser and counts of nobles can be visited. Our own guide tells you the secrets of the tomb culture of the pharaohs. On the way to the more northerly pyramids of Giza there is an opportunity for lunch. The three pyramids at Gizeh and the imposing Sphinx can easily be viewed from all sides, possibly from the back of a camel. At the end of the day the bus takes us to the airport for a domestic flight to Aswan.

Aswan and sailing trip on the Nile

Day 3 Aswan

Day 4 Aswan, optional excursion Abu Simbel, start sailing

Day 5 Kom Ombo - Gebel Silsila (sailing trip)

Day 6 Gebel Silsila - Edfu (sailing trip)

Day 7 Edfu - Esna (end sailing trip) - Luxor

During your stay in Aswan there is plenty of opportunity to get acquainted with the cosiness of this town. Be sure to walk over the bazaar with its typical Nubian atmosphere. It is also possible to visit the islands in the Nile with a felucca. An optional excursion is the visit to Philea and the High Dam. We moor at the island of Philea where the famous fertility goddess Isis dedicated temple complex is on display. We also visit the High Dam located 10 km south of the city. The construction of the High Dam in Aswan in the 1960s has formed the largest reservoir in the world: Lake Nasser. This lake is more than 500 km long, 370 km in Egypt. The width varies from 10 to 25 km.

Three hundred kilometers south of Aswan lies Abu Simbel where the rock temples of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari are placed by UNESCO on the banks of Lake Nasser. The tour guide can organize an optional excursion where we visit the unique temples with our own bus and at our own pace. The journey through the desert is long, but very worthwhile. The bus leaves very early so you can see the temples at your leisure in the morning.



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We depart from Aswan per Dahabiya, a luxury wooden sailing ship with 2 masts, for a sailing trip on the Nile. During this tour all meals are included, drinks are available on board for a fee. The ship is fully equipped and has double cabins with large windows so you have a beautiful view of the Nile and a private bathroom with shower and toilet. We sail north. Along the lifeline of Egypt you see the daily life in the villages pass you by. Just before Kom Ombo we are preparing to spend the night on board. The crew provides a delicious meal and then you can enjoy the impressive starry sky on the upper deck.

The next day we visit an exceptional temple at Kom Ombo. This Ancient Egyptian temple is one that consists of two parts in length. The double temple is dedicated to the falcon god Haroëris (Horus) and the crocodile god Sobek . Then we continue our sailing trip towards Gebel Silsila. On the way you see the landscape change. The next day we sail to Edfu where the temple dedicated to Horus, which was hidden under the village in the middle of the last century, was excavated. In El Kab we can take a look at the ruins of the old city of Necheb. The current residents of remote El Kab are happy to show you their homes. After arriving in Esna, travel by bus to Luxor.

Luxor

Day 8 Luxor, excursion West Bank and Valley of the Kings

Day 9 Luxor, excursion temples of Karnak - flight to Cairo

From the new Empire , around 2000 BC, the rulers developed Weset, as Luxor was then called, into a thriving city. The city was embellished with countless temples. We are preparing to visit the temples on the west bank and the rock tombs in the Valley of the Kings. The rulers from the new Kingdom had their graves carved into the rocks and provided with beautiful paintings and reliefs. Impressive and beautiful against the rock wall is the Hatshepsutconsecrated temple of Deir el-Bahari. On the way back you will pass the temples of Ramses II and Medinet Habu and visit the village of the craftsmen. During the visits to all these sights you will be accompanied by a guide who will highlight the special aspects of the famous Egyptian antiquities.

In the center of Luxor you will find the large Luxor temple that you can visit. From this temple a lane flanked with sphinxes led to the Karnak temple complex a few kilometers to the north. The modern museum of Luxor is small, but has some special objects and sculptures found in the surrounding tombs and temples. From Luxor we travel back to Cairo by plane.

Cairo

Day 10 Cairo

Day 11 Cairo

Back in the capital you still have plenty of time to wander around and get to know the lively city even better. A visit to the old Islamic district of Cairo is highly recommended, including the Ibn Tulun, the al Rifai and the Sultan Hassan mosque are worthwhile. Walk to the nearby citadel from where you can



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look out over the city. Through a maze of streets and alleys you can then continue to the Khan el Khalili, the largest gold, spices, trinkets and souvenir market in Cairo. There are plenty of places to eat around the square in front of the nearby mosque of Hussein. You can also try a homemade, sweet or savory pancake. The oldest part of the city is also very interesting: Coptic Cairo. The metro will take you to this district where you can see the Coptic museum, a synagogue and some old churches on Roman foundations. Just go into the bazaar for a final souvenir or chat with an enthusiastic salesman. About the Muski street, which is dominated by lively street trade, you can then return to the hotel, on foot or with one of the many cheap taxis. The next day our trip comes to an end.



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Practical information

Accommodations & Meals

In Cairo, Aswan and Luxor you stay in good middle class hotels. The locations of the chosen accommodations are convenient and within walking distance of sights and the city center. In Aswan you sleep in a comfortable hotel with a fantastic view of the Nile and from the pool on the roof of the hotel in Luxor you look out on the Temple. All rooms are equipped with shower and toilet and have air conditioning.

During the stay on the Dahabiya you sleep in double cabins, with two large windows giving you a beautiful view of the Nile. Each cabin has its own bathroom with shower, toilet and sink.

Due to the capacity of the Dahabiya, no more than 12 people per group can participate.

Our typical hotels.

Aswan .	Isis Corniche Hotel
Luxor	Domina Emilio Hotel

Single room

No single rooms are available for sailing portion of the trip. If you would like a single room for the other portion of the trip, please request on your booking form (additional charge - see Dates & Prices section) Otherwise, you will be matched with a roommate of the same sex.

Meals

Breakfast is included in the stay at the hotels. During the sailing trip on the Dahabiya all meals are taken care of. With these meals you also buy your own drinks.

In addition, there is also plenty of room left to explore the Egyptian cuisine on your own. After all, delicious food is a big part of a successful holiday. The tour guide informs you about good restaurants, so you can immediately get acquainted with dishes such as kofta, foel and ta'amiyya.

The tap water in Egypt is not safe to drink and tastes dirty because of the large amount of chlorine. Mineral water is for sale for a small amount everywhere in whole and half liter bottles.

Many hotels in Egypt organize a special party dinner on Christmas and New Year's Eve with entertainment for hotel guests. A compulsory supplement is usually levied for this, regardless of whether or not you participate in this dinner. The amount of this allowance can be as high as € 75 per



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person. As a rule, hotels only make known shortly before whether a mandatory surcharge will apply, if possible we will notify you before departure via your My Djoser page.

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Flights & Transportation

We provide the LAND PROGRAM only so you will need to arrange your own flights. As the bulk of the group will be arriving from the Netherlands, the start and end time of the program is based on their arrival and departure times. So that you will not miss the group meeting or any activity, please schedule your flight arrive at the same time or prior to the flight arriving from Holland based on the following time:

Land will begin late morning on the first day based on the Dutch participants flight arrival at 08:55 AM.

You may want to consider booking an extension hotel, arriving the prior day, so you will be well rested for the trip.

Depart after check-out time. (Dutch flight departs 3:15 PM)

Do not book your flight prior to acknowledgement that there are enough signed up the trip for a "GO".

Transport

In Egypt we use different means of transport. All bus routes are covered with an air-conditioned bus reserved for us. We fly with Egypt Air from Cairo to Aswan and from Luxor back to Cairo. From Aswan we make a multi-day sailing trip on the Nile, where you spend the night on a Dahabiya, a luxury sailing ship.

Money Matters

In Egypt there is paid with the Egyptian pound. Look for the current rate on oanda.com .

ATMS: is possible in many places in Cairo, Aswan and Luxor.

Cash: Dollars. Some excursions can be paid in dollars. New bills. Small denominations.

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

You should budget for out of pocket expenses, such as meals, entry fees, optional excursions. The



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weekly costs should run about \$240 per person.

Admission fees vary from \$5 to \$10 per attraction. Keep in mind that this amount increases considerably when you want to see all the sights. Also remember that you also have to pay extra for your camera or video camera when you visit a museum, temple or tomb.

Tip Pot

It is customary in Egypt to give tips for services rendered. In order to avoid having to hand over small amounts of money to tips, a tip jar will be set up at the beginning of the trip from which joint tips for hotel staff, drivers and others will be paid. The guideline for the tip jar for this trip is \$40.

If you go on holiday outside the euro zone, it is useful to bring some local currency in advance so that you do not have to pin directly on arrival.

Excursions

There are many things planned by the guide for group participation, however you are never obliged to join in. There will be time for independent exploration. Entry fees are not included so you may choose what you wish to do.

You can not miss some places of interest, are difficult to reach or are 'en route' to our next place to stay. Such excursions are built into the program however, entrance fee are not included.

During this trip through Egypt, the following excursions are included in the itinerary:

From Cairo, with an experienced guide, we make a trip to Memphis, Sakkara and Giza, where you can see the most famous pyramids of Egypt.

In Luxor the guide takes you to the west bank where the Valley of the Kings, the temple of Hatshepsut and the graves of the craftsmen are located.

We visit the temple complex of Karnak

More excursions are possible to book on the spot. For example, you can make an excursion from Aswan to the famous Abu Simbel.

Health Issues & Insurance

For Egypt vaccinations are recommended against DTP and hepatitis A.



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Group Composition

You will be joining an international group of all ages. Most will come from Holland and Belgium. While Dutch is the primary language, you will find that almost everyone has a superb command of English. The international make-up of the group makes our trips unique. Your guide addresses the group in Dutch and English. Keep in mind this is not a lecture tour and you will get all the important information.

Tour Leaders & Support Staff

A Dutch tour leader accompanies the group and addresses the group in Dutch and English. He/she will handle trip logistics, will organize group activities, and will make recommendations for independent activities and dining. These are not lecture tours and the guide will make sure you get the important information.

In addition, we will have the assistance of local, English-speaking experts who will tell you much about the history of the area.

Climate & Geography It is actually possible to make a trip to Egypt throughout the year. Every period has its advantages. In the summer it is dry and hot. We work around the heat by starting early and taking it easy in the height of the heat. An advantage of summer is that there are fewer tourists. In the winter months it is fairly cool, from November to March there may even be a shower in Cairo. The nights are cold in the winter, cool in the spring and warm in the summer.