

# Cairo - Nile Cruise - Red Sea







## **DEPARTURES: TUESDAY AND SUNDAY**

Day 01: ARRIVAL

Arrival at Cairo Airport, reception, assistance and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 02: PYRAMIDS - EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to make the visit including Three Pyramidesde Giza; Cheops, Khafre and Micerinos, the Eternal Sphinx and the Temple of the Valley of Khafre "does not include entrance to the interior of a Pyramid". Lunch at local restaurant and then visit the Egyptian Museum with its ancient era treasures and the unique treasure of king TutAnkAmon's tomb. Return to the hotel and accommodation

# Day 03: Free Day

Breakfast at the hotel, Free day in Cairo, possibility to make OPTIONAL the Citadel of Saladin built in the tenth century AD, with the most luxurious Mosque in the city with its alabaster decoration that is called the Alabaster Mosque or the Mosque of Mohamed Ali, Visit to the Medieval quarter of Khan El Khalili with its bazaars at the end of the visits Return to the hotel and accommodation.

# Day 4: Cairo / Aswan

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Cairo airport to take the flight to Aswan, Arrival in Aswan and Transfer in air- conditioned vehicle to your motorboat, depending on the time, make the accommodation and full board begins from lunch on the first day. Then we left to visit the Filae Temple. The name comes from an island located in the Nile River, 11 kilometers south of Aswan. It was famous for the temples erected during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods dedicated to the cult of the goddess Isis; goddess of music, love and joy that spread throughout the Mediterranean, until closing the temple in 430 AD.C. The island of File was submerged in the twentieth century under the waters dammed by the Aswan dam, although under the patronage of Unesco, especially the French, the temples were dismantled, moved and rebuilt on the nearby islet of Agilkia.

It bears names of several governors from Nectanebo I, pharaoh of the XXX dynasty, began to erect sacred buildings of some importance on the island. The Ptolemies continued to expand the complex and, subsequently, some Roman emperors such as Augustus, Tiberius, Trajan and Hadrian, ordered more buildings to be built. Return to your motorboat. Dinner and overnight on board.



## Day 5: Aswán / KomOmbo / Edfu

Those interested in Egyptian culture with its level so advanced by Egyptian architects can perform, very early the OPTIONAL excursion of the temples of ABU SIMBUL. Abu Simbel is a site of archaeological interest that consists of Egyptian temples located in Nubia, southern Egypt. It is located on the western shore of Lake Naser, about 280 km southwest of Aswan, close to its original location. The temples are part of the Open Air Museum of Nubia and Aswan, a complex that was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979 with the name of "Nubian Monuments", which extend to File, near Aswan. The temples were carved into the rock during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II in the thirteenth century BC. C., as a monument dedicated to said pharaoh and his wife Nefertari, to commemorate their supposed victory in the battle of Kadesh and show their power to their Nubian neighbors. In 1968, the complex was relocated to an artificial hill, built on nearby land above the level of the future Lake Naser. The transfer of the temples was necessary to prevent them from being submerged, after the construction of the Aswan High Dam, by the reservoir formed by the waters of the Nile River. Abu Simbel remains one of Egypt's most important tourist attractions. After completing the visit we return to the boat, eat and begin the navigation on the Nile, arriving at the Temple of Kom Ombo at sunset.

We left for The Visit of the Temple of Kom Ombo; This temple with its special design of the division between two triads of six divinities: Sobek, crocodile-shaped god with his wife and son and Haroeris, with falcon head accompanied by his wife and son. It has the temple in the form of an acropolis with a level higher than the water level of the Nile River and is oriented towards the Nile. On the walls you can still notice the polychromy of the scenes especially the columns of the courtyard. After visiting the temple we will continue sailing in the direction of Edfu, where we will dock for dinner and overnight.

# Day 6: Edfu / Lúxor

After breakfast departure to visit the Edfu Temple. The temple dates from Ancient Egypt located on the west bank of the Nile in the city of Edfu 120 km south of Luxor. During the Greco-Roman period it was known as Apolinópolis Magna, dedicated the temple to the falcon god Horus of Edfu. It is the second largest temple in Egypt after Karnak and one of the best preserved. The pylon of the temple is the second highest at 36 meters high and 79 meters wide. It was built over 180 years between 237 and 57 BC.C. The inscriptions on its walls provide important information about language, mythology, and religion during the Greco-Roman world in Ancient Egypt. The triad of the temple has more Hathor the wife and Ihy his son and god of music. The enclosure still has ruins of the ancient city and the houses of the priests, and are in the works of restorations and excavations.

We return to the cruise ship that continues sailing towards Esna. There is the famous lock that we must cross, it is worth seeing this technique of passing the rivers. At tea time we take advantage of the landscape of the Nile.Navigation to Luxor and arrival We have dinner and spend the night in Luxor.



# Day 7: Lúxor / Hurgada

After breakfast and disembarkation of the cruise and early departure for the visit of the western bank includes the visit of the most important necropolis of Egypt (place of Truth), the Valley of the Kings and we can enter three tombs of the 63 in total that have been discovered so far in the enclosure. The tombs have well-preserved colors with very interesting texts describing the afterlife and the king's journey to the afterlife of paradise. Our guide chooses the most interesting of those that are open. Then we visited the Temple of Deir el Bahary; is the funerary temple of the pharaoh Hatchepsut from 1480 BC.C. which has a very rare shape of two ramps and three terraces in front of the cliff of the Theban limestone mountain. You can still see colors on the walls of the temple which still has a more part dug inside the mountain with the sanctuary of the holy place. Then we have a stop in front of the Colossi of Memnon; two gigantic statues that were moved from Cairo to flank the entrance of the funerary temple of King Amenhotep III but the temple was lost and the statues remain, witness to the greatness that the temple possessed in its time. We leave for the visit of the eastern bank of Luxor begins with the visit of the temple of Luxor, from the time of the new empire of the pharaohs: Thutmose III, Ramses II, Amenhotep III and Alexander the Great next to the Nile River. We can see the avenue of the sphinxes of 2500 meters long dating from the fourth century BC.C. and the reign of Nectanebo II that connected the temple of Luxor with the temple of Karnak, which we later visited; it is the largest temple of worship in the whole world with more than 23 hectares. It is the history of Luxor (Thebes) with 22 centuries of works from the twentieth century a.C. to the second century of our era, all for the worship of the main triad of the city: Amun Re, Mot and Jonsu. At the scheduled time, Transfer by private vehicle to the city of Hurghada on the Red Sea. Dinner and Overnight in Hurghada

### Day 8: Hurghada

Free day to enjoy the Red Sea beach and hotel facilities, or make optional visits such as (desert safari in 4x4, Bedouin dinner in the desert, snorkling, etc ...)

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## Day 10: Hurghada / Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel. At the scheduled time transfer to Cairo city Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to your Cairo hotel and accommodation.

# Day 11: Cairo

Breakfast at the hotel and free time. Transfer to Cairo International Airport to take the return flight. end of our services.



### **INCLUDED:-**

- · All transfers IN / OUT and are made in air-conditioned cars
- Assistance at the Airports by our representative
- 04 nights accommodation in Cairo hotel in bed and breakfast
- 03 nights Nile cruise in full board without drinks.
- 03 nights accommodation in Hurghada hotel in all-inclusive
- Full day of visits in Cairo: the visit of the pyramids, Sphinx and temple of the Valley without entering the interior of a pyramid and the Egyptian museum with lunch.
- All Cruise Visits and entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the Program. Aswan: Philae
  Temple. KomOmbo: The temple dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris. o Edfu: The
  temple dedicated to the god Horus. o Luxor: Valley of the Kings, The Colossi of Memnon, the
  Temple of Karnak, and the Temple of Luxor.
- Egyptologist guide during visits
- Domestic flight Cairo / Aswan
- TAXES
- NOT INCLUDED:-
- Egypt Entry Visa = \$25 per person
- Internationals flight
- Entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Luxor
- Entrance inside the pyramids
- Personal insurance (theft, illness, loss, damage, personal