

BEST OF EGYPT TREASURES OF THE NILE – 9 DAYS

Friday - Arrive

Cairo

Upon arrival Cairo International airport on @ and before immigration Egypt and Beyond travel representative will meet you and assist you through immigration “**Look for your name on a sign**”. Once you have collected your bags, then pass through customs to transfer you to your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: CAIRO

Saturday Cairo

Today after breakfast you will be collected from the hotel lobby and taken on a private guided tour to visit Sakkara, Giza Pyramids and Sphinx. A day of inspiration and enlightenment will be yours today. First will visit the Step Pyramid of Djoser in **Sakkara**, the oldest stone structure known to man, dating back to 2600 BC under the 3rd Dynasty. Afterword Lunch will be served at a local restaurant nearby the Pyramids. Then will proceed to the Giza Plateau, where the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World is found, the imposing **Pyramids of Giza**. During your visit to the Pyramids you will have time for unique photo opportunities of the three Pyramids Cheops, Chephren & Mycerinus from the Western Plateau. Continue down the valley where the guardian of this mortuary complex, the **Mighty Sphinx**, bears witness to the passage of time and man in eons of silence.

OVERNIGHT: CAIRO

(B,L)



Sunday

Cairo

After breakfast will proceed today's sightseeing begins with the **Egyptian Museum**. The Egyptian Museum in Cairo contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities; no visit to Egypt is complete without a trip through its galleries. The Museum of Antiquities where over 120,000 objects in its 107 halls - including the treasures of Tutankhamun (King Tut) - are exhibited home to a fabulous collection of world-renowned antiquities, including those from the tomb of Tutankhamun whose death-mask is magnificent. Next stop will be to explore the fascinating world of Islamic Cairo, including the 19th century Mosque of Mohammed Ali and the Citadel. This great **Mosque of Mohamed Ali**, is one of the landmarks and tourist attractions of Cairo and is one of the first features to be seen when approaching the city from no matter which side. The **Saladin Citadel** is a

medieval Islamic fortification in Cairo, it's located on Mokattam hill near the centre of Cairo, was once famous for its fresh breeze and grand views of the city. It is now a preserved historic site, with mosques and museums. After lunch you stop will be at the exotic and colourful **Khan El Khalili Bazaar** of the world's oldest bazaars, where you will have the time to wander and explore.

OVERNIGHT: CAIRO

(B,L)



Monday

Cruise

Transfer from hotel to Cairo domestic airport to fly to Luxor .Upon arrival to Luxor airport, meet & greet and transfer to your cruise, which you will board for the next 4 nights. Afternoon will visit **Karnak Temple**, the greatest example of worship in the history, dedicated to the God Amon, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu. Dinner and overnight on board ship .

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE

(B,L,D)



Tuesday

Cruise

Optional: Ballooning ride this morning over Luxor City.

Experience the sun rise over some of Egypt's most famous ancient monuments on this exhilarating hot air Luxor balloon ride. After early morning pickup, travel to the west bank of the Nile River, and board a shared balloon basket for a 30-45 minute flight. Then, as you ascend, behold the thrilling bird's-eye views as the sunlight illuminates the temples and mountains below. Gaze down over Karnak, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and other monuments, and absorb the peaceful dawn.

Today start your visits at West Bank of the Nile for sightseeing of the **Valley of the Kings**. Here, hundreds of tombs, including that of Tutankhamun, were carved into the desert rock. Continue on to the **Temple of Hatshepsut**, The mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut of Dynasty XVIII was built just north of the Middle Kingdom temple of Mentuhotep Nebhepetre in the bay of cliffs known as Deir el-Bahri. In ancient times the temple was called Djoser-djeseru,

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meaning the 'sacred of sacred'. It was undoubtedly influenced by the style of the earlier temple at Deir el-Bahri, but Hatshepsut's construction surpassed anything which had been built before both in its architecture and its beautiful carved reliefs. Sail to Esna, Rest of the afternoon is free at leisure to enjoy cruising the Nile.

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE

(B,L,D)



Wednesday

Cruise

The morning will start with breakfast on board the Nile Cruise and a visit to Edfu to see the Ptolemaic **Temple of Horus**. Afterwards, you'll sail to Kom Ombo to visit the **Temple of Sobek**, the crocodile god and Horus, the falcon headed sky god of ancient Egypt. From there, you'll sail on to Aswan.

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE

(B,L,D)



Thursday

Cruise

This day your tour will begin with breakfast on board followed by a day of sightseeing in Aswan. You'll see the **High Dam** and from there you'll proceed to the **Temple of Philae**, Return to your Nile Cruise for lunch and an overnight stay.

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE

(B,L,D)



Friday Cairo

Optional: After breakfast check out from your cruise to be transferred to Aswan airport to fly to Abu Simbel, at Abu Simbel you will visit the temples of the great Ramses II and his Queen Nefertari. These temples received world-wide attention in 1968 when they were completely dismantled and relocated to avoid inundation.

After breakfast, you'll check out from cruise and transfer to Aswan airport, upon arrival to Cairo airport our representative will meet, assist and transfer to your hotel where you can spend the rest of the day relaxing or enjoying with extra night sightseeing

OVERNIGHT: CAIRO

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Saturday - Departure

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After breakfast, we will be transferred to Cairo international airport to fly back home with everlasting memories of the Land of Egypt, departure on.....
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Tour Includes:

- Twin share accommodation.
- All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- All arrangements as per itinerary.
- Bottled water in vehicle during tours.
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.
- English speaking licensed Category **A** guides.
- 18 meals "8 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 4 dinners."
- Private transfers and sightseeing in modern A/C Car.
- Domestic airfares Cairo / Luxor - Aswan / Cairo in Economy Class.

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Tour Excludes:

Egypt Visa, any arrangements not specified on itinerary, travel insurance, international airline tickets, laundry and tipping ground staff, guides & drivers, any extra hotel or cruise beverages or any other items not mentioned above itinerary.

Treasures of the Nile 9Days starts every Friday to following Saturday

Net cost is:

4* hotels U\$1450 per person twin or triple share, single cost U\$1875

(Stigenberger Tahrir & Presidential cruises or similar)

5* hotels U\$1880 per person twin or triple share, single cost U\$2695 (Grand Nile Tower or Fairmont & Amarco I cruise or similar)

5* hotels U\$2475 per person twin or triple share, single U\$3700 (Four Seasons Cairo & Amarco II cruise or similar)

Second option with extra night in each city Luxor & Aswan, Nile Odyssey, starts every Thursday

4* hotels U\$1650 per person twin or triple share, single cost U\$1995

(Stigenberger Tahrir , Philippe Luxor & Presidential cruises, Basma Aswan or similar)

5* hotels U\$2075 per person twin or triple share, single cost U\$2895 (Grand Nile Tower or Fairmont, Sonesta Luxor & Amarco I cruise, Helnan Aswan or similar)

5* hotels U\$2895 per person twin or triple share, single U\$4125 (Four Seasons Cairo, legendary Sofitel Old Winter Palace & Amarco II cruise, Legendary Aswan Old Cataract or similar)

Optional Tours:

Hot Air Ballooning in Luxor U\$175pp

Abu Simbel Excursion by Air U\$400pp

If clients make a booking by 30 Nov, they get Hot Air ballooning for FREE, this is added value of U\$525 for 3pax!! This offer ends 30 November for all new bookings.

Above rates are valid until 30 Sep 2018, except Easter dates

Please let me know Bonnie if you have any further queries.

We would love to do a group together for Egypt in 2018, maybe 9days Egypt and then 4days Jordan, if you go on our facebook page egypt & beyond travel, you will see the wonders we have done to our latest USA group with a private opening of the Pyramids area at 6am ONLY for our group!!

I will follow up with you Bonnie in 2 weeks time.

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Best Regards

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