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Egypt & The Nile: May 27 - June 5, 2022

Daily Itinerary

(B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner)

Friday, 27 May 2022: Arrival in Egypt

- Arrival to Cairo International Airport (CAI)
- Meet & greet, with luggage and customs assistance by a Royal Egypt Travel representative
- Transfer by A/C vehicle to hotel for check-in

Overnight Cairo/Giza: Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino - 3 nights

Saturday, 28 May 2022: Memphis | Saqqara | Great Pyramids | Sphinx (B, L)

- Morning greet and itinerary review with Tour Manager
- Full day tour to Memphis, Saqqara, Great Pyramids and Sphinx (includes camel ride at the Pyramids)
- Lunch at local restaurant in Cairo

Pyramids & Sphinx: Considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and one-half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers & artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is especially interesting since its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone & standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body.



Sunday, 29 May 2022: Egyptian Museum | Coptic Cairo | Khan el-Khalili Bazaar (B, L)



- Morning greet and itinerary review with Tour Manager
- Visit the Egyptian Museum, Coptic Cairo & Khan el-Khalili Bazaar
- Lunch at local restaurant in Cairo

The Egyptian Museum: The most important depository of Egyptian antiquities anywhere in the world. It features artifacts from the Pharaonic and Graeco-Roman periods, including the celebrated mummies of ancient Egypt's king and Tut Ankh Amun treasures.

NOTE: It is likely that the new Grand Egyptian Museum will be open in 2022.

Monday, 30 May 2022: Fly to Luxor | Embark Nile Cruise | Karnak Temple | Luxor Temple (B, L, D)

- Morning greet and itinerary review with Tour Manager
- Fly to Luxor | Embark on Nile Cruise
- 12:30pm: Lunch on-board
- 2:00pm: Tour Karnak & Luxor Temples
- 7:30pm: Dinner on-board

Overnight Nile Cruise: Mövenpick M/S Royal Lily (4 nights)

Karnak Temple: Karnak was erected in 1928 BC as a small shrine dedicated to Amun, god of Thebes then. The Temple of Karnak comprises three main temples, smaller enclosed temples, and several outer temples - all constructed over 1300 years. The three main temples of Mut, Monthu and Amun, are enclosed in enormous brick walls, with the temple of Amun at the center.



Luxor Temple: In ancient times, many festivals were celebrated in Thebes. The Temple of Luxor was the center of the most important one, the festival of Opet. Built largely by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, the temple served as a setting for the rituals of the festival, which were held to reconcile the human aspect of the ruler with his divine office. The procession of images of the current royal family began at Karnak and ended at the Luxor Temple.

Tuesday, 31 May 2022: Luxor West Bank | Valley of Kings | Hatshepsut | Colossi of Memnon | Sail to Edfu (B, L, D)



- 06:30 am: Breakfast on-board
- 07:30am: Tour West Bank - Valley of the Kings, the Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon
- 1:00pm: Sail to Edfu via Esna | Lunch on-board
- 4:30pm: Afternoon tea
- 7:00pm: Captain's Welcome Reception Cocktail with evening entertainment
- 7:30pm: Dinner on-board
- Overnight in Edfu

Optional Excursion: Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride over Valley of the Kings - \$150 USD per person

West Bank: The West Bank forms a valley where rock cut tombs were excavated for the pharaohs and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom over a period of 500 years. The most notable tomb (KV62), is that of the young boy pharaoh, Tut Ankh Amun. There is also a stop at an authentic Egyptian Alabaster Workshop, where you will learn how this amazing stone is formed into beautiful pieces of art.

Wednesday, 01 June 2022: Sail Edfu to Kom Ombo | Temple of Edfu | Temple of Kom Ombo (B, L, D)

- 07:00am: Breakfast on-board
- 08:00am: Tour Edfu Temple
- 10:30am: Begin sail to Kom Ombo
- 1:00pm: Lunch on-board
- 4:00pm: Afternoon tea
- 5:00pm: Tour Kom Ombo Temple | continue sail to Aswan
- 8:00pm: Dinner on-board
- 9:30pm: Galabeya party in authentic Egyptian attire
- Overnight Aswan

Edfu Temple: The Temple of Horus at Edfu, located on the west bank of the River Nile in Upper Egypt, is one of the best-preserved ancient monuments in Egypt and is renowned for its gigantic pylons (gateways). It was built in honor of the falcon god Horus, son of god Osiris and goddess Isis. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom, between 237 and 57 BC, the temple was preserved by desert sand, which filled the place after the pagan cult was banned. With its roof intact, it is also one of the most atmospheric of ancient buildings. Granite statues of Horus as a falcon adorn the entrances and hallways.



Kom Ombo Temple: The Temple of Kom Ombo, in Aswan Governorate, Upper Egypt was constructed during the Ptolemaic dynasty (180-47 BC). The unusual double temple is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. The temple is also atypical because everything is perfectly symmetrical along the main axis.

Thursday, 02 June 2022: Aswan High Dam | Philae Temple | Obelisk (B, L, D)



- 07:00am: Breakfast on-board
- 08:00am: Tour the High Dam, the Temple of Philae & Unfinished Obelisk
- 1:00pm: Lunch on-board
- 4:00pm: Felucca on the Nile around Kitchener Island
- 7:30pm: Dinner on-board
- 9:30pm: Nubian Show

Temple of Isis at Philae: One of Nubia's most important monument sites, the Temple of Isis at Philae was built to honor the goddess, Isis. The temple complex is one of the most picturesque in all of Egypt. It sits on Aglika Island, 12 kilometers south of Aswan. It was moved to its current location following the construction of the High Dam, which threatened to submerge the temple complex permanently.

Friday, 03 June 2022: Disembark Cruise | Nubian Museum (B)

- 07:00am: Breakfast on-board
- 08:00am: Check-out after breakfast
- Free time to tour Aswan markets
- 12:00pm: Check-in at hotel in Aswan
- Afternoon: Visit the Nubian Museum

Overnight Aswan: Mövenpick Aswan - 1 night

Nubian Museum: Opened in 1997, the Nubian Museum is a tribute to the culture and influence of Nubia and the Nubian people to the history of Egypt. This ancient culture, every bit as old as that of Ancient Egypt, existed along the banks of the Nile for millennia in the areas we call southern Egypt and northern Sudan today.



Saturday, 04 June 2022: Fly to Cairo (B)



- Breakfast at the hotel
- Return flight to Cairo. Remainder of day at your leisure.

Overnight Cairo: Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino (1 night)

Sunday, 05 June 2022: Departure from Egypt | Return to US

- Departure transfer to Cairo International Airport for return flights to US
- Pickup times will depend upon airline selected
- Departures from Cairo to the US will be anywhere from 12am (midnight) to 9:45am