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## Cairo & Nile Cruise & Alexandria

11 nights - 13 days

((05 NTS Cairo / 04 NTS Nile Cruise / 02 NTS Alexandria ))

### Day 1

Thursday

Depart Sydney.

### Day 02

Friday

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival Your tour begins when you are greeted by our representative Executive Travel who will assist you through immigration and customs formalities. After you have collected your luggage he will then take you, in our deluxe vehicle, to your Cairo hotel and over night.



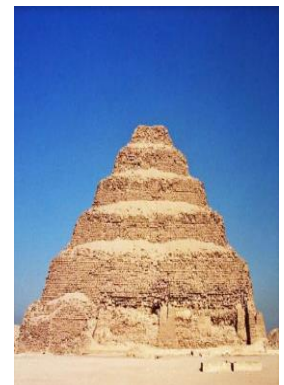
### Day 03

Saturday

After breakfast, you will meet your Egyptologist guide in the hotel lobby. Begin by exploring the desert antiquities dating back to the beginning of a civilization that arose over 5,000 years ago. You will venture through the desert to visit some of Egypt's oldest sites. First, go to the Pyramids of Giza. Nothing evokes the long and intriguing history of Egypt as powerfully as the pyramids. Rising from the desert, Khufu (Cheops), Khafra and Menkaura symbolize the enigmatic tug of Egypt in our imaginations. The Great Pyramid of Cheops immortalizes the son of Sneferu and Hetepheres. Though little is known about this pharaoh, his pyramid is the largest of the three and is comprised of 2.3 million stone blocks, each weighing an average of 2.5 tons., the colossal statue of the Great Sphinx, which as stood guard over the pyramids for millennia . Carved from an outcrop of rock, the Sphinx remains the ultimate symbol of Ancient Egypt with its lion's body and human head.



After your exploration of the pyramids, drive to Memphis and Sakkara. The necropolis at Sakkara is where King Zoser's Step Pyramid was built. This vast site in the heart of the desert plateau is the largest necropolis in Egypt. Extending for almost five miles, the complex forms a collection of pyramids, temples and tombs that is fundamental to understanding the history of ancient Egypt. Memphis is where the remnants of the city's first capital, once the most cosmopolitan city in Egypt, are scattered in the desert. You will also see the carved limestone colossus of Ramses II. (B . L)



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**Day 04**  
**Sunday**

After breakfast, you will meet your guide at the lobby. Begin your introduction to Cairo at the famous **Egyptian Museum of Antiquities**. The museum houses the greatest collection of Egyptian royal treasures in the world. Your expert guide will take you through the highlights, including the famous Tutankhamen Collection of golden treasures. You will then visit **The Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali**, the largest structure built during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Counting to visit the most famous Bazaar in the middle east **Khan El Khilily Bazaar**.



**Day 05**  
**Monday**

After breakfast Today you will be transferred to the airport to take your flight to **Luxor**, Later this morning, you will be transferred to the river to begin your Nile cruise After check-in, enjoy lunch on board.

This afternoon, you visit the **East Bank** with its fabled **Karnak Temple** and **Luxor Temple**. The temple of Luxor is close to the Nile and parallel with the riverbank. King Amenhotep III, who reigned 1390-53 BCE, built this beautiful temple and dedicated it to Amon-Re, king of the gods, his consort Mut, and their son Khons. This temple has been in almost continuous use as a place of worship up to the present day. It was completed by Tutankhamun and Horemheb and added to by Ramses II. Towards the rear is a granite shrine dedicated to Alexander the Great.



Osiris. A 20-meter/66-foot high, mud brick enclosure wall, surrounded all of these buildings. The Amon Ra Temple was known during the Middle Kingdom period as Ipt-Swt, which means the Selected Spot. It was also called Pr-Imn, or the House of Amon. The name Al-Karnak in Arabic was derived from Karnak, which means fortified village.

**( B , L , D )**

### Day 06 Tuesday

Today you will discover the legendary **Valley of the Kings** that encompasses the East Valley, home to the tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, and the West Valley, which has only one tomb open to the public - the tomb of Ay, who succeeded Tutankhamun to the Egyptian throne. The 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 Djeser-djeseru, meaning the 'sacred of sacreds'. It was undoubtedly influenced by the style of the earlier temple at Deir el-Bahri, which Hatshepsut chose as the site her temple in a valley sacred to the Theban Goddess of the West. More importantly, it was on a direct axis with Karnak Temple. Two huge ruined statues, the Colossi of Memnon, are around 17 meters/56 feet tall and once stood at the entrance gate of the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III, though very little of the temple behind them remains today. They were cut from two massive granite blocks, brought from quarries near Cairo, and carved to represent the pharaoh Amenhotep III of Dynasty XVIII.



**The Valley of the Queens** is near the better known Valley of the Kings, on the west bank of the Nile across from Thebes (modern Luxor). This barren area in the western hills was chosen due to its relative isolation and proximity to the capital. The pharaohs of the 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty chose to be buried in rock-cut tombs instead of the traditional building of pyramids as burial chambers (perhaps because of their vulnerability to tomb robbers). ( **B . L . D** )

### Day 07 Wednesday

Take in the Horus Temple in **Edfu**. The site of Edfu Tell was known as Wetjeset-hor, the place where the god Horus was worshipped and where, ancient mythology says, the battle between Horus and his traditional enemy Seth took place. The temple of Horus is the most well-preserved and the only one we know to have been completed. Built from sandstone blocks, the huge Ptolemaic temple was constructed over the site of a smaller, earlier temple, oriented east to west. The temple of **Kom Ombo** stands on the East Bank right next to the river, about 4 kilometers/2.5 miles from town. It was dedicated to two gods, Horus and Sobek, but primarily to Sobek, the crocodile God, together with his wife, who was in another form the Goddess Hathor. The temple is a Greco-Roman structure, dating back to the year 119 BCE, when Ptolemy



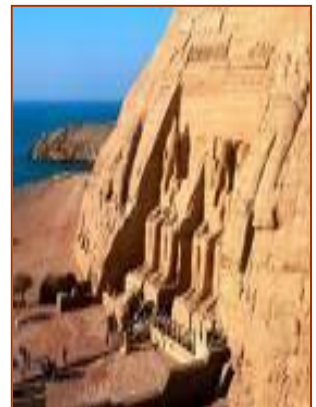
**Day 08**  
**Thursday**

Today, you see the temple of Isis on the island of Philae, the center for worship of the goddess Isis. It attracted pilgrims from all over the ancient world. One of the great temples of Egypt, it occupies about a quarter of the island and is the main temple on the island, with its huge, complete pylons and beautiful scenes. The temple is built in the same style as the temples of the New Kingdom. It also incorporates other elements, which appeared in the Greco-Roman period, such as the Mamisi (the House of the divine birth of Horus), and a Nilometre. The temple was submerged after the first Aswan Dam was built in 1906. The Unfinished Obelisk lies, in its original location, in a granite quarry in Aswan. It is 42 meters/138 feet in length and was most probably abandoned when some cracks appeared in the rock, during its construction. Had this obelisk been completed, it would have been the heaviest obelisk ever cut in Ancient Egypt, weighing nearly 1100 tons! It is believed that it was constructed and abandoned during the reign of Queen Hatshepsut of the 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty. Afterwards, return to Aswan to visit the High Dam of Aswan, considered one of the most important achievements of the in the last century in Egypt. For many years, it was a symbol of the New Era of the Revolution of 1952. It provides Egypt with water and electricity. ( B.L.D )



**Day 09**  
**Friday**

This morning, disembark your cruise ship for an early transfer to the airport to fly to Abu Simbel. ( if reserved )  
The temples of Abu Simbel are amongst the most interesting Pharaonic temples. Located close to the southern border with the Sudan, it is 280 kilometers/174 miles south of Aswan and consists of two, rock-cut temples, which both date back to the reign of King Ramses II (1290- 1223 BCE). Unfortunately these unique temples suffered from the rising waters of Lake Nasser while the High Dam was being built. Return to Cairo, arrive Cairo transfer to your hotel for an overnight



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**Day 10**  
**Saturday**

After Breakfast. Departure to Alexandria.  
Arrive Alex in the late afternoon, check-in and Overnight.



**Day 11**  
**Sunday**

After breakfasts, visit the **Catacombs** of Kom El Chokafa , **the Library of Alexandria** and the Palace of "**El Montazah**". Back to your hotel and overnight.



**Day 12**  
**Monday**

Breakfast. Departure to Cairo, en route **visit EL Alamein** . Arrive Cairo; check in the hotel and Overnight.



**Day 13**  
**Tuesday**

Today you will be transferred to the airport to take your international flight back home.



- This program might suffer slight changes due to circumstances beyond our control.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Due to the variation of the water level of the Nile, the order of this itinerary may change at short notice; on some departure dates the cruise might start from Aswan to Luxor or vice versa. However, we are committed to providing all the sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary.*

### Package includes:-

- 05 Nights accommodation in Cairo with breakfast at 5\* stars Hotel.
- 04 Nights accommodation on board 5\* Nile Cruise on full board basis .
- 02 Night accommodation in Alexandria with breakfast at 5\* stars Hotel
- 02 Full days in Cairo with Lunch.
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- Meet and assist.
- All sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary escorted by a private Egyptologist.
- All transfers and transportation as mentioned above with private air- conditioned car.
- All entrance fees for the above mentioned tours.
- Egypt's entry visa.
- Flight Ticket: Cairo - Luxor / Aswan -Cairo



**Package does not include:-**

- Any items not mentioned in the above itinerary.
- Any items of personal nature such as drinks, laundry etc....
- Tips of any kind to those who serve you during your trip.