



Egypt – 12 Day Navigating The Nile (Aswan - Cairo - Edfu - Esna - Kom Ombo - Luxor)

Egypt is...A country of myths and mysteries that beckons with her wondrous sights and alluring mystique. Awe-inspiring pyramids...Golden-clad tombs buried with astounding treasures...

The mighty Nile River and Valley from where ancient civilization emerged more than 5,000 years ago. Come experience a glittering glimpse into the past on your Egypt vacation with Central Holidays...

From the legendary Sphinx at Giza and the Great Pyramids, the only surviving structures acclaimed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World...to the magnificent gilded artifacts of King Tutankhamen and the Mummies Room at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Experience firsthand the captivating stories of the ancient world as you visit grandiose monuments and temples left behind by dynasties that rose and fell. Egypt's capital, Cairo, is



a fascinating fusion of the past and the present. This cosmopolitan city of over 19 million enjoys a wide array of attractions including Nile-side hotels, sidewalk cafes, fascinating museums, and mosques.

Beyond all of that, "trade" is what made Cairo rich, and that tradition continues at her lively local bazaars, where haggling is part of the excitement and travelers can always find exquisite souvenirs.

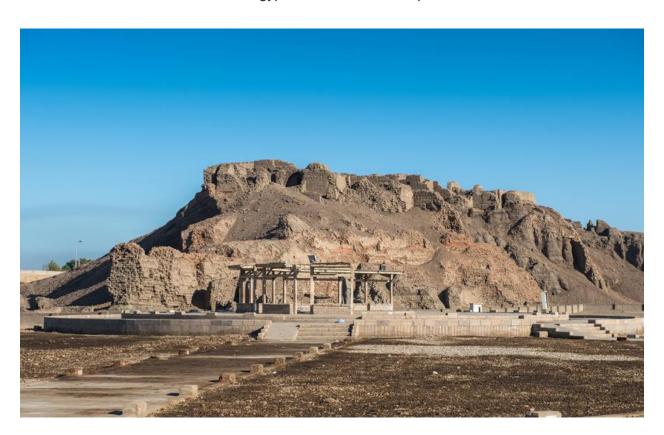


PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover the mystery and mystique of Egypt and marvel at the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Sphinx
- Fly to Luxor and board a modernized Dahabeya for a relaxing week of sailing the Nile River
- Explore The Valley of the Kings where the treasures of King Tutankhamen in 1922 and the Valley of the Queens boasting the Temple of Ramesses III and the Colossi of Memnon



- Delve into the city of Edfu and its Temple of Horus, the double temple of Kom Ombo, and the dams of Aswan
- In Cairo, shop Egypt's Khan El Khalili bazaar, where you can haggle for Egyptian treasures to take home or dine at cafés along the Nile River
- See the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb at the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities



Day To Day Itinerary

Day 1 – THU: us - cairo

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative at the airport after clearing customs. They will escort you from the airport to your hotel to check-in. Afternoon and evening are at leisure or enjoy an optional Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids.



Day 2 - FRI: CAIRO

Today is an exciting day of Egyptian adventure as we explore the cosmopolitan city of Cairo and all that it has to offer. From winding streets filled with markets, cafes and more to the magnificent creations located just outside of it. We adventure into the sand as your guide escorts you to the famous Great Pyramid of Giza and the Sphinx. Marvel at the size of these ancient and incredibly meaningful monuments as we learn about the history behind them and their meanings. (B,L)

Day 3 - SAT: CAIRO I-LUXOR

This morning we transfer to Cairo Airport following breakfast at your hotel. We depart for Luxor where we will board a Dahabeya for a relaxing week sailing the Nile River. These sailboats were common in the days of the monarchy (1920s-40s) when aristocrats and sophisticated travelers enjoyed cruising along the Nile in style. The boats were rented for weeks at a time, and made their way from temple to temple enjoying the river breeze. The boats had four to ten cabins, bathrooms and a host of servants. Today the sailboats have been revived with modern comforts and conveniences. We will enjoy lunch on the boat before an excursion to visit the magnificent temple complex of Amon-Ra at Karnak. We?ll explore the hypostyle hall of 137 columns and the imposing Dynasty Luxor Temple. This evening we stay moored on the Nile banks of Luxor. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - SUN: LUXOR I-ESNA

This morning we visit the West Bank, known home to the burial places of the Pharoahs? the Valley of the Kings? where Howard Carter discovered the famed tomb of King Tutankhamen in 1922. In the adjacent valley? the Valley of the Queens? we explore the Mortuary Temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu and the Colossi of Memnon which is made up of two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. Your guide will explain the symbols and their meanings throughout the hieroglyphs scrawled across these temples. Learn how the ancient Egyptians thrived and built these massive



structures on our exploration. In the afternoon we sail to the city of Esna (also referred to as Letopolis or Lato) with shopping markets and excavated temples. We moor here for the evening. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - MON: ESNA - EDFU

Enjoy breakfast onboard before departing to explore the city of Edfu and its famed temple on the Nile?s west bank. The Temple of Horus at Edfu, was built between 237 and 57 BC under the reign of Cleopatra VII. Built of sandstone blocks, it faces the river with the remains of the ancient settlement of Edfu located just to the west. A guide will take you on a full tour of the temple and surrounding area, sharing the temple and settlement?s history. This evening we moor beside a Nile island. (B,L,D)



Day 6 – WED: EDFU - KOM OMBO



Today is another glorious day to enjoy the breeze as we continue our adventure on the Nile, sailing from Edfu to Kom Ombo, an agricultural town famous for its temple. Again you will enjoy meals onboard as we use the wind to sail to our destination. The Dahabeya uses engines as needed when the wind is not sufficient, and a generator provides power. Soak in the Egyptian sun and take beautiful photos as we pass monuments, cities and other beautiful sights. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - THU: KOM OMBO - ASWAN

Kom Ombo was originally an Egyptian city called Nubt (meaning City of Gold). During the Greco-Roman period it became a Greek settlement and had control over trade routes. The city is most popular for its Temple of Kom Ombo built during the Ptolemaic dynasty of 180-47 BC. It is especially unique because it is actually a double temple, meaning there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms built for two sets of gods in one location. The southern half of the temple is dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek, god of fertility and creator of the world with Hathor and Khonsu. The northern half of the temple is dedicated to the falcon god, Horus the Elder, Tasenetnofret and Panebtawy. Tour the temple and its surroundings before boarding the river vessel for sailing to Aswan. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - FRI: ASWAN

This morning get ready for a day of exploration with breakfast on-board before disembarking for a tour of Aswan, a city in the south of Egypt on the east bank of the Nile just north of the Aswan Dams. We will visit the Aswan High Dam which was completed in 1971 and the Old Dam which was completed in 1902. The dams are important for controlling floods, providing water for irrigation and generating hydroelectricity. Before the dams the Nile would flood in the late summer every year and would sometimes wipe out entire crops. We will also visit the island of Philae, located in the reservoir of



the Aswan Low Dam, and its temple of Isis which is part of a UNESCO Nubia Heritage Campaign project to preserve and protect it. (B,L,D)

Day 9 - SAT: ASWAN - CAIRO

After breakfast onboard, our representatives will escort you to Aswan Airport for a departure flight to Cairo. You will be met at Cairo Airport and escorted to your hotel. (B)



Day 10 - SUN: CAIRO



Today we will step out into the cosmopolitan city of Cairo for more exploring. Shop Egypt?s largest bazaar, Khan El Khalili, where you can haggle for Egyptian treasures to take home. Visit the Citadel of Salah El Din and the Mohamed Ali Mosque. We will also get a special tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities where you can see replicas of Pharonic Era treasures and items from King Tutankhamen?s tomb. We will visit many of the city?s major highlights today and enjoy your final day of the Egyptian experience. (B.L.)

Day 11 - MON: CAIRO TO USA

Our representatives will escort you to Cairo International Airport today for your return flight home. We hope you had a wonderful vacation in Egypt! (B)

Inclusions

- Hotel accommodation for 4 nights
- 7 nights on board a Nile River Dahabeya
- 27 included meals consisting of:
 - 11 buffet breakfasts
 - 9 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- 7 days of touring in an air-conditioned van/minibus/bus
- Sightseeing, including licensed Egyptologist and all entrance fees, as follows:
 - Cairo tour including: Pyramids, Sphinx, Solar Boat Museum, Egyptian Museum, Old Cairo, and Khan El Khalili Bazaar
 - Nile Cruise sightseeing including: Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna and Luxor
- All transfers and luggage handling within Egypt
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Document holder and luggage tags

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today! 678-500-9548

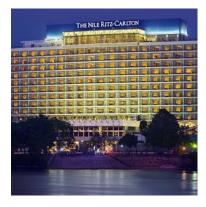
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HOTEL

The Nile Ritz Carlton - 4 Nights / Deluxe

This five star hotel is situated along the River Nile, commanding panoramic views of the Nile, City, Citadel and the Pyramids.



At the heart of the capital city is a spectacular half-century hotel waiting to be re-discovered. The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo is an iconic hotel situated between the Nile River, Tahrir Square and adjacent to the Egyptian Museum. The hotel features panoramic views of the Corniche and only a stroll across to the Qasr El Nil Bridge and the spectacular Cairo Opera House. Splendid amenities including more than nine distinctive restaurants and bars, a lavish spa and unprecedented service promise an unforgettable getaway

REST: The elegantly appointed 331 rooms including 50 suites from which two lavish Royal suites, each more than 300sqm, four Presidential suites at 144sqm, 18 Ritz-Carlton suites at 116sqm, 14 Executive suites at 96sqm and 12 Junior suites at 72sqm. The exclusive Ritz-Carlton Club Lounge© offers food and beverage presentations throughout the day. All rooms and suites are designed to paper your senses with a spectacular view of the Nile and the Egyptian Museum.

REJUVENATE: Relax and unwind by our spectacular pool with a spacious area with ample opportunities for guests to relax in luxurious cabanas with absolute privacy. Rejuvenate with our signature Arabic cleansing rituals, The Peloid Chamber and complement your experience with a session of yoga on the spa terrace while the sun sets behind the Nile.

GATHER: Al Qahira is the largest ballroom in Downtown Cairo, featuring 1700sqm with state of the art facilities to accomodate your special event. The famous Alf Leila Wa Leila ballroom is stunning for wedding receptions and features 924sqm of flexible space, a generous variety of six smaller meeting rooms.

NOURISH: There is no better place to enjoy your afternoon tea than the Lobby Lounge; savor your coffee along with finest homemade French patisseries at Sweet Boutique. The rooftop restaurant Nox offers American inspired dishes while Out of the Nox bar overlooks panoramic



views of Cairo from the terrace. Culina the all-day dining restaurant is a theater of live cooking to trigger your senses. Bab El-Sharq is your gate to Arabian signature dishes served indoor and lush outdoor garden with the delights of Shisha. Experience romance at Vivo, our Italian restaurant overlooking the famous Cairo Tower, complemented by the cocktails served at the suave Bar'Oro. Classic cocktails are redefined at the intimate and elegant Ritz Bar. Experience a culinary revelation at the hotel's dining venues.

EXPLORE: The Egyptian Museum is the home of 120,000 antiques and the Golden Mask of Tutankhamun. Cruise along the river in a traditional Felucca. The Cairo Opera House is the home to the finest musical groups in Egypt. The Great Pyramids are the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. A major souk in the Islamic district of Cairo, Khan El-Khalili attracts tourists and locals alike

Rooms

The Rooms

Spacious and stylish, the rooms offer guests a sanctuary to relax and unwind. Overlooking the heart of the city or the mesmerizing flow of the Nile, the room views not only offer a window to the inimitable energy of the city but also allow guests to embrace the dynamism and scale of the Egyptian Museum.

Deluxe Room: Expansive 44sqm master bedrooms with museum or Nile views styled with a luxurious blend of classic and contemporary interiors.

Deluxe Terrace City View Room: Expansive 44sqm room with a private terrace overlooking the Egyptian Museum, which houses the King Tut exhibition.

The Suites

Elegant and elaborate, the suites at The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo, are lavish spaces with breathtaking views of the Nile.

Featuring a bedroom, living area and for some suites, a dining room, they are sanctuaries of calm in the midst of a vibrant city.

Junior Suite: 12 elegantly appointed suites featuring 72sqm space holding a lavish master bedroom, living area with a bathroom, overlooking the museum.

Executive Suite: 96sqm of beauty and elegance, overlooking breathtaking views of the River Nile. There are 32 Executive Suites in total, all of which are connected to the Royal Suites for even more space should guests require it.

Presidential Suite: Perched on 144sqm of divine elegance, our four Presidential Suites feature



a master bedroom, living area and dining room with breathtaking views of the River Nile.

Royal Suite: 300sqm of space, our two Royal Suites encompass a master bedroom, expansive living area and a large dining room with a kitchenette.

Club Level Guest Rooms & Suites

Treat yourself to a memorable stay at The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo with exceptional guest rooms and luxurious suites to choose from. Enjoy magnificent views of the River Nile or the Egyptian Museum where the magnificent Golden Mask of King Tut is exhibited.

Club Level guests may invite visitors, subject to availability, at a supplementary charge. The Club Lounge offers guests an intimate setting from which to enjoy:

- Continuous culinary and beverage offerings throughout the day
- Club Lounge check-in/check-out services
- A dedicated Concierge at your service
- Complimentary high-speed Internet access
- Complimentary Business Center facilities
- All-day access to the Club Lounge.

Resturant

Grilled meat and sweet shisha enjoyed in a lush garden. Traditional Afternoon Tea served on Wedgwood china or a crisp cocktail on the Nile Corniche. Every dining experience at the restaurants at The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Cairo offers something unique.

BAB EL-SHARQ

Delight in authentic oriental dishes from all over the Middle East, served in our lush gardens with spectacular views of the Egyptian museum. "Mashwi al Bahr" is Chef Khalid's specialty, enjoy with the tastiest selection of Mezza and flavored shisha while watching live matches on our enormous screen.

NOX

The ultimate nightlife rooftop experience...

NOX "The goddess of the night" opens its doors to the city's movers and shakers for nights full of music, drinks and international surprises.

The restaurant, lounge and bar offers global inspired sharing cuisine and crowd-pleasing hand crafted cocktails.



A rooftop cosmopolitan night spot overlooking Cairo and the Nile in all its magical glory is the perfect place to see and be seen; enjoy a sleek ambiance, refined live performers and sophisticated DJ beats.

BAR'ORO

Bar'Oro, "The Golden Bar" offers you a golden experience in a classic setting with a variety of signature cocktails and "Aperitivo's" Italian inspired bar bites overlooking dazzling views of the Nile. Indulge in a wide variety of exclusive Cuban cigars with a walk-in humidor.

LOBBY LOUNGE

The Lobby Lounge, marked with its historic and contemporary masterpieces, provides a relaxed, yet elegant setting well suited for professional breakfast meetings or an evening of cocktails and relaxing music. Our Ritz-Carlton Afternoon Tea truly shines every Saturday accompanied with a tantalizing

CULINA

Casual, contemporary, all-day dining, featuring a kitchen theater with a wide selection of international and local favorites. Culina's breathtaking view of the garden and the Egyptian museum is perfect for relaxing and enjoying a tasty meal. Enjoy food bloggers favorite Friday brunch with live jazz and kid's entertainment.

SWEET BOUTIQUE

Indulge in freshly baked bakeries, pastries, salads, chocolates and the freshest juices and coffee to go. Our signature Ritz-Carlton Cake® is a must try.

THE PATIO

Enjoy the tranquility in a relaxed outdoor experience at the Pool Bar. Delight in a light meal or a refreshing cocktail at our terrace overlooking the pool area.

VIVO

Two-Michelin starred Chef Oliver Glowig reveals the culinary secrets of Italian cuisine. Vivo "Live" offers rustic and rich Italian gastronomy in a modern, contemporary setting overlooking infinite views of the Nile and Cairo tower.

Facilities

Guest Room Features & Amenities

- 47-inch LED TV (55-inch screen in suites)
- DVD player upon request
- Satellite and radio channels
- DID and ISDN telephone lines



- Bathroom telephone
- High-speed Internet
- Voicemail
- Tea and coffee machine
- Minibar
- Electronic safe
- Hairdryer
- Iron and board
- 24-hour in-room dining
- 24-hour laundry service

Property Features & Amenities

- 4 restaurants
- 3 bars
- 2 lounges
- Sweet boutique
- 24-hour fitness center
- Recreation and leisure facilities
- Hair salon
- Outdoor pool
- The Ritz-Carlton Spa
- Club lounge with complimentary food and beverage presentations throughout the day
- High-speed Internet
- Banquet facilities
- Valet parking

Business Services

- Copy service
- Secretarial service
- Network/Internet printing
- Notary public
- Overnight delivery/pickup
- Post/parcel
- Full-service business center
- Full business center, onsite
- On-site business center is staffed
- Fax service
- Translator

SPA

- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
- FITNESS CENTER
- MEMBERSHIPS



Location

The hotel is located in the heart of Cairo and is adjacent to the World Famous Egyptian Museum. It is within walking distance of the main business and shopping center.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today! 678-500-9548

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