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## Egypt – 9 Day Hosted & Escorted Nile River Cruise



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.

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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.

Our spectacular Egypt vacation packages also take you to sail along the Nile to Luxor and the Valley of the Kings, famed for its tombs and royal burial chambers. All of this and many more breathtaking sights and experiences await in this intriguing country on our Egypt vacation packages combined with the warm, hospitable, and welcoming nature of the locals...it's no wonder Egypt has become one of the most popular travel destinations in the world!



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Egypt's cosmopolitan capital, Cairo, where Nile-side hotels and sidewalk cafes sit aside outdoor bazaars with Egyptian treasures
- See the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb at the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities
- Enjoy a 3-night cruise along the Nile to explore Luxor and the Valley of the Kings, famed for its tombs and royal burial chambers with hieroglyphic writings along the walls
- Experience firsthand the fascinating stories of the ancient world as you visit grandiose monuments as you tour the Karnak and Luxor temples
- Sail on board a traditional Egyptian sailing "felucca" for a view of Kitchner's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum
- Visit Giza's Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the temples of Kom-Ombo and of Edfu

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## Day To Day Itinerary

### Day 1 – Arrival SAT: **US - Cairo**

Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. Upon completion of immigration and customs formalities at Cairo International Airport, you will be met at the exit by our representative and escorted to your hotel

### Day 2 – SUN: **CAIRO**

After enjoying your breakfast, you will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to see the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb. Next, it's on to the Saladin Citadel of Cairo, a medieval fortification located on Mokattam that where you will enjoy a fresh breeze and grand views of the city. Today, it is a preserved historic site with mosques and museums. Then you will have your lunch and continue your exploration, visiting Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church), Ben Ezra Synagogue, and Khan El Khalili bazaars. (B)

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## Day 3 – MON: CAIRO - LUXOR

Transfer from your hotel to Cairo Airport for your morning flight to Luxor. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your Nile cruise ship. Savor lunch on board before heading out with your guide to visit the impressive Karnak Temple and the Luxor Temple. The Temple of Karnak, located on the East bank of the Nile, was built by several great kings of Egypt including King Ramses II, King Tutmosis III, and Queen Hatshepsut. It was dedicated to the triad of Thebes: god Amun Ra, goddess Mut, and god Khonsu. Luxor Temple was dedicated to the god Amun and contains structures from many periods, the earliest dating back to the 12th Dynasty. Back on board, share in afternoon tea and dinner. (B,L,D)

## Day 4 – TUE: LUXOR - ESNA

Rise and shine with breakfast on board followed by a visit to the West Bank necropolis including the Valley of the Kings & Queens where magnificent tombs were carved into the desert rocks, decorated richly, and filled with treasures for the afterlife by generations of Pharaohs. Then visit to the Funerary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari who ruled Egypt for almost 20 years. She chose a very well protected location as it is surrounded by the mountains. Enjoy lunch on board, a sailing to Esna, and afternoon tea before sharing time at the Captain's welcome cocktail party followed by dinner on board. (B,L,D)



## Day 5 - WED | ESNA | EDFU | KOM OMBO

Sail to Edfu and have breakfast on board this morning. Today you will visit Edfu Temple. Totally submerged under the desert except for the very top of the pylon entrance, it is ancient Egypt's most complete and best preserved temple. A small amount of stone had been removed from the exposed part, but when excavated it was found to be in near perfect condition. Enjoy lunch on board and afternoon tea before visiting the temple of Kom Ombo, uniquely dedicated to two gods. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, while the northern part of the temple was dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris. Later join in the Galabeya party and dinner on board. (B,L,D)

## Day 6 – THU: KOM OMBO - ASWAN



Sail to Aswan and enjoy breakfast on board followed by a visit to the world famous High Dam, an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s. The dam was completed in 1971 and the huge reservoir behind it, named for President Nasser, was finished filling in 1979. The High Dam provided about half of the electricity production in Egypt, bringing power to most of Egypt's villages for the first time. By regulating the flow of the river, the dam also increased the cultivatable land in Egypt by around 30 percent and allowed development in new areas that were previously inundated annually when the river flooded. Later, visit the Granite Quarries and see the unfinished obelisk; discover Philae

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Temple that rose to prominence during the Ptolomaic Dynasty as the center of the cult of the goddess Isis. Have lunch on board, followed by a sailing along the Nile by felucca around Kitchere's Island and Agha Khan Mausoleum. Sip on afternoon tea, and then enjoy the Nubian Folkloric show followed by dinner on board. (B,L,D)

## Day 7 – FRI: ASWAN - CAIRO

Delight in breakfast on board and transfer from your Nile Cruise to Aswan Airport for your morning flight to Cairo. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your Cairo Hotel. The entire day is free for you to enjoy this wonderful city on your own or relax in the comfort of your hotel. (B)

## Day 8 – SAT: CAIRO

After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, the main part of a complex setting of buildings that included two mortuary temples in honor of Khufu, three smaller pyramids for Khufu's wives, an even smaller "satellite" pyramid, a raised causeway connecting the two temples, and small Mastaba tombs surrounding the pyramid for nobles. One of the small pyramids contains the tomb of queen Hetepheres, sister and wife of Snefru and the mother of Khufu. Visit the Solar Boat Museum at the base of the Pyramid of Cheops. See the Sphinx, with the head of a man and the body of a lion. Enjoy lunch and continue your visits to Sakkara, you will see the famous Step Pyramid. At the site of Memphis, you will see the ancient capital that once stood as a flourishing metropolis during the time of the Pharaohs. (B,L)



## Day 9 – SUN: CAIRO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY WITH A POST TOUR CUSTOM PACKAGE)

breakfast, transfer from the hotel to Cairo International airport for your return home. (B)

**End of Series.**

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

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## Inclusions

- Hotel accommodation for 4 nights
- 4 nights on board a Nile River cruise ship
- 17 included meals consisting of:
  - 8 buffet breakfasts

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- 5 lunches
- 4 dinners
- 6 days of touring in an air-conditioned van/mini bus/bus
- Sightseeing, including licensed Egyptologist and all entrance fees, as follows:
  - Full day Cairo tour including: Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian Museum, Old Cairo, Khan El Khalili Bazaar
  - Nile Cruise sightseeing including: Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu and Luxor
- All transfers and luggage handling within Egypt
- All hotel taxes and service charge
- Document holder and luggage tags

## HOTEL

2 Nights / First Class



A luxurious 5-star hotel and Cairo corporate resort, JW Marriott is nestled in the prestigious Heliopolis district just 7 minutes from the airport and close to attractions.

Award-winning Cairo resort is ideal for a vacation or when looking for a Cairo business hotel. The hotel offers 29 meeting rooms spread on 43,486 square feet. The largest meeting room is Tutankhamum with maximum meeting space of 18,665 sq ft and maximum seating capacity of 2,262.

## Rooms

Work desk with lamp, 2-line phone, Speaker phone, Voice mail, Data ports on phone, TV with remote control, Cable/satellite TV, All-news channel, Newspaper delivered (Mon-Fri), Refrigerator in room, Minibar, Wet bar in some rooms, Air conditioned guest rooms, Iron and ironing board available, Hairdryer, Bathrobe, In-room safe.

## Resturant

From a casual Italian pizza to an Oriental experience, there are more than 12 restaurants and bars to satisfy your every appetite, the variety is extraordinary.

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## Facilities



**Golf:** "Mirage City Golf Club" Offer a challenging championship 27-hole course, with the added attraction of a luxurious clubhouse, including pro-shop, restaurants, sports bar and private meeting room facilities. The terrace is extremely popular for outdoor functions overlooking the green golf course.

**SPA:** "The Mandara Spa" offers a variety of services such as Body scrub, Facial treatments, Manicures/pedicures and Massages.

**Fitness:** The hotel houses 2 Fitness Facilities "The Club House Health Club" and "The Hotel Health Club (Health Center)" offering Jacuzzi, sauna, steam and outdoor & indoor pool.

## Location

**Address:** Ring Road, Mirage City, Cairo, Egypt  
Located only 7 minutes away from Cairo International Airport. The Hotel provides complimentary courtesy bus to downtown and the City Stars Mall.

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