

11-Day Adventure Tour

Cairo/Bahariya Oases/Nile Cruise

Day 1:

On arrival at Cairo Airport, our representative will meet and assist you with the customs process.

Then transfer to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 2:

Around 8:00 AM, our Egyptologist will pick you up in a private, air-conditioned vehicle to explore one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: the impressive three Pyramids of Kings Cheops, Chephren, and Menkaure which are guarded by the Sphinx, the rock-cut, half-human, half-lion statue.

We then proceed to the world-renowned Museum of Egyptian Antiques to tour a collection of over 120,000 masterpieces ranging from the Pre-Dynastic Era and Pharaonic Era to the Greco-Roman Period, including the treasures of King Tutankhamen and the Pharaonic Gods and Goddess, with an optional visit to the Mummies Room where you'll learn about the Great Egyptian Civilization and its mummification art.

We end with a trail to Khan el Khalili Bazaar, one of Cairo's main attractions, a bazaar where you will find countless souvenirs shops and restaurants as well as coffeehouses serving Arabic Coffee and offering Hookah "Shisha".

Then back to your hotel to stay overnight.

Day 3:

Breakfast at your hotel. Then, around 7:00 AM, your tour guide will pick you up in an air-conditioned vehicle for the trip to Bahariya Oasis, about 4 hours east Cairo. Upon arrival we'll stop for lunch then we'll tour the local city, visit the Salt Lake, swim in one of the warm springs at the oasis, and visit the Golden Mummy Showroom and Noble's Tombs from the 26th Dynasty.

The day ends with a visit to the English Mountain to see the remains of the World War I Britain Fortress.

Back to hotel to stay overnight at Bahariya Oasis.

Day 4:

Breakfast in hotel, then travel in Jeep 4x4 to the Black Desert, an area cloaked in black stones and mineral created by prehistoric volcanoes. We then go on to the natural hot springs at El Haize where we'll have lunch and a rest before driving on to see the quartz crystals at Crystal Mountain, a mountain that looks to be built of glass. Next, you'll visit the White Desert National Park, the most famous desert destination in Egypt, known for its moon-like terrain. Enjoy a Barbeque Dinner in this magnificent setting.

Overnight camping at the White Desert.

Day 5:

After breakfast, drive by Jeep 4x4 to the White Desert to watch the magnificent formations.

Then we'll head to one of the warm springs in the Bahariya Oasis called "Ein Mady", a true palm-encircled desert respite. Then back to the city, change vehicles before travelling to Cairo where you'll be escorted to Cairo Railway Station.

Overnight 1st-Class accommodations on the train to Aswan.

Day 6:

Breakfast onboard the train before being met at the Aswan Terminal by our Egyptologist who will accompany you on a tour to the world-famous High Dam containing 18 times the material used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops. Continue to the Granite Quarries which supplied the ancient pyramids and still hold the famous Unfinished Obelisk. Then transferred to your Nile Cruise Ship, for a 4-Day/3-Night cruise

from Aswan to Luxor. Lunch, afternoon tea and shipboard leisure time. Then, a trip by motorboat to the Island of Egilka to visit the majestic Philae Temple, dedicated to the Goddess Isis.

Return to our Nile Cruise Ship for dinner and overnight.

Day 7:

Shipboard breakfast before being escorted by your Egyptologist for an optional tour to explore the Temples of Ramses II in Abu Simbel, one of Egypt's most visited sites. Then, on to Aswan to re-embark your Nile cruise ship. Lunch, afternoon tea, and free time aboard your Nile Cruise sailing to Kom Ombo.

Dinner and overnight stay onboard your Nile Cruise Ship.

Day 8:

After breakfast, your Egyptologist takes you to the Temple of Kom Ombo, the crocodile-headed god of fertility and creator of the world. Lunch and leisure time on your ship while sailing to Edfu to explore the Temple of Horus, one of the best-preserved Ancient Egyptian temples on the Nile. From there, the cruise continues to Luxor. Afternoon tea is served on the sun deck.

Dinner and overnight stay onboard your Nile Cruise Ship.

Day 9:

Breakfast onboard. Your tour guide then picks you up to visit archaeological sites of the Ancient Egyptians on the West Bank of the Nile including the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III, the Colossi of Memnon. From there, visit three magnificent tombs at the Valley of the Kings. Continue to visit the Hatshepsut Temple at El Deir El Bahary. This impressive temple was dedicated to Queen Hatshepsut, the only female pharaoh.

We then visit the two massive temples on the Eastern Bank of the Nile, the Temple of Luxor, and Temple of Karnak. Then you will visit the majestic Luxor Temple, built by Amenhotep III and Ramses II for ritual and festivals and dedicated to the god Amun before departing for Luxor Railway Station to return to Cairo.

Overnight sleeping train back to Cairo.

Day 10:

Breakfast on board. Upon arrival in Cairo, you'll be escorted to Coptic Cairo to explore early Christian religious monuments like the Hanging Church, named for its location on top of the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon; it became the center of the Christian Church of Egypt. Then, explore Cairo's Jewish Heritage at Ben Ezra Synagogue which contains a Jewish Heritage Library. After that, you'll visit the Citadel of Saladin and Mohammed Ali Alabaster Mosque, considered to be one of the landmarks in Cairo whose minaret can be seen from any part of the old city.

We end with a trek to Khan el Khalili Bazaar, one of Cairo's main attractions, a bazaar where you will find countless souvenirs shops and restaurants as well as coffeehouses serving Arabic Coffee and offering Hookah "Shisha".

Then to your hotel in Cairo to stay overnight.

Day 11:

Breakfast at your hotel and check-out.

Travel to Cairo airport for your flight back home.