

8 Days Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel Tour Packages

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan.

DurationTour type

Runs

8 Days

Private Tour

Everyday

Overview

The Cairo to Abu Simbel tour takes you from the wonders of Cairo and Giza to the temples of Luxor and Aswan, ending with the breathtaking Abu Simbel. Witness the beauty and splendor of Egypt's past and present in this 8-day Egypt tour across road and rail. You'll begin your journey in Cairo, where you'll encounter the magnificent Pyramids of Giza – the last remaining of the original seven wonders of the ancient world. From Cairo, you'll venture onward via sleeper train, traversing a sea of sand overnight as you head south. You'll spend several days exploring ancient ruins and temples in Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel before you return to Cairo to visit important Islamic and Christian historical sites, completing an unforgettable Egypt tour experience.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Cairo

Your tour manager will meet and assist you at Cairo International Airport (arrival procedures) and will then escort you to your hotel in an air-conditioned deluxe vehicle. At the hotel, your tour manager will assist you with a smooth check-in and review your Egypt tour itinerary with you to establish and

confirm pick-up times for each excursion.

Overnight in Cairo.

Welcome drink included.

Day 2

Pyramids & GEM / Train to Luxor

After a delicious and healthy breakfast at your hotel, your private Egyptologist guide will take you down to the Giza Plateau for your first adventures. Be in awe of the only surviving of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: learning the stories of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure.

the Great Pyramids:

Giza Pyramid complex is Egypt's most iconic landmark and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. More than 4,500 years ago, it was erected on the Giza Plateau in full display of Egyptian architectural genius and power: the Great Pyramid of Khufu with those of Khafre and Menkaure.

Great Sphinx:

The Great Sphinx, another grand monument, sits next to the pyramids-a limestone statue with a lion's body and the face of a pharaoh. The <u>Sphinx</u> had been upholding watch over the plateau for millennia, remains one of the more mysterious monuments in Egypt, and has stimulated numerous myths concerning its creation and its purpose.

The Grand Egyptian Museum:

Not far to the South of the pyramids is the GEM (<u>Grand Egyptian Museum</u>), the largest archaeological museum in the world dedicated to a single civilization. This ultramodern museum houses more than 100,000 artifacts, including all of King Tutankhamun's treasure, thus providing visitors with more access to the fascinating history of Egypt.

Just a stone's throw away from the pyramids, its collection is beyond comprehension, containing treasures of King Tutankhamun and thousands of artifacts spanning 5000 years of Egyptian history.

And after a full day of browsing through time, you will be dropped off at your hotel for some downtime to refresh your spirits with beautiful memories of the day.

Overnight: Inside your compartment.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Visits: Great Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx, Valley Temple, Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM).

Day 3

Luxor Sightseeing

Upon your arrival at the Luxor train station, you shall receive a red-carpet welcome followed by assistance from an Egypt Day Trips guide before exploring on your fascinating Luxor excursion. Your journey begins on the West Bank of the Nile, where you will delve into the riches of the world-famous

The Valley of the Kings

No visit to Luxor can be considered complete without visiting its legendary sites. Proceeding from the West Bank, the Valley of the Kings attracts a host of travelers to ancient burial places of pharaohs with highly ornamented tombs telling stories of the afterlife, such as that of Tutankhamun.

Temple of Hatshepsut

Nearby stands the magnificent <u>Temple of Hatshepsut</u>, an architectural wonder cut into the cliffs of Deir el-Bahari, which, with terracing and imposing reliefs, pays tribute to Egypt's first woman Pharaoh.

The Colossi of Memnon

Watching over the West Bank are the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two 18-meter-tall statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, which have stood for over 3,000 years, safeguarding Luxor.

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Luxor Temple

On crossing to the <u>East Bank</u>, the journey finds itself continuing at the <u>Luxor Temple</u>, built by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, where the grandeur of ancient Thebes is revived through colossal statues, obelisks, and charming courtyards.

Karnak Temple

Moving a bit north stands the majestic <u>Karnak</u>, the largest religious complex of the ancient world, dedicated to the god Amun; thus, even the Hypostyle Hall, with its 134 giant columns, makes everyone stand in awe, marking why Luxor is considered the greatest open-air museum in the world.

Overnight in Luxor.

Meals included--Breakfast, Lunch.

Visits included--Valley of the Kings, Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, Colossi of Memnon, Luxor Temple, Karnak Temple.

Day 4

Luxor / Aswan Sightseeing

Following breakfast, embark on a scenic 5-hour drive toward Aswan, passing views of the Nile Valley and the peaceful desert scenery. Upon arrival, meet the Egypt day trips tour guide and proceed to check him into the hotel. The visit will end with a trip to the

Unfinished Obelisk:

<u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, located in the ancient granite quarries of Aswan. Damn it, if first the project might have been the biggest obelisk ever carved, having that given incredible insights into the stone working techniques of the ancient Egyptians.

Philae Temple:

Next, continue to <u>Philae Temple</u>, one of the most picturesque sites in Egypt. Located on the Island of Isis and dedicated to the goddesses Isis and Hathor, the hideaway gained renown for the elegant pylons, sharp carvings, and the calm tranquility of its island setting, which is one of Aswan's most photogenic buildings. After you explore, return to the hotel and relax within Aswan's calm atmosphere.

Overnight in Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Visits: Unfinished Obelisk, Philae Temple.

Day 5

Abu Simbel Temple Group Tour / Train to Cairo

You'll start your day very early with a breakfast box at 4:30 am, before setting off on a group excursion to the world-famous

Abu Simbel Temple:

Centerstage is the majestic Abu Simbel Temple, one of the greatest creations of ancient architecture.

Sponsored by Pharaoh Ramses II, its massive statues and elegantly ornate halls were carved straight

into the mountain itself and were later shifted to a much higher location to save them from flooding.

Lake Nasser:

Just beyond this landmark lies the gargantuan Lake Nasser, one of the world's biggest artificial lakes,

fashioned after the completion of the Aswan High Dam. Today, the lake is considered an important

water reservoir and also a place of longer heart-pumping cruises, fishing, birdwatching, and looking for

more hidden Nubian temples set amid picturesque shores.

After taking time to explore and capture unforgettable photos, you'll return to Aswan in the afternoon.

In the evening, you will board your sleeper train for an overnight journey back to Cairo, where you can

relax in your private compartment.

Overnight: Inside your compartment.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Visits: Abu Simbel Temples.

Day 6

Back to Cairo

Be sure to enjoy your breakfast on the train before arriving at Giza train station. Upon your arrival, you will be warmly greeted by an Egypt day trips tour guide. You will be taken to your Cairo hotel to check in and rest for some time after your journey. The remainder of the day is at leisure and gives you the option to rest, explore the city at your own pace, or join an optional guided excursion.

If you wish to really get to know Egypt a little better, the optional excursion will take you to the

The Step Pyramid of Djoser

Considered the earliest large-scale stone structure in history, this pyramid in Saqqara was built in the 27th century BCE as the burial place of Pharaoh Djoser. Designed by the genius architect Imhotep, the Step Pyramid of Djoser rises in six tiers, representing a groundbreaking transition from simple mastaba tombs to the grand pyramids that would later dominate Giza.

Then, after your day in the cities, return to your hotel in Cairo to overnight.

Overnight at Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast.

Visits: Free day in Cairo, optional tour to Step Pyramid of King Zoser in Saqqara, and Memphis.

Day 7

Optional Trip to Alexandria

Have a free day in Cairo for you to relax at the hotel, purchase souvenirs, or explore the city on your own. Alternatively, you may participate in the optional full-day tour of the glistening Mediterranean city of Alexandria, Egypt's second capital, and a cultural jewel of the north.

The Qaitbay Citadel

Built by some to defend Egypt's Mediterranean coast in the 15th century, the fortress stands proudly on the site of the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria. Not only was the <u>Qaitbay Citadel</u> a military stronghold, but today, it offers visitors sweeping views of the sea while imparting some maritime history to the city.

Library of Alexandria

Then there is the modern Library of Alexandria, a marvelous cultural jewel of Alexandria that features the avant-garde mechanically and figuratively to regain its counterpart's pages: one of the ancient world. Within millions of books, rare manuscripts, museums, and exhibits celebrating knowledge and heritage are at the fingertips of visitors.

Kom El Shoqafa

Beneath the city lies one of the Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages: the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa . This fantastic place is a commingling of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman styles, with underground chambers, tombs, and carvings that tell the multicultural story of Alexandria.

After your sightseeing, enjoy some leisure time by the Mediterranean waterfront before heading back to Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast.

Visits: Free day in Cairo, optional trip to Alexandria (Qaitbay Fort, Library of Alexandria,

Catacombs).

Day 8

Final Departure

You'll be served breakfast at your hotel, and then you will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your final departure.

Meals: Breakfast.

What's Included

Airport pickup/dropoff and assistance upon arrival and departure

All transfers via private air-conditioned vehicle

Accommodation for 3 nights in Cairo, including daily breakfast

Accommodation for 1 night in Luxor, including daily breakfast

Accommodation for 1 night in Aswan, for including daily breakfast

Accommodation for 2 nights on sleeper train (half board basis)

Private sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor & Aswan

Sightseeing tour to Abu Simbel Sharing our group in air-conditioned vehicle

English-speaking tour guide

Entrance fees to all sites specified on the itinerary

All meals specified on itinerary

Bottled water during outings outside of hotel or cruise ship

Portage as needed

What's Not Included

International airfare.

Entry visa to Egypt.

Any optional tours.

Personal spending.

Tipping.

Price start from

Price

US\$ 0 /**USD**

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