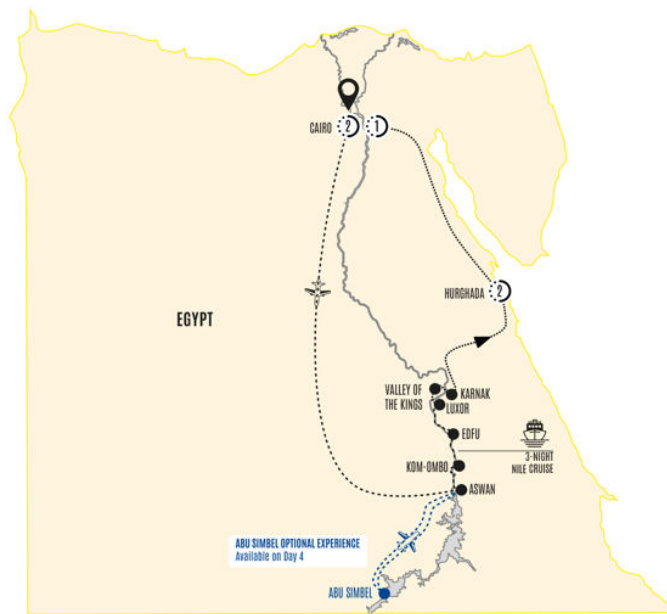


Footsteps of the Pharaohs

Trip Map




 Start Location

 End Location

 Overnight

 Visited Location

 Cruise

 Ferry

 Plane

 Train

Day 1 | Arrive Cairo



Prepare for the magic of seeing Egypt as you embark on a whirlwind journey into the ancient world, beginning in the colourful capital of Cairo. You'll want to keep your camera handy when you become more than a curious bystander while out and about exploring the largest metropolis on the African continent. Perhaps spend your first day delving into the remnants of ancient history your way. Visit the Alabaster mosque, modelled on Istanbul's Hagia Sophia, enjoy a refreshing G&T in the historic Windsor Bar, or savour an apple shisha rubbing shoulders with the locals as you watch the sunset over Cairo.

Hotel: Cairo Pyramids

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

National Museum of Egyptian Civilization - Designed for those visitors with extra pre or post trip nights in Cairo Located in Old Cairo, visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation (NMEC) to see the 22 royal mummies and over 1500 artefacts on display.

With exhibitions beginning with the predynastic period, followed by the Roman and Coptic periods, until modern day Egypt.

The museum incorporates the array of different civilizations that contributed to Egypt's rich and diverse history.

Adult: 65.00 USD

* This Optional Experience is designed for visitors with extra pre nights in Cairo.

Day 2 | Cairo sightseeing



See the treasures of Tutankhamun this morning during a guided tour of the Egyptian Museum, home of the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian art. Meet the skilled artisans at a local weaving school, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Proceed to the Pyramids of Giza, where you'll see the Pyramid of Cheops, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the proudly posing Sphinx, before returning to Cairo this evening for some time on your own or an Optional Experience Nile cruise with Belly dancing and dinner.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Pyramids

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner, Belly Dancing and Nile Cruise - Get up close and personal with one of Egypt's most impressive sights, joining a two-hour cruise along the Nile River on a luxurious ship. You'll be treated to dinner and a belly dancing show as you travel along the world-famous river, taking in the sights of Cairo. During Ramadan there will be no alcohol or belly dancers. Prices are in USD.

Adult: 88.00 USD

* During Ramadan there will be no alcohol or belly dancers.

Sound And Light Amongst The Pyramids - A feat of engineering and the only remaining Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still in existence, The Great Pyramid is one of the most remarkable destinations to visit in Egypt. Join us for an unforgettable trip to see the marvellous Pyramids and Sphinx illuminated against the night's sky. You'll hear stories of the ancient days of the Pharaohs, accompanied by a haunting musical score, on this once-in-a-lifetime evening tour.

Adult: 55.00 USD

Day 3 | Cairo – Aswan – Nile Cruise



Let the dust settle in Cairo as you board your morning flight to Aswan. You'll arrive just in time for a visit to the High Dam, built to stave the rising waters of the Nile during flooding. Admire the beautiful Egyptian architecture at the Temple of Isis in Philae before boarding your cruise before lunch. This afternoon, take to the Nile on a traditional felucca, watching as the wind whips up its elegant white cotton sails. You'll see pops of cerise bougainvillea and towering Royal Palms before returning to your boat for your first night on Africa's mightiest river. You could choose to join a mesmerising sound and light show in the midst of the Nile River as an Optional Experience later.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Philae Temple Sound And Light Performance - Join us for a short boat ride to Philae Island, located between the old and new Aswan Dams, where you'll have a short tour of the ancient grounds. We'll then seat you in a Roman style theatre for a retelling of the perennial Nile flood, and of the goddesses Isis and Hathor, to whose worship the temple was originally dedicated. Prices are in USD.

Adult: 55.00 USD

Life on the Nile - A chance to get up close with the wildlife of the world's most famous rivers. Learn from your local Nubian expert how the Nile has been the centre of life for ancient civilizations and local wildlife as you travel by boat around the islands of first cataract.

Watch out for colourful native birds, different species of herons, kingfishers, sunbirds, and other wildlife that thrive in the marsh grass along the riverbanks whilst taking in the unique views of the Sahara sand dunes.

Adult: 30.00 USD

Day 4 | Nile cruise: Aswan – Kom-Ombo – Edfu



Catch the gaze of Ramses II this morning as you join your fellow travellers on an Optional Experience to the imposing temples of Abu Simbel, his ancient southern seat of power. You'll see his striking seated form hewn out of solid rock not once, but four times, as he 'receives' you before you're permitted to wander through the long and dark passage that leads to the depths of his temple. Next, you'll set sail for Kom-Ombo, arriving this afternoon to visit Kom-Ombo Temple where two gods of Horus the Elder and Sobek are worshipped in tandem. Your sightseeing cruise continues overnight to Edfu, once home to the falcon god of Horus.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Abu Simbel Adventure - Treat yourself to this memorable four-hour holiday experience, which includes a flight to Abu Simbel, site of the Temple of Ramses II with his four great statues. You'll also see statues of Queen Nefertari on the facade of the Temple of Hathor. 75 minutes will be spent at Abu Simbel - the remainder will be travel time. This price is subject to Airline fluctuations. Prices are in USD.

Adult: 380.00 USD

* Price subject to airline price fluctuations.

Day 5 | Nile cruise: Edfu – Luxor



Ancient Thebes beckons and you'll continue your Nile cruise as part of your Egypt vacation package to Luxor where this afternoon we visit the Luxor Museum, one of the best displays of antiquities in Egypt. Go back in time and see an astounding collection of archaeological wonders, including treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb and remnants from the New Kingdom. You'll feel like Indiana Jones as you walk through its dimly lit halls, admiring the unearthed treasures from nearby tombs.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Nile Cruise

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple - Egypt is a land rich with ancient history for the avid traveller to uncover. Listen to voices of ancient Kings, Queens and Gods as they share stories about the places you'll see in the Temple during a unique walking tour of Karnak Temple. After learning of local history, you'll enjoy a show around the Divine Lake. Prices are in USD.

Adult: 55.00 USD

Day 6 | Disembark – Luxor – Valley of the Kings – Hurghada



Your Nile cruise has come to an end, but there's still plenty more to see on your Egypt value tour. Today you'll visit the Valley of the Kings for your next bout of memorable sightseeing. Explore the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, known in Egypt as the 'Holy of Holies' and considered one of the incomparable monuments of ancient Egypt. Then stand small against the backdrop of the seated Memnon Colossi, following his gaze east as the Ruler of the West surveys his lands. Your next stop is Karnak, an impressive place of pilgrimage dedicated to the gods of Amun, Mut and Khonsu. Later, you'll head to the Red Sea coastline and stop at Hurghada where tonight you'll enjoy dinner with your travel companions at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Pharaoh Azur Resort

Day 7 | Hurghada free day



What a treat! A full free day to soak up the sun-kissed splendour of Hurghada on your own. You could choose to pass on the sightseeing and relax at your resort guilt-free or venture out on a snorkelling tour getting up close and personal to the resident dolphins. However you decide to spend your day, start and end it slowly – isn't that what beach holidays are for? Tonight, dinner is served at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Pharaoh Azur Resort

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Day at Sea to Orange Bay - Your adventure begins when you're picked up this morning to head out for a snorkelling trip to Orange bay Island. Swim in the crystal waters where you'll see beautiful coral reefs inhabited by colourful fish. Enjoy lunch on board and relax on the white sandy beaches before

cruising back to the marina.

Adult: 60.00 USD

Explore the Red Sea - Discover the underwater wonders of the Red Sea on this semi-submarine cruise in Hurghada from the observation deck 3 meters below the sea level.

Enjoy watching the vibrant reef and colourful fish through the glassed window before enjoying a snorkelling stop.

Adult: 40.00 USD

Sunset Dinner Cruise - This evening you can board the beautiful pirate twin mast sailing boat and enjoy a sunset dinner.

A delicious sea food dinner will be served with live band entertainment whilst you take in the panoramic views of Hurghada's shoreline.

Adult: 60.00 USD

Desert Jeep Safari Adventure - Immerse yourself in the Bedouin culture. Explore the Sahara in a spacious jeep going through the magnificent sand dunes to a local village.

Savour the flavours of the desert with a BBQ dinner, Bedouin Tea, and local entertainment. Try your hand on a quad bike or a spider car for an unforgettable adventure through the desert.

Adult: 55.00 USD

Day 8 | Hurghada – Cairo



What could be better than waking up to the sounds of the seaside in Egypt? That's exactly what you'll be doing this morning and there's no need to hurry as you'll have some time this morning for a leisurely breakfast before taking your transfer to Cairo. The evening is yours to do as you please in this great city but we're sure you'll want to spend it with new friends after an incredible journey through Ancient Egypt. Your Travel Director will be more than happy to give you some options to celebrate a wonderful last night in Egypt.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Blu Heliopolis

Day 9 | Depart Cairo



Your journey back in time to a land of powerful pharaohs has come to an end. It's been a memorable walk down ancient paths that have fascinated explorers for centuries. For now, all that remains is to say farewell to your travel companions before transferring to Cairo airport for your return flight home, filled with fond memories of the treasures you've encountered. Find out more about your available transfers at costsavertour.com/transfers.

Meals: Breakfast

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Full Day Alexandria (Designed For Those Visitors With Extra Pre Or Post Trip Nights In Cairo) - Come with us as we visit Egypt's second city, Alexandria. You'll see its 19th Century architecture and visit the National Museum, the catacombs of Kom es-Shoqafa and Pompey's Pillar. You'll also enjoy great views from Fort Qaitbey and stop at the Roman Theatre with its marble seating before returning to Cairo. Prices are in USD based on a minimum of 2 guests.

Adult: 155.00 USD

- * This excursion is only available to guests who have purchased extra nights in Cairo before or after their tour.
- * This Optional experience is priced at \$155 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is \$310 per person.