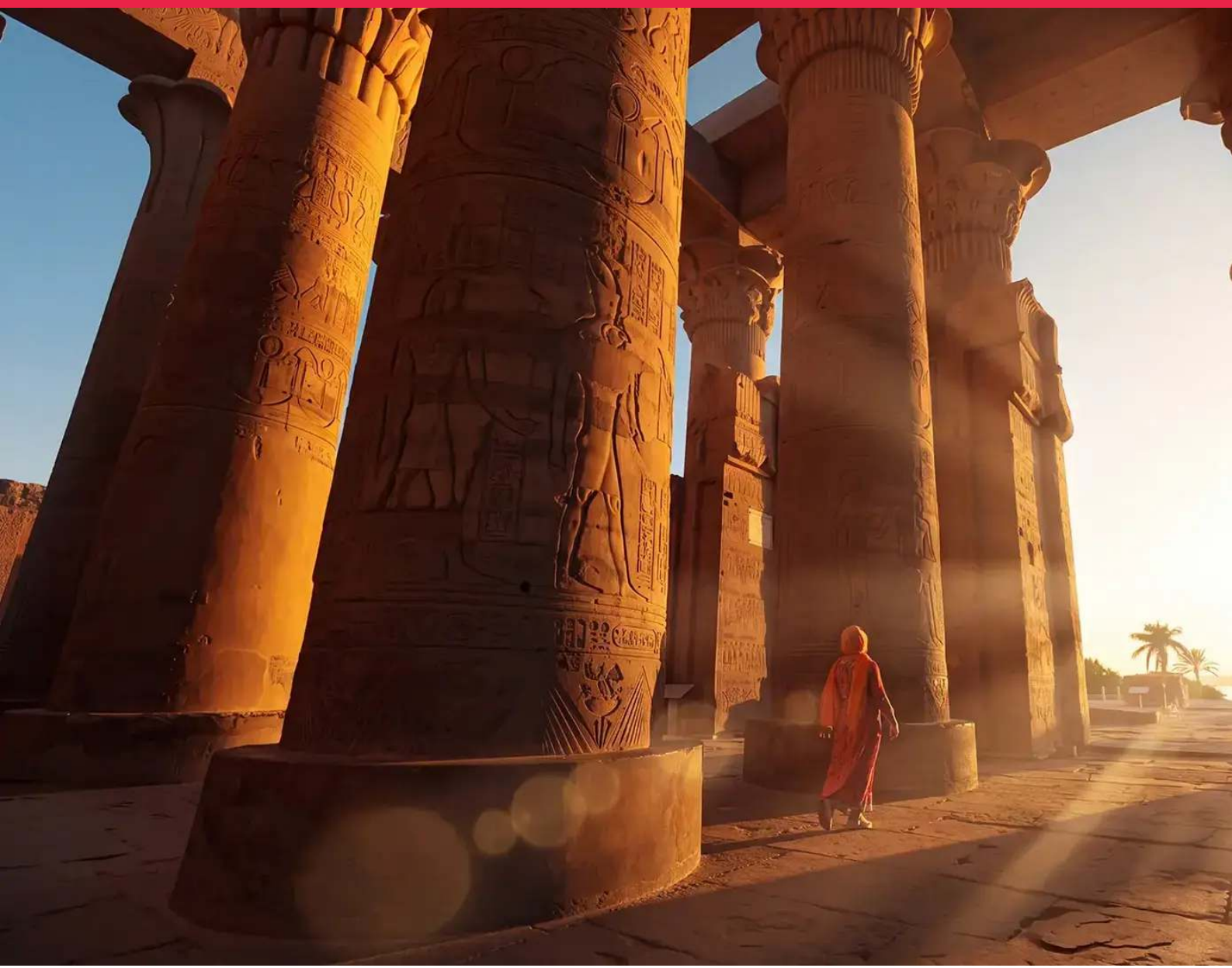
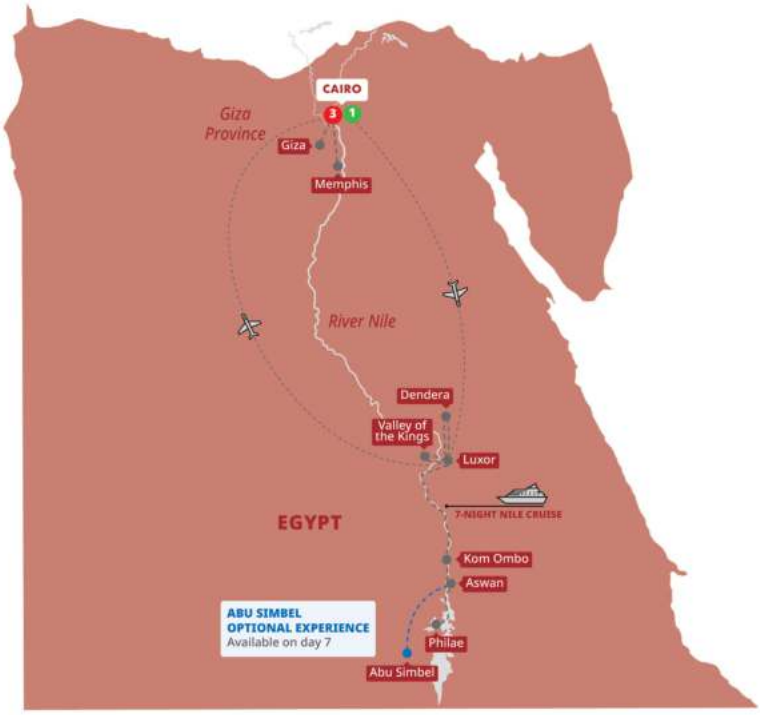
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Day 1 | Begin Your Egyptian Journey in Cairo



As your transfer leaves Cairo Airport, you watch sand-coloured buildings, mosque domes and palms pass beyond the window. Along the way, you may catch the scent of cardamom, roasted coffee and warm bread wafting from cafes and street stalls. After time to settle in, you join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink. You exchange names and raise a toast to twelve days among pharaohs, temples and the Nile, while minarets glimmer against Cairo's evening sky.

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

National Museum of Egyptian Civilization - **Designed for travellers with extra nights in Cairo before or after the trip, or if a flight arrives before midday on Day 1.**
Travel to Old Cairo to visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation (NMEC), where 22 royal mummies and more than 1,500 artefacts are on display. Exhibitions trace Egypt's story from the predynastic era through the pharaonic, Roman and Coptic periods to the present day, showing how successive civilisations have shaped the country's history.

Adult: 72.00 USD

** This Optional Experience is designed for guests that have a pre/post-night booked. It must also be booked in advance.*
** This Optional experience is priced at $72 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is $144 per person.*

Day 2 | Journey From Cairo to Luxor



From Cairo, you fly south to Luxor and walk Karnak's stone avenue between rows of ram-headed sphinxes. In the Hypostyle Hall, shafts of light fall across carved columns so vast that the ceiling seems suspended high above you. At the river, you settle into your cruise ship for seven nights and sit down to lunch beside the Nile. Inside Luxor Museum, you'll move among ancient artefacts, pausing over carved faces, polished stone and details preserved for thousands of years. Back on the ship, you sit down to dinner, then spend the evening on deck if you wish, watching Luxor's lights shimmer on the Nile.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 3 | Dendera to Edfu: Temples and Nile Sailing



At Dendera, you enter the cool interior of the Temple of Hathor, goddess of love, music and joy, and look up at a deep-blue ceiling scattered with carved constellations. On an outer wall, you pause before a carved relief of Cleopatra and Caesarion, her son with Julius Caesar, their profiles still distinct after more than two thousand years. Returning to your ship, you settle in for lunch as the Nile carries you south towards Esna. At the lock, you watch the gates close, hear the water move against the hull and feel the vessel lift gently before continuing to Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 4 | Kom Ombo to Aswan: Flavours and Festivities



With breakfast before you, you cruise towards Kom Ombo as date palms and ochre riverbanks pass beyond the ship. You'll continue to Aswan, where the Philae Temple Complex sits on an island in the Nile and you move through the Temple of Isis among carved columns, shadowed chambers and stone worn smooth by centuries. For your choice experience, you can join an Egyptian cooking demonstration, catching the scent of warm spices as herbs and seasoning are stirred into the dish, or take tea with the Captain while the river slips past. That evening, you dress in a galabeya, share an Egyptian dinner and join the drumming and dancing of the party on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 5 | Explore Aswan's Dam, Quarries and Philae



At Aswan's High Dam, you look across the Nile reaching towards the desert before entering the ancient granite quarries. The Unfinished Obelisk remains joined to the bedrock, its 42-metre length cut from a single mass of granite until cracks forced the workers to abandon it. You cross the Nile by motorboat as the engine hums beneath you and a white wake trails behind the hull towards Agilkia Island. At the Temple of Isis, you pass walls carved with gods and sacred rites before taking your place in a Roman-style theatre. From your seat, you follow a retelling of the Nile flood and the stories of Isis and Hathor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 6 | Nile Connections: Feluccas, Crafts and High Tea



After watching feluccas cross the Nile for days, you finally join a local sailor on one of these traditional wooden boats. The lateen sail tightens in the breeze and the timber hull creaks softly as he shows you how to read the wind, handle the ropes and guide the vessel across the water. During your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you meet the women of a local co-op and watch discarded materials being cut, stitched and assembled into fine handicrafts. As daylight fades, you take high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel, holding a warm cup between your hands as feluccas glide beyond the terrace of this storied retreat, once frequented by Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie. After dark, you return to Philae Island and watch the temple facade glow as voices recount the legends of Isis, Hathor and the sacred Nile.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Aswan Museum on Elephantine Island - Glide through the First Cataract with your Local Nubian Specialist, spotting colourful birds and wildlife along the riverbanks, framed by the golden Sahara dunes. Learn how the Nile shaped civilisations before mooring at the Aswan Museum on Elephantine Island. Set in a historic 1898 villa, it showcases artefacts from Ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman times, offering a fresh perspective on Egypt's past.
Adult: 43.00 USD

**This Optional experience is priced at $43 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is $86 per person.*

Day 7 | Kom Ombo: Egypt's Unique Double Temple



With the morning yours, you may choose an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel, where you meet the gaze of four colossal figures of Ramesses II seated above the wide waters of Lake Nasser. You enter the Great Temple and move through a hall lined with standing statues of the pharaoh, following them towards the sanctuary carved deep within the rock. Nearby, you visit the smaller temple dedicated to Hathor and Queen Nefertari, their stone likenesses sharing its monumental facade. Later, you sail to Kom Ombo and trace the remarkable symmetry of Egypt's only double temple. Twin entrances and parallel passageways lead you towards two sanctuaries, one honouring crocodile-headed Sobek and the other falcon-headed Horus the Elder.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Abu Simbel Adventure - This four-hour excursion 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. Approximately 75 minutes will be spent at Abu Simbel, with the remainder will be travel time. Prices are in USD.
Adult: 455.00 USD

**Price subject to airline price fluctuations. This Optional experience is priced at $455 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is $910 per person.*

Day 8 | Cruise to Luxor and Visit Its Temple



From the deck, you watch cultivated fields, riverside villages and low-slung boats drift past as the ship continues towards Luxor. After dark, you enter Luxor Temple, where light washes across the surviving obelisk and the colossal statues of Ramesses II tower above you. Beyond them, you wander between the fourteen columns of the Great Colonnade, following carved scenes of the Opet Festival and the sacred procession from Karnak to Luxor. After your visit, you return to the ship, moored in Luxor for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple - Listen to voices of ancient kings, queens and gods as they share stories about the places you'll see in the Temple during a walking tour, followed by a show around the Divine Lake. This show is operated in Karnak Temple in Luxor during the evening, lasting for just under an hour. Prices are in USD.
Adult: 62.00 USD

** This Optional experience is priced at $62 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is $124 per person.*

Day 9 | Luxor to Cairo: Tombs and Traditions



Leaving the river behind, you'll cross to Luxor's west bank, where Hatshepsut's terraces stretch across the pale cliffs of Deir el-Bahari. You'll pass through long colonnades, following traces of red, blue and gold across reliefs commissioned by the queen who ruled as pharaoh. In the Valley of the Kings, you enter tombs cut deep into the desert rock and meet the gaze of painted gods beneath ceilings scattered with stars. These chambers once received rulers including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. In Geziret Bahirat, you sit with the Bahirat family, break bread together and trade questions and stories across the table. Later, you leave Luxor's cliffs and royal tombs behind as you fly back to Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

Day 10 | Cairo in Full: Fortresses, Faith and Pharaohs



High above the city at Saladin's Citadel, you survey Cairo's domes and rooftops extending towards the horizon. Inside the Alabaster Mosque, built by Muhammad Ali Pasha, you cross the open courtyard and look up beneath the great central dome, its pale marble panelling gleaming in the filtered light. At the Grand Egyptian Museum, you stand before Tutankhamun's golden burial mask, royal diadem and throne. Gold, coloured glass and finely worked stone catch the light, each surface shaped by hands more than three thousand years ago for the young pharaoh's life and passage into eternity.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner, Belly Dancing and Nile Cruise - Join us for a two hour cruise along the Nile river on a luxurious ship. You'll be treated to dinner on board and be entertained by a captivating belly dancing show. Prices are in USD.
Adult: 95.00 USD

**During Ramadan there will be no alcohol or belly dancers.*
**This Optional experience is priced at $95 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is $190 per person.*

Day 11 | Memphis to Giza: Pharaohs, Pyramids and Sphinxes



Among the ruins of Memphis, the colossal limestone figure of Ramesses II towers above you, his serene face set beneath a carved crown. Nearby, you trace pale bands of calcite across the Great Alabaster Sphinx, its human features joined to the powerful body of a lion. At Saqqara, you count the six tiers of Djoser's Step Pyramid against the desert sky, imagining the moment Imhotep transformed stone into Egypt's first pyramid around 2700 BC. At Giza, you come face-to-face with the Great Sphinx, its weathered expression turned towards the desert with the pyramids beyond. Later, you join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for canapés and a drink at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

Day 12 | Bid Farewell to Cairo and Egypt



You transfer to Cairo International Airport, where your journey through Egypt concludes.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Full-Day Alexandria (Designed For Those Visitors With Extra Pre- Or Post-Trip Nights In Cairo) - Visit Egypt's second city, Alexandria, where you'll see its 19th-century architecture and stop at the National Museum, the Catacombs of Kom el-Shoqafa and Pompey's Pillar. Enjoy great views from Fort Qaitbey, and stop at the Roman Theatre with its marble seating before returning to Cairo. Prices are in USD.
Adult: 170.00 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 $170 per person when there are two or more participants. If there is only one participant the cost is $340 per person.*

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