13-DAY ROYAL CLASSIC TOUR

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EXCEPTIONAL EGYPT TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION

Experience the greatest treasures of Egypt with exclusive, private entry to sites in this 13-day journey. Enjoy a private visit to the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Great Sphinx; visit Saqqara and be one of the few groups to enter the Step Pyramid of Djoser; travel to Luxor to see the Valley of the Queens and experience private entry to the Valley of the Kings; and see the majestic Abu Simbel Temples, all accompanied by a professional Egyptologist guide.

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DAY 1

Arrival in Cairo & Hotel Transfer

Your facilitator will meet you at Cairo International Airport and assist with airport procedures and hotel transfer. Enjoy a private driver and air-conditioned ride to your hotel. You will check in to your five-star hotel and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

DAY 2

the Grand Egyptian Museum

After breakfast, your driver and your guide will pick you up at your Cairo hotel and travel with you throughout your day. Tour the Grand Egyptian Museum Enjoy a guided visit of Egypt’s history with an expert eye at the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), the largest museum ever made to focus on a single civilization - from pre-dynastic antiquity to the present. During your visit, you’ll see the grand treasure of King Tutankhamun, on display for the first time in its entirety since 1922, and come face to face with the gilded mask of a king. Return to your hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 3

the Great Pyramids and Sphinx

After breakfast, your driver and your guide will pick you up at your Cairo hotel and travel with you throughout your day. Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza Drive to Giza Plateau to see the last remaining wonder of the ancient world: the Great Pyramid. You will hear stories about the people and Pharaohs who built the pyramids over 4,500 years ago, and have the chance to explore these ancient structures with your expert Egyptologist guide. Private visit to the King’s Burial Chamber at the Great Pyramid See the

Great Sphinx of Giza The Great Sphinx of Giza has stood watch over the Great Pyramids for thousands of years. It is made from the limestone of Giza Plateau itself, and is one of the largest carved statues in the world. Guest lecture by one of Egypt's greatest Egyptologists

DAY 4

Saqqara necropolis

Visit the Saqqara necropolis You will have the chance to visit some of the most beautifully decorated Old Kingdom tombs and view the pyramid texts inscribed inside. This visit will give you insight into the tremendous skill of ancient craftsmen, and glimpses of daily and religious life thousands of years ago. The Step Pyramid of Djoser Saqqara is home to the oldest stone building in history: the Step Pyramid of Djoser. Here you will learn about the architect-engineer Imhotep, later deified by ancient worshippers. Visit the Serapeum of Saqqara The Serapeum holds the remains of many sacred Apis bulls, which were used by worshippers to symbolize the god Ptah. This site was used throughout antiquity, with numerous shrines and workshops supporting the sacred site.

DAY 5

the Mosque-Madrasa of Sultan Hasan; Abdeen Palace Museum; fly to Luxor

Visit to Mosque-Madrasa of Sultan Hasan The Mosque-Madrasa of Sultan Hasan was built during the Mamluk period. It remains as one of the most impressive buildings in historic Cairo, with a mosque complex containing four madrasas (schools), a central courtyard, and two minarets flanking the main structure. Fly to Luxor; your guide will assist with the airport transfers and travel to Luxor. Once you arrive in Luxor, your driver will take you to your luxurious 5-star hotel for your overnight stay.

DAY 6

Karnak Temple, Luxor Museum, Luxor Temple

Visit Karnak Temple Karnak Temple is the largest religious complex ever constructed, with numerous temples, pylons, statues and obelisks added by generations of pharaohs. Beginning in the reign of Senusret I, the most powerful rulers of Egypt - including Ramses the Great, Hatshepsut, and Thutmose III - built additions to the temple complex, with construction continuing for nearly two thousand years through the Ptolemaic period. Lunch Luxor Temple and Avenue of the Sphinxes Luxor Temple is the second significant temple of the East Bank of Luxor. It is faced by two massive seated statues of Ramses II (Ramses the Great), and four standing statues. Like Karnak Temple, additions to Luxor Temple were undertaken by many pharaohs, including Amenhotep III and his grandson Tutankhamun. In front of Luxor Temple, and stretching all the way to Karnak Temple, is the Avenue of the Sphinxes. This ancient road is lined with over a thousand sphinx and ram statues. Return to your Luxor hotel for overnight

DAY 7

Valley of the Queens, the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, Valley of the Kings

After breakfast, your driver and your guide will pick you up from your Luxor hotel. Alternatively, we can arrange a hot air balloon ride, to enjoy the iconic views of Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. Visit the Valley of the Queens The Valley of the Queens is the resting place of many royal wives and children, near to the pharaonic burial site of the Valley of the Kings. The tombs are cut into the rock and sumptuously decorated with inscriptions, paintings and reliefs. Tour Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut Hatshepsut is one of Egypt's most well-known pharaohs, and one of the few female pharaohs that we know of. She ruled for more than twenty years in a period of notable prosperity and peace. Among her many significant architectural projects is the Temple of Hatshepsut, facing Luxor and the Temple of Karnak. Check in to your luxury 5-star boat for your Nile cruise and enjoy lunch aboard In the afternoon, enjoy exclusive, private entry to the Valley of the Kings The Valley of the Kings, located on the west bank of Luxor, is the home to many royal tombs from the new kingdom. The discovery of the nearly-intact tomb of King Tutankhamun in 1922 completely transformed Egyptian archeology and led to the Valley of the Kings becoming one of the most famous archeological sites in the world. More than 65 known tombs are located in the Valley and have been cut directly into the rock. Many of these tombs are still adorned with beautiful carvings and paintings as befit their royal occupants.

DAY 8

Dendera Temple of Hathor; Nile cruise

In the morning, your driver and guide will drive you to the Dendera Temple of Hathor (approximately 3 hours) Tour the Dendera Temple of Hathor Dendera is home to the Ptolemaic-era Temple of Hathor. It had long been a site dedicated to the goddess, and was frequented by pilgrims throughout antiquity. The rear of the temple includes a relief of Cleopatra, the last Ptolemaic ruler of Egypt, and her son fathered by Julius Caesar. Return to Luxor and back on your boat for sailing overnight

DAY 9

Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple

In the morning, enjoy breakfast on the boat while you admire the scenic view of the Nile Valley Visit Edfu Temple Edfu Temple is exquisitely preserved, thanks to having been buried for many years under the silt and mud from the Nile. It is dedicated to the god Horus and has beautiful friezes of the god's journeys and relationship with his wife, Hathor. Sail to Kom Ombo temple for sunset visit The temple of Kom Ombo is dedicated to both Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus the Elder. Next to Kom Ombo is the Crocodile Museum, which holds numerous mummified crocodiles brought as offerings to the temple. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight stay

DAY 10

Abu Simbel Temples, Aswan

In the morning, you will head to Aswan Airport to make the short flight to Abu Simbel Tour Abu Simbel Temples The magnificent temples of Abu Simbel were carved by Ramses the Great to celebrate his victories in battle and to honor his wife, Nefertari. Between 1964 and 1968 a multinational project was undertaken to save the temples from the rising waters from the construction of the High Dam. Archeologists and engineers from around the world worked to carefully cut the temples apart, transport them and then reconstruct them on higher ground. Fly back to Aswan Enjoy an afternoon journey on a traditional felucca boat Return to your cruise ship for overnight

DAY 11

Philae Temple Complex, Unfinished Obelisk, return to Cairo

After you check out from the cruise, you will head to the Philae Temple Complex Philae Temple was dedicated to goddess Isis, and was a site of worship for visitors from the 26th dynasty through the Ptolemaic periods. This beautifully-constructed temple was admired by many ancient writers including Seneca and Pliny the Elder. Visit the Unfinished Obelisk Aswan was home to the granite quarries that supplied stone for the pharaoh's architectural projects, including the massive obelisks that decorate Karnak Temple and other sites. This quarry gives a unique look into how the ancient Egyptians were able to carve stone using only non-metal hand tools. Fly back to Cairo Your driver will pick you up to take you to Luxor Airport, and you will fly back to Cairo with your guide

DAY 12

Cairo

Today is a free day, for your choice of optional tours. Check out our one-day Cairo tour itinerary here, or build a custom itinerary with the help of our expert guides.

DAY 13

Departure

After checking out of your hotel, a private driver will transport you to the airport for your departure flight.

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- Meet and greet at Cairo Airport
- Hotel-airport transfers
- English-speaking Egyptologist guide
- Private driver in air conditioned vehicle
- 6 nights at Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence
- 4 nights aboard MS Le Fayan Nile Cruise
- 2 nights at Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa
- Domestic flights:
  - Cairo to Luxor
  - Aswan to Abu Simbel
  - Aswan to Cairo
- Bottled water
- All required permits and site entry fees

✘ EXCLUDED

- Egypt entry visa
- Beverages (excluding water)
- Extra activities
- Tips & personal expenses
- Cairo dinner meal
- Camel ride