

(Discover Egypt) 9 days 8 nights (18 MEALS)

Day 1	Arrival at Cairo International airport, meet and assist by our representative and transfer to Your Hotel. Overnight at the hotel.	Cairo Cairo Hotel Meals: BB
Day 2	Breakfast at hotel. Start your guided tour to the Great Pyramids , on top of the Giza plateau rise three pyramids Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, guarded by a statue of the mysterious Egyptian Sphinx , with the body of a lion and a human head. Five thousand years ago, Giza became the royal burial place for Memphis, the Pharaoh's capital city. Giza's three pyramids and the Sphinx were constructed in the 4th dynasty of Egypt's Old Kingdom. About 2,500 BC, King Khufu, the second pharaoh of the fourth dynasty, commissioned the building of his tomb at Giza. On an average, over 2 million blocks of stone was used to build Khufu's pyramid, and the heaviest blocks were used as the ceiling of Khufu's burial chamber. Khufu's son was the next in the royal line who commissioned the building of his own pyramid complex which includes the Sphinx. Each pyramid has a mortuary temple and a valley temple linked by long causeways that were rooted and walled. Proceed to Memphis , the old Capital of Egypt then head to Sakkara the step Pyramids of Zoser . <u>Lunch during sightseeing tour at local restaurant.</u> Return to your hotel and overnight.	Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis, Sakkara Cairo Hotel Meals: BB Lunch included
Day 3	Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to airport for flight to Luxor. Arrival Luxor and transfer to your cruise for embarkation before lunch. Visit Karnak Temple situated about 3 kilometers north of Luxor. It is the largest temple complex ever built by man and represents the combined achievement of many generations of ancient builders. The Temple of Karnak is actually three main temples, smaller enclosed temples and several outer temples. The three main temples of Mut, Montu and Amun are enclosed by enormous brick walls. The temple begins with the avenue of Rams, then the first and second pylon, then the hypostyle hall with 134 columns. At the end of the tour, you will reach the sacred lake which lies outside the main hall where a big statue of a scarab dates back to king Amenhotep III which was used for purification. Visit Luxor Temple , it was constructed for the worship of god Amon Ra whose marriage anniversary to his wife (Mut) was celebrated once a year. The construction of the temple dates from Amenhotep II and Ramesses II. The entrance of the temple is a huge pylon constructed by Ramesses II. It has two huge statues representing the king seated. Lunch & dinner on board the cruise.	5* Nile Cruise Meals: FB
Day 4	Morning visit the West bank, Valley of the kings, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut & the Colossi of Memnon . The Valley of the Kings or Wadi el-Muluk. It is a valley in Egypt where tombs were built for the Pharaoh and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom. The valley stands on the west bank of the Nile and consists of two valleys, East and West, with the majority of the royal tombs situated in the East Valley. Proceed to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut: Also known as " Dier El Bahari ", it was established by Queen Hatshepsut, the only woman who ruled Egypt in the Pharaonic history. As you approach it from the distance, it is as if you are looking at a modern building that has been carved out of a mountain. Dier El-Bahari was commissioned by Queen Hatshepsut as a funerary monument to honor her father, Tutmoses I and herself. Continue to the Colossi of Memnon. Noon sail to Esna.	5* Nile Cruise Meals: FB

	Cross the lock Sail to Edfu and overnight.	
Day 5	<p>Visit Edfu Temple; which was built out of sandstone during the Ptolemaic period. The temple is dedicated to the falcon-headed god, Horus. It is the best preserved temple in Egypt, and is magnificently constructed making wonderful use of natural sunlight. The temple contains a nilometre, windows and a well, including a variety of battle and religious inscriptions on the walls. Two statues of falcons are located at the entrance of the temple. The interior includes a library, a cloak room, a laboratory, a treasure room, an offering hall, a sanctuary and other chambers</p> <p>Sail to Kom Ombo & Visit the Temple of Sobek & Haerories</p> <p>Kom Ombo temple, located on the river Nile.</p> <p>Built during the Greco-Roman era, Kom Ombo is home to an unusual double temple. The temple on the right is dedicated to crocodile god, Sobek, while the temple on the left was in honor of Haroeris. Each temple has its own entrance, court, halls and sanctuary. The temple is believed to change colors as the sun sets.</p> <p>Sail to Aswan.</p>	<p>5* Nile Cruise</p> <p>Meals: FB</p>
Day 6	<p>Breakfast on board.</p> <p>You will be taken to the Nile for a motor boat ride to the Philae Temple. The temple is dedicated to goddess Isis. It was dismantled and reassembled in a new site on Agilika Island, about 500 meters from the former site of Philae. The ancient Egyptians built a beautiful and magnificent temple on this island devoted to goddess Isis, however, the temple got submerged after the Aswan dam was constructed in 1906. It was not until the 70s that many nations attempted to save the temple.</p> <p>See the Temple of Isis, one of the greatest temples in Egypt. It is the island's main temple with huge pylons and beautiful scenes. The temple is built in the same way as the temples of the New Kingdom; it consists of the first pylon, which is a great traditional pylon with two towers, and an open forecourt that leads to the second pylon.</p> <p>Further on, proceed to Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle built in the 1960s. A lot of material - 18 times the quantity of what was used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops - was used to construct this. The Dam is 11,811 feet long, 3215 feet thick at the base and 364 feet tall. Today it provides water and electricity to all of Egypt. From the top of the two mile long High Dam you can gaze across Lake Nasser. The lake is approximately 800 kilometers long and was the world's largest artificial lake at the time it was built. Visit The Unfinished Obelisk; is an opportunity to consider what this process might have been like and just how difficult it was to shape and carve the great stone blocks that make up Egypt's many monuments. This huge obelisk would have stood 140 feet in height, the largest even in Egypt. It was to be carved from the Red Aswan granite that decorate many of Egypt's greatest monument and for which the city is famous. This greatest of all of Egypt's monoliths, however, was never finished. At a late stage in its formation, a flaw in the rock was discovered and it was abandoned. As a result, it remains in one of Aswan's ancient quarries, fully formed and carved.</p> <p>Felucca ride around the Islands and visit Nubian village.</p>	<p>5* Nile Cruise</p> <p>Meals: FB</p>
Day 7	<p>Visit Abu Simbel, it is 280 km south of Aswan and consists of two, rock-cut Temples, which both date back to the reign of King Ramses II, The two Temples of Abu Simbel, with their unique style, are considered to be the masterpieces of ancient Egypt. They reflect the glory and grandeur of the new Kingdom. The temples date back to the reign of King Ramses II (1290-1223 BC). Temple Ramses II was built by King Ramses II and is dedicated to the God Re-Hor-Akhty, Amon, Ptah, and King Ramses II as a deified King. The Temple of Queen Nefertari is located 120m from the Temple of Ramses II and was also built by Ramses II,</p>	<p>Abu Simbel</p> <p>Lunch Box</p> <p>Cairo Hotel</p> <p>Meals: BB</p>

	<p>dedicated to the Goddess Hathor and to his wife Queen Nefertari. The great Abu Simbel temple is also called The Sun Temple of Ramses II. The Temple of Queen Nefertari is also Called Temple of Hathor who was the wife of the Sun God so in a symbolic way, the two Temples, that of Ramses II and that of Nefertari, bring Ramses II, Nefertari, Hathor and the Sun God together as one. In June 1964 The Egyptian government and UNESCO decided to co-operate in order to save these temples from the raising water of Lake Nasser while the High Dam was being built. On October 22 and February 22, the rays of the sun penetrate the sanctuary and illuminate the sculptures on the back wall.</p> <p><u>Lunch Box during Abu Simbel Tour.</u></p> <p>Transfer to airport for flight back to Cairo.</p> <p>Arrival Cairo and transfer to your hotel.</p> <p>Overnight at hotel.</p>	
Day 8	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>Visit the Egyptian Museum, Explore the history of ancient Egypt as you take a tour of this huge palace with 107 halls showcasing ancient Egyptian artefacts. See huge statues of kings, gods and goddesses on the ground floor, while the upper floor houses small statues, jewels and Tutankhamen treasures. It is the largest Egyptian antiques museum in the world and definitely the most interesting landmark in Cairo, your escorting guide will explain to you what the museum displays from the rare collection of 5000 years of art which is considered the largest most precious collection of Egyptian art in the world. Over 250,000 genuine artifacts are presented, including an exhibit dedicated to Tut Ankh Amun treasure, gold and jewelry which was enclosed in his tomb for over 3,500 years before it was discovered in the 1920s when his tomb was discovered.</p> <p>Then visit Citadel of Salah El Din and Mohamed Ali's mosque, Old Cairo Churches and then Khan El Khalili Bazaar.</p> <p><u>Lunch during sightseeing tour at local restaurant.</u></p> <p>Return to your hotel and overnight.</p>	<p>Museum, old Cairo, Khan El Khalili Cairo Hotel Meals: BB Lunch included</p>
Day 9	<p>Breakfast at hotel, or breakfast box if the flight is very early.</p> <p>Flying back to Canada early morning the flight will be @ 5:25 am</p>	

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Tour inclusions:

- 4 nights at Cairo 5* hotel on bed and breakfast basis.
- 4 nights Cruise Luxor / Aswan on board 5* cruise on full board basis.
- Full day visit Pyramids, Memphis & Sakkara including lunch.
- Full day Museum, Citadel, Mohamed Ali Mosque and Khan El Khalili Bazaar including lunch.
- Cruise sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary (Karnak, Luxor Temples, Valley of the Kings, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut & Colossi of Memnon, Edfu Temple, Kom Ombo Temple, Aswan High Dam, Philae Temple & Unfinished Obelisk.) plus Abu Simbel excursion.
- All entrance fees to the mentioned sights.
- Professional English speaking Egyptologist during sightseeing tours.
- All transfers by air-conditioned vehicles.
- Assistance by English speaking representative.
- 2 flights: (CAI-LXR)(ASW-CAI)

Price Excludes:

- International flight
- Egypt entry visa.
- Tips, drinks or any personal expenses.
- Any item not mentioned above.
- Any optional Excursion.

NB. There will be a supplement for the following visits:

- Entrance inside one of the Pyramids.
- Visit the Solar Boat Museum at the Pyramids area.
- Entrance to the Mummies room at the Egyptian Museum.
- Entrance of Tut Ankh Amun Tomb at Valley of the Kings.

Hotels included during Tour

City	Hotels and Cruises 4*	Hotels and Cruises 5*	Meals
Cairo	Pyramids Park Resort 4* Or similar	Steigenberger Cairo Pyramids Resort 5* Or similar	Breakfast
Cruise	M/S Nephtis ou M/S Radamis II 5* Or similar	M/S Nephtis ou M/S Radamis II 5* Or similar	Full Board