

INSIGHT VACATIONS

Splendours of Egypt, a Women-Only Tour





KEY

① Central
Hotels + Nights

① Scenic
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● Place Visited

○ Optional Place
Visited

||||| Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO
Heritage Site

Day 1 | Arrive in Cairo



Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, you'll be transferred to your hotel, where you'll have time to unwind and enjoy the hotel's elegant amenities. Later, get acquainted with your Travel Director and fellow travellers over a drink, toasting the start of your Egyptian adventure.

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

National Museum of Egyptian Civilization - Designed for those visitors with extra pre or post trip nights in Cairo or if flight arrives before midday on Day 1. Located in Old Cairo, visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (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 guests that have a pre/post-night booked. It must also be booked in advance.*

Day 2 | Fly to Luxor, Cruise the Nile



In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next seven nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum and admire its collection of ancient artefacts. In the evening, enjoy dinner on the ship and unwind at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 3 | Exploring Dendera and on to Edfu



A day of legend and history awaits you today as you begin with a morning visit to the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, it features a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarion, whose father was Julius Caesar. At lunchtime return to your ship and enjoy a scenic journey through the Esna Lock en route to Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 4 | Edfu to Aswan



Start the day with breakfast as you cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo, before continuing to the city of Aswan. Renowned for its archaeological sites, including the Philae Temple Complex and the Temple of Isis, Aswan is a vibrant destination that portrays an appealing blend of ancient and contemporary Egypt. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 5 | Aswan's High Dam & Temple of Isis



Today's sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, which rises from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities on your cruise ship. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on things to do onboard or perhaps request for more insights into Egypt's fascinating history?

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Henna Experience - Delve into the local culture discovering insights into the rich traditions and techniques of henna. Encounter skilled henna artists known for their intricate and beautiful patterns, often inspired by their hometowns and villages. Note: the price indicated is subject to change depending on the number of participants

Adult: 24.00 USD

Day 6 | Feluccas and Sundowner



Throughout your journey you'll have seen many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it's your turn to explore one for yourself. On board this traditional vessel, meet a local sailor who shares the history and techniques behind navigating this culturally significant boat. Visit the local women's co-op on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and see how scrap materials are transformed into fine handicrafts, supporting vulnerable women in the community. As the sun begins to set, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie once did. Round off the day with an atmospheric Sound and Light Show at Philae Island, where the temple's illuminated facade becomes the stage for tales of Isis, Hathor and the sacred Nile.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

Day 7 | Free Time and on to Kom Ombo



With the morning free, perhaps join an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel. These temples overlook Lake Nasser and consist of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit Egypt's the only double temple, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Abu Simbel Excursion By Air - Excursion to Abu Simbel from Aswan to visit the fabulous reconstructed temples of Ramses II and Nefertari. The journey by air takes approximately forty minutes in each direction and allows approximately seventy-five minutes at Abu Simbel to visit the temples and the impressive concrete dome. Prices are in USD.
Adult: 395.00 USD

**Price subject to airline price fluctuations.*

Day 8 | Cruising the Nile to Luxor



Cruise along the majestic waters of the Nile and enjoy the facilities on board. Keep your cameras ready for the sights as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. Indulge your culinary side during an Egyptian Cooking Class, where you'll prepare traditional moussaka. In the evening, conclude the day visiting Luxor Temple, where your ship will dock for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Karnak Sound and Light Show - Enjoy the fabulous Sound and Light Show arranged in Luxor at Karnak Temple: While strolling along the ancient avenues of Sphinxes & halls of colossal columns, you will be hearing the tales of these ancient places. Prices are in USD.
Adult: 55.00 USD

Aswan Museum on Elephantine Island - Sail through the islands of the First Cataract with your Local Nubian Expert, spotting vibrant birdlife and learning how the Nile has sustained civilisations for millennia. Moor at Elephantine Island to explore the Aswan Museum, housed in a villa once owned by the architect of the Old Aswan Dam, Sir William Willcocks. With a wealth of Egyptian relics and Nubian artefacts to explore, you'll gain insights into the history of Elephantine Island and see antiquities discovered during the construction of Aswan Dam.
Adult: 39.00 USD

Day 9 | Explore Luxor and fly to Cairo



This morning, disembark from your cruise and travel to the west bank of the Nile. Delve into history seeing both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Enhance your discovery with a visit to the Valley of the Queens. This site houses over 75 tombs belonging to queens of the 19th and 20th dynasties, as well as other members of the royal families, including the tomb of Nefertari and the Ramesside princes. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

Day 10 | Cairo Sightseeing



This morning, ascend to the Citadel for sweeping views over the city. While here, visit the Alabaster Mosque, also known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, who is regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to Tahrir Square, the focal point of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution, and the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), home to a remarkable collection of ancient artefacts, including the treasures of Tutankhamun.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

Day 11 | Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza



Today you'll head to Memphis, the legendary capital of the ancient world. Once the heart of Egypt's Old Kingdom, it was a flourishing centre of politics, religion and art. Marvel at the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx, believed to represent Queen Hatshepsut. Continue to Sakkara to view the extraordinary Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest in Egypt, designed by the architect Imhotep around 2700 B.C. This afternoon, journey to Giza to come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. Gather at your hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travellers to share canapes and a drink, marking the end of your unforgettable journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

Day 12 | Depart Cairo



Your wonderful journey ends with transfers to Cairo International airport.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Full Day Alexandria (Designed For Those Visitors With Extra Pre Or Post Trip Nights In Cairo) - Embark on a full day exploration of historic Alexandria. Your sightseeing tour shows you the National Museum, the

well preserved Roman Amphitheatre, Roman Catacombs, Quayet-Bey Fortress from the outside and Pombey's Pillar. Prices are in USD.
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.*

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