

Classical Egypt

07 Nights / 08 Days

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, Excel Travel representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process. Modern air-conditioned coaches take you to your hotel in Cairo. Your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in.

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02: Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian museum and Khan el Khalili (B,L)

09:00 Breakfast we start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders **the great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus)** were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones.

The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the **Great Sphinx**, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, the statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body.



A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.

Lunch can be served at an oriental restaurant and then drive to the Egyptian Museum for another unforgettable tour.

Egyptian Museum; was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 120,000 objects ranges from pre-historic era to the Greco Roman period. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor houses small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also comprises of a photography section and large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven kings and queens.



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After the visit of the Egyptian museum a short drive through the downtown will take you to **Khan El Khalili bazaars**, which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area.



Drive back to your hotel & overnight in Cairo

Evening optional tour to the spectacular sound & light show by the Sphinx

Back to the hotel and overnight in Cairo

Day 03: Cairo – Luxor (Mondays)

Breakfast in the hotel, check out

Escorted transfer to Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor or to Aswan to board the Cruiser for a relaxing tour through the history for 5 days as per the Nile cruise itineraries shown hereunder

Embarkation followed by lunch

Visit Karnak and Luxor temples

Karnak temple construction at the complex began during the reign of Senusret I in the Middle Kingdom (around 2000–1700 BC) and continued into the Ptolemaic period (305–30 BC), although most of the extant buildings date from the New Kingdom, the complex is a vast open site and includes the Karnak Open Air Museum.



Luxor temple in the East bank it is a great temple complex in modern Luxor dedicated to Amun, a creator god often fused with the sun-god Ra into Amun-Ra, construction work on the temple began during the reign of Amenhotep III in the **14th century BC**. Horemheb and Tutankhamun added columns, statues, and friezes, and Akhenaten had earlier obliterated his father's cartouches and installed a shrine to the Aten, However, the only major expansion effort took place under Ramses II some 100 years after the first stones were put in place



Dinner and overnight Nile cruise

Day 04: Luxor

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Breakfast on board

Visit the West bank (Valley of the kings, Temple of Hatshepsut, and Colossi of Memnon)

Valley of the Kings, it is situated over 1,000 feet of limestone and other sedimentary rock, it is a long narrow defile just west of the Nile River in Upper Egypt.

It was part of the ancient city of Thebes and was the burial site of almost all the kings (pharaohs) of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties (1539–1075 BCE), from Thutmose I to Ramses X. Located in the hills behind Dayr al-Baḥrī, the 62 known tombs exhibit variety both in plan and in decoration. In 1979 UNESCO designated the valley part of the World Heritage site of ancient Thebes.



Hatshepsut temple it is a mortuary temple of Ancient Egypt built for the Eighteenth Dynasty pharaoh Hatshepsut, who died in 1458 BC, the temple is located beneath the cliffs at Deir el-Bahari on the west bank of the Nile near the Valley of the Kings. This mortuary temple is dedicated to Amun and Hatshepsut, It is considered one of the "incomparable monuments of ancient Egypt.



The colossi of Memnon are two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III, who reigned in Egypt during the Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt. Since 1350 BCE, they have stood in the Theban Necropolis, located west of the River Nile from the modern city of Luxor



Lunch on board

Sail to Edfu

Dinner and overnight Nile cruise

Day 05: Edfu / Kom Ombo

Breakfast on board

Visit **Edfu temple**, it is one of the best-preserved shrines in Egypt. The temple was built in the Ptolemaic Kingdom between 237 and 57 BC. The inscriptions on its walls provide important information on language, myth, and religion during the Hellenistic period in Egypt, the Temple is nearly intact and a very good example of an ancient Egyptian temple. The Its archaeological significance and high state of preservation has made it a center for tourism in Egypt and a frequent stop for the many riverboats that cruise the Nile.



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Sail to Kom Ombo
Lunch on board

Visit **Kom Ombo temple** it was constructed during the Ptolemaic dynasty, 180–47 BC. Some additions to it were later made during the Roman period, the building is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries, and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods, the texts and reliefs in the temple refer to cultic liturgies which were like those from that time.



Sail to Aswan
Dinner and overnight Nile cruise

Day 06: Aswan

Breakfast on board

Visit High Dam, Philae temple and unfinished Obelisk

The High dam is an engineering miracle built in 1960 protecting Egypt from annual floods from the Nile, it contains 18 times the material used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops. The Dam is 11,811 feet long, 3215 feet thick at the base and 364 feet tall. Today it provides irrigation and electricity for the whole of Egypt and, together with the old Aswan Dam.



Philae Temple was dismantled and reassembled (on Agilika Island about 550 meters from its original home on Philae Island as part of the UNESCO Nubia Campaign project) in the wake of the High Dam. The temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, is in a beautiful setting which has been landscaped to match its original site



Visit **the unfinished Obelisk** for 30 minutes it is the largest known ancient obelisk and is in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan, Egypt.

Its creation was ordered by Hatshepsut (1508–1458 BC), possibly to complement what would later be known as the Lateran Obelisk (which was originally at Karnak and was later brought to the Lateran Palace in Rome).

The obelisk's creators began to carve it directly out of bedrock, but cracks appeared in the granite and the project was abandoned. The bottom side of the obelisk is still attached to the bedrock.



Lunch on board

Felucca trip on the Nile and view of the Agha Khan Mausoleum (no entry)

Dinner and overnight Nile cruise



Day 07: Aswan – Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast, and transfer to Aswan airport for a flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, Excel Travel representative will welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 08: Final departure

Final departure transfers after breakfast from the hotel; Excel Travel representative will escort you, check you in your flight

Wishing you a pleasant trip

Abu Simble – for those who wish to opt for unforgettable tour to Abu Simble, it will be done before embarkation from Aswan or disembarkation in Aswan.

The Tour will include a return flight from Aswan airport to Abu Simble airport with private escorted transfers in both destinations. A Private guide will accompany Excel Travel clients and guide them through the great temples of Ramses II & his beloved Nefertari.



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