

# Land of the Pharaohs 10 days



Dr Sarcophagus – here we come! On a 10-day journey through the mysterious land of the Pharaohs, we'll discover amazing pyramids and the treasures of the famed Egyptian museum; sail in style down the river Nile; search out ancient tombs in the Valleys of Kings and Queens!; and soak up the atmosphere of buzzing downtown Cairo

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 9, Lunch: 6, Dinner: 6
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star
- Tour Guide: Egyptologist on all Trip and Tintin Expert on some

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

## TOUR MAP:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

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## Day 1:

Cairo: If you look very hard through your aeroplane window, you might spot the great pyramids of Giza before landing in Cairo. And if not, you will soon after, at your hotel located right at the edge of the Pyramids. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

## Day 2:

Sunrise at the Giza Plateau! Saddled on camels and with cameras at the ready, we hunt for the exact spot where Tintin himself discovered the pyramids. If you're feeling brave, venture down into the burial chamber deep inside one of these giant ancient tombs. After lunch, with horses to suit all abilities, we take a gentle ride to the necropolis of Saqqara and explore the older Zoser's step pyramid. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

## Day 3:

On a guided tour of the famous Egyptian Museum, home to the treasures of King Tutankhamen, you'll come face to face with some of the great rulers of ancient Egypt in the mummy room! It's back to present day Egypt and the hustle and bustle of downtown Cairo this afternoon, exploring the famous Khan el Khalili markets, stopping at historic Fishawi coffee house and the 19th century Citadel of Saladin. Overnight - [Cairo](#)



## Day 4:

This morning it's a dry and dusty drive to Port Said, the city by the sea where Tintin first sets foot in Egypt. We also visit Suez, where enormous ships and tankers queue to enter the canal – this truly is watching the wheels of trade in motion. Back in Cairo, we board our overnight sleeper train headed for the world's greatest open air museum – 4,000 year old Luxor! Overnight - Sleeper Train

## Day 5:

Time to go in search of the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the eerie rocky landscape of the Valleys of Kings and Queens – we might even stumble upon Hergé's tomb of Pharaoh Kih-Oskh! After a visit to the Temple of Karnak, we board our Nile Cruiser and

escape the dizzying afternoon sun. And at dusk, horse-drawn carriages take us to Luxor Temple, when it's beautifully illuminated at night. Overnight - [5 star Nile Cruiser](#)



## Day 6:

An optional hot air balloon ride to see day break over Luxor before we 'up anchor' and ease into a relaxing day sailing down the Nile. There's fun and games on board tonight as we slip into disguise sporting traditional Egyptian galabeyas. Overnight - [Nile Cruising](#)

## Day 7:

A bit more R&R on board, with leisurely stops at the riverside Temple of Horus at Edfu – the largest and most completely preserved pharaonic temple in Egypt – and the unusual temples of Haroeris and Sobek in Kom Ombo that date back to the Ptolemaic era. Overnight - [Nile Cruising](#)

## Day 8:

Time warp! Swapping our modern Nile Cruise for a traditional felucca we sail to beautiful Elephantine Island. The mighty High Dam, a modern feat of engineering is our next stop, followed by a boat trip out to 4th century Philae Temple. Overnight - [5 Star Nile Cruiser](#)



## Day 9:

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If you're up for an early start opt to catch the sunrise flight to the sun temple of King Ramses II at Abu Simbel, arguably the most impressive of all Egypt's monuments. We fly back to Cairo for our final dinner in the land of the Pharaoh's, where you can test your wits at decoding those baffling hieroglyphics. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

## Day 10:

Cairo: With the secrets of the Pharaohs revealed and the ominous symbol of Kih-Oskh well and truly demystified, it's a transfer to the airport to catch our respective flights home.

### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

### Trip Highlights

- Cairo - The Egyptian Museum, Coptic Cairo, Citadel of Saladin and Khan el Khalili Markets
- The Pyramids of Giza and Saqqara
- Port Said and the Suez Canal
- Luxor 'ancient Thebes' - Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Temple of Karnak and Luxor Temple
- Optional activity - Hot Air Ballooning over Luxor - aerial views of the River Nile and West Bank
- River Nile cruising
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Aswan - felucca sailing to Elephantine Island, the High Dam and Philae Temple
- Optional excursion - Abu Simbel - the rock cut Sun Temple of King Ramses

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 6 dinners (1 aboard sleeper train)
- 4 nights 4-5 star hotels
- 4 nights aboard luxury 5 star Nile Cruiser (twin/double cabin with en suite bathroom)
- 1 overnight train: Cairo to Luxor (1st class sleeper accommodation)
- 1 economy flight: Aswan - Cairo (or from Abu Simbel - Cairo if taking the optional excursion)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 10
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Port Said, Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo and Aswan
- Camel riding by the pyramids
- Horse riding in Saqqara
- Horse drawn carriage ride to the Luxor Temple

- Felucca sailing to Elephantine Island
- Egyptian tour guide, degree qualified in Egyptology
- Led by a Tintin expert - on selected departures
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private, modern A/C vehicles
- Entrance fees to included sites
- Special activities and entertainment on family departures
- Bespoke Tintin dossier and arrival pack
- Automatic membership of the official Tintin club
- Your own exclusive Tintin Syldavia passport
- A surprise or two while on holiday!

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: Included

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,239

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. For family tour dates (as indicated below), a 20% discount applies for children aged 7 to 12 and who share a room with their parents throughout the tour. Please note that since we have travellers joining our tours from all over the world, international flights are NOT included in the tour prices below.

#### 2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
25 AUG - 03 SEP	USD \$2,239	USD \$779