

Egyptian Explorer 8 days



Egypt at its best! A one week family holiday with camel riding, boating on the Nile, a visit to a village school, pyramids, tombs and Tutankhamen's treasure. This tour, set at a pace ideal for families offers valuable insight into the life, culture and mysteries of Ancient Egypt, coupled with plenty of free time for relaxing by the pool or independent exploration.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Luxor
- Departs: Saturdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 1
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

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

TOUR MAP:



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Day 1: Cairo

Saturday. Welcome to the land of the Pharaohs and the start of your family holiday! Arrive Cairo airport and included transfer to hotel and overnight. Free afternoon and evening. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Pyramids & Camel Riding

Today, we visit the pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World. Gaze in awe at the largest of the three great pyramids - Cheops, constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks it took more than 20 years to construct. Afterward we enjoy a camel ride across the desert sands. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 3: King Tutankhamen's Treasure

Cairo - Aswan. Today, we venture in search of the treasures of King Tutankhamen, mummies and more at the Egyptian Museum. Later we tour the Islamic Citadel of Saladin with views looking down over the old city, watching people go about their daily life. We conclude the day with a market walk through the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Time to freshen up, this evening we take the comfortable overnight sleeper train to Aswan. Overnight - Sleeper Cabin Train



Day 4: Rural villages & markets

Explore the Nubian city of Aswan with a guided walk of the local market and souq. Stunningly situated right on the Nile, a walk along the river corniche to view the many boats is a real treat, as is Aswan bazaar. Free afternoon. Overnight - [Aswan](#)



Day 5: Aswan - your way

Free morning or opt for the morning excursion to Abu Simbel. The remainder of the afternoon at leisure; maybe relax by the pool, take a stroll along the Nile corniche or explore the ever lively market place. Overnight - [Aswan](#)



Day 6: Boating on the Nile

Aswan - Luxor. This morning we board a motor boat and cruise along the River Nile, passing some of the small islands en route to Sahal island, where we disembark and visit a local village and school before enjoying lunch at the home of an Egyptian family. The motor boats of Aswan are proudly owned and crewed by friendly local sailors and they have been adapted from a felucca style of vessel to comfortably carry travellers. Lunch will be served in the home of an Egyptian family. After lunch we cruise back to Aswan for our afternoon/evening train journey to Luxor, one of the world's greatest open-air museums. The 4000 year old site of ancient Thebes, known today as Luxor, is our base for the next three days. Overnight - [Luxor](#)

Day 7: Karnak Temple & Luxor Temple by night

This morning we have the option to go hot air ballooning before visiting Karnak Temple. More than a temple, Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, statuettes and obelisks. Built on a grand scale, Karnak is probably Egypt's finest

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ancient temple. Free afternoon or wander along Luxor's historic waterfront. This evening, we travel in horse-drawn carriages to the illuminated Temple of Luxor where we enjoy a tour in the cool evening air. Rest of evening free. Overnight - [Luxor](#)



Day 8: Valley of the Kings

Rise and Shine! Early this morning we cross the Nile River to the West Bank for a guided tour of the legendary Valleys of the Kings.

Attempting to confound thieves and grave robbers, the New Kingdom pharaohs awaiting their passage into the after-life were secretly entombed with their worldly wealth in the cliffs of the valley. The cliffs, bereft of vegetation are home to a vast necropolis of tombs, some of which you can enter and visit. Some of the tombs are so well preserved; the colors of some of the incredible pharaonic friezes are still as vibrantly coloured as when first painted.

After leaving Valley of the Kings and saying goodbye to our tour guide we return to our hotel, where here here will be a little time to freshen up before hotel check out and onward departure transfer to Luxor international Airport. Our tour concludes at this point with fond memories of a magical family holiday to Egypt!

Note: Flights departing Luxor can be reserved anytime after 1.30pm today.



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 - Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza Plateau
- Islamic Citadel & Khan el-Khalili bazaar
- Egyptian Museum & King Tut's 9kg solid Golden Mask
- Aswan - boating on the Nile to Sahal island and lunch with village family
- Visit to local primary school, village/market walks
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak by day
- Luxor Temple illuminated by night
- Valley of the Kings

What's Included

- Maximum group size: 25
- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch with village family - Sahal Island, 1 dinner - onboard train
- 6 nights 4 - 5 star hotels
- 1 overnight train: Cairo - Aswan (2 berth sleeper cabin train)
- Giza - camel ride by the pyramids
- Aswan - boating on the Nile and visit to a Nubian island
- Luxor - horse-drawn carriage to Luxor Temple
- Airport arrival transfer (from Cairo International Airport) on day 1 and departure transfer (from Luxor International Airport) on day 8
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Aswan & Luxor
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour leader/guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Gratuity for your tour guide. We suggest \$20-30 USD per adult. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture.
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: Adult \$70-80 USD / Child \$30-40 USD
- Tipping Kitty: Adult \$30-40 USD / Child \$15-25 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

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Abu Simbel - USD \$259

Abu Simbel by flight. The massive rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel never fails to impress. It's possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan intricately carved facade, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the 4 colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began. This excursion is offered on all tours visiting Aswan.

Hot Air Ballooning - USD \$199

An aerial adventure awaits in Luxor! Imagine drifting silently over temples, ancient sites, ruins and villages in the early morning sun. See ancient Thebes from a different angle as you float above the River Nile and wave down at the locals as you drift a few metres from their open rooftops!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,369

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 and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. Single travellers will have to book a single room for any pre and/or post tour accommodation that is required. Child Prices are based on the child being under 12 years of age at the date of arrival into Egypt. The low season child price is listed below, for high child prices please contact us.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
02 JUN - 09 JUN	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
23 JUN - 30 JUN	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
07 JUL - 14 JUL	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
21 JUL - 28 JUL	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
28 JUL - 04 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
04 AUG - 11 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
11 AUG - 18 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
18 AUG - 25 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
08 SEP - 15 SEP	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
22 SEP - 29 SEP	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
20 OCT - 27 OCT	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
27 OCT - 03 NOV	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
17 NOV - 24 NOV	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
15 DEC - 22 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
22 DEC - 29 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
29 DEC - 05 JAN	USD \$1,499	USD \$449

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
12 JAN - 19 JAN	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
26 JAN - 02 FEB	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
09 FEB - 16 FEB	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
23 FEB - 02 MAR	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
09 MAR - 16 MAR	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
23 MAR - 30 MAR	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
06 APR - 13 APR	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
20 APR - 27 APR	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
04 MAY - 11 MAY	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
18 MAY - 25 MAY	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
01 JUN - 08 JUN	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
15 JUN - 22 JUN	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
29 JUN - 06 JUL	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
06 JUL - 13 JUL	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
13 JUL - 20 JUL	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
20 JUL - 27 JUL	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
27 JUL - 03 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
03 AUG - 10 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
17 AUG - 24 AUG	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
31 AUG - 07 SEP	USD \$1,369	USD \$449
14 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
28 SEP - 05 OCT	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
12 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
26 OCT - 02 NOV	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
09 NOV - 16 NOV	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
23 NOV - 30 NOV	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
07 DEC - 14 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
21 DEC - 28 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$449
28 DEC - 04 JAN	USD \$1,499	USD \$449

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre Accom - Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20
Egyptian Explorer - Child Discount	USD \$-240	USD \$0
Egyptian Explorer - High Season Child Discount	USD \$-300	USD \$0