

Eco Egypt 10 Days



Combines touring at some of Egypt's best-loved sights and the chance for you to contribute to the environment and people of Egypt, with special initiatives such as spring-cleaning the Nile and lending a helping hand in Cairo.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: 11 June & 20 Aug 2012
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 9, Lunch: 2, Dinner: 2
- 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:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Cairo

Welcome to Egypt and the start of your eco holiday. It's a fantastic opportunity to do something good for Egypt's environment and segments of the local community. Arrive Cairo, included transfer to hotel and overnight Cairo. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Children's home

Today, we undertake an orientation at a children's home in Cairo. The centre offers warm and safe shelter to homeless and disabled children. We'll spend some time interacting with the children, whether it be assisting with their daily activities or sharing a little love and attention.

Later, we'll be handing over much needed items purchased with proceeds from your eco tour. These items might include clothing, shoes, bedding and educational materials. What is purchased will be dependent on what is deemed to be a priority for the children. We also welcome and encourage individual donations of goods that are easily portable in your luggage from your home port. Overnight - Cairo Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 3: Pyramids of Giza & Saqqara

Cairo - Aswan. Today, we'll enjoy a visit to the famous pyramids and lion-headed Sphinx at Giza Plateau. The planet's oldest tourist attraction, the pyramids are one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. Cheops (Khufu), a behemoth constructed with in excess of 2.5 million handcut limestone blocks is thought to have taken more than 20 years to construct and is the biggest of the three great pyramids. The other two in order of size are called Chephren and Mycerinus. Whilst here, perhaps haggle for a camel ride and have yourself a ride across the desert beyond the pyramids.

Continuing to the necropolis of Saqqara, we can explore the myriad tombs and temples at this site and see Zoser's step pyramid. Constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC, the step pyramid which rises in six steps served as the prototype for ancient Egypt's most enduring architectural legacy. Later there is time for dinner before travelling on the overnight seater train to Aswan. Overnight - Seater Train



Day 4: Philae Temple

Arrive and check into our hotel. A visit out of town takes us to the mighty High Dam. A modern feat of engineering, the High Dam contains 18 times the amount of material used in the construction of Cheops, the largest pyramid at Giza. The by-product for this awesome construction is Lake Nasser, the world's largest artificial lake! Cultivable land has increased considerably and the High Dam's hydro-electric station has doubled Egypt's power supply. Continuing, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island and Philae Temple. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, Philae Temple was rescued in an enormous UNESCO effort in the 1970s. Due to high water levels in the reservoir created by the Old Aswan Dam and further aquatic drama due to the creation of the mighty High Dam, Philae Temple was relocated stone by stone on higher ground on nearby Agilika Island. The oldest part of Philae Temple dates from the 4th century BC but most it was built by the Ptolomies and Christians up to the 3rd century AD. Compact as compared to other temples, Philae is a nice site to wander around. Later, free time to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souks and markets or simply relax in this attractive town which straddles the River Nile. Overnight - [Aswan](#)



Day 5: Felucca Cruise

Aswan - Nile felucca cruise. Optional early morning air excursion to famous Abu Simbel - the rock-cut temple of King Ramses II, the Great Builder. This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2 night voyage on the River Nile downstream. Overnight - [Felucca Cruise](#)

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Day 6: Nile Cleaning

Today, armed with large waste bags and attired in protective gloves, we cruise downstream stopping at all the regular felucca stops and commence our effort to clean-up sections of the Nile, paying particular attention to any detritus along the shoreline. In addition to this eco effort, further initiatives may be introduced. Overnight - Felucca

Day 7: Edfu Temple & Luxor Temple by night

Nile Felucca Cruise - Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking at Kom Ombo we visit the waterside temple to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, before driving north to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year old Luxor is ancient Egypt at it's best. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit is available to the Temple of Luxor. Book and pay locally. Rest of evening free. Overnight - [Luxor](#)

Day 8: Valley of the Kings

Luxor – Cairo. An early start! There is the option to float over Luxor in a hot air balloon ride and see area wake up and come alive. Afterwards, our excursion to the mighty West Bank. We visit and explore the Valley of the Kings, Deir al-Bahri (Temple of Queen Hatshepsut) and the Colossi of Memnon, all that remains of the temple of Amenophis III. Time then to relax, before our afternoon visit to the Temple of Karnak. Tonight, we return to Cairo by train! Overnight - Seater Train



Day 9: Women's Co-operative

Arrive and check into hotel. Later, we visit the famous Egyptian Museum. We then continue to one of the poorest communities in Cairo, where we undertake an orientation visit to a Women's co-operative. The women who work here from around 12 years of age, live in an area locally known as 'rubbish city' owing to the fact that all of Cairo's trash is dumped here for sorting and recycling. Sorting through the waste, the women salvage any textiles, old buttons and zippers and return to the co-operative, from where these materials are laundered and used to create the most amazing handicrafts. The proceeds from the sale of these items and a tended garden which sells nurtured plants goes directly back into the community, benefitting these industrious and hardworking women and their families, who are some of the most impoverished souls in Egypt. It is suggested you fill a daypack with textile scraps, cotton, sewing yarn and needles and other goods suitable for use by these shining seamstresses. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 10: Cairo

Morning at leisure, hotel check out and included onward transfer to airport.

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 and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum, interactive visit to children's orphanage, orientation visit to Women's Co-operative
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route and Nile clean up
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- All meals aboard felucca cruise
- 5 nights 4 - 5 star hotels
- 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 2 nights train: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor - Cairo (seater train). Sleeper cabin upgrade possible!
- # Opportunity to clean the Nile, lend a helping hand at a Cairo orphanage and visit a women's co-op

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- Airport arrival and departure transfer, day 1 and day 9
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan, Edfu & Luxor
- Egyptian tour leader/guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping your guide and crew is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$90-110 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$30-50 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.

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.

Alexandria Day Trip - USD \$119

Carry on your Egyptian affair before or after your tour, with a day tour (with lunch) to amazing Alexandria on the Mediterranean Coast. Founded by Alexander the Great, Alexandria boasts wonderful beaches and an impressive seafront corniche, along which are dotted cafes and restaurants, as well as catacombs, souks and relics from a bygone age.

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 \$799

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, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
11 JUN - 20 JUN	USD \$799	USD \$269
20 AUG - 29 AUG	USD \$799	USD \$269

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
10 JUN - 19 JUN	USD \$799	USD \$269
19 AUG - 28 AUG	USD \$799	USD \$269

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre Accom - Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20
Post Accom Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20