



A Week in Egypt: Giza, Nile River Cruise & Cairo

9 days | 11 days with Cairo extension

The perfect day in Egypt involves a little falafel, a little stroll through the souks, and a whole lot of ancient history. We're talking deciphering hieroglyphics at towering temples and snapping photos of the Pyramids of Giza that look just like the ones you see in history books. Then, take to the Nile—because no trip to Egypt is complete until you discover the sites spanning the east and west banks of Africa's longest, and most famous, river.



Your tour package includes

- 4 nights in handpicked hotels
- 3 nights aboard a Nile River cruise ship
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 6 dinners, select meals with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Egyptologist, who's also your Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 on-tour flights

Included highlights

- Pyramids of Giza
- Great Sphinx
- Imhotep Museum
- Temples at Philae
- Temple of Kom Ombo
- Temple of Khnum
- Temples of Karnak and Luxor
- Downtown Cairo

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15–35

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Cairo today.

Giza → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Cairo & transfer to Giza

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Egypt! Arrive in Cairo and transfer to Giza. This evening, enjoy an included dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Giza

Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner

Meet up with a professional Egyptologist, who's also your Tour Director, and set off on a guided tour of Giza.

- Uncover the Pyramids of Giza, the only Wonder of the Ancient World to have survived the modern era
- Visit the enigmatic Great Sphinx, the largest monolith statue in the world
- Continue to Saqqara, the pharaohs' royal graveyard for more than 3,000 years, and enter the Imhotep Museum in Memphis
- Visit a carpet factory to learn about the traditional Egyptian textile industry and enjoy a cup of tea

Please note: While the Imhotep Museum is currently closed for renovations, travelers will spend extra time at the Pyramids.

Gather with your group for a welcome dinner this evening.

Aswan → 1 night

Day 4: Flight to Aswan & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Aswan this morning, then set off on a sightseeing tour of the city led by your Egyptologist.

- See the Aswan High Dam, one of the crowning achievements of modern Egypt
- Board a boat and visit the temples at Philae, located on an island in the Nile River
- Walk through the local market and stop at a perfume oil shop to learn about Frankincense and other natural remedies

Spend a free evening in Aswan or add an excursion.

+ Aswan Sunset Felucca Ride & Dinner

Nile River Cruise → 3 nights

Day 5: Cruise embarkation

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Enjoy a free morning in Aswan or add an excursion.

This afternoon, board your cruise ship and enjoy an included lunch as you set sail for Kom Ombo. Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

+ Abu Simbel

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of the Temple of Kom Ombo & Esna

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Spend the day touring Kom Ombo and Esna with your Egyptologist as your guide.

- Visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, built during the Greco-Roman period and noted for its twin deities, Sobek and Horus
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship
- Disembark in Esna to explore the Temple of Khnum, which features colorful hieroglyphics intricately carved into the temple's columns and ceiling

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Karnak & Luxor

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Continue your exploration of the wonders of Egypt today by seeing the painstakingly excavated Temple of Karnak and Luxor, once connected by an avenue of sphinxes, with your Egyptologist.

- Enter Karnak Temple for a walking tour through the complex to see the Precinct of Amun Re, walls of hieroglyphics, and the Temple of Khonsu
- Visit a papyrus shop to learn about traditional Egyptian paper and enjoy free time to shop
- Walk through Luxor Temple, located on the banks of the Nile River
- View obelisks, statues, and the Abu Haggag Mosque

Enjoy lunch aboard the ship. Then, spend a free afternoon in Luxor or add an excursion.

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

+ Luxor's West Bank: Valley of the Kings

Cairo → 1 night

Day 8: Disembarkation, flight to Cairo & walking tour

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Disembark from your cruise this morning and fly to Cairo. Then, explore downtown Cairo on a walking tour led by your Egyptologist.

- View Tahrir Square and learn about how it served as the backdrop for the Arab Spring and other political demonstrations
- See Abdeen Palace, a former royal home that's now the President of Egypt's residence and workplace
- Travel down Al Muizz street, an ancient road running through Cairo's Islamic center that's home to many impressive monuments, thousands of artisans, and several architectural wonders

Celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers during tonight's farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home, or continue exploring Cairo.

+ Cairo extension

Haven't gotten your fill of Egypt's history and charm? Cairo has plenty more to offer. Explore the largest collection of pharaonic antiquities, mingle with locals as you try authentic dishes, and get to know Old Cairo—your Tour Director will make sure you don't miss a thing.

Cairo → 2 nights

Day 9: Guided tour of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

Included meals: breakfast

Enter the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, which houses the famous masks of Tutankhamun, and explore the exhibits alongside your Egyptologist.

Please note: Travelers will not be able to enter the mummy room as it's moved to a different museum. Additionally, the visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities will be replaced with a visit to the new Grand Egyptian Museum once it opens.

Enjoy free time in Cairo or add an excursion.

+ Food of Cairo Walking Tour

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Old Cairo

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Set off on a guided tour of Old Cairo. You'll explore the labyrinthine alleys, ancient churches, and ornate mosques as you learn more about Egypt's history from your Egyptologist.

- Visit the citadel, which was built in the 12th century by mighty Salah el-Din, and was originally used as a fortress before it became the residence of the Sultans until 1850
- Enter the Mohammed Ali Mosque, also known as the Alabaster Mosque
- Step inside the Ben Ezra Synagogue and view its ornate Turkish-style interior, which is a place of pilgrimage for North African Jews
- Enter the Hanging Church, one of the oldest churches dating back to the 3rd century

Please note: While the Ben Ezra Synagogue is currently closed for renovations, the Tour Director will provide commentary from outside the site.

Sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant.

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/EGP | 1-800-754-5066

Day 4: Aswan Sunset Felucca Ride & Dinner

\$125CAD/\$135CAD* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Board a felucca, a traditional Egyptian sailboat, in Aswan and relax as you float down the Nile River. You'll view the east and west banks of the river and soak in views of Elephantine Island as you learn about the local lifestyle in this region. Then, head back to the boat to watch the sun dip below the horizon before disembarking for a meal at a local restaurant. You'll dine on traditional Egyptian cuisine paired with tea.

Day 5: Abu Simbel

\$529CAD (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Fly from Aswan to Abu Simbel, where you'll visit the temples of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari, relocated block by block to the shores of Lake Nasser after the construction of the Aswan High Dam. The temples' statues now stand 680 feet from their original site but their grandeur endures. Please note: This excursion involves extensive walking on rugged terrain, so sturdy footwear is advised. Headwear and extra sunscreen are also recommended. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

Day 7: Luxor's West Bank: Valley of the Kings

\$115CAD/\$125CAD* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Journey to the Theban Hills on the Nile's West Bank to spend an afternoon exploring the Valley of the Kings. This valley is home to 63 tombs and chambers where pharaohs and powerful nobles were laid to rest nearly 3,500 years ago. With your Egyptologist as your guide, you'll descend into the tombs of mummified Egyptian emperors, as well as see ancient cave paintings, sarcophagi, and more. Begin with a visit to the Theban Necropolis before entering the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. This temple is devoted to one of the few female pharaohs and regarded as one Egypt's most exceptional monuments. On your way back to the ship, stop to view the 64-foot-high Colossi of Memnon, a pair of Egyptian figures that are all that remains of King Amenhotep III's ancient temple. Please note: Travelers can choose to purchase an additional ticket to enter the tomb of King Tutankhamun.

Extension excursion options

Day 9: Food of Cairo Walking Tour

\$105CAD/\$115CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening)

Meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour of downtown Cairo. You'll learn about the history and cultural significance of authentic, traditional Egyptian dishes as you taste your way through markets and connect with locals. After getting your fill of incredible eats from six to seven local spots, you'll feel like a real Egyptian.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms