



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 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
- Temples at Philae
- Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu
- Temple of Khnum
- Temples of Karnak and Luxor

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.

Cairo → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Cairo

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Egypt! This evening, enjoy an included dinner at your hotel on your own.

Day 3: Pyramids of Giza & the Grand Egyptian Museum

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
- Enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant
- Enter the Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest museum, and explore the vast collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts alongside your Egyptologist

Please note: If the Grand Egyptian Museum is not yet open to the public, a visit to Saqqara & the Imhotep Museum will take its place.

Later, gather with your Tour Director and fellow group members at a mixer before enjoying a welcome dinner.

Aswan → 1 night

Day 4: Flight to Aswan

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Aswan this morning and enjoy free time for the rest of the day, or add an evening excursion.

Please note: On some departures, the sightseeing tour of Aswan may take place on day 4.

+ Aswan Sunset Felucca Ride & Dinner

Nile River Cruise → 3 nights

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Aswan & 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 while enjoying views of the Nile River. Afterwards, set off on a sightseeing tour of Aswan led by your Egyptologist.

- Board a boat and visit the temples at Philae, located on an island in the Nile River
- Enjoy a walking tour of the island and visit sites like the Temple of Isis, which features scenes of Isis's life carved along the walls
- Walk through the local market and enjoy free time to peruse the various shop stalls

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

Please note: On some departures, the sightseeing tour of Aswan may take place on day 4.

+ Abu Simbel

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

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Later, set sail for Kom Ombo and Edfu this morning and disembark your ship for guided tours with your Egyptologist leading the way.

- 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 as you cruise to Edfu

Spend a free afternoon in Edfu or add an excursion.

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

Please note: Based on sailings schedules, the Edfu & the Temple of Horus excursion may take place on day 7.

+ Edfu & the Temple of Horus

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
- 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.

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

Cairo → 1 night

Day 8: West Bank, Valley of the Kings, Disembarkation & flight to Cairo

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Enjoy a free early morning aboard the ship or add an excursion.

Later, spend time touring the Nile's West Bank with your Egyptologist as your guide.

- Explore the Valley of the Kings, a series of tombs hidden in the Theban hills
- Enter King Tut's tomb, famous for the ancient Egyptian treasures found inside the complex tomb

Disembark from your cruise this afternoon and fly to Cairo.

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

+ Nile River Hot Air Balloon Ride

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 free time or a new afternoon excursion to Saqqara and the Bent Pyramid.

Enjoy free time in Cairo or add an excursion.

+ Cairo Home-Hosted Dinner

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

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.com/EGP | 1-800-597-0350

Day 4: Aswan Sunset Felucca Ride & Dinner

\$89/\$99* (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.

Join a local at their home in Cairo to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Egyptian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Egyptian culture and traditions from a new perspective. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 5: Abu Simbel

\$389 (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 6: Edfu & the Temple of Horus

\$75/\$85* (3 hours, departure time varies)

Preserved by layers of sand for millennia, the Temple of Horus in Edfu is striking thanks to its size and completeness. Dedicated to the falcon god Horus, this grand temple complex was a center of religious life before non-Christian worship was banned in the Roman Empire. Disembark your cruise this morning in Edfu and spend time exploring the temple alongside your Tour Director. Visit the court of offerings, the inner and outer hypostyle halls, the offering chamber, and the sanctuary of Horus, all of which date back to between 237 and 57 BC.

Day 8: Nile River Hot Air Balloon Ride

\$169/\$179* (2 hours, departs in the early morning)

This morning, rise with the sun and float above ancient temples, the Nile, and the Valley of Kings. Begin with crossing the Nile by ferry to the West Bank where you'll then transfer by bus before taking to the skies aboard your balloon. After watching the balloon inflation, you'll gently soar into the air and get a truly impressive view of Egypt's archaeological history. Please note: This activity is weather-dependent. We recommend wearing layers for the cooler morning weather.

Extension excursion options

Day 9: Cairo Home-Hosted Dinner

\$129 (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

*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.com/terms