



Egypt & Nile River Cruise

12 days | 16 days with Jordan extension

Descend into a world of ancient wonders to discover the lands behind the legends. Walk past towering stone icons, through avenues of sphinxes, and into royal valleys amid the desert sands. Then, cruise down the Nile and anchor at remote islands and beside the Theban Hills. End your adventure in Cairo, where historic mosques mingle with today's modern bustle.



Your tour package includes

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

Included highlights

- Pyramids of Giza
- Great Sphinx
- Museum of Egyptian Antiquities
- Temples of Karnak and Luxor
- Luxor Museum
- Valley of the Kings
- Aswan
- Felucca sailboat ride

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 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 → 3 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 Cairo

Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner

Spend the day exploring Cairo on a sightseeing tour lead by your Egyptologist.

- Visit the citadel that was built in the 12th century by mighty Salah el-Din and originally used as a fortress before it became the residence of the Sultans until 1850
- Stop at Mohammed Ali Mosque, also known as the Alabaster Mosque
- Enter the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, which houses the famous masks of Tutankhamun

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 on day 4 once it opens.

Gather with your group for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of Giza

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

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
- Continue to Saqqara, the pharaohs' royal graveyard for more than 3,000 years

- Visit a carpet factory to learn about the traditional Egyptian textile industry and enjoy a cup of tea

Spend a free afternoon in Giza or add an excursion.

+ Cairo Home-Hosted Dinner

Nile River Cruise → 4 nights

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Luxor & cruise embarkation

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Please note: Some cruise departures will follow days 5–9 in reverse. Travelers may purchase a sunrise hot air balloon excursion directly from your Tour Director.

Fly to Luxor and set off on a guided tour. You'll step inside the Luxor Museum to see one of the world's highest-quality collections of Egyptian artifacts, including a statue recovered from King Tutankhamen's tomb.

Board your cruise ship this afternoon and enjoy an included lunch before seeing the painstakingly excavated Temple of Karnak and Luxor, once connected by an avenue of sphinxes.

- 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
- Take an early evening walking tour through Luxor Temple, located on the banks of the Nile River
- View obelisks, statues, and the Abu Haggag Mosque

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

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of the Nile's West Bank

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Spend the day 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
- Tour the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, devoted to one of the few female pharaohs
- View the 64-foot-high Colossi of Memnon

This afternoon, enjoy an included lunch before sailing toward Edfu. Then, sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Temple of Kom Ombo

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Continue your exploration of the wonders of Egypt today.

- Sail along the Nile and learn about the region during an engaging talk led by your Egyptologist from the comfort of the ship
- Ask questions to discover more about the country's history from your Egyptologist
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship
- Dock in Kom Ombo to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, built during the Greco-Roman period and noted for its twin deities, Sobek and Horus

Later today, arrive in the busy market city of Aswan and sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship.

Day 8: Felucca sailboat ride

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Enjoy a free morning on board the ship or add an excursion.

Please note: Depending on flight schedules, the Abu Simbel optional excursion may be offered on day 9 instead of day 8.

Later, enjoy an included lunch before climbing aboard a *felucca*, a traditional sailboat, to ride past Elephantine Island.

- See the dark granite rocks that resemble a herd of elephants bathing in the river
- Take in panoramic views of the water from the Mausoleum of Aga Khan

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

+ Abu Simbel

Aswan → 1 night

Day 9: Disembarkation & sightseeing tour of Aswan

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Disembark your cruise in Aswan and 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 afternoon in Aswan or add an excursion.

Sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

+ Nubian Village Visit

Cairo → 2 nights

Day 10: Flight to Cairo

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Fly to Cairo this morning and spend free time exploring the city at your leisure.

After sitting down for an included dinner, enjoy a free evening in Cairo.

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Cairo

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Spend today in the oldest part of Cairo as you explore the labyrinth like alleys, ancient churches, and ornate mosques as you learn more about Egypt's history.

- Enter the Hanging Church, one of the oldest churches dating back to the 3rd century
- Step inside the Ben Ezra Synagogue and view its ornate Turkish style interior that is a place of pilgrimage for North African Jews

Then, transfer to the Gayer-Anderson Museum, once a classic Islamic home now showcases Egyptian art, carpets, other unique/rare collectables.

Celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers during tonight's farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home. If you are continuing your tour in Jordan, fly to Amman today.

+ Jordan extension

Jordan is one of the most welcoming countries in the world. The striking landscapes are only

rivalled by the UNESCO sites (both outmatched by the hospitality of the locals). Fly to Amman to tour the lost city of Petra and float in the Dead Sea.

Petra → 2 nights

Day 12: Flight to Amman

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Fly to Amman, Jordan this morning and transfer to Petra. Then, sit down for an included dinner.

Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Petra

Included meals: breakfast

Head to the city of Petra, which was carved into the red rocks of Mount Hor, and embark on a guided tour.

- Learn about Petra's unique architecture, one of the reasons it was named to the list of modern world wonders
- Walk through the UNESCO World Heritage Site to the famous Al-Khazneh temple
- See the intricately carved pillars and columns that make up the Palace Tomb
- Stroll through the winding gorge known as the Siq

Please note: In order to enter Petra, customers should be able to walk two miles round-trip in hot weather over uneven terrain. Other modes of transportation may be available for you to book upon your arrival at an additional cost.

Spend a free evening in Petra or add an excursion.

+ Jordanian Home-Hosted Dinner

Amman → 1 night

Day 14: Amman via Madaba & Mount Nebo

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Today, further explore the history and culture of Jordan on guided tours before continuing on to Amman, the capital city.

- Visit Madaba to tour the City of Mosaics and visit St. George's Church
- Stop at Mount Nebo, Moses' burial site, and Wadi Mujib

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 15: Sightseeing tour of Amman, the Dead Sea & departure

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Spend your last day in Jordan getting to know the city of Amman and relaxing in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea.

- Take a guided tour of the Jordanian capital, entering the citadel and Roman theater
- Travel to the Dead Sea for time to float in the salty water and share a farewell lunch with your fellow travelers

Later, return to Amman to board your late-night flight home.

Arrive Home

Day 16: Travel day

Arrive home after your overnight flight.

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/ENE | 1-800-597-0350

Day 4: Cairo Home-Hosted Dinner

\$129 (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
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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 8: 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 9: Nubian Village Visit

\$65/\$75* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Board a motorboat in Aswan and cruise down the Nile to a Nubian village located near Soheil Island and the Aswan Dam. Along the way, pass by the First Cataract of Aswan, comprised of picturesque shallow rapids flowing through the Nile. Once on land, you'll meet up with your Nubian guide at the Animalia Nubian Museum, his family home turned museum. Here you'll learn about Nubian history and traditions while surrounded by local flora and fauna. After touring the home turned museum, head up to the roof and enjoy tea while you soak in the panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Extension excursion options

Day 13: Jordanian Home-Hosted Dinner

\$55/\$65* (2.5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local at their home in Petra to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Jordanian. Try local specialties such as a famous rice dish called maqluba, a traditional style of chicken known as musakhan, and mansaf, the national dish of Jordan. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Jordanian culture and traditions from a new perspective.

*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