

# 8 Days Egypt Splendors Tour

8 days and 7 nights
From Pharaohs to Felucca Cruise

### Day 1: Arrival in Cairo, Egypt

Arrival at Cairo International Airport. Meet and assist by our representative who will assist you and transfer to your hotel. Free time and the beginning of your 8 days Egypt Splendors Tour.

## Day 2: Giza Great Pyramids, Sphinx and Saqqara

Today, you will visit the Giza Plateau. Today's tour includes the Great Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure with the great Sphinx. The only ancient wonder which still remains (Khufu's pyramid) awaits you.

Today you will learn about the history of the pyramids, how they were constructed, and why they were constructed. Then on to the first pyramid in history of mankind, the Step Pyramid of King Djoser at Saggara. Transfer back to your hotel.

## Day 3: Fly to Aswan - Aswan Tour - Felucca cruise

You will spend the next two nights of your 8 days Egypt Splendors Tour on board a traditional Felucca River Nile cruise. So, we will transfer you to Cairo Airport to fly to Aswan to begin your 2-night Felucca Nile cruise.

Meet your guide just outside the arrival terminal at Aswan Airport to commence your tour. Explore the High Dam, one of the great engineering feats of the 1960s. Then proceed to the beautiful Philae Temple. This temple was built during the Greco-Roman era and it was dedicated to Isis, goddess of Magic and Love in ancient Egypt.

End your tour at the granite quarry of the Unfinished Obelisk. Transfer to board your Felucca Nile cruise. Set sail enjoying the Nile landscape in Aswan.

#### Day 4: Camel Market

Breakfast and disembarkation. Drive to the famous Camel Market (every Saturday and Sunday). Daraw has one of the largest camel markets in Egypt. Most of the camels come in caravans from Sudan's Darfur and Kordofan along the Darb Al Arba'een (Forty Days Road) to just north of Abu Simbel before being trucked to Daraw. It is a picturesque sight and fascinating to see the trading; sometimes there are as many as 2000 camels. Back to your felucca cruise to set sail to Kom Ombo to overnight there.

#### Day 5: Disembarkation to Luxor

Breakfast and disembarkation. Visit the twin Temple of Horus and Sobek together with the Crocodile Museum. Kom Ombo Temple was built during the Greco-Roman period. It was built over the ruined temple of the New Kingdom. The temple began during the time of Ptolemy V and was completed by the

















time of Emperor Tiberius. The emperors Domitian, Caracalla, and others added to the temple. So it took about 400 years to finish.

Drive from Kom Ombo to visit the most intact temple in Egypt, the Temple of Horus in Edfu. The temple is very intact, none of its elements are missing but the Sacred Lake and two obelisks. The Sacred Lake was on the east side of the temple but now vanished under the city's modern houses. The two obelisks were located in front of the main gate of the temple. The Temple of Edfu is fully inscribed with reliefs and hieroglyphs on its exterior and interior walls. Drive from Edfu to your hotel in Luxor for a free evening.

#### Day 6: Luxor highlights

Enjoy another lovely day of your 8 days Egypt Splendors Tour to Luxor highlights. Breakfast at the hotel, then visit the magnificent Valley of the Kings, where the pharaohs of the New Kingdom Period were buried. There are 65 tombs in the Valley of the Kings and your guide will recommend the best three tombs of the open tombs to visit.

From the Valley of the Kings to the unique Hatshepsut Temple, the female pharaoh who ruled Egypt for about 20 years. Then proceed to the giant Colossi of Memnon of Amenhotep III. Enjoy your lunch at a local restaurant, then visit the Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple. These temples were dedicated to the Theban Triad; Amun, Mut and Khonsu.

Transfer to Luxor Airport to fly back to Cairo. Transfer from Cairo Airport to your hotel.

#### Day 7: Egyptian Museum, Saladin Citadel and Khan El-Khalili

Explore the fantastic contents of the historical Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square in Cairo. Hundreds of objects from all periods of the Egyptian past are displayed on the two floors of the museum. The Egyptian Museum in Cairo is one of the largest and most important museums in the world. The museum contains more than 120,000 pieces from all periods of Ancient Egyptian history. It was designed by the French Architect Marcel Dourgnon and built by an Italian company in 1902 during the time of Khedive Abbas Helmi II. From the museum to the Citadel of the Sunni Muslim leader Saladin, which was built in 1172 to protect Cairo against the Crusaders. The White Mosque of Mohammed Ali Pasha is a prominent feature of the Citadel. You will finish your tour at the historical bazaar of Khan El-Khalili, the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Transfer back to your hotel.

## Day 8: Departure Egypt - Fly home

You will end your 8 days Egypt Splendors Tour with a transfer to Cairo Airport for your final departure.

\*Touring and sites are subject to traffic and timing. Also, note that some sites are subject to seasons and weather conditions.

## End of your tour to Egypt: Ahlan WA Sahlan!





























