

### THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS

THE PYRAMIDS, LUXOR, ASWAN, VALLEY OF THE KINGS, CAIRO, AND THE RIVER NILE

NOVEMBER 9-17, 2016

from \$2,999 air & land

NINE DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS AND AIRFARE FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MN



Follow in the footsteps of the ancient pharaohs with this exotic tour. Uncover ancient myths, mysteries and monuments so grand they will be engraved in your memory forever. The mystique of Cairo, Pyramids and Museum of Antiquities, a Nile cruise on a 5 star ship, exploration in Aswan, Luxor and the Valley of the Kings – all with a private Egyptologist. Now is the time to explore the land of the Pharaohs and its ancient civilizations.

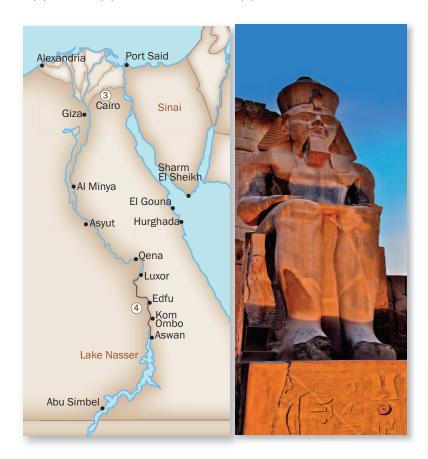
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(2) CAIRO • (4) NILE RIVER CRUISE • (1) CAIRO



Sail the majestic Nile River between Luxor and Aswan in the comfort and modern luxury of one of the 5-star Sakkara Nile cruise ships. All ships offer luxurious cabins, delicious cuisine, and uncompromising service. All staterooms boast private bath with full-size bathtub, international direct dial telephone and individual climate control. Additional amenities include panoramic dining rooms and lounges, gift shops, spacious sun decks, jogging tracks, gyms, bars, nightly entertainment, pools and sun decks.



#### **TOUR FEATURES**

- ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION Air transportation from Minneapolis, MN
- 5 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS 3 nights in Cairo, (2 nights pre cruise and 1 night post cruise) and 4 nights Nile River cruise
- **SUPERB CUISINE** 17 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts. 6 lunches and 4 dinners
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM Sightseeing, including licensed guide/escort and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Cairo tour including: Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum of Antiquities, Old Cairo and Khan El Khalili Bazaar and Nile Cruise Sightseeing including: Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu and Luxor
- PROFESSIONAL LICENSED GUIDE/ESCORT Assistance of a professional licensed guide/escort for the entire length of the tour
- DELUXE MOTORCOACHES Touring by private deluxe airconditioned motorcoach
- BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES Hotel & City taxes and service charges

#### OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS Deluxe hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- SUPERB CUISINE 6 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: scenic transfer to Alexandria and a full day tour of Alexandria
- PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- DELUXE MOTORCOACHES Touring by private deluxe airconditioned motorcoach
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Day 1 Depart USA Depart Minneapolis, MN for Cairo. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Cairo Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. At Cairo International Airport you will be welcomed and assisted through immigration and customs by your licensed guide/escort, then escorted to your hotel. This evening you can learn about the history of this ancient land and the story of the Sphinx through an optional Sound & Light Show. With laser beams and light projections on the ancient walls of the Mummification Temple, desert sands, pyramid walls and the Sphinx itself, a fascinating story is revealed. The accompanying soundtrack enhances the surroundings and the voice of the Sphinx is aptly dramatic and mysterious!

Day 3 Cairo Morning tour of The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities – the museum includes the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. Drive to Old Cairo to visit Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church) and Ben Ezra Synagogue. After lunch, you will explore the Citadel of Saladin, a medieval fortification, including the marvelous Mohamed Ali

Alabaster Mosque. The full day tour ends with Khan El Khalili, the world's largest 13th century covered oriental bazaar. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L)

Day 4 Cairo/Cruise Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your flight to Luxor, once there, you will be transferred to your luxury cruise ship for a 4 nights/5 days stay. In the afternoon, you will see the temples of Karnak and Luxor, a centuries old city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues, shrines, and obelisks. The temple of Karnak was known as Ipet-isu-or "most select of places"-by the ancient Egyptians. It is a city of temples built over 2,000 years ago and dedicated to the Theban triad of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu. This derelict place is still capable of overshadowing many wonders of the modern world, and in its day must have been awe-inspiring. The temple of Luxor might be the greatest tribute to why Luxor has earned its nickname, "The world's largest outdoor museum". The temple is one of the best ancient monuments with large amounts of its structures, statues and relief carvings still intact, making it one of the most impressive visits in Egypt and the ancient world. Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Cruise After breakfast you will visit the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. We will then sail to Esna and pass through the Esna Lock, with lunch on board. This evening you will enjoy a Captain's welcome cocktail party. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Cruise We have arrived in Edfu. After breakfast we will visit the Temple of Horus, the falcon-god, considered the best-preserved ancient temple and the second largest after the Karnak. Sail to Kom Ombo where you will visit the Ptolemaic Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. This evening enjoy a Galabeya Party after dinner. Overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

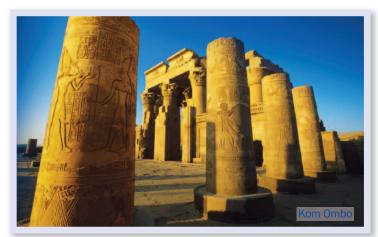
Day 7 Cruise This morning visit the Aswan High Dam, the Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae. Sail on board a felucca, a typical Nile sailboat, and view Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. In the evening enjoy a Nubian Folkloric Show on board, overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

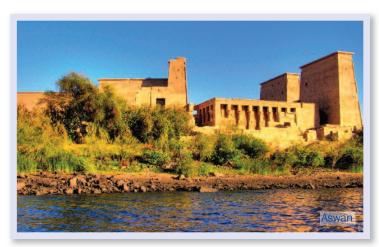
Day 8 Cairo Disembark and transfer to the Aswan airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo, explore the Great Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx. After lunch, visit the ancient city of Memphis, the first capital of united Upper and Lower Egypt. Evening is free for last minute shopping or to relax by the pool. (B,L)

Day 9 Cairo to USA or extend your stay with an optional Alexandria extension Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

#### **OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION**

Day 9 Cairo/Alexandria Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Cairo and then you travel to Alexandria. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at a local restaurant to sample the flavors and cuisine of the region. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish – this seaport city was founded around a small ancient Egyptian town and holds some of the most famous and historic wonders of Egypt. This evening you





stay at the five-star Helnan Palestine Hotel, located in a unique spot where you enjoy the best of the Mediterranean. The hotel faces the famed Montaza Royal Palace and enjoys 350 acres of gardens and golden sandy beaches surrounding it. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Full day tour of Alexandria Your full day tour takes you on amazing adventures including one of the best-known ancient monuments still standing in Alexandria today, Pompey's Pillar, which is located on the city's ancient acropolis and was originally part of a temple colonnade. Explore the Catacombs which are made up of 3 levels cut into the rock, a large spiral staircase, a rotunda, the triclinium or banquette hall, a vestibule, an antechamber and the burial chamber with three recesses in it. You will also see the Royal Library of Alexandria which was once the largest library in the world and the Qaitbay Citadel in Alexandria which is considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt, but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Alexandria/Cairo to USA After breakfast you will be escorted back to Cairo airport for your return flight home. We thank you for joining us for this extension to Alexandria! (B)

B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner

#### **TOUR PRICE**

Tour price is **\$2,999** per person, double occupancy For single occupancy, add \$599.

Fuel surcharges are included in the price. <u>Taxes and other fees are currently \$150 and are not included</u>. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$2,999 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by April 29, 2016. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,099) after this date.

Final payment is due July 31, 2016.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

#### **OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION:**

Alexandria Extension: \$599 Double Occupancy or \$798 Single

#### **HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)**

Hotels Conrad MS Monaco Intercontinental City Stars Helnan Hotel City Cairo Nile River Cruise Cairo Alexandria

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