


## Essential Egypt

 **Cairo, Aswan, Luxor.**

 <b>Duration</b>	 <b>Tour type</b>	 <b>Group size</b>	 <b>Runs</b>
9 Days	Budget Tour	10	Everyday

### Overview

Experience the magic of Egypt on this immersive 9-day journey through its most iconic sights. Begin in Cairo, where you'll explore bustling bazaars, savor local delicacies, and marvel at the Great Pyramids and Sphinx. Travel by sleeper train to Aswan, where you can kayak on the Nile, visit vibrant markets, or take an optional trip to the magnificent Abu Simbel. Set sail on a traditional felucca, drifting along the Nile under the stars. In Luxor, uncover the wonders of Karnak Temple, the Valley of the Kings, and the towering Colossi of Memnon. Enjoy cultural encounters, including a visit to Animal Care in Egypt and a Nubian dinner experience. Return to Cairo for a deep dive into Islamic history at Bab al-Futuh and Khan al-Khalili Bazaar. With a blend of adventure, history, and local traditions, this trip offers an unforgettable glimpse into Egypt's rich heritage.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1

#### Arrival in Cairo

Ahlan wa sahlan! Welcome to Egypt. If you arrive early, explore Cairo's lively bazaars, visit Dr. Ragab's Pharaonic Village, or enjoy a warm, nutty **sahlab**. Your adventure officially begins with a

welcome meeting at 6 PM. Afterward, join your fellow travelers for a delicious plate of **koshari**, Egypt's beloved vegetarian dish. If you're in the mood, discover Cairo's vibrant nightlife with your trip leader.

**Accommodation:** Hotel (1 night)

**Meals:** Dinner

**Optional Activities:**

Saqqara & Memphis Afternoon Tour

Sufi Dance at Khan al-Khalili

Coptic Museum

Islamic Art Museum

The Citadel

**Special Note:**

Attending the welcome meeting is essential as we will collect important details such as insurance and emergency contacts. If you expect to be late, please inform your travel agent or hotel reception.

**Day 4**

**The Pyramids & Sleeper Train to Aswan**

Start your day with breakfast before heading to one of the world's most iconic landmarks—the **Great Pyramids of Giza**. Stand in awe of these 4,500-year-old wonders and visit the **Sphinx**, still guarding the desert despite its missing nose. You'll have time to take in the scale of the pyramids up close or capture the perfect photo with the Cairo skyline in the background. The rest of the day is free for exploration—perhaps visit the **Egyptian Museum** or the **Valley Temple of King Khafre**. In the evening, board your overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

**Accommodation:** Overnight Sleeper Train (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Included Activities:**

Visit to the Pyramids of Giza & the Sphinx

**Optional Activities:**

Entry to the 3rd Pyramid of Menkaure

Entry to the Great Pyramid of Cheops

The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization & The Royal Mummy Room

The Egyptian Museum

**Special Note:**

The overnight train journey takes approximately 14 hours. Cabins are air-conditioned and include bedding, though additional snacks may be helpful, especially for vegetarians.

**Day 3**

**Exploring Aswan**

Arriving in Aswan, start your day with a walk through its bustling **bazaar**, where you can browse spices, perfumes, and handicrafts. Visit a local oil and perfume merchant to learn how aromatic botanicals have been used in Egypt for centuries. Later, enjoy a **kayaking adventure** on the Nile, offering a unique way to experience the river's timeless beauty. In the evening, consider an optional visit to a **Nubian village** for a traditional dinner with a local family.

**Accommodation:** Hotel (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Included Activities:**

Kayaking on the Nile

Guided bazaar visit

**Optional Activities:**

Philae Temple

Unfinished Obelisk

Nubian Village Visit & Dinner

Philae Temple Sound & Light Show

## Day 4

### Free Day in Aswan

Today is yours to explore Aswan at your own pace. If you're up for an early start, consider visiting **Abu Simbel**, an awe-inspiring temple complex carved into the cliffs by Pharaoh Ramses II. If you prefer a more relaxed day, visit the **Nubian Museum** or take in the sights along the Nile with a cup of mint tea.

**Accommodation:** Hotel (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### Optional Activities:

Abu Simbel Tour

Nubian Museum

## Day 5

### Felucca Sailing on the Nile

Enjoy a relaxed morning before boarding your **traditional felucca**, a wooden sailing boat used by Egyptians for centuries. Glide along the Nile, take in the serene landscape, and spend the afternoon reading, playing games, or simply enjoying the peaceful waters. As night falls, settle in for a unique **sleeping experience under the stars**, accompanied by local music and a cozy dinner on deck.

**Accommodation:** Overnight Felucca (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Included Activities:

Felucca Sailing Trip

Nile Dinner & Music

**Special Note:**

Sleeping on the felucca is a communal experience, with shared space on a cushioned deck. Basic toilet facilities are available on board.

**Day 6**

**Journey to Luxor**

Disembark the felucca and refresh with a well-earned hotel shower. On the way to **Luxor**, you may opt to visit **Edfu Temple**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Upon arrival, explore **Karnak Temple**, a vast ancient complex filled with towering columns and intricate hieroglyphics. If you're feeling adventurous, circle the famous granite scarab near the Sacred Lake seven times—it's said to bring good luck!

**Accommodation:** Hotel (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Optional Activities:**

Karnak Temple

Karnak Temple Sound & Light Show

Kom Ombo Temple

Edfu Temple

**Special Note:**

Today's journey takes approximately 4 hours.

**Day 7**

**Valley of the Kings & Sleeper Train to Cairo**

Start your morning with a visit to the **Valley of the Kings**, where ancient pharaohs, including Tutankhamun, were laid to rest. Continue to the **Colossi of Memnon**, two towering statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. You'll also stop at **Animal Care in Egypt (ACE)**, an organization providing free veterinary care for working animals. If time allows, you can explore the **Hatshepsut Temple** or visit **Luxor Temple** before boarding the overnight train back to Cairo.

**Accommodation:** Overnight Sleeper Train (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Included Activities:**

Valley of the Kings (entry to 3 tombs)

Visit to Animal Care in Egypt

**Optional Activities:**

Hatshepsut Temple

Tomb of Tutankhamun

Luxor Temple

Luxor Museum

Dinner with a Local Family

Hot Air Balloon over the Valley of the Kings

**Special Note:**

The overnight train journey takes approximately 10 hours. A **hot air balloon ride** over the Valley of the Kings is available in the early morning.

**Day 8**

**Exploring Cairo**

After arriving in Cairo, freshen up at your hotel before heading out to explore **Islamic Cairo**. Take a metro ride with your leader to **Bab al-Futuh**, one of the remaining gates of the Old City. Wander past historic mosques and monuments before entering the lively **Khan al-Khalili Bazaar**, where you can practice your haggling skills. Don't miss a stop at **El Fishawy**, a legendary café serving tea for over 240 years. Enjoy a free evening to celebrate your journey with a farewell dinner or explore Cairo's nightlife one last time.

**Accommodation:** Hotel (1 night)

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Included Activities:**

Visit to Khan al-Khalili Bazaar

**Optional Activities:**

Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids

## Day 9

### Departure from Cairo

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your journey comes to an end. If you'd like to extend your stay, your travel agent can assist with additional accommodation or excursions.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Included

Meet-and-assist service at airports.

Our assistance during your stay.

All transport by private air-conditioned vehicles.

5 Nights accommodation in a Hotel.

1 Night accommodation in Felucca .

2 Nights accommodation sleeper train.

Entrance fees of all mentioned sights.

Private Expert English Tour Guide.

All meals as mentioned in the itinerary.

Bottled water during trips.

All service charges & taxes.

## Excluded

Entry visa to Egypt

Personal expenses

Optional Activities

Tipping

## Price Table

#	May->Sep	Oct->Apr
Single	0\$	0\$
Double	0\$	0\$
Triple	0\$	0\$

**Price start from**

**Price**

**0\$ /Per Person**



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