

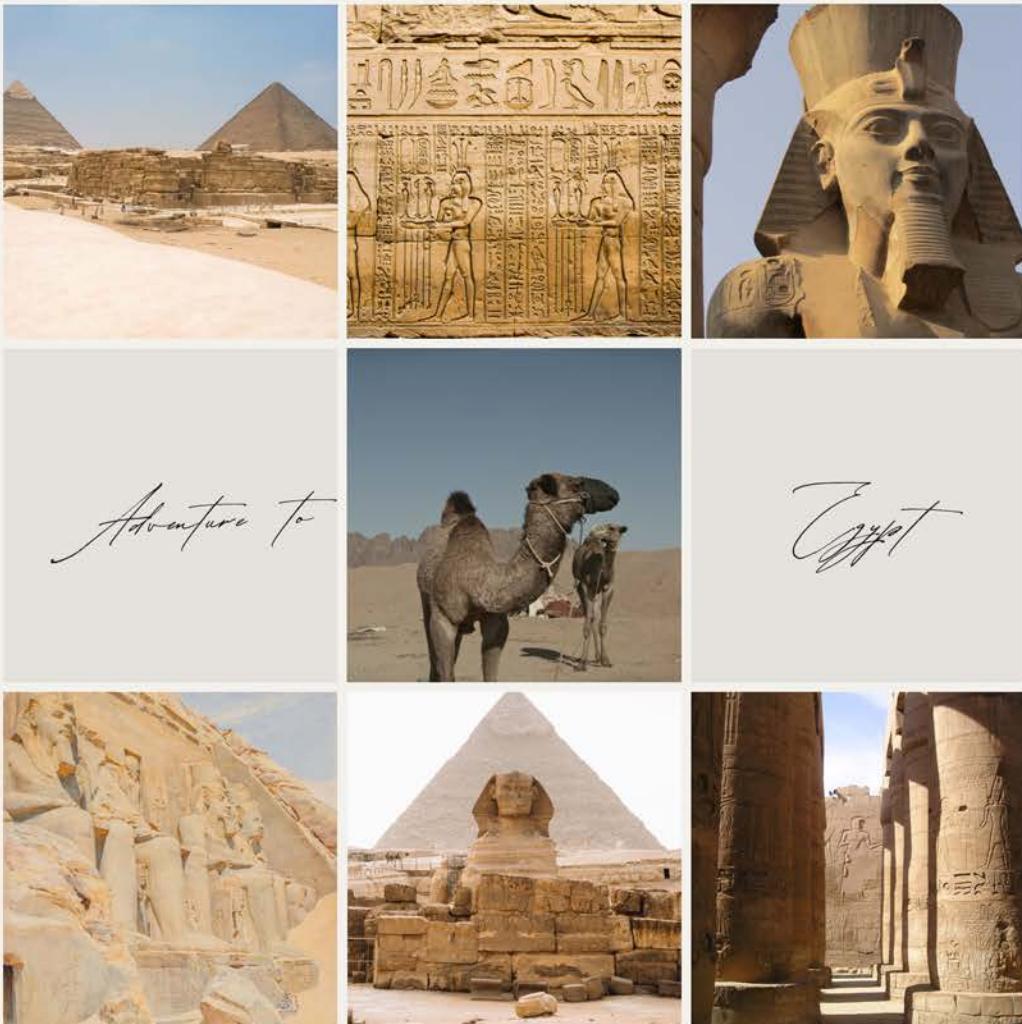
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Embark on an unforgettable journey to Egypt and unlock the secrets of its majestic temples, tombs, and treasures that have fascinated travelers for centuries. See what we can offer to you!

DAY ONE

Cairo



Arrive and check in to your hotel. It has been said of Egypt's exhilarating capital, "He who has not seen Cairo has not seen the world." Certainly, the heart of the nation beats with an unbridled passion in this city made prosperous over millennia as a stopover for Sahara caravans on trade routes to Byzantium. Amid the stimulating strum, the insistent beauty of everyday life reigns here, with the serene Nile sliding through like an entrancing serpent. Cairo's very age mesmerizes; its monuments have stood here for more than 5,000 years.

Our representative will hold our company sign and help you with the visa and luggage. Then transfer you to the Marriott Mena House Hotel, our home for the next few days.

In the evening we will meet for dinner. Dinner reservation with a view of the pyramids followed by the Sound and Light show at the Pyramids. (show starts approx. 8:00). Return to the hotel.



DAY TWO

Cairo

Immerse yourself in the past with a visit to three of the most iconic landmarks of ancient Egypt. Journey with your guide to the necropolis of Sakkara, believed to be the first pyramid built in ancient Egypt. Enter the complex via a narrow portal, part of a great wall that once surrounded the necropolis. Lunch to follow.

Admire the enduring construction of the Step Pyramid, then step inside one of the tombs, some of which are decorated with the finest paintings from the Old Kingdom period. After our pyramid view lunch, you will travel to the Giza Plateau. There are many tombs here, but the most spectacular are the Great Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure, the last of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World remaining. Hear about their fascinating history from your guide. Optional Camel Ride on the Giza Plateau.

Then, proceed to view the famous Abu al-Hol, the Sphinx, erected here to guard the tombs and ward off tomb raiders and enemies of the pharaohs.

Return to the hotel and enjoy the hotel amenities. Dinner included.



DAY THREE

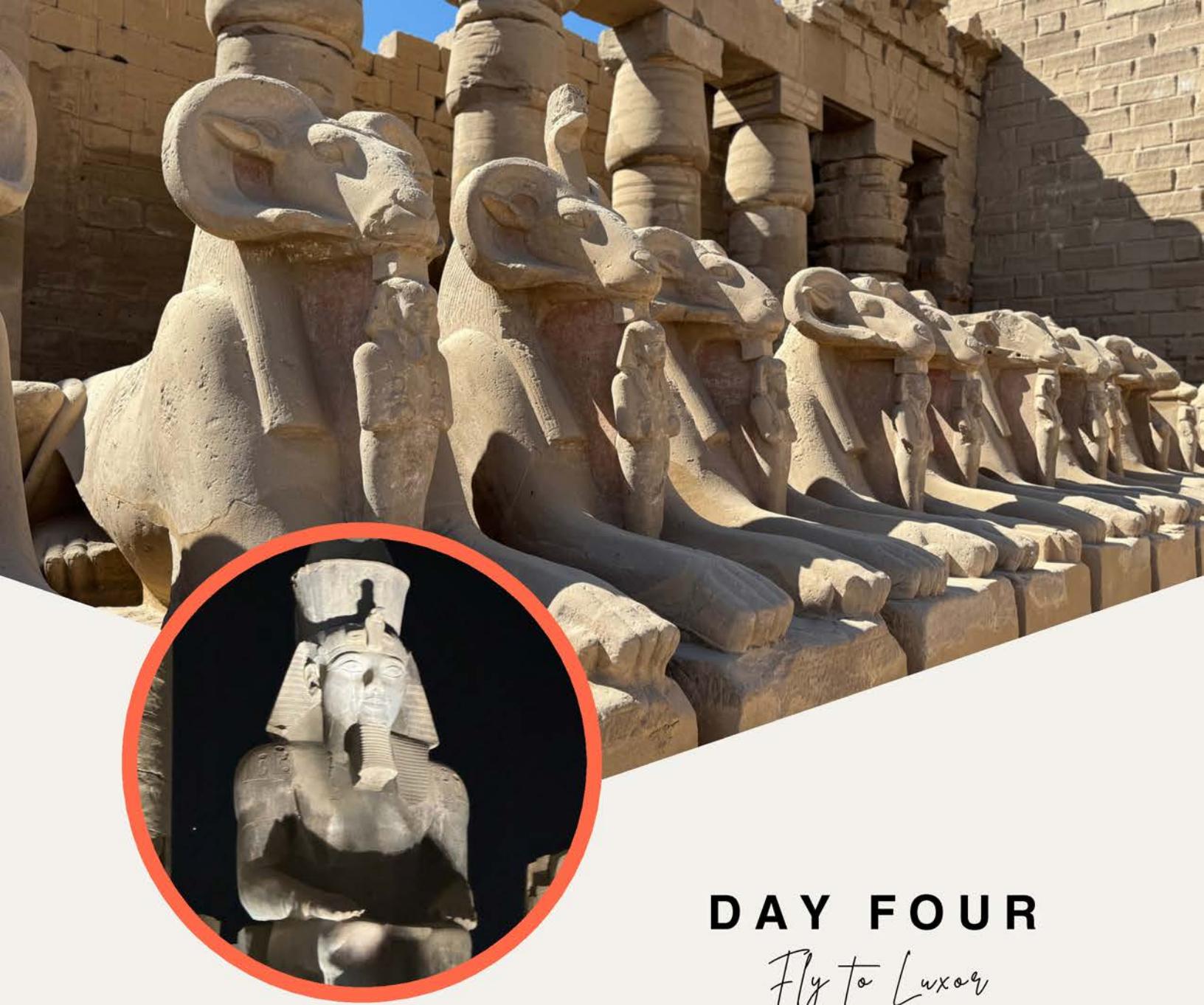
Cairo

After breakfast we will visit the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM). View a vast collection of artifacts and gain a deeper understanding of Ancient Egypt's prevalence in history. Traverse the streets of Cairo by motor coach to arrive at the Grand Egyptian Museum, located in the vicinity of the Great Pyramid of Giza. This brand-new, state-of-the-art facility hosts over 15,000 artifacts and, once officiated, will be the largest archeological museum in the world. Walk up The Great Staircase to marvel at antiquities carved for the kings of Egypt. Wander the expansive halls with your guide and fully immerse yourself in Egypt's ancient history, with exhibits that focus on the rise of society and royals, construction of the first pyramids, imperial and military conquests, religion and eventual transition to foreign rule. Future plans include a new King Tut exhibit which will feature the sarcophagus; until then, this remains at the Egyptian Museum.

Following our morning we will discover the local cuisine, sampling traditional Egyptian dishes, koshary, falafel, and Egyptian desserts rich in flavor and history. We have lunch in a local restaurant, "Koshary" is a traditional Egyptian staple, mixing pasta, Egyptian fried rice, vermicelli and brown lentils, and topped with chickpeas, a garlicky tomato sauce, garlic vinegar, and crispy fried onions.

Explore the winding alleys of Coptic Cairo and visit the Old Quarter of the Egyptian capital, a UNESCO Site. Meet your guide and set off to discover the Christian Quarter of Cairo. The Coptic Quarter was important to early Christianity and was a stronghold for the faith during the Islamic Era. Visit the Coptic Museum, which holds the largest collection of Christian artifacts in the world and is built on the ruins of the Roman Babylon fort. View the Ben Ezra Synagogue, believed to be where the Pharaoh's daughter discovered baby Moses. You will then visit the Hanging Church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary and built on the ruins of the two Towers of Babylon. It was the first basilica-style church built in Egypt and houses some of the holiest icons that date back to the 8th century. Enjoy free time to explore at your leisure before returning to your hotel.

Return to the hotel.



DAY FOUR

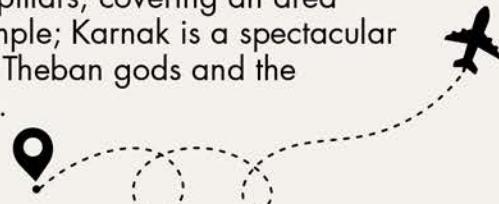
Fly to Luxor

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and fly to your embarkation city. Luxor is set on the east bank of the Nile River and once served as the capital of Egypt's New Kingdom. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site lined with beautiful colonial hotels and some of the world's most ancient and significant ruins. Many consider this city, watched over by graceful single-sailed feluccas plying the Nile, one of the world's great open air museums. The sprawling Temples of Luxor and Karnak on the east bank are linked by the ancient Avenue of the Sphinxes. On the west bank, in the Valley of the Kings, lie the tombs of Egypt's great pharaohs.

Check-in and overnight at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. Enjoy the hotel amenities.

We will visit the Karnak Temple, built over more than a thousand years by generations of Pharaohs. The great "Hypostyle Hall" is an incredible forest of giant pillars, covering an area larger than the whole of Notre Dame Cathedral. It is more than a temple; Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, kiosks, pylons and obelisks dedicated to the Theban gods and the greater glory of the pharaohs. Everything here is on a gigantic scale.

In the evening visit the Luxor Temple. Return to the hotel.





DAY FIVE

Luxor - Esna - El Hegz

Begin your journey with a transfer to Luxor's legendary West Bank, where you'll step into the grandeur of ancient Egypt. First, explore the fabled Valley of the Kings—once known as the Great Place of Truth. This awe-inspiring canyon, scorched by the desert sun, cradles the eternal resting places of Egypt's greatest Pharaohs, entombed in majestic sarcophagi and surrounded by the silence of immortality.

Continue to the magnificent Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El-Bahari, a striking monument to one of Egypt's most powerful rulers. On your return, pause at the imposing Colossi of Memnon, timeless sentinels gazing over the Theban plain.

Later, we welcome you aboard your luxury all-suite Dahabiya sailing boat, a floating sanctuary of elegance and tranquility. For the next five days, unwind in comfort as we cruise the storied Nile, discovering ancient temples and timeless landscapes along the way.

Our voyage begins as we set sail toward Esna, located 60 km south of Luxor. There, you'll visit the Esna Temple before enjoying a leisurely lunch on board. As the afternoon unfolds, we begin our 4 to 5-hour sail to El Hegz Island, a serene islet nestled north of Edfu.

Savor a gourmet dinner and spend the night enveloped in the gentle rhythm of the Nile, under a canopy of stars.



DAY SIX

El Hegz El Kaab - Edfu - Fawaya

After a leisurely breakfast on board, we set sail for El-Kaab, a hidden gem steeped in antiquity. Here, you'll explore the cliffside tombs of ancient governors and the evocative ruins of the temple where the divine union of Hathor and Horus was once celebrated. Wander through the remnants of Nekheb, one of Egypt's oldest and most sacred archaeological sites, where layers of history are etched into the stone.

As we continue our journey, enjoy a gourmet lunch on board while we cruise toward Edfu, a scenic five-hour voyage along the tranquil Nile.

Upon arrival, step into another time as you travel by traditional horse-drawn carriage to the grand Temple of Horus—Egypt's most impeccably preserved sanctuary. Towering above the west bank, this monumental structure stands as a testament to ancient craftsmanship and spiritual devotion. As you wander its vast courtyards and detailed reliefs, feel the presence of the falcon god Horus, to whom the temple is dedicated. The temple, one of the final great achievements of ancient Egyptian architecture, sits at the heart of modern Edfu—a charming town known for its warmth, pottery, and sugar industry.

Return to the serenity of your Dahabiya for another elegant evening on the Nile. Overnight on board.





DAY SEVEN

Meneha Island - El Silsela

Embark on an exclusive morning excursion to the majestic site of Gebel El Silsela, where the rock-hewn chapels of Pharaohs Horemheb, Seti I, Ramses II, and Merenptah stand as timeless testaments to ancient grandeur. Wander through the historic sandstone quarries that once built the temples of the gods. Then, unwind as you sail in elegant comfort for 4 to 5 hours toward the tranquil beauty of Meneha Island. Savor a gourmet dinner and indulge in a peaceful night aboard your luxury vessel.

Dinner and overnight on board



DAY EIGHT

Kom Ombo - Daraw - Aswan

Breakfast while sailing to Kom Ombo. Departure to visit Kom Ombo Temple dedicated to both Sobek the crocodile god and Haroeris the hawk.

The temple is standing on a promontory at a bend in the Nile, where in ancient times sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the river bank, the temple of Kom Ombo is more precisely the dual temple of Sobek (local crocodile god) and Haroeris. The sandstone temple dates from Ptolemaic times.

Return to your boat before boarding a private motorboat to cross the Nile, where a charming local mode of transport awaits to take you to the vibrant town of Daraw. Spend approximately two hours exploring the renowned El Zoco market—an authentic experience filled with the sights and sounds of bustling animal and vegetable stalls, including the famous camel market. Enjoy a leisurely lunch before setting sail in refined comfort for Aswan, a scenic five-hour journey down the river.

Dinner and overnight on board.



DAY NINE

Dahabiya - Aswan - Philae Temple

Enjoy a seamless transfer to explore the enchanting city of Aswan. Begin your discovery with a visit to the majestic Philae Temple—often called the "Pearl of Aswan"—gracefully situated on an island in the Nile and dedicated to the goddess Isis. Centre for the cult of the goddess Isis. This temple was moved by the UNESCO between 1972 & 1980 to save it from the Nile water

The romantic and majestic aura surrounding the Isis temple complex on the island of Philae has been luring pilgrims for thousands of years. The ruins were one of Egypt's legendary tourist attractions.

Continue on to marvel at a modern marvel of engineering: the High Dam, a monumental structure that tamed the great river. Return to your elegant vessel for a gourmet lunch, followed by a relaxing evening. Dinner and overnight stay on board in Aswan.

Back to the Dahabieh, for the last dinner and overnight on board.



DAY TEN

Aswan - Felucca Ride - Hotel

Disembarkation at 9:00am, after breakfast.

In the heart of the Nile River in Aswan sits a small oval-shaped island opposite Aswan City, behind the island of Elephantine called El Nabatat Island or Kitchener's Island. The island is less than a km long and half a km wide and is highly famous for containing Aswan's magical Botanical Garden, the home of some of the most exotic plants from around the world.

Aswan stands at what was once the northern border of ancient Nubia, a remarkable region that encompassed the land eastward from the Libyan Desert to the Red Sea and northward from central Sudan to southern Egypt. As a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art, present-day Aswan strives to preserve its rich heritage. We will visit the Nubian village and Nubian school.

We will check into the Hotel Mövenpick on the island. We will take a Motorboat and sail in the nile ending with a visit to the Bazaar in Aswan. Followed by dinner at a local Nubian Restaurant.



DAY ELEVEN

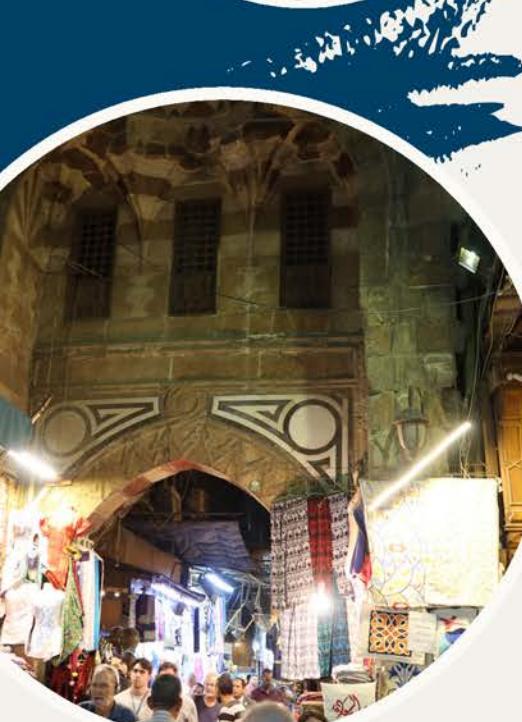
Aswan - Abu Simbel

After breakfast at the hotel, we will be picked up from our hotel and arrive to the airport for our round trip flight today to Abu Simbel.

Step into Egypt's storied past during a visit to the monolithic temples at Abu Simbel. The temples were constructed in the 13th century BC during the reign of Ramses II. Rediscovered only in the early 19th century, these UNESCO World Heritage Sites were moved from their original location in 1968 during the construction of the Aswan Dam. Marvel at the imposing statues of Ramses II that adorn the facade of the Great Temple and the bas-relief sculptures found inside depicting the pharaoh's military victories and connection to the gods. Then, visit the Small Temple, dedicated to Queen Nefertari; the temple's facade is a rare example in Egyptian art. Inside, you will find sculptures honoring the pharaoh, many of them including Nefertari. Note: Round trip Aswan-Abu Simbel flights included.

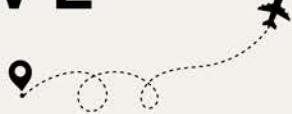
Then we will return to our hotel for the night.





DAY TWELVE

Cairo



Today after breakfast we will fly to Cairo.

Visit the first museum of its kind in the Arab world, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NEMC). Experience a unique insight into Egyptian civilization, from prehistory to present day, during a guided tour of the museum. Located in the ancient city of Fustat, now part of Cairo, the large museum overlooks the serene Ain Al-Seera natural lake. Admire the collection of 50,000 artifacts that take you on an exciting journey through the rich heritage of Egypt, including the gold and lapis lazuli bracelets of King Rameses II. A highlight of your visit is the Royal Mummies' Hall, specially designed to showcase the mummies of 20 ancient kings and queens. The crown jewel of the museum, the hall contains the famous mummies of Hatshepsut and Thutmose III.

Arrive and check in to your hotel, Cairo Hotel in City Stars, InterContinental Citystars.

Souks (marketplaces) are central to Egypt's social, cultural and economic traditions. A microcosm of the city, they provide a glimpse into local life, history, art, crafts and food. And in Cairo, they are in abundance, with one of its most notable lying in the historic heart of the city. Originally established as a caravansary in 1382, Khan el-Khalili is not only the largest souk in Cairo, but also the oldest in the Middle East. Its vast labyrinth of passageways is lined with bustling stalls and shops offering a wide range of goods.



DAY THIRTEEN

Cairo

Visit The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. This famous museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts (more than 120,000 items on display) featuring the famous Tutankhamun collection with its beautiful gold death mask and sarcophagus and the royal Mummy room, which houses an additional eleven Pharaonic dignitaries.

Then we embark on the Women of Egypt food and shopping tour. This tour highlights the often overlooked contributions of women in Egypt, who significantly impact their families and communities. It serves as a platform for these women to share their professional and personal stories, showcasing their achievements and resilience.

Participants will explore female-owned shops and enjoy signature creations at four different stops, each offering unique cuisines and insights into the women's lives. The tour also includes visits to local female-owned brands with a cause, providing opportunities to support and purchase fair-trade products that reflect Egypt's essence while celebrating the vision and accomplishments of local female entrepreneurs.

Return to hotel for relaxation, packing and final dinner before leaving tomorrow.



DAY FOURTEEN

Cairo to Home



After breakfast bid farewell to your fellow guests and journey home.



As of the time of printing, the trip dates and hotel accommodations have been confirmed. However, certain activities and restaurant reservations are still being finalized. Please be advised that the producers may make minor adjustments to the itinerary—including changes to activities, dining venues, or towns—to enhance the overall flow of the experience and to ensure efficient travel between meals, events, and excursions.

The majority of meals, including breakfast and dinner, are included in the program. Lunches, beverages, alcohol and incidental expenses will be at participants' own expense. Gratuities for the Egyptologist, local guides, cruise staff, drivers, restroom attendants, and other service personnel are not included and are left to the discretion of each traveler. Egyptian visa at own expense. International flights at your own expense, internal Egyptian flights included in the pricing.

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