

Mini Cairo & Luxor 6 Days - 5 Nights

<u>Day 1: CAIRO</u> Arrive Cairo Meals Included: No Meals.

Meet and Greet at Cairo Airport.

To ensure your journey is seamless from the start, our representative will meet you before passport control to take care of stamping visa, passport control and luggage collecting.

Later you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

<u>Day 2: CAIRO | Sakkara / Memphis / Pyramids of Giza / Sphinx / Camel Ride / Entry Great Pyramid.</u> Meals Included: Breakfast.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at th

Meet your guide at the lobby to begin the day by visiting **Saqara**, the ancient burial site. On the site, which is considered by many archaeologists to be one of the world's most important excavations, is the Step Pyramid, which was constructed by Imhotep in the 27th century BC. The pyramid is part of the tomb complex of Zoser, who was the first Pharaoh of the Old Kingdom. The pyramid began as a simple Mastaba, or long, flat tomb building.

Continue to **Memphis**, which was the capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom (ca 2700-2180 BC). At the ancient city of Memphis, we will see several statues in a garden-like setting.

Free time for lunch "Lunch on your own"

Continue to **Giza Plateau** with the famous **Great Pyramid** and **Sphinx**. Dominating the plateau and running in a southwest diagonal through the site are the three pyramids of the pharaohs Khufu, Khafra, and Menkaura. The northernmost, and the largest, one belongs to Khufu.

Khafra's pyramid is built precisely on a southwest diagonal to his father's pyramid, as well as having been built on higher ground to create the illusion of being bigger.

The pyramid of **Menkaura** is much smaller and is not aligned along the same diagonal line as the other two pyramids.

The Sphinx is the largest monolith statue in the world and it is the oldest known monumental sculpture.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.



Day 3: CAIRO | Egyptian Museum / National Museum of Civilization.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at hotel.

> Meet your guide at the lobby and head to the famous Egyptian Museum where you can see the unique and only collection of Pharaonic art, starting with the Old Kingdom Collection, on to the Middle and New Kingdom galleries and Greco-Roman periods. The museum contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities; no visit to Egypt is complete without a trip through its galleries.

Free time for lunch "Lunch on your own"

Proceed to the National Museum of Civilization, The first veritable museum of civilization in Egypt, the NMEC is located on the archaeological site of El-Fustat in Old Cairo, overlooking the Ain El-Seera Lake. The Museum was designed by Egyptian architect El Ghazzali Kosseiba. The exhibition spaces are being designed by Japanese architect Arata Isozaki.

The NMEC will showcase Egyptian civilization from prehistoric times to the present day, using a multidisciplinary approach that highlights the country's tangible and intangible heritage.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 4: CAIRO | Citadel / Coptic Cairo / Islamic Museum / Khan EL Khalili / Walking on El Moez Street. Meals Included: Breakfast.

07:00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 Meet your guide at the lobby and drive to Mokattam Hill where Old fortress built by Salah El Din Al Ayoubi, you will see The Citadel encompasses the Mosque of Mohamed Ali.

> Continue to Coptic Cairo, were you will visit Hanging Church, dating to the late 4th and early 5th Century, this basilica was named "Al-Mu'allagah" because it was built on top of the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon.

> Then to Church of St. Sergius, dating back to the beginning of the 5th Century, this basilica is built on the cave in which the Holy Family stayed and is regarded by visitors as a source of blessing.

> Heading to the recently restored Synagogue of Ben Ezra-- the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt. Despite the 45 Jewish families that remain in Cairo, the synagogue is no longer operational.

> Then to Museum of Islamic Art: The mission of the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) is to display, preserve and interpret Islamic artifacts, and to reach a maximum number of national and international visitors. MIA also aims to develop education programs, encourage scientific research and collaborations as well as foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the contributions made by the Islamic civilization to world heritage in the arts and sciences. MIA also hopes to encourage dialogue, thus increasing tolerance and mutual understanding among people.

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Continue to **El Moez Street**, which is an open-air Museum. It is one of the most amazing streets in Islamic Cairo; it dates back to the Fatimid era and has almost all types of Islamic architecture decorated with Arabic calligraphy.

Free time for lunch "Lunch on your own"

Finishing the tour with the fascinating **Khan El-Khalili Bazaar** – reputed to be the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Originally founded as a watering stop for caravanserai in the 14th century, the bazaar has now grown to vast proportions. As you wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets, you will find workshops and stalls selling all manner of things from woodwork, glassware and leather goods to perfumes, fabrics and Pharaonic curiosities.

Return to hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight Cairo.

<u>Day 5: LUXOR Overday</u> Valley of Kings & Queens/ Hatshepsut Temple /Karnak & Luxor temples. Meals Included: Breakfast & lunch.

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet your representative at the lobby.

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your domestic flight to Luxor; our representative will help you with all the departure procedures on Cairo & arrival procedures on Luxor.

Upon arrival in Luxor, meet your guide and direct transfer to the West bank, cross the Nile to visit the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes, the city of the dead.

Your visit starts at the **Valley of the Kings**, which lying protected by the high Gurna Hills surrounding it. Here you will visit the tombs of Egypt's splendid Pharaohs. Deep-cut into the rocky mountainsides are the magnificent tombs of spellbinding construction and decoration.

Then to **Valley of the Queens**, gorge in the hills along the western bank of the Nile River in Upper Egypt. It was part of ancient Thebes and served as the burial site of the queens and some royal children of the 19th and 20th dynasties (1292–1075 BC). The queens' necropolis is located about 1.5 miles west of the mortuary temple of Ramses III.

Continue to visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, the most significant of Egypt's female rulers. She came to power early in Dynasty 18, at the beginning of the New Kingdom. The Temple is not only a memorial temple that honors Queen Hatshepsut; it is also one of the greatest Egyptian architectural achievements. Designed by Senenmut (Hatshepsut's steward and architect), this mortuary temple closely resembles the classical Greek architecture of 1,000 years later.

Lunch is included in a local restaurant.

Afternoon you will visit **Luxor Temple**, which was once joined to the Temples of Karnak by a two-kilometer long Avenue of Sphinx, a portion of which marks the entrance to the temple. Dominated by statues of the great warrior pharaoh Ramses II, Luxor Temple has survived Nile floods, foreign invasion and thousands of years exposed to the elements.



Continue to **Karnak Temple**. Walk along the Avenue of Sphinx to enter the complex as your guide explains how the massive facade was constructed. On entering the Temples of Karnak, you will see each legacy left by the various pharaohs as the complex grew even larger. The deeper you go into the complex, the further back in time you will travel, with the oldest ruins dating back over 3,000 years.

Transfer to Luxor airport for your schedule flight back to Cairo; our representative will help you with all the departure procedures in Luxor & arrival procedures in Cairo.

Later, you will aboard your vehicle for your private transfer to your hotel

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 6: CAIRO | Final Departure.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel or breakfast box. (Depends on your flight time) Check out after breakfast.

Meet our representative at the lobby for your private transfer to Cairo Airport Our representative will help you with all the departure procedures and formalities.

End of our services, wish you a nice trip