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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sakkara, Memphis, Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.
- Grand Egyptian Museum, and National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.
- Coptic Cairo, Ben Ezra Synagogue and Citadel of Salah El- Din.
- Egyptian Museum, Khan EL Khalili Bazaars and walking on El Moaz Street.
- Deir El Madinah, Habu Temple, Ramesseum Temple.
- Luxor East bank; Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple.
- Luxor West bank; Valley of Kings, Valley of Queens and Hatshepsut Temple.
- Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple.
- Philae Temple, High Dam and Unfinished Obelisk and Felucca ride.
- Abu Simbel Temple, Nubian Village and Nubian Museum.

ACCOMMODATION

City:	Cairo	Luxor	Nile Cruise	Aswan	Cairo
No. of Nights	4	1	4	1	1
City:	Cairo				
Number of Nights:	4				
Hotels: Cairo 1 st Stay					
Pyramids Area Hotels	http://egitalloyd.bebrand.tv/Destination/Hotels/Pyramids-Area				
Downtown Area Hotels	http://egitalloyd.bebrand.tv/Destination/Hotels/Downtown-Area				
City:	Luxor				
Number of Nights:	1				
Hotels:	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Destination/Luxor				
Nile Cruises:					
Number of Nights:	4				
Luxury Nile Cruises	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Cruises/Luxury				
Deluxe Nile Cruises	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Cruises/Deluxe				
Superior Nile Cruises	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Cruises/Superior				
City:	Aswan				
Number of Nights:	1				
Hotels:	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Hotels/Aswan				
City:	Cairo				
Number of Nights:	4				
Hotels: Cairo 2 nd Stay					
Downtown Area Hotels	http://egitalloyd.bebrand.tv/Destination/Hotels/Downtown-Area				
Heliopolis Area Hotels	http://egitalloyd.bebrand.tv/Destination/Hotels/Heliopolis-Area				

INCLUDES

- Meeting, greeting and assistance upon arrival & departure.
- All airport transfers indicated in our program in a private deluxe van A/C with English speaking representative.
- Domestic Air Tickets: Cairo/Luxor – Aswan/Cairo - Coach Class.
- Domestic Air tickets: Aswan/Abu Simbel/Aswan - Coach Class.
- All tours indicated in our program are provided by a private deluxe van A/C with English speaking guide.
- Entry fees to visited sites included in our program.
- Private English-speaking Egyptologist in Cairo.
- Private local English-speaking guide in Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel
- **5** Nights at Cairo hotels including daily buffet breakfast.
- **1** Nights at Luxor hotels including daily buffet breakfast.
- **4** Nights at Nile Cruise including Full board basis starting with lunch ending with breakfast.
- **1** Nights at Aswan hotels including daily buffet breakfast.
- All taxes & service charges.

EXCLUDES

- Cost of obtaining entry visa stamp in Egypt (\$ 25.00 per person) to be obtained upon arrival to Cairo airport by the assistance of our representative.
- Cost of optional tours; items not specifically mentioned as included.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Meals not shown as included in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature such as Room service; laundry; phone calls, bottled water & beverages with meals etc.
- Tipping and Gratuities.

'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	MEALS
Day 01	Arrival.	No Meals.
Day 02	Sakkara, Memphis, Pyramids of Giza, and Sphinx.	B
Day 03	Grand Egyptian Museum, and National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.	B
Day 04	Egyptian Museum, Citadel, Coptic Cairo, and Khan EL Khalili.	B
Day 05	Deir El Madinah, Habu Temple, Ramesseum Temple.	B
Day 06	Luxor East bank; Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple.	B, L, D
Day 07	Luxor West bank: Valley of Kings, Valley of Queens and Hatshepsut Temple.	B, L, D
Day 08	Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple.	B, L, D
Day 09	Philae Temple, High Dam and Unfinished Obelisk.	B, L, D
Day 10	Abu Simbel Excursion.	B
Day 11	Arrive to Cairo.	B
Day 12	Departure.	B

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

ITINERARY

Day 1: CAIRO| 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 and check-in.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2: CAIRO| Sakkara / Memphis / Pyramids of Giza / Sphinx / Camel Ride / Entry Great Pyramid.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby to begin the day by visiting **Saqqara**, 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 you 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.

You will have the opportunity to **Entry the Great Pyramid** and finishing pyramids tour with a **Camel ride** through the desert.

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

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 3: CAIRO| Grand Egyptian Museum / National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.**Meals Included: Breakfast.**

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby to begin the day by visiting **The Grand Egyptian Museum** holds in trust for Egypt and the World a chronological statement for the ancient history of Egypt over the past 7000 years. Neighboring a timeless wonder,

the Giza Pyramids, the new museum is to pay homage to eternal Ancient Egyptian monuments, treasures, and history hosting over 100,000 artifacts, about 3500 of which belong to the famous King Tutankhamen.

The site chosen for the GEM is only 2km from the legendary Pyramids. Nested between the ancient Great Pyramids and the modern city of Cairo, at the junction between dry desert and the fertile floodplain, the Grand Museum is a portal to the past. The Giza plateau Memphis and its Necropolis nominated by UNESCO among the world Cultural Heritage Sites, contains irreplaceable monuments from across time. The museum complex will be built on a plot of land approximately 117 feddans, about 480,000 square meters.

Free time for lunch "Lunch on you 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| Egyptian Museum / Citadel / Coptic Cairo / Khan EL Khalili / Walking on El Moaz Street.**Meals Included: Breakfast.**

Buffet breakfast at the 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.

Continue to **Coptic Cairo**, where you will visit **Hanging Church**, dating to the late 4th and early 5th Century, this basilica was named "Al-Mu'allaqah" 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.

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 **El Moaz 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 in Cairo.

Day 5: LUXOR| Fly to Luxor / Dier El Madinah / Habu Temple / Ramesseum Temple.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet our 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, you will meet your guide and drive to **Dier El Madinah**, here lived the workers and sculptors who built the tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Written evidence shows the skill of these artisans – and the scarcity of metal tools: Scribes recorded the date of issue and return of every bronze chisel.

Free time for lunch "on your own".

Continue to **Habu Temple**, the site that is dominated by the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III (1194 – 1163 B.C.), the largest on the west bank and one of the best preserved. Many fine paintings and reliefs bearing the usual scenes of the King's military exploits, including a unique portrayal of a sea battle.

Then to **Ramesseum Temple**, the Mortuary Temple of Ramses II, although half in ruin, still has a romantic appeal due to the remains of a colossal statue of the king lying shattered in the first court. Reputed as the inspiration for Shelley's well-known poem "Ozymandias", it is as much a tribute to the superb work of the sculptors as to the king himself.

Transfer to your hotel for check-in.
Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Luxor.

Day 6: NILE CRUISE| Embarkation / Karnak Temple / Luxor Temple.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

Buffet breakfast at hotel.
Check out after breakfast.
Meet our representative for your private transfer to Nile cruise to check-in.

12:00 noon Embarkation.
Lunch on board.

Meet your guide at the lobby, go ahead to the East bank, visit **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.

Continue to **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.

Tea at club lounge.
cocktail reception.
Dinner.

Overnight in Luxor.

Day 7: NILE CRUISE| Valley of Kings & Queens / Hatshepsut Temple.

Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.

Buffet breakfast on board.
Meet your guide at the lobby for your private tour to the West Bank: Valley of the Kings & Queens, Hatshepsut (El-Deir El-Bahari), this is the vast Necropolis of Thebes, the city of dead. Begin with the **Valley of the Kings**, 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 the **Valley of Queens**, the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes, the city of the dead. The **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.

Noon

Sail to Edfu via Esna.
Lunch on board.
Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party.
Dinner on board. Overnight in Edfu.

Day 8: NILE CRUISE | Temple of Edfu / Temples of Kom Ombo.**Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.**

Buffet breakfast on board.

Meet your guide in the lobby and transfer to **Temple of Edfu**, Temple of falcon-headed, Horus "One of the finest examples of Ptolemaic art in Egypt. You will be transferred to the temple by Caleche. The city of Edfu lies half way between Luxor and Aswan on the site of the ancient city of Djeba. Located 100 km south of Luxor, and 53 km south of Esna, it is home to the best-preserved and largest Greco-Roman temple in Egypt, the Temple of Horus.

Sail to Kom Ombo.
Lunch on board.

Visit the **Twin Temple of Kom Ombo**. It is dedicated to the hawk-headed god, Harwar and the crocodile god, Sobek. 40 km north of Aswan and 70 km south of Edfu is the Temple of Kom Ombo, also known as the dual temple of Sobek and Haroeris. "Duel" because everything is doubled in this perfectly symmetrical temple. Twin entrances, twin halls, twin colonnades, etc. The Greco-Roman temple is directly on the banks of the Nile.

Sail to Aswan
Dinner on board
Galabeya Party.

Overnight in Aswan.

Day 9: ASWAN | Philae Temple / High Dam / Unfinished Obelisk.**Meals Included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.**

Buffet breakfast on board.

Visit of Philae Temple and High Dam. Leave the Cruise with your guide and drive over the Old Aswan Barrage, constructed in the 1920's over the Nile's 1st cataract. You will arrive at the site of the Aswan **High Dam**; one of the largest rock-filled dams in the world and considered as a great achievement of modern construction.

From the top of the dam, you will look out at Lake Nasser, the largest artificial Lake in the world. Proceed to the docks on Lake Nasser for a short boat ride to the **island of Philae** where you will visit the beautiful **Temple of Isis**. Dedicated for the world's most Famous Goddess Isis and also represents three great civilizations – Egyptian, Greek and Roman.

Continue to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, which is the largest known ancient obelisk and is located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan.

Lunch on board.
Sail on the Nile by Felucca around Kitchener's Island & Agha Khan.
Dinner on board.
Nubian Folkloric show.

Overnight in Aswan.

Day 10: ABU SIMBEL | Abu Simbel Excursion.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast on board.
Disembarkation after breakfast.
Meet our representative for your private transfer to Aswan airport for your short flight to Abu Simbel.

Upon arrival at Abu Simbel airport, you will be met by your guide and transfer to visit the great Temple hewn in rock with the four colossal seated status of the King in front of the entrance. It was dedicated to Amun-Ra, the Horakkhti, and Ramses II. Then visit the king's wife, Nefertari. This temple was threatened by the waters upon the completion of the Aswan High Dam and has been preserved by international action organized by UNESCO. All parts of the temple (status, inscribed slabs, etc.) have been rebuilt on a plateau above the former site.

Return to Abu Simbel Airport for your domestic flight to Aswan; our representative will help you with all the departure procedures on Abu Simbel & arrival procedures on Aswan.

Upon arrival in Aswan, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.
Free time for lunch "on your own".

Enjoy the **Nubian Village**, which is a fun way to relax and soak up some of the region's fascinating past.

Then to **Nubian Museum**, which is the first museum exposing the rich Nubian culture. The museum features Nubian artifacts, weapons, pottery, utensils, paintings, and sculptures.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.
Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Aswan.

Day 11: CAIRO| Fly to Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Buffet breakfast at hotel.
Check out after breakfast.
Meet your representative at the lobby.

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

Upon arrive Cairo airport; you will meet our representative for your private transfer to your hotel for check-in.

Free time for lunch "on your own".

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 14: CAIRO| Final Departure.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Buffet breakfast at 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**