



Mini Cairo & Luxor
6 Days / 5 Nights



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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.
- Luxor West bank; Valley of Kings, Valley of Queens, and Hatshepsut Temple.
- Luxor East bank; Karnak Temple, and Luxor Temple.

ACCOMMODATION

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| City | Cairo |
| Number of Nights | 5 |
| Hotels | |
| Pyramids Area Hotels | http://www.egitalloyd.com/Destination/Hotels/Pyramids-Area |
| Downtown Area Hotels | http://www.egitalloyd.com/Destination/Hotels/Downtown-Area |
| Heliopolis Area Hotels | http://www.egitalloyd.com/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 ticket Cairo/Luxor/Cairo on Economy 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 guide in Cairo.
- Private English-speaking guide in Luxor.
- **5 Nights** at Cairo 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 |
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| 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 | Valley of Kings, Valley of Queens, Hatshepsut Temple, Karnak Temple & Luxor Temple. | B |
| Day 06 | Departure. | B |

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

ITINERARY

Day 1: CAIRO| Arrive Cairo

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 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 "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 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 "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 Moez 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 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 "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 | Luxor Over day: Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut / 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. **King Tut Ankh Amun tomb** are included.

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.

Optional the **tomb of Nefertari**.

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 Al Marsam restaurant at the West bank

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**