



## Treasures of Egypt

March 14 — March 25, 2024 • 12 Days • 22 Meals



### Highlights

Cairo, Grand Egyptian Museum, Luxor, Temple of Karnak, Valley of the Kings, Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise, Queen Hatshepsut Temple, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Philae Temple, Historic Cairo, Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, Giza, Pyramids, Sphinx, Choice on Tour

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Day 2 – 4</b>	Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
<b>Day 5 – 8</b>	Movenpick Royal Lily, Cairo
<b>Day 9</b>	Movenpick Resort Aswan, Aswan
<b>Day 10 – 11</b>	Intercontinental Citystars, Cairo

DAY  
1

Mar 14, 2024: Overnight Flight

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you walk amongst Egypt's timeless wonders.

DAY  
2

Mar 15, 2024: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, a modern megalopolis with an intriguing past.

DAY  
3

Mar 16, 2024: Cairo - Grand Egyptian Museum - Cairo

Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during an introductory talk before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum.\* See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.

**🍴 Included Meals**

Breakfast  
Dinner

DAY  
4

#### Mar 17, 2024: Cairo - Optional Excursion

The day is yours to experience the energy of Cairo's buzzing streets. Wander a maze of stalls at the market, relax at a local café, or maybe even spend time in one of the city's many museums. Perhaps you will join a full-day exploration of Alexandria, Egypt's second-largest city; you'll discover the city's Hellenic roots and Greco-Roman architecture, set in unique harmony with ultramodern facades like the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Or you may choose to join a local guide for a tour of Sakkara and Djoser's Step Pyramid.

#### Included Meals

Breakfast

DAY  
5

#### Mar 18, 2024: Cairo - Luxor - Karnak Temple - Board Cruise Ship

Early this morning, fly to Luxor, site of Ancient Thebes (UNESCO) and home to the expansive Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for a voyage on the Nile River. Relax aboard, taking in the views from the sundeck or participate in an informative talk covering Egypt from past to present. Tonight you might opt to join an evening visit to Luxor temple, all lit up and boasting fascinating plays of light and shadow, ending your evening at a local café for a taste of mint tea.

#### Included Meals

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner

DAY  
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#### Mar 19, 2024: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Esna - Edfu

Start the morning by venturing thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile for a day in ancient Thebes. Explore the Valley of the Kings,\*\* including the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. Relax as you continue down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. Join a culinary demonstration and learn about the staples of Egyptian cuisine from your chef. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional *galabeya* party.

#### Included Meals

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner

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#### Mar 20, 2024: Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo and continue to Aswan, the Nubian City. Following dinner, enjoy a folklore show featuring a belly dancing performance.

#### Included Meals

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner

DAY  
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Mar 21, 2024: Aswan - Unfinished Obelisk - Philae Temple

Board a motorboat towards the sanctuary island dedicated to the goddess Isis. Philae Temple (UNESCO) is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, learn about Aswan's ancient trade of granite extraction and carving techniques during a visit to an ancient quarry and its unfinished obelisk. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artifacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner

DAY  
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Mar 22, 2024: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Kitchener Island

Disembark the ship this morning and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island where you embark on a stroll through the botanical gardens. Aboard a felucca (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before arriving at your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll along the Corniche, Aswan's waterfront promenade before regrouping for dinner at your hotel.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast  
Dinner

DAY  
10

Mar 23, 2024: Aswan - Cairo - Khan el-Khalili Bazaar

Pre sunrise, consider an optional tour to Abu Simbel\*\*\* to visit the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. Early this morning, return to Cairo. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalili. Peruse colorful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast

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11

Mar 24, 2024: Cairo - Giza - Cairo

Fulfill a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Then, **it's your choice!** Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR-** channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel, winding through the inner chamber.\*\*\*\* Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner



DAY  
12

Mar 25, 2024: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land.

 **Included Meals**

Breakfast

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## Cruise

Movenpick Royal Lily is a five-star ship with superior accommodations. Cabins with two twin beds are approximately 230 square feet. Tastefully and luxuriously furnished, they offer a private bath, individually controlled air-conditioning, TV and minibar. The ship offers a swimming pool, sun deck and bar, gym, laundry service, nightly entertainment and restaurant.

## Currency

It used to be when traveling abroad, you had to go to a bank to exchange your home currency for that of the country you were visiting. Thanks to technology, those days are gone. Now you can use your bank card at any ATM in almost any city around the world just like you would at home. There may be a fee for this convenience, but it makes getting local currency quick and easy.

You can find ATMs in airports, hotels, and banks. Fees tend to be lower at hotels or within cities than they are at the airport.

In Egypt, some bank charges can be high, especially for changing small amounts of cash.

US Dollars are accepted almost everywhere in Egypt. Cash in denominations higher than 50 US Dollars may be difficult to exchange; therefore, we recommend that you bring small bills with you; coins will not be accepted.

Travel dollar cards, or prepaid currency cards, provide you with added security and can be obtained through your bank or local travel agencies.

American Express Travelers Checks are not accepted in Egypt.

You will want to have small denominations of local currency on hand for smaller purchases.

It is common in Egypt for restrooms to have an attendant present at all times. The recommended tip is 50 cents in local currency.

In many places, you can also pay with a credit card. The price will automatically be converted to your home currency by the system. Some merchants charge a fee for this service, but it adds an extra guarantee on your purchase, so it's a nice option.

If you have a credit or debit card with a chip in it, it is recommended you use it rather than a card with a magnetic stripe. The chip adds an extra layer of protection against fraud.

Many of our tours include optional excursions that are available for purchase. If you decide to go on one of these during your trip, please note, the credit card you use for payment must have an expiration date greater than 30 days from the start of the tour.

If you choose to review exchange rates or exchange currency before you depart for your trip, the currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound.