

# Treasures of Egypt



with optional Post Tour Extension

**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



*Journey through Egypt and Jordan 12 days  
Feb. 16-27, 2023*

## Stefan's "Join the Fun" Group Package Includes:

- Airfare
- Overnight Car Parking from Viera & Ormond
- Transportation to Orlando International Airport r/t with Gratuity to Driver Included
- Gratuity to your Tour Guide & Driver on your Tour
- Group Meet N Greet for Q & A
- Tour Package
- 22 Meals



- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional *galabeya* party.
- Journey by motorboat to Philae Temple, rescued stone by stone during the construction of the High Dam.
- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.
- Explore the 4,000-year-old religious complex of the Karnak Temple.
- Visit the Pyramids of Giza, the last of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the world.
- Discover the Valley of the Kings, including a viewing of the tombs of the Kings Tutankhamun and Ramses VI.
- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.
- Experience freshly prepared traditional local cuisine each night on your Nile cruise.
- Get a first-hand introduction into how Egyptian cuisine is prepared during a cooking demonstration.



#### Day 1: 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: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 4: 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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: 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. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*



**Day 6: 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 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. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner be included.*

**Day 7: 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. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Aswan - Unfinished Obelisk - Philae Temple**

Board a motorboat towards the sanctuary island dedicated to the goddess Isis. Philae Temple (UNESCO) 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. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 9: 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 dune 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 10: 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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 11: 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. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 12: Cairo - Tour Ends**

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. *Today breakfast will be included.*



## Experience It! Luxor

Home to a vast majority of Egypt's antiquities, Luxor is often referred to as the world's greatest open-air museum. This city, parted by the Nile, has been visited by travelers for centuries. Even the Greeks and Romans would travel to see the treasures that lie here. Its immense number of monuments is incredible. There's the famous Valley of the Kings which boasts 63 royal tombs, each more elaborate than the next. Enjoy exclusive entrance to the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI, usually not included in the base visit for the Valley of the Kings. You'll also visit Karnak, a vast complex of temples and gigantic statues including the Temple of Amun, known to be one of the largest religious buildings ever constructed. Luxor will bring you back to ancient times while you are awed by the wealth of its leaders and the skill of its people.

## Your itinerary at a glance

Day 1

Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 4

Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo

Days 5 – 8

*Movenpick Royal Lily*

Day 9

Movenpick Resort, Aswan

Days 10, 11

Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cair

In some dates alternate hotels may be used.



- Private yachts to small ships, iconic rivers and fjords to open sea, **Cruising** offers a new perspective of the world. Local experts guide the way on land, introducing travelers to each new destination through included cultural experiences, iconic sights, and regional cuisine.
- **Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

**Package Cost: Double \$5,349 or SOLO \$6,195**

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