

Itinerary for Wonders of Egypt 'for singles' (45 years & over)

13 day tour Sunday 22 November – Friday 4 December 2009

Day 1 Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! When you arrive in Cairo, you enter a land of wonders and mysteries. For passengers arriving on the group flight SQ 492 you are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel * (included with flights purchased via Travelling Fit).

DAY 2 Cairo Sightseeing

After breakfast your tour commences with a sightseeing visit to the Saladin Citadel for a breathtaking view of the city of Cairo. Salah El Din started the Citade in the 12th century, but it owes its present outline to Mohammed Ali, whose great Mosque you will visit next. Later, enjoy a highlight visit to the famous Egyptian Museum. Here, among the many thousands of artefacts on display, view Tutankhamun's splendid treasures, including his splendid burial mask. We overnight at our Cairo hotel. (BB)

DAY 3 Cairo Sightseeing

Today there is a half day tour. We drive to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world, including a visit of the Memphis museum. We then continue to nearby Sakkara, to view the Step Pyramid of King Zoser; dating from 2686BC, it's the oldest in the world. Tonight return for dinner at a local restaurant and the magical Sound and Light show which literally illuminates the ancient history of Giza. (BB,D)

DAY 4 Cairo Sightseeing

Today, enjoy a guided tour of Giza including the Sphinx and the magnificent pyramids with a highlight visit inside one of these extraordinary creations. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (BB, D)

DAY 5 Cairo – Luxor – Cruising

Fly to Luxor, the former capital of the New Kingdom. Near the edge of town, where your cruise boat awaits. Upon arrival you will visit the Valley of the Kings, the burial place of many of the New Kingdom Pharaohs **and visit the amazing reconstructed Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, blending into the cliff face above. And before we check-in for the Nile cruise, we stop for a photo of the towering Colossi of Memnon. After lunch on board, visit Luxor Temple which provides an unforgettable introduction to ancient Thebes. Now continue to Karnak, the largest temple complex ever built by man, constructed over a time period of 1500 years. Dinner onboard with evening entertainment. (BB,L,D)

DAY 6 Cruising – Edfu

It is a morning departure to Esna Lock. Your day is at leisure onboard until arriving to Edfu. A great chance to soak in the views while you cruise the Nile. Dinner is onboard with evening entertainment. (BB,L,D)

DAY 7 Cruising - Kom Ombo

Visit the Temple of Edfu by horse carriage. Then get your cameras ready as you cruise to Kom Ombo. The Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to both Horus the Elder and Sobek, the crocodile god, is a glorious sight. Inside you will find some mummified remains of some small crocodiles. Dinner is onboard with evening entertainment. (BB,L, D)

DAY 8 Cruising

Cruise to exotic Aswan and visit the Aswan High Dam and also the ancient Granite Quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk and Philae Temple. After lunch, enjoy a traditional Nile felucca cruise with views of the Aga Khan Mausoleum and Kitcheners Island. Dinner on board and evening entertainment. (BB,L,D)

DAY 9 Aswan

We check-out from the cruise after breakfast and are transferred to our hotel. Today, there is the **optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel**, carved out of the rock by Rameses II and later rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser (see below). Otherwise, spend the day in Aswan as you wish. (BB)

DAY 10 Aswan – Cairo - Alexandria

This morning we fly back to Cairo, upon arrival we drive through the desert to Alexandria, making the stop at the Coptic Monasteries at Wadi El Natrun. The city of Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great in 322 BC at the point where the Nile meets the Mediterranean, and is reputed to have been the birthplace of Cleopatra. Today Alexandria is Egypt's leading port and has a beautiful seafront area known as the Corniche. The evening is at your leisure. (BB)

DAY 11 Alexandria

After breakfast we will visit Alexandria National Museum, Roman Amphitheatre, Roman Catacombs, Quayet-Bey fortress and Montazah Gardens. (BB)

DAY 12 Alexandria - Cairo

After breakfast, we depart Alexandria for our return trip to Cairo, enroute we will visit the city of El Alamein to visit the site of one of the great battles of the Second World War. While there we will visit the military cemeteries and the museum that house some of the personal possession of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the famed "Desert Fox". A farewell dinner in Cairo at a local restaurant.. (BB, D)

DAY 13 Cairo

The tour ends after breakfast with a transfer to the airport included for passengers travelling on SQ 493* (BB)

Meal Key:

(BB) = Hot Buffet Breakfast
(L) = Lunch
(D) = Hotel Dinner

Airport-hotel transfer: included for passengers who have booked the group flight with Travelling Fit or as otherwise arrange



Hotel Guide:

Cairo: Semiramis Intercontinental

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/cairo-semiramis>

Aswan: Movenpick Hotel

http://www.moevenpick-hotels.com/en/pub/your_hotels/worldmap/aswan/overview.cfm

Alexandria: Mercure Romance

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1677-mercure-romance-alexandria/index.shtml>

Cruise Ship: MS Sonesta Nile Goddess or similar (outside cabin)

<http://www.sonesta.com/NileCruises/index.cfm?fa=nilegoddess.home>

Notes: Hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate however would be replaced with a hotel of similar standard. We reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate.

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