



10D9N BEST OF EGYPT & RED SEA

CAIRO RIVER CRUISE + HURGHADA + OVER DAY ALEX

HIGHLIGHTS

- Giza Pyramids • Egyptian Museum
- Khan Khalili Bazar • Temple of Horus
- Valley of the Kings • Karnak Complex
- Hurghada • Fort of Qaitbay
- Citadel of Saladin & Mohamed Ali Mosque
- Temple of Kom Ombo

DAY 1 ARRIVAL CAIRO (D)

You will arrive at the land of the Pharaohs. Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be welcomed by our representative who will assist you with any immigration formalities and make sure that everything is going smoothly before you leave for your hotel on our comfortable, air-conditioned buses. On the way there, our representative will explain the contents of your trip, as well as any additional details, and upon arrival, you may partake in a scrumptious dinner at the hotel.

DAY 2 CAIRO / GIZA PYRAMIDS / SPHINX THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / PAPYRUS INSTITUTE / KHAN KHALILI BAZAAR-ASWAN (B/L/D)

After breakfast we begin a guided tour to visit the **Giza Pyramids**. Today there are more than 93 Pyramids in Egypt; but the three main Pyramids are within the Giza Plateau. Stop by the Papyrus institute where you can learn how the ancient Egyptians used papyrus for writing and here, you can even buy some souvenirs for your friends. After lunch, will continue our tour to the **Egyptian Museum** of Antiquities, home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian relics. It has a huge collection 120,000 items, with only a select amount n display at any time. Then, visit a Perfume factory where delicate scents are crafted from exotic ingredients like lotus flower, papyrus or jasmine oil. We will be ending our tour with a visit to the **Azhar and Hussein Mosques**, then you will

have free time to shop at the **Khan Khalili Bazar**, the largest Bazar in the Middle East, famous for its unusual, atypical souvenirs and handmade crafts. The Medieval atmosphere of this traditional market gives visitors a glimpse into what medieval markets were like and is also filled with a slew of cafes, restaurants and shops, after exploring the market, you will be ferried to the railway station to board a **sleeping train** to Aswan for your overnight journey (12-13 hours) - shower facilities not available.

DAY 3 ASWAN / NILE CRUISE / HIGH DAM / UNFINISHED OBELISK / FELUCCA RIDE (B/L/D)

Upon arrival visit the **High Dam**. Construction of the High Dam became a key objective of the Egyptian Government following the Egyptian Revolution of 1952, as controlling a water source was pivotal in Egypt's industrialization. Proceed to visit the **unfinished obelisk**, with the distinction of being the largest known ancient obelisk. It was located in the northern region of the stone quarries of Ancient Egypt. Archeologists speculate that it was intended to complement the so-called Lateran Obelisk which was originally at Karnak and is now outside the Lateran Palace in Rome. Afterward, embark on your 5* cruise, grab some lunch and get some rest before riding a traditional Egyptian sailing boat on the river Nile and view the Mausoleum of Agha Kaha as well as sail around Elephantine Island. Return to the cruise ship, for dinner later on.

DAY 4 ASWAN KOM OMBO (B/L/D)

After breakfast, enjoy your morning at your leisure then sail to Kom Ombo (north of Aswan City) Visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, an unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic dynasty in the Egyptian town of Kom Ombo. The building is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. Upon leaving the Temple, sail to Edfu, and spend the night there.

DAY 5 EDFU LUXOR (B/L/D)

After breakfast will visit the temple of Horus in Edfu by horse carriage (Egyptian Cadillac). Visit the **Temple of Horus**, an ancient Egyptian temple located on the west bank of the Nile. The temple was well known in Greco-Roman times as Apollonopolis Magna, after the chief god Horus-Apollo. It is one of the best preserved temples in Egypt and is dedicated to the falcon god Horus.





DAY 6 LUXOR / KINGS VALLEY / TEMPLE OF QUEEN HATSHEPSUT / COLOSSI OF MEMNON / KARNAK TEMPLE / LUXOR TEMPLE / HURGHADA RED SEA (B/L/D)

After breakfast & disembarkation, drive to the **west bank** of the Nile and visit The **Valley of the Kings** where, for a period of nearly 500 years, tombs were constructed for the Pharaohs and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom. The valley stands on the west bank of the Nile, opposite modern Luxor, within the heart of the Theban Necropolis. The wadi consists of two valleys, East Valley and West Valley. Taking into account 21st century discoveries, the valley is known to contain 63 tombs and chambers. Continue the visit to the Dayr el-Bahri, meaning, "The Northern Monastery". It is a complex of mortuary temples and tombs located on the west bank of the Nile, opposite the city of Luxor. This is a part of the Necropolis system that was constructed in ancient Luxor. The first monument built at the site was the mortuary temple of Mentuhotep II of the Eleventh dynasty. BC. During the Eighteenth dynasty, Amenhotep I and Hatshepsut also built extensively at the site. After the tomb exploration, grab a photo by the colossi of Memnon before driving to the East bank. After lunch, visit the Karnak temple which consists of a vast mix of decayed temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings. The **Karnak complex** gives its name to the nearby, and partly surrounded, modern village of El-Karnak, located north of Luxor. Proceed to Luxor Temple which is a large Ancient Egyptian temple complex located on the east bank of the Nile River. It is known in the Egyptian language as Ipet Resyt, or "The Southern Sanctuary." In Luxor there are six great temples, the four on the left bank are known to travelers and readers of travels as Goornah, Deir-el-Bahri, the Ramesseum, and Medinet Habu; and the two temples on the right bank are known as the Karnak and Luxor. Head to the **Hurghada Red Sea** and spend your night there.

DAY 7 HURGHADA (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will have the morning at your leisure and in the afternoon, you will be joining a safari excursion to the desert on 4x4 Jeeps. Head to a Bedouin village after exploring the area and there, you will have the chance to ride camels for around 15 minutes before heading for a BBQ dinner. After the excursion return to your hotel to spend the night.

DAY 8 HURGHADA / CAIRO (B/L/D)

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at your leisure, then drive to Cairo. Upon arriving at your hotel, have dinner and take a good rest.

DAY 9 CAIRO / ALEXANDRIA / CAIRO (B/L/D)

After breakfast, will drive north of Cairo towards Alexandria (220 KM). Alexandria is the second largest city and the second largest metropolitan area in Egypt after Greater Cairo by size and population. Alexandria was founded around a small Ancient Egyptian town by Alexander the Great and became an important center of the Hellenistic civilization remaining the capital of Hellenistic and Roman & Byzantine Egypt for almost a millenia. Start the tour with a visit to **Makam Nabi Danial and Lukman Hakim**, then continue onward to the **Fort of Qaitbay**, a 15th-century defensive fortress located on the Mediterranean Sea coast. The Citadel is situated on the eastern side of the northern tip of Pharos Island at the mouth of the Eastern Harbour. Proceed to the Mosque of **El-Mursi Abul-Abbas Mosque** afterward. This mosque is dedicated to the 13th century Alexandrine Sufi saint el-Mursi Abul Abbas whose tomb it contains. After lunch drive to the Montazah Gardens that surround the Montaza Palace, once the summer residence of late King Farouk. It was built on a low plateau east of central Alexandria overlooking a beach on the Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 10 CAIRO / CITADEL OF SALADIN / MOHAMED ALI MOSQUE / AZHAR & HUSSEIN MOSQUES (B/L)

Have breakfast at the hotel then start your tour with a visit to the **Citadel of Saladin & Mohamed Ali Mosque**. The Citadel is a medieval Islamic fortification. Located on Mokattam hill near the center of Cairo, this ancient building was once famous for its fresh breeze and grand views of the city. It is now a well-preserved historic site, with mosques and museums. The Citadel contains the Mosque of Muhammad Ali which was built between 1828 and 1848, perched on the summit of the citadel. This mosque was built in memory of Tusun Pasha, Muhammad Ali's second son who died in 1816 and dually represents his efforts to erase symbols of the Mamluk dynasty that he replaced. Proceed to **Mosque of Sayedah Zainab Mosque, and Makam Ibn `Ata' Allah al-Iskandari** afterward, before heading to Cairo airport for your flight home.



NOTE:

Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible. Accommodations are subject to change.