

**PTThe Gems of Egypt
5 days - 4 nights
Cairo, Giza, Memphis, Luxor, Karnak
Discovery, Culture, History, Archeology**

Day 1: Cairo

Arrival at Cairo International Airport where you will be met and assisted through passport and customs procedures. You will then be transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 2: Cairo (Egyptian Museum, Giza Pyramids and Sphinx)

Following breakfast, we will start our special tour of the Museum of Antiquities in Cairo. The museum houses the greatest collection of pharaonic treasures in the world. We see these artifacts, including Tutankhamen's Collection of Golden Treasures and discover the museum's expansive collections. We then visit the Pyramids of Giza. Nothing evokes the long and intriguing history of Egypt as powerfully as the Pyramids. Rising from the desert, Khufu (Cheops), Khafra and Menkaura seems to symbolize the enigmatic tug of Egypt in our imaginations. The Great Pyramid immortalizes the son of Sneferu and Hetepheres. Though little is known of this pharaoh, his monument (the largest of the three) is comprised of 2.3 million stone blocks, each weighing an average of 2.5 tons. You will get to enter the Great Pyramid and visit the King's Chamber. You will continue to visit the colossal statue of the Great Sphinx. The Sphinx has stood guard over the pyramids for more than 4,500 years. Carved from an outcrop of rock, the Sphinx remains the ultimate symbol of Ancient Egypt, with its lion's body and human head. Lunch is included in the tour. We return to our hotel for overnight. [B/L]

Day 3: Cairo, Luxor (Valley of the Kings, Deir-el-Bahari, Karnak)

Buffet breakfast then meeting at the hotel lobby for check-out. You will then be transferred to Cairo Domestic Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, you will begin your sightseeing of the western bank of the Nile River to see the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut in Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Although everything in the valley is very impressive the Temple of Hatshepsut certainly comes on top. Deir el-Bahari, "The Northern Convent" as it translates from Arabic, recalls the existence of the Coptic convent that was built there. Deir el-Bahari is located at the foot of the cliffs that determine the mountainous circus of Thebes, on the left bank of the Nile, facing the city of Luxor and the temple of Karnak, south of the Valley of the Kings. It is a funerary complex, consisting of temples and tombs dating from the 11th Dynasty (2134-1991 BC) to the Ptolemaic period (305-30 BC). Return to the east bank to visit the temples of Karnak and Luxor. Here is how Jean-François Champollion (1829) described his visit: "I finally went to the palace, or rather to the city of monuments, to Karnac. There appeared to me all of the Pharaonic magnificence, all the greatest that men have imagined and executed. All that I had seen at Thebes, all that I had enthusiastically admired on the left bank, seemed to me miserable in comparison to the gigantic conceptions with which I was surrounded. It will suffice to add, that in Europe we are only Lilliputians, and that no ancient or modern people have conceived the art of architecture on a scale so sublime, so large, so grand, as the old Egyptians did; they conceived of man a hundred feet high, and we have at most five feet eight inches. The European imagination, which rises well above our porticoes, stops and falls helpless at the foot of the one-hundred-and-forty-columns of the hypostyle hall of Karnak." Transfer to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight. [B]



Day 4: Luxor, Cairo (Pyramids Sound & Light Show)

Buffet breakfast then meeting at your hotel lobby for check-out. You will then be transferred to Luxor Airport for your flight back to Cairo where you'll be picked up and driven to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight, our representative will meet you at your hotel to join the magnificent sound and light show of the Pyramids of Giza. You will discover the wonderful story of ancient Egypt. The show begins with the story of the Sphinx who was the watchman of the city of the dead for nearly five thousand years. The show also tells the equally captivating story of the construction of the pyramids and that of the great and famous figures of ancient Egypt, such as Tuthmosis IV, Akhenaton, Nefertiti or Tutankhamun. After the show you'll then be transferred to your hotel for overnight. [B]

Day 5: Cairo, USA

Buffet breakfast and meeting at the hotel lobby for checkout. You will then be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your departing flight from Egypt.

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch

Your Tour includes:

- All transfers airport – hotel – airport
- Meeting and assistance
- 4 nights' accommodation:
 - Cairo - 3 nights
 - Luxor - 1 night
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 1 Lunch
- Full day tour of the Egyptian Museum, the Pyramids and the Sphinx
- Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids
- English speaking Egyptologist guide for Cairo
- English speaking guide for other tours
- Classical tour in Luxor
- Hotel taxes

Tours does not include:

- International airline tickets
- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Entrance fees for sites not included
- Alcoholic, non-alcoholic beverages
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature
- Tourism and Harbor taxes

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior First Class		
Cairo	Ramses Hilton	4
	Sonesta Cairo	4
	Le Meridien Pyramids	4
Luxor	Winter Pavillion	4.5
Deluxe		
Cairo	Intercontinental	4
	Conrad	4.5
Luxor	Sonesta St. George	4.5
	Hilton	5
Super Deluxe		
Cairo	Four Seasons	4.5
	Nile Ritz-Carlton	4.5
	St. Regis	NR
Luxor	Sofitel Old Winter Palace	4.5
	Al Moudira	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Season	Double	Single
Superior First Class		
May – September	\$629	\$799
October '20– April '21	\$679	\$839
Deluxe		
May – September	\$735	\$949
October '20– April '21	\$795	\$1,075
Super deluxe		
May – September	\$1,125	\$1,675
October '20– April '21	\$1,275	\$1,859
Supplement		
December 25 - 31	15%	

Prices are per person and may change without notice

Domestic airfare:

Routing	Class	Cost
Cairo – Luxor – Cairo	Economy	\$279

This fare may be cheaper if integrated in your international itinerary.
Consult your travel agent or HWDT

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