

Insight Vacations: Wonders of Egypt - Preview 2022

Day 1 - Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt. A country rich in wonders and mystery, you'll start in vibrant Cairo. A representative will meet you at the airport, before you are transferred to your hotel. Later, you will meet your Travel Director, a qualified Egyptologist.

Day 2 - Fly to Luxor, Cruise the Nile

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor museum and witness ancient artefacts and two royal mummies. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome drink. The evening is yours at leisure, enjoy dinner on the ship before relaxing in its lounge or in the comfort of your room.(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodations: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Valley of the Kings to Edfu

This morning travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many Pharaohs, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun were buried. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, whilst they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life.

Visit Luxor Temple which was unearthed by Mariette in the 1860s, before returning to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay.(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodations: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Kom Ombo to Aswan

In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and falcon-headed Horus the Elder. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on board your ship.(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodations: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Aswan's High Dam and Nile Felucca

In the morning, visit the Aswan High Dam and Granite Quarries, to see the enormous Unfinished Obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis. Rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae, it was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style. Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and about traditional sailing practices. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy colonial-style high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie have stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself.(Breakfast / Lunch / Afternoon Tea / Dinner)

Accommodations: MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Day 6 - Aswan and Back to Cairo

In the morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an optional experience by air to the magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples

overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Located in a village in Nubia, they are found in Upper Egypt. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. There are many points of interest to enjoy; the Botanic Gardens, Elephantine Island, see the Aga Khan Mausoleum, or soak up the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night.(Breakfast)

Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 - The Egyptian Museum and Citadel

Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist at the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb. Sightseeing continues at the Citadel where you will enjoy breathtaking views over the whole city. Salah El-Din started the Citadel in the 12th century, but it owes its present outline to Mohammed Ali, whose Great Alabaster Mosque is the next stop. Later, you will have free time to enjoy as you wish. In the evening, take your seats at the magical Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids which literally illuminates the history of Giza — an unforgettable introduction to the world of ancient

Egypt.(Breakfast)

Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 - The Great Pyramids of Giza

Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of Chephrenís Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids. Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back 2686 B.C., making it the oldest in the world. Enjoy free time in the afternoon.(Breakfast)

Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 - Depart Cairo

Your wonderful journey ends with transfers to Cairo International airport.(Breakfast)

Meals: Breakfast