

EGYPT, THE GIFT OF THE NILE

(Cairo, Nile Cruise – Luxor, Esna, Edfu, Kom Ombo and Aswan)
Customized Tour Program Prepared for Individuals and Groups

10 Days / 09 Nights
Departure on Fridays; return on Sundays

Cost per person in double departs New York from **\$2,950.00**

HOTEL & NILE CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS:

Cairo: Two (2) nights at the Ramses Hilton Hotel
Nile Cruise: Five (5) days, four (4) nights on deluxe Radamis Movenpick Nile Cruise (Embarkation from Luxor to Aswan)
Cairo: Two (2) nights at the Ramses Hilton Hotel

MEALS:

- Buffet breakfast daily in Cairo Hotels
- One (1) lunch in Cairo during tours
- Three (3) meals daily on cruise – starting with lunch or dinner and ending with breakfast or lunch

TRANSFERS - AIRPORTS / HOTELS:

- Four (4) transfers in Cairo
- One (1) transfer in Aswan
- One (1) transfer in Luxor
- All transfers by A/C private minivan / car with driver and English-speaking **HLO Tours'** representative.

TOURS:

- Two days of tours in Cairo as per the enclosed itinerary
- Nile Cruise program includes visit to: Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna and Luxor
- All entrance fees including fees to the Solar Boat Museum at the Pyramids and the Mummies Room at the Egyptian Museum
- All tours by private A/C minivan / car with driver and English-speaking guide
- Nile cruise visits will be with a group

AIR TRANSPORTATION ON EGYPT AIR:

- New York (JFK) / Cairo Egypt Air # 986 6:30PM – 12:25PM

- Cairo / Luxor Egypt Air # } To be
- Aswan / Cairo Egypt Air # } determined.
- Cairo / New York (JFK) Egypt Air # 985 10:10AM – 3:15PM

(Air & flight schedules are subject to change without notice)

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

Day 01 USA / CAIRO, EGYPT

Fri Depart the USA from New York with Egypt Air non -stop to Cairo, Egypt. Overnight onboard the airplane. Dinner and breakfast served en-route. **D, B**

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after your entry to Egypt, and that it has a minimum of 4 blank pages (if there is insufficient space in the passport your entry might be denied) to enable the entry visa to be issued.

Please have your passport and the arrival card available to be handed to the Immigration Officer upon walking inside the terminal in Cairo Airport as well as \$20.00 per passport, visa fee.

Day 02 CAIRO (Ramses Hilton Hotel)

Sat PM: On arrival at Cairo International Airport you will be met and assisted through formalities by **HLO Tours'** Representative and then transferred to Ramses Hilton Hotel (located behind the Egyptian Museum, downtown Cairo) to spend the next two nights.

Eve: At leisure; relax, enjoy the hotel swimming pool, or attend Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids, as an optional activity. Overnight in Cairo.

**** (Please remember, that you are in North Africa, and no matter how capable we are, things do not always work or operate in the manner to which you may be accustomed. Patience, a sense of humor, and a desire for adventure should be brought with you. Thank You!)**

Cairo has been the largest city in Africa for centuries. Modern Cairo encompasses many former cities and their monuments. Five thousand years of culture are concentrated here throughout a city that is a living index to ancient civilization.

Day 03 CAIRO: Pyramids, Sphinx, Sakkara and Memphis (full day tour)
Sun AM: Buffet breakfast at the hotel coffee shop. Meet your professional

English-speaking guide in hotel lobby to start your Egyptian adventure which begins in Giza, where you will tour one of the seven and only remaining wonders of the ancient world: the famous Great Pyramids of Giza. Then proceed to visit the Solar Boat Museum: a cedar woodcraft boat, built to take the Pharaoh through his journey to the afterworld. You will also visit the legendary Sphinx, a sacred symbol of the union of the strongest physical with the highest intellectual power on earth. After lunch at a countryside restaurant, proceed to Sakkara, where you will see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, history's first stone building. You will continue next to Memphis, the ancient capital city of Egypt. Return to hotel for overnight. **BB, L**

(Please settle your hotel bill before you go to bed in order to avoid last minute problems early morning.)

Day 04 **CAIRO / LUXOR / NILE CRUISE**

Mon

AM: Luggage outside your room door and breakfast at the hotel. Then meet in hotel lobby for your transfer to Cairo International Airport (Domestic Terminal) for your Egypt Air flight to Luxor. Arrive Luxor where you will be met and transferred by private coach and driver to your deluxe Radamis Movenpick Nile Cruise to spend the next four nights on board.

Luxor is the world's greatest open-air museum, filled with awe-inspiring monuments of ancient civilization. As Weset it was the capital of Egypt during the New Kingdom; as Thebes it was described as "The Hundred-gate City". Later, it was named Al Oksor, meaning "City of the Palaces". Testaments to a desire for immortality, built for eternity in sandstone and granite, the temples, tombs, and palaces still stand, surrounded by souks.

The cruise program will be as follows (subject to change):

Check-in for lunch. After lunch visit the Eastern bank of the Nile, which includes: The Temple of Luxor with its huge papyrus columns which was dedicated to the God Amon, and Karnak Temple which consists of several temples of great beauty. Afternoon tea. Dinner. Overnight in Luxor on board. **BB, L, D**

Day 05 **NILE CRUISE / LUXOR / EDFU**

Tue

Visit the western bank of the Nile. See the City of the Dead, the Valley of the

Kings and Queens, including the tombs of King Tut and Temple of Hatshepsut. Also visit the two colossal statues of Memnon. Return to the cruise boat. Sail to Edfu. Lunch on board. Free time. Afternoon tea. Dinner on board. Overnight in Edfu. **BB, L, D**

Day 06 **NILE CRUISE / EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN**
Wed Visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu by *Caleche*. Sail to Kom Ombo. Lunch on board. Visit the Temple shared by two gods in Kom Ombo. Afternoon tea during sailing to Aswan. Dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan. **BB, L, D**

Aswan is small enough to walk around and has the most beautiful setting on the Nile . . . Stroll along the Corniche or explore the souks full of scents and colorful spices, perfumes, scarves and baskets.

Day 07 **NILE CRUISE / ASWAN**
Thu Visit the High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk at the Granite Quarries, and board a motor launch to visit Philae Temple. Lunch on board. Sail on the Nile by *Felucca* (small sailing boat) around Kitchener's Island. Afternoon tea. Dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan. **BB, L, D**

Day 08 **NILE CRUISE / ASWAN / CAIRO** (Ramses Hilton Hotel)
Fri **AM:** Luggage outside your cabins and breakfast on board. After breakfast meet in boat lobby for your transfer to Aswan Airport for your Egypt Air flight to Cairo. Arrive Cairo Airport where you will be met by **HLO Tours'** Representative and transferred to your hotel to spend the next two nights in Cairo. Overnight. **BB**

Day 09 **CAIRO: Egyptian Museum, The Citadel and Khan El Khalili Bazaar**
Sat **AM:** Buffet breakfast at the hotel coffee shop. Following breakfast, meet your guide in hotel lobby to begin your guided tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, one of the world's most famous museums. The magnificent collections of antiquities include 27 Mummies, Sarcophagi, and 250,000 objects of art, and date as far back as 5000 years.

PM: After lunch (on your own), you will proceed to the exotic Khan El Khalili Bazaar for a taste of modern Egyptian artifacts. Khan El Khalili is one of the world's best-known oriental bazaars, a bazaar largely unchanged since the

14th century. Spices, perfumes, Gold & Silver, carpets, brass & copperware, leatherwork, glass and mashrabia are still fashioned by craftsmen practicing skills passed down from generation to generation. Overnight in Cairo. **BB**

Day 10
Sun

CAIRO / USA

AM: Luggage outside your room door and buffet breakfast at the hotel coffee shop. Departure transfer to Cairo Airport for your Egypt Air flight to New York (JFK).

PM: Arrive JFK where you will connect with your domestic flight home.

Welcome Home with a lifetime of memories from *Egypt!!!*