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Signature Egypt 2023 Itinerary

Oct 7, 2023 - Oct 21, 2023

With sand-covered tombs, majestic pyramids and towering Pharaonic temples, Egypt brings out the Indiana Jones in all of us. This amazing tour of everything Egypt includes 7 nights on a private Dahabeya (luxury Egyptian sailing boat), private sunrise in the paws of the Sphinx and a hot air balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings. Discover the secrets of the Great Pyramids and explore the Valley of the Kings, then meet local people and share a traditional meal. Egypt, probably the world's oldest civilization, is a treasure trove for history and archaeology.

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Luxury Nile Dahabeya

8:30 AM Depart from Cairo International Airport - Cairo International Airport

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Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski

9:50 AM Depart from Aswan International Airport (ASW) - Aswan International Airport (ASW)

10:30 AM Depart from Aswan International Airport (ASW) - Aswan International Airport (ASW)

11:10 AM Arrive at Cairo International Airport - Cairo International Airport

11:50 AM Arrive at Cairo International Airport - Cairo International Airport

Internal Flight Luggage Allowances

October 21 - Day 14

Depart Cairo

Breakfast

Post-night accommodation at Hotel Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski

October 7 - Pre-tour day



Arrival Procedures

To help you with your arrival into Cairo International Airport we would like to advise the following information:

- If there are any delays with your flight on the day, please do not worry about advising us as we will monitor your flights progress.
- When completing arrival documentation, please use **Sheraton Cairo Hotel** as your address in Egypt.
- Upon your arrival at Cairo Airport our travel representative, will meet you **before** passport control. He/she will have a sign with your surname on it.

*Please do not proceed to passport control on your own.

- **ENTRY VISA:** You will be required to purchase a visa upon arrival if you have not done it online. Visa is required to be paid in USD. **Cost is USD25 per person**
- **Canadian Passport holders must apply in advance**
- Once luggage has been collected, we have arranged a private transfer to your accommodation. Our representative will accompany you and assist with check in at the hotel.
- Tour Manager for your time in Egypt: **Mahmoud Tarek**, Phone number is **+20 127 6888688**
- Cairo Office: **Leisa McInnes WhatsApp +20 1091069450**
- Throughout your time in Egypt your tour guide or local representative will be available to assist with all check-in and out procedures and any assistance you may need with daily needs.
- Please see our 'Trip Notes' for general information about travel to Egypt



Check in at Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino

Location

Located in Cairo, this 5-star urban hotel, luxuriously furnished, has the perfect ambience for business travelers as well as families. Guests can reach public transportation within around 100 yards.

Facilities

The hotel has 650 rooms and 113 suites, which are located on 26 stories and are reachable by elevator. Guests are warmly welcomed by multilingual staff at the 24-hour reception desk in the lobby. Check-in/check-out service is available around the clock. Amenities include a coat check, baggage storage service, safe and ATM. Wireless internet access (no extra charge) allows guests to stay connected while on vacation. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. Wheelchair-accessible facilities are available. A fireplace creates a cozy atmosphere. There are a number of shops, including a souvenir shop. Guests of the hotel are welcome to relax in the garden. Additional facilities include a library. Guests arriving by car can park their vehicles in the garage (for a fee) or in the parking lot (for a fee). Further services and facilities include a babysitting service, a car rental service, medical assistance, a transfer service, 24-hour room service, a laundry service, a hairdresser, a coin-operated laundry and a page service. Complimentary newspapers are available. Lectures, presentations and meetings can be held in one of the 7 conference rooms.



Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino

Galae Square, Cairo, Egypt

October 8 - Day 1



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Welcome to Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo airport be met by a local representative to the hotel and check in. The drive to the hotel takes around an hour and it's a one of a kind experience! If possible we recommend you arrive a day early to catch up on some rest and adjust to the new time zone.

In the late afternoon we will all meet to discuss our upcoming journey then enjoy our 'Welcome Dinner' of authentic Egyptian cuisine at a local restaurant.



Dinner



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Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino
Galae Square, Cairo, Egypt

October 9 - Day 2



Saqqara & Dahshur

We start our day at the Ancient Necropolis of Saqqara is known as the healing centre in ancient times where the priests used sound healing techniques to restore the patient's body to the correct harmonics. Saqqara is the location of the Step Pyramid.

The Bent Pyramid of Sneferu in Dahshur, has two different chambers that produce two distinct sound frequencies. These frequencies are in turn amplified within the pyramid walls to create huge fields of harmonic resonance that restore balance within a human body. The Red Pyramid, also called the North Pyramid, is the largest of the pyramids located at the Dahshur necropolis. Named for the rusty reddish hue of its red limestone stones, it is also the third largest Egyptian pyramid, after those of Khufu and Khafre at Giza Lunch will be a traditional Egyptian BBQ under the palm trees of Saqqara. Then for some shopping opportunity at the Carpet School in Saqqara. The day is not over yet, we will visit the government regulated Papyrus Institute. We will now experience how the ancients recorded their history on the first paper ever produced. See the processes and efforts it took to make this ancient form of paper. Also, enjoy the beautiful illustrative Egyptian art and stories painted depicting Egyptian lifestyle and culture.



Breakfast, Lunch



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October 10 - Day 3



Private Sphinx Visit

We have been granted very special access not normally available to the general public. We will have the privilege of watching the sunrise on the Giza Plateau with just our group in between the Paws of the mighty Sphinx. The Sphinx was widely believed to have been an oracle. Between its paws is a 15th-century BC stone tablet called a 'Dream Stela' recounting a vision given to a prince who slept in the shadow of the Sphinx (and perhaps sought its divine aid) and later became a pharaoh.

We will return to the hotel for breakfast and a short rest.

Later today we will explore the Giza Plateau, your chance to personally stand where the Ancient Egyptians stood thousands of years ago, next to the Great Pyramid of Cheops, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one that still exists. Here you will have the option to climb inside the Kings Chamber of the Great Pyramid of Giza (optional extra cost).

We continue our adventure with a camel ride through the Sahara for some amazing photos of 9 Pyramids. Late lunch will be served on the Giza Plateau with a final view of the pyramids as we leave Cairo tomorrow. Before returning to the hotel we will spend a few hours with Gamal Abdul an Egyptian Reiki Master and Healer to learn about Chakra Healing Oils that date back to the time of the Pharaoh's and all their healing benefits.



Breakfast, Lunch



Sheraton Cairo Resort & Casino

October 11 - Day 4



Fly to Luxor

This morning you will check out of your hotel, as we will fly south to Luxor this morning. Our morning flight will arrive in time for us to board our luxury Dahabeya.

In the afternoon, we will board a private Dahabeya, a traditional sailing boat like those that have sailed the Nile for thousands of years.

The Dahabeya is exclusively for our use, with private crew, a choice of menus, and our own sailing schedule. Internet is available onboard near the major town, however signal is poor in a few places on the river. Our Dahabeya will be our base for 7 nights as we sail north from Luxor to the Temples of Abydos and Dendera, then all the way south to Aswan. We will stop at temples and sites along the way and usually leave the boat daily to explore Ancient Egypt. All meals are included, prepared fresh daily from local produce, and served onboard.



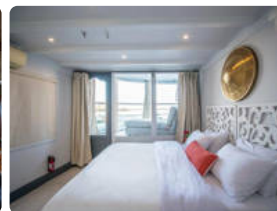
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

In Arabic, a 'Dahabeya' literally means the golden one. And we think the name truly represents the experience and the mood it sets. Dahabeyas takes you on a journey to the charm of an old era of tranquility, when people in Egypt used to cruise and enjoy the beauty of the Nile every winter.

Generally, a Dahabeya is a two-masted sailing boat, bigger than a felucca, but smaller than a commercial Nile cruise. Because they work with no engines, you get to enjoy the sound of the water and the birds chirping above you while you take a break from the bustling city noise. Dahabeyas were more common during ancient Egypt and the monarchy, as leaders, officials, and the country's wealthiest people would use them as a mode of transport and leisure.



8:30 AM - Eastern European Standard Time
Depart from Cairo International Airport

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL
Nile Air	NP 71	1



Cairo International Airport

Airport Road, مصر الجديدة, CAIRO GOVERNORATE, EG, 11432
+20 2 22655000



9:35 AM - Eastern European Standard Time

Arrive at Luxor International Airport (مطار الأقصر الدولي)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER
Nile Air	NP 71



Luxor International Airport (مطار الأقصر الدولي)

Luxor City, الأقصر, مصر
+20 95 2374655



Internal Flight Luggage Allowances

1 piece of checked luggage weighing no more than 30 kg

Carry-on baggage: A handbag or laptop bag not exceeding 22 x 15 x 8 inches (56 x 36 x 23cm) and weighing no more than 7 kg

Excess fees: 25 EGP / KG

October 12 - Day 5



Karnak Temples

Today we will visit the fascinating Karnak Temples, dedicated to the Pharaoh Amun. Wander the 134 awe-inspiring columns in the Hypostyle Hall, marvel at the detailed hieroglyphics expertly carved on every wall. Let your imagination take you to a time when these walls were full of colour and grandeur. A truly memorable experience.

At Karnak we will visit the Temple of Ptah and the chapel dedicated to the Goddess Sekhmet. This is a locked temple and subject to availability. During our visit we will have the opportunity to shop for symbolic Egyptian jewelry and personalized cartouches. This afternoon we will return to our Dahabeya and sail north towards Qena.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

October 13 - Day 6



Abydos & Dendera

The Temple of Seti 1 and considered to one of the most sacred sites in all of Egypt. Abydos is also known as the cult center of the god Osiris and gateway to the underworld (believed to lie under the nearby hills), it was a popular place of pilgrimage and burial. Here you will connect to your heart centre to engage fully with your life and also work with the Flower of Life.

Lunch will be served at House of Life near Abydos Temple.

Afternoon visit to Dendera Temple, the temple dedicated to Goddess Hathor where you will connect with your heart chakra and your instinctual bliss. Hathor was goddess of many things: love, beauty, music, dancing, fertility, and pleasure. She was the protector of women, though men also worshipped her.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

October 14 - Day 7



Sailing to Luxor

Breakfast and lunch will be served on-board as we sail back to Luxor. Relax and enjoy sailing and the comfort of our luxury Dahabeya. Once we are back in Luxor, we can take a walk in the local area before visiting Luxor Temple prior to sunset.

Unlike most other ancient Egyptian temples, is not laid out on an east-west axis, but is oriented towards Karnak. This is because Luxor Temple was the main venue for one the most important of ancient Egyptian religious celebrations, when the cult images of Amun, his wife Mut, and their son, the lunar god Khonsu, were taken from their temples in Karnak, and transported in a grand procession to Luxor Temple so they could visit the god that resides there, Amenemopet. This was known as the Opet Festival.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

October 15 - Day 8



Hot Air Balloon Over Valley of the Kings

This morning we will leave the boat early to transfer to the launch area for a magical Hot Air Balloon ride as the sun rises over the West Bank of Luxor. You will silently float above the ancient sites and the Nile River. Return to the boat for breakfast.

This afternoon we visit the West Bank of Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. Climb down into the spectacularly decorated tombs of the Pharaohs. Optional visit down into the tomb of King Tutankhamun. After that, we visit the Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Hatshepsut is arguably one of the most formidable women in ancient Egypt. Hatshepsut was the first female ruler of ancient Egypt to reign as a male with the full authority of a pharaoh. The we will visit a workshop for Handmade Alabaster.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

October 16 - Day 9



Sailing Day to Edfu

This morning we will pass through the Esna Lock on the way to Edfu. Today is a sailing day, enjoy the peace and serenity of sailing the Nile while you observe daily life on the banks of the river.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

October 17 - Day 10



Edfu Temple & Komombo Temple

We have an early morning visit to Edfu, the Temple of Horus. The temple was built in the Ptolemaic Kingdom between 237 and 57 BC. The inscriptions on its walls provide important information on language, myth and religion during the Hellenistic period in Egypt.

We will return to the Dahabeya and set sail to Komombo. Visit the Temple of Komombo, known as the Temple of Duality; here you will ponder your own dualities, the light and the dark, the old and the new, the positive and the negative. Visit the central axis of the temple to connect with a neutral energy and your sacral chakra.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Luxury Nile Dahabeya

October 18 - Day 11



Philae Temple

We will sail to Aswan this morning. It is time to say good-bye to our beautiful Dahabeya and the staff who have looked after us. From Aswan we will transfer to the Philae Temple.

Philae Temple is known as the Temple of Isis representing the feminine and divine love. Built during the reign of Ptolemy II (Egypt's Greco-Roman Period), the Temple of Isis at Philae is dedicated to Isis, Osiris, and Horus. The temple walls contain scenes from Egyptian mythology of Isis bringing Osiris back to life, giving birth to Horus, and mummifying Osiris after his death.

Enjoy a local Nubian meal for late lunch. Then transfer to Elephantine Island and our luxury resort.



Breakfast, Lunch



Movenpick Aswan

Elephantine Island, P.O. Box 62, Aswan 81111, Egypt

Phone: +20972454455

Movenpick Aswan check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)

October 19 - Day 12



Abu Simbel Temple

An early start today, so we can explore Abu Simbel. Great Temple of Ramses II, carved in the mountain on the west bank of the Nile between 1274 and 1244 BC and dedicated to the gods Ra-Horakhty, Amun and Ptah.

This temple is aligned in such a way that, twice a year the first rays of the rising sun penetrate the temple, through the vestibule and into the sanctuary, where they illuminate the figures of the gods except Ptah. The Temple of Hathor is dedicated to Queen Nefertari, Ramses beloved wife.

Later this afternoon we will visit a Nubian Village. Here we will meet a Nubian family who will show us their way of life and enjoy a home cooked meal with us.



Breakfast, Dinner



Movenpick Aswan

October 20 - Day 13



Return to Cairo - Egyptian Museum

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Aswan Airport for our flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, we will visit the thousands of treasures on display inside the Egyptian Museum, including the famous Golden Mask of King Tutankhamen, the youngest Pharaoh to rule Egypt.

There are simply too many pieces to see in one visit, but your guide will highlight some special artifacts and give you time to wander at your leisure. You will find items such as granite sarcophaguses and perfectly sculpted giant statues, ancient tools, mummies, chariots, and even some board games played by the Pharaoh's.

In the afternoon, we will have a visit to Old Cairo and Khan el Khalili Markets before enjoying our Farewell Dinner.



Breakfast, Dinner



Hotel Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski

Welcome to Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski, a distinguished destination in the heart of New Cairo and the ideal getaway for both business and leisure guests. Our 5-star luxury hotel in Cairo embraces a haven of serenity, featuring the finest facilities coupled with the highest levels of service.

The hotel is uniquely located minutes away from the newly developed business and commercial districts in the area, where we ensure you bask in a marvelous experience worth a lifetime.

Accompanied by the world-class European Resense Spa, the property holds 245 rooms and suites, presenting elegant fittings and furnishings with overwhelming views suitable for every taste. Upgrade your stay, visit one of our 8 exceptional restaurants and bars, and treat yourself to a blissful culinary experience all around the world in one place.



9:50 AM - Eastern European Standard Time
Depart from Aswan International Airport (ASW)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
Air Cairo SM 130

(Kimberly, Tracey, Deborah)



Aswan International Airport (ASW)

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10:30 AM - Eastern European Standard Time
Depart from Aswan International Airport (ASW)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
Nile Air NP 82



Aswan International Airport (ASW)

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11:10 AM - Eastern European Standard Time
Arrive at Cairo International Airport

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL
Air Cairo SM 130 1



Cairo International Airport

CAIRO GOVERNORATE, EG, 11432
Airport Road, مصر الجديدة, +20 2 22655000



11:50 AM - Eastern European Standard Time
Arrive at Cairo International Airport

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL
Nile Air NP 82 1



Cairo International Airport

CAIRO GOVERNORATE, EG, 11432
Airport Road, مصر الجديدة, +20 2 22655000



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Excess fees: 25 EGP / KG

October 21 - Day 14



Depart Cairo

Time to say good-bye to this amazing country and fabulous friends you have made along the way. Transfer to the airport for your flight home as needed.



Breakfast



Post-night accommodation at Hotel Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski

To the Ring Rd, Second New Cairo, Cairo Governorate 11477, Egypt

Phone: +20 2 22495300