# 01- "Land"Cairo-Luxor-Aswan-Cairo (11 days – 10 nights)

## **Itinerary Highlights:**

## Accommodation:

Four nights Cairo Two nights Luxor Three nights Aswan One night Cairo

## Tours:

- Sakkara, Memphis, Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.
- Grand Egyptian Museum, and National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.
- Egyptian Museum, Khan EL Khalili Bazaars and walking on El Moaaz Street, Citadel of Saladin,
- Luxor East bank: Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple.
- Luxor West bank: Valley of Kings, Colossi of Memnon and Hatshepsut Temple.
- Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple.
- Aswan: Philae Temple, High Dam.
- Aswan: The Mausoleum of Aga khan, Botanical Island & Nubian village by Felucca ride
- Abu Simbel Excursion "optional".

## Includes:

-Meet & greet and assistance upon arrival & departure.

-All Airports transfers indicated in our program in a private deluxe van A/C with our Airport representative.

-All tours indicated in our itinerary are provided by a private deluxe van A/C with Private guide.

-Entry fees to sites included in our itinerary.

-Private guide in Cairo.

-Private guide in Luxor & Aswan

-Transfer from Luxor to Aswan by private van A/C

-Five nights in Cairo including daily Breakfast.

-Two nights in Luxor including daily Breakfast.

-Three nights in Aswan including daily Breakfast

-All taxes & service charges.

# Excludes:

-Egypt entry visa stamp (25\$ per person) to be obtained upon arrival to Cairo International Airport by the assistance of our Airport Representative.

-International air tickets

-Domestic air tickets (Cairo – Luxor / Aswan – Cairo)

-Cost of optional tours: Abu Simbel Excursion by flight or by private van or bus

-Meals not mentioned as included in the itinerary

-Excess baggage charges.

-Spa, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages on board Nile cruise.

-Items of personal nature such as Room service; laundry; phone calls, bottled water & beverages with meals etc.

-Tipping and Gratuities.

## **Itinerary**

# Day 1 <u>Arrival Cairo</u>

Meet & greet at Cairo International Airport by our Representative before passport control for Visa assistance. Transfer to hotel & check-in. Overnight in Cairo Dinner on your own Meals included: no meals

# Day 2 Cairo: Visit Sakkara/Memphis/Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx:

## Breakfast at the hotel

Am

Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start your visit by **Sakkara:** an Egyptian village in the markaz of Badrashin in the Giza Governorate that contains ancient burial grounds of Egyptian royalty, serving as the necropolis for the ancient Egyptian capital, Memphis. Continue to **Memphis**: The capital of ancient Egypt during both the Early Dynastic Period and Old Kingdom and remained an important city throughout ancient Egyptian history.

Free time for your lunch "on your own"

After lunch visit **Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx**: The Giza pyramid complex is home to the Great Pyramid **Khufu**, the pyramid of **Khafre**, and the pyramid of **Menkaure**, along with their associated pyramid complexes and the **Great Sphinx**. All were built during the Fourth Dynasty of the Old Kingdom of ancient Egypt. Dinner on your own Overnight in Cairo Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 3 <u>Cairo: Visit Grand Egyptian Museum & National Museum of Egyptian Civilization:</u>

Am	Breakfast at the hotel
<b>Museum</b> :	Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start your visit by <b>The Grand Egyptian</b>
	an archaeological museum in Giza, about 2 km from the Giza pyramid complex, it hosts over 100,000 artifacts from ancient Egyptian civilization, including the complete Tutankhamun collection, and many pieces will be on display for the first time, it will be the world's largest archeological museum. <b>Free time for your lunch "on your own"</b> After lunch visit <b>the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization"NMEC"</b> : a large museum located in Old Cairo, a district of Cairo, Egypt. Partially opened in 2017, the museum was officially inaugurated on 3 April 2021, with the moving of 22 mummies, including 18 kings and four queens, from the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo, in an event termed the Pharaohs' Golden Parade. <sup>[1]</sup> The museum displays a collection of 50,000 artifacts, presenting the Egyptian civilization from prehistoric times to the Modern era. Dinner on your own Overnight in Cairo Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 <u>Cairo: Visit Egyptian Museum/Citadel of Saladin/ Khan Elkhalili bazaar/Walking</u> tour Moaaz Street: Breakfast at the hotel

Am

Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start your visit by **Egyptian Museum**: Located in Tahrir Square in Cairo built in 1901, it is the largest museum in Africa, houses the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world.

Continue to **Citadel of Saladin**: built in the 12th century by the mighty Saladin and originally used as a fortress, it remained the seat of the Egyptian government until the 19th century. Stop at the Muhammad Ali Mosque, built in the Ottoman style and known as the Alabaster Mosque for its extensive marble paneling. Its twin minarets make it one of the most striking structures in Cairo's cityscape.

Free time for your lunch "on your own"

After lunch a **Walking tour in Moaaz Street**: It's a 1 km long pedestrian street, in an area of Cairo known officially as Historic Cairo, it has "the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world.

Ending our tour with **Khan Elkhalili Bazar**: a famous bazaar in the historic center of Cairo. Established as a center of trade in the Mamluk era and named for one of its several historic caravanserais, the bazaar district has since become one of Cairo's main attractions for tourists and Egyptians as well.

Dinner on your own

Overnight in Cairo

Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 5 <u>Cairo-Luxor: Visit Luxor & Karnak Temples:</u>

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Cairo Airport for your internal flight to Luxor including our
Representative assistance for departure procedures from Cairo as well as arrival
procedures in Luxor.
Transfer from Luxor Airport to Hotel for check-in
Free time for your lunch "on your own"
<ul> <li>Meet your guide at the lobby to start your visit by Luxor Temple: a large complex of ancient Egyptian temples located on the east bank of the Nile River in what is now the city of Luxor. Founded in 1400 BC, the Luxor Temple was built to worship Amun-Ra, his wife Mut, and their son Khonsu, the gods also known as the Theban Triad. Continue to Karnak Temple: is a group of temples, buildings and columns, where expansion and construction operations continued from the Pharaonic era, specifically the kings of the Middle Kingdom, until the Roman era in Luxor on the eastern bank.</li> <li>Rest of day free at leisure Dinner on your own Overnight in Luxor</li> <li>Meals included: Breakfast</li> </ul>

Day 6 <u>Luxor: Valley of Kings / Hatchepsut Temple/ Colossi of Memnon:</u>

Am Breakfast at the hotel Meet your guide at the lobby to start your visit by **the Valley of Kings**: known as the Valley of the Gates of the Kings, is an area in Egypt where, for a period of nearly 500 years from the Eighteenth Dynasty to the Twentieth Dynasty, rock-cut tombs were excavated for pharaohs and powerful nobles under the New Kingdom of ancient Egypt.

Continue our visit by the **Colossi of Memnon**: two colossal statues, erected around 1350 BC, that are all that remain of a temple built to commemorate the pharaoh Amenhotep III, who ruled Egypt during the Eighteenth Dynasty. They are located in the mortuary city of Thebes, west of the Nile River from the present-day city of Luxor.

## Free time for your lunch "on your own"

Ending by **Temple of Queen Hatchepsut**: a temple of the Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt, the best surviving of the temples built about 3,500 years ago at Deir el-Bahari. It was built by Queen Hatshepsut on the west bank of the Nile opposite Thebes. Rest of day free at leisure Dinner on your own Overnight in Luxor Meals included: Breakfast

#### Luxor – Edfu – Komombo: Day 7

Am

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out after breakfast

Meet your guide at the lobby for your transfer to Aswan from Luxor, on the way visit Edfu Temple & Komombo Temple.

Edfu Temple: the second largest temple in ancient Egypt, after the Temple of Karnak, located in the city of Edfu in Upper Egypt on the west bank of the Nile River, which was known during the Hellenistic period in colloquial Greek as the Temple of Horus and in Latin as the Temple of Horus. The temple represents one of the last attempts by the Ptolemies to build temples in the style of their predecessors in form and grandeur.

## Free time for your lunch "Lunch box included"

Komombo Temple: located in the city of Kom Ombo in Aswan Governorate, southern Egypt. The temple was built during the reign of Ptolemy VI to worship the gods Sobek and Horus. Arrival Aswan & check-in at the hotel

Dinner on your own

Overnight in Aswan

Meals included: Breakfast – Lunch "Lunch box"

## Day 8 Aswan: Philae Temple - High Dam - Felucca ride:

#### Am Breakfast at the hotel

Meet your guide at the lobby and start your visit by **the High Dam**: a dam on the Nile River in southern Egypt, built during the reign of Gamal Abdel Nasser and contributed to by the Soviet Union. Owned and operated by the Aswan High Dam and Reservoir Authority, the dam has greatly helped control the flow of water and mitigate the effects of Nile flooding. It is used to generate electricity in Egypt.

Continue to **Philae Temple**: a temple complex located on an island in the Aswan Low Dam reservoir, downstream of the Aswan Dam and Lake Nasser. Originally, the temple complex was located on Philae Island, near the First Cataract of the Nile River. These slopes and the surrounding area have been subject to flooding variously since the initial construction of the Aswan Low Dam in 1902. Ending by **Unfinished Obelisk**: the largest known ancient obelisk, located in the northern region of the ston quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan **Free time for your lunch "on your own"** Return to the hotel & rest of day free at leisure Dinner on your own Overnight in Aswan

Meals included: Breakfast – Lunch

## Day 9 Aswan: Nubian Village - Mausoleum of Aga Khan - Botanical Garden:

# Breakfast at the hotel

Am

Meet your guide at the lobby and board on a Typical Egyptian "**Felucca**" enjoying sail on the Nile among lovely small islands of Aswan passing by the **Mausoleum of Aga khan**: built on the style of the Fatimid tombs in Cairo and it was built of pink limestone, while the tomb was built of white Carrara marble. Aga Khan was buried there two years after he died since he used to spend part of the winter season living in a nearby villa.

Continue sailing to Kitchener's Island which a small oval-shaped island in the Nile, less than a kilometer long and its width is less than ½ a kilometer where located **the Aswan Botanical Garden:** Covering 6.8 hectares, home to thousands of birds and many exotic plants imported from many parts of the world like Far East India and Africa.

Ending sailing to the **Nubian Village** where you will a chance to feel the vibes of Nubian lifestyle.

Return to the hotel & rest of day free at leisure

Lunch & Dinner on your own

Overnight in Aswan

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Am Breakfast at the hotel Noon Check out Free time at leisure "depending on your flight time to Cairo" Or Abu Simbel Excursion "Optional": Am Meet our Representative and departure by deluxe A/C Van or bus or by flight to visit A historic site comprising two massive rock-cut temples in the village of Abu Simbel near the border with Sudan. It is located on the western bank of Lake Nasser, about 230 km southwest of Aswan (about 300 km by road). The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the 19th Dynasty reign of the Pharaoh Ramesses II. Their huge external rock relief figures of Ramesses II have become iconic. His wife, Nefertari, and children can be seen in smaller figures by his feet. Sculptures inside the Great Temple commemorate Ramesses II's heroic leadership at the Battle of Kadesh. The complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968 to higher ground to avoid it being submerged by Lake Nasser, the Aswan Dam reservoir. As part of International Campaign to Save the Monuments of Nubia, an artificial hill was made from a domed structure to house the Abu Simbel Temples.

Transfer to Aswan Airport for your return flight to Cairo including our Representative assistance for departure procedures from Aswan as well as arrival procedures in Cairo.

# Free time for your lunch "on your own"

Arrival Cairo Airport - Transfer to your Hotel & check-in Rest of day free at leisure Dinner on your own Overnight in Cairo Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 11 Cairo: Final Departure:

Breakfast at the hotel or Breakfast Box (Depends on your flight time) Check – out after breakfast Transfer to Cairo International Airport including our Representative assistance for departure procedures.

# End of our services Have a nice trip