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TREASURES OF EGYPT

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A large photograph of the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx in Egypt. The Sphinx is in the foreground, and the Great Pyramid is in the background under a blue sky with some clouds.

FEB 11-25, 2025 | 15 DAYS | 38 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: KAREN CULLEN

Egypt's legendary civilization has left an indelible mark on the world, with its ancient wonders defying the sands of time. From the iconic Pyramids of Giza to the enigmatic Sphinx and the hidden tombs in the Valley of the Kings, each site reveals the ingenuity, beliefs, and complex history of ancient Egypt.

Discover the remnants of Memphis, once the capital of Egypt, and the historical sites of Thebes, now modern-day Luxor. At Abu Simbel, marvel at the temples built by Ramesses II, one of Egypt's most powerful pharaohs, renowned for his military conquests and monumental building projects.

As you drift along the Nile on a traditional felucca, rural life unfolds on its banks. Visit a Nubian village to learn about their culture, see their colourful homes, and experience their warm hospitality.

When night falls, the Karnak Temple Sound and Light Show brings the tales of pharaohs and gods to life in a mesmerizing display. In Cairo, wander through the winding alleys of Khan el-Khalili, a market where the air is perfumed with spices and filled with the sounds of artisans at work.

There has never been a better time to visit Egypt, as new discoveries continue to be unearthed.



Tour Highlights

- Deluxe 7-night river cruise from Luxor to Aswan and back
- Deluxe hotels in Cairo for 7 nights
- Explore the Valley of the Kings, plus Karnak and Luxor Temples
- Guided visits in Edfu and Kom Ombo
- All sightseeing excursions in Aswan: Felucca sail, Nubian Village, Botanic Gardens
- Air excursion to fabulous Abu Simbel
- Enjoy all the sites of ancient and modern Cairo: The Pyramids, Sphinx, Saqqara and Memphis, Egyptian Museum, Moslem Quarter, Coptic Christian Quarter and more

Inclusive Features

- Return airfare to Cairo on Turkish airlines
- All internal flights within Egypt
- Accommodations in deluxe hotels as indicated, or similar
- Deluxe 7-night river cruise on the Upper Nile
- All 38 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 13 breakfasts, L - 12 lunches, D - 13 dinners)
- Services of our Canadian journey leader, plus a certified Egyptian guide
- Porterage at hotels and the riverboat (where available)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

Journey Leader

Karen Cullen retired after 30 years in the travel industry as a Director of Business Development. She now enjoys sharing her love of travel and connecting with new people on her tours. Her journeys have taken her across Europe, including Italy, Ireland, Greece, Portugal, and Great Britain. She has hiked glaciers in Iceland, kayaked off Newfoundland and British Columbia, and skied in the Rocky Mountains. Karen's adventures have also taken her to Australia, Hawaii, and throughout the Caribbean and Central America. One of her most memorable experiences was joining the Junkanoo festival in the Bahamas. Beyond sightseeing, Karen is passionate about learning about different cultures and histories. She values giving back and counts her volunteer work in Malawi, where she helped Women for Fair Development create a strategic plan, among her most rewarding experiences.



FEB 11, Tuesday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members from across Canada gather in Toronto for the overnight flight to Cairo.

FEB 12, Wednesday

CAIRO

Upon arriving in Cairo this morning, we are met and transferred to our deluxe hotel, located close to the airport. Our rooms are ready for immediate occupancy. The remainder of the day is at leisure until we gather for dinner this evening. **Cairo Marriott Hotel** or similar (3 nights) D

FEB 13, Thursday

CAIRO

Our day starts in Islamic Cairo, visiting Saladin's 12th-century Citadel, the City of the Dead, and the Alabaster Mosque before heading to the Coptic Quarter. Explore the Coptic Museum, Abu Serga Church, and the El Mouallaga (Hanging) Church. The rest of the day is at leisure until our evening Nile River cruise, which features dinner and live entertainment. BLD

FEB 14, Friday

CAIRO / MEMPHIS / SAKKARA

Sakkara, a UNESCO World Heritage site located 30 km south of Cairo, served as the burial ground for the ancient city of Memphis, now in ruins. Discover various pyramids

scattered across the countryside, including the famous stepped pyramid of Djoser, the oldest known stone building, and a small sphinx. On the way back to Cairo, visit a papyrus workshop to learn about the pharaohs' calligraphy, write your name in hieroglyphics, and receive a certificate on papyrus paper. BLD

FEB 15, Saturday CAIRO / LUXOR

Early this morning, a brief flight takes us to Luxor, the site of ancient Thebes, the pharaohs' capital from the 16th to 11th centuries B.C. Explore Egypt's most impressive ancient site, Karnak Temple, marvelling at its Hypostyle Hall, Sacred Lake, Temple of Khonsu, and Chapel of Ramesses III. We then embark on our deluxe Nile river cruise in time for lunch and relaxation on board.

ms Royal Olivia Signature or similar (7 nights) BLD



Marvel at the columns at the Karnak Temple

FEB 16, Sunday WEST BANK / NILE CRUISE / EDFU

At dawn, you can opt for a hot air balloon ride over the world's largest open-air museum (\$125 USD per person, conditions permitting, price subject to change). Later, we will explore the Valley of the Kings. Since Howard Carter opened King Tut's tomb, the burial rites of ancient Thebes have fascinated the world. Visit several tombs, including the newly opened and beautifully decorated Tomb of King Seti I. At the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, built into the towering cliff face, admire its three terraces connected by long ramps. Finally, we will see the massive twin statues of the Colossi of Memnon, representing King Amenhotep III. Relax over lunch as we sail through the Esna lock to Edfu. BLD



Temple of Hatshepsut

FEB 17, Monday EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN

Early this morning, we will take a horse-drawn carriage ride to the 2,000-year-old Ptolemaic Temple of Horus. As the second largest temple in Egypt after Karnak, this well-preserved temple from the Greco-Roman period offers a fantastic opportunity to experience the grandeur of ancient Egypt. After a brief stop in Kom Ombo, we will sail to Aswan, the traditional homeland of the Nubians. Tonight enjoy dinner and a traditional Gallabiyah party. BLD

FEB 18, Tuesday ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL

This morning we fly to Abu Simbel. There, we will see the massive temples built by Ramesses II, one of Egypt's greatest pharaohs. These rock-cut temples were relocated to avoid submersion due to the construction of the Aswan High Dam. They marked the southern boundary of the Egyptian Empire at the height of the New Kingdom's power, showcasing the strength of Egypt's rulers. Upon returning to Aswan, we will visit the High Dam before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure to explore the modern centre of Aswan. BLD



Visit a Nubian Village

FEB 19, Wednesday ASWAN

Board a felucca, a traditional river sailing boat, to reach Kitchener Island and visit the Botanic Gardens. This afternoon, take a short boat ride to Agilika Island to see the Temple of Philae. Finally, visit Aswan's quarry, home to the famous Unfinished Obelisk, a 41-metre-long slab of granite. BLD

FEB 20, Thursday ASWAN / KOM OMBO / EDFU

Cruise to Elephantine Island to visit a Nubian Village and learn about the life, history, and culture of the Nubians at the Animalia Centre. At a local school, we will interact with the students and teachers, joining a fun class to learn basic words and numbers. After walking through the village, enjoy a traditional lunch in a Nubian home. Later, cruise to



Sail on a felucca along the Nile

Kom Ombo to visit the well-preserved Roman-style Temple of Sobek, guarded by two large black granite statues of Horus. Explore the archeological museum dedicated to the crocodile-head god Sobek. The rest of the day is at leisure. BLD

FEB 21, Friday **EDFU / LUXOR**
 Enjoy a cooking class onboard as we cruise the Nile. After passing through the Esna lock, enjoy the scenery as we cruise back to Luxor. Once settled, we will take a horse-drawn carriage along the Corniche to the central market. In the evening, witness a captivating sound and light show at Karnak Temple. BLD

FEB 22, Saturday **LUXOR / CAIRO**
 Visit the stunning Luxor Temple, which dates back to around 1200 B.C., and pass through the Avenue of Sphinxes, marvelling at the phenomenal stonework. After lunch on board, we will fly back north to Cairo. Our hotel for the remainder of our time in Egypt is ideally located on the shores of the Nile. BLD
Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar (3 nights)

FEB 23, Sunday **CAIRO / GIZA**
 Today, we visit the only remaining wonder of the ancient world, the Pyramids of Giza. This impressive complex has fascinated travellers for centuries and puzzled archaeologists with its construction. Take in the breathtaking views of the Pyramids and enjoy an opportunity to ride a camel (approx. \$15 USD). Next, explore the enigmatic Sphinx and learn about this massive lion-bodied, human-headed sculpture. After lunch, we will take a pre-opening tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), featuring highlights like the Hanging Obelisk and the statue of Pharaoh Ramesses II. BLD

FEB 24, Monday **CAIRO**
 This day is dedicated to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, home to over 120,000 relics, including the treasures of King Tutankhamun. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Al Azhar Park, located in old Cairo, with its lush gardens and panoramic city views. The park also features a section of the Ayyubid City Walls, built by Salah El Din between 1176 and 1183 AD. After lunch, we proceed to El Moez Street for a walk through old Cairo to discover the best Islamic medieval treasures, including traditional schools, mosques, and Sabil (ancient public drinking places for both people and horses). Afterwards, visit Cairo's largest market, the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, popular among tourists and Egyptians alike, offering an incredible variety of goods. Stroll through the narrow alleys and practice your bargaining skills. This evening, we will have a special farewell dinner at our hotel. BLD

FEB 25, Tuesday **RETURN TO CANADA**
 We transfer to the airport this morning for flights back to our homes across Canada, bidding farewell to Egypt. B



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CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: This tour includes some long days and travel through environments that will include high temperatures, dust, and sand. There are a number of short internal flights to reach more remote areas of the country.

 **Book by October 31, 2024**
and save \$200 per person 

Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land Only (Join / Leave at Hotel).....	\$7,275
Toronto	\$8,675
Montreal / Ottawa	\$8,865
Halifax / Winnipeg.....	\$8,965
St. John's	\$9,075
Regina / Saskatoon	\$9,025
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$8,965
Victoria.....	\$9,025
Single Supplement	\$2,995

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Final pricing will be advised once flights are confirmed. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room at hotels. Prices are based on a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective July 2024 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum 20 group members.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due November 7, 2024
Deposit is \$950 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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