

AFFORDABLE EGYPT



Egypt is the cradle of a deep-rooted civilization whose history goes back to more than five thousand years. It is the museum of history and the melting pot of the greatest civilizations throughout the ages. On its land the Pharaonic, Greek, Roman, Christian and Islamic Civilizations flourished. Every inch on its land tells a tale or a legend and leaves a riddle that perplexes scientists and thinkers throughout time. On its land there lie treasures which reveal everyday one letter of the alphabet of civilization and mysteries of human miracles in all fields such as mummification and astronomy. In its land arts grew, sciences flourished and holy religions found a safe haven away from persecution, and received a warm embrace of monotheism until they took root and blessed the world with the light of faith

AFFORDABLE EGYPT TOUR ITINERARY 2010 - 2011

Day 1 Saturday

This evening you will board your overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt.

Overnight: En Route (in flight meals)

Day 2 Sunday **Arrival Cairo**

Early arrival gives you time to connect with your flight to Cairo. Arrival in the Land of the Pharaohs. At Cairo International airport you will be welcomed and assisted by our representative and then escorted to your hotel.

Overnight: Barcelo Hotel, Giza or Similar

Day 3 Monday **Full Day Pyramids Tour**

After breakfast we visit the necropolis of Memphis and Sakkara. We also visit the first pyramid to be built; the Step Pyramid of Zoser. After lunch we continue to Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, which have stood for the last 5,000 years. Return back to hotel. Optional sound and Light show at Giza Pyramids.

Overnight: Barcelo Hotel, Giza or Similar (B, L)

Day 4 Tuesday **Full Day Cairo Tour**

After breakfast depart on a morning visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities which includes the world's largest collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb. After lunch, drive to Old Cairo to visit Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church), Ben Ezra Synagogue and the magnificent Mohamed Ali Mosque. En route we stop for lunch.

In the afternoon we visit to Khan El Khalili, the worlds largest 13th century covered oriental bazaar. After we return to the hotel.

Overnight: Barcelo Hotel, Giza or Similar (B, L)

Day 5 Wednesday **Cairo / Luxor**

After checking out of the hotel you will be transferred to Cairo Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your cruise ship where you will spend the next 3 nights / 4 days.

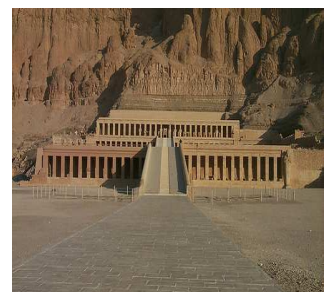
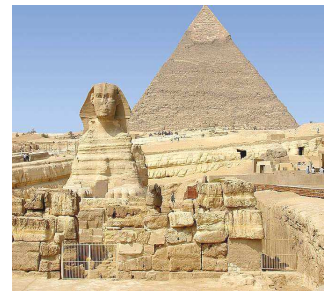
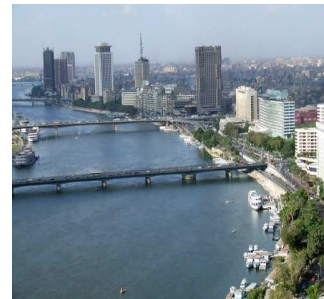
In the afternoon we visit the Karnak and Luxor Temples, a centuries-old city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues, shrines and obelisks. In the evening you have an optional Sound & Light Show at the Karnak Temple.

Overnight: M/S Presidential Nile Cruise or similar (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday **Luxor / Esna / Edfu**

After breakfast we disembark and continue with a visit the West Bank including the Valley of the Kings including the historic funeral temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari. Today you will also visit the remarkable statues 'Colossi of Memnon'. After the tour we return to the ship and continue sailing to Esna, through the Esna Lock and finally to Edfu for overnight.

Overnight: M/S Presidential Nile Cruise or similar (B, L, D)



Day 7 Friday Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan

After breakfast we disembark with a visit to Edfu. On arrival we take an exciting horse-drawn carriage ride to the Temple of Horus, the falcon-god, (237 B.C.) This is considered to be the best preserved temple in Ancient Egypt and the second largest after the Temple of Karnak. In the afternoon we visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris, (also known simply as Kom Ombo Temple) dating back from about 180 BC during the Ptolemaic era, with additions made into Roman times. In the evening we sail back to Aswan.

Overnight: M/S Presidential Nile Cruise or similar (B, L, D)



Day 8 Saturday Aswan / Cairo

After breakfast we disembark and continue with a visit to the awesome structure, the High Dam. We continue to the one of the most important and well preserved temples in Egypt, the Temple of Philae. You will get a view of Kitchener's Island botanical garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum by felucca.

Later you will be taken to Aswan Airport for your return flight back to Cairo. Afternoon in Cairo at leisure to do last minute shopping, sightseeing or simply wandering through the city's fascinating streets and byways.

Overnight: Barcelo Hotel, Giza or Similar (B)



Day 9 Sunday Cairo / Depart

Today you will be transferred to Cairo Airport for your flight home.



******END OF SERVICES******

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return.
- You need a visa to enter Egypt. This is obtained on arrival at a cost of US \$15.00 payable in cash.

Included in the land package:

- 4 Nights at the 4* Barcelo Hotel or similar in Giza or Cairo based on bed & breakfast.
- All Hotel Taxes.
- Roundtrip transfers within Egypt by private car including handling & portorage.
- Domestic flights Cairo / Luxor – Aswan / Cairo
- Meals as per itinerary (B=breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)
- Full day Pyramids tour visiting Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis & Sakkara, the Step Pyramid including Lunch
- Full day city tour visiting Egyptian Museum, Mohammed Ali Mosque (Alabaster), Old Cairo and Ben Ezra Synagogue, Hanging Church as well as Khan El Khalili Bazaar including Lunch
- 3 Nights aboard the 5* M/S Presidential Nile Cruise or similar based on full board with all shore excursions (subject to change depending on ship type and dates)
Karnak & Luxor temples

The Valley of the Kings, El Deir El Bahari, Hatshepsut's Temple & Colossi of Memnon in Luxor

Visit to the Komombo Temple & Edfu Temple

The High Dam and visit to the Philae Temple in Aswan.

- All tours and sightseeing including entrance fees for historical area as mentioned in the program.
- All transfers by private air conditioned coach and with professional driver.
- All tours and sightseeing as mentioned hosted by a professional English speaking Egyptologist.
- All Entrance Fees. (At the Valley of the Kings you will get 3 tickets to enter any of the tombs except Tutankhamen's tomb - this is an extra cost)
- International airfare in economy class. (Excluding taxes of approximately \$475.00 per person subject to change).

Not included in the land package:

- Visa upon arrival US\$15.00
- Air taxes
- High season and Other supplements
- Optional sightseeing.
- Meals not included in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature such as tips, room service, telephone calls, etc
- Any item not listed under included.
- Tips & Personal Items.



EGYPT TRAVEL TIPS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A visa is required for Egypt and may be obtained from the Egyptian Consulate Office in your area. A visa may also be obtained upon arrival in Egypt at a cost of US \$15.00 per person. Please have the correct amount available.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

No immunizations are required, unless you have visited an area infected with smallpox, yellow fever or cholera before arriving in Egypt. When visiting Kenya you will be required to provide a certificate for vaccination for yellow fever prior to re-entering Egypt.

PASSPORT REGISTRATION:

It is important that you register with the Passport department within one week of your arrival in Cairo. Your hotel will normally register your passport and return it within 24 hours.

CURRENCY:

The local currency is the Egyptian pound (LE) LE 1=100 Piasters. Exchange your money at banks or at the counter of your hotel. Black market exchanges are illegal and can cause you much trouble.

CLIMATE:

The best season is from September through June, when the temperature in Cairo is comfortable in the daytime, and cool or even cold at night. Weather in Upper Egypt, Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel is comfortably warm. During the summer months Cairo is hot and dry, Upper Egypt is extremely hot, and sightseeing should be done early mornings.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Winter months: Bring sweaters and a light coat for cool evenings. Women should bring slacks or walking (long) shorts for sightseeing, long sleeved dress, Men should bring a jacket for nightclub visits. Pack a bathing suit if visiting Aswan and Luxor or if taking a Nile Cruise. Summer months: Lightweight clothing, a sweater for cool Cairo evenings. AT ALL TIMES: Modesty in clothing should be observed, wear bathing suits and shorts at the beach or swimming pools only. A good rule is to cover your back and shoulders outside of the hotel area. Women should cover their arms when visiting mosques. Bring comfortable walking shoes for sightseeing and walking on desert sand. Sunglasses, as well as sun visors, hats and scarves are recommended as protection against the strong sun. On a Nile cruise dress is strictly informal.

REMEMBER TO PACK:

Talcum powder to help keep you cool. Mosquito repellent. Sun Block. A flashlight will come in handy for the dim light of the tombs and museums.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

Drink only bottled water with no ice! Eat in the hotel restaurants or in the leading restaurants. Be sure your food is well cooked. Peel all your fruits and eat only vegetables that have been cooked or that you can peel. In the summer months drink plenty of bottled water, carry some with you at all times while sightseeing. Be careful of fruit juices as they may be diluted with local water. Carry a bottle of medication for upset stomachs. Pack sunscreen!

HELPFUL HINTS:

If you are planning to ride camels by the Pyramids, wear slacks or jeans. Do not be tempted to have pictures taken with borrowed headdress.

ELECTRICITY:

220 volts, 50 cycles AC in Cairo and most areas except in Alexandria, in Heliopolis and in Maadi where the electricity is 110 volts AC 50 cycles. Wall plugs are the round, two pronged European type. Bring a converter with you to charge electric razors, camera batteries, etc...

SHOPPING:

Cairo is a shopping adventure. Buy brass, copper, and inlaid wooden articles, silver and gold jewellery, leather shoes, bags and belts, cotton goods and perfumes, have a gold cartouche made with your name written in hieroglyphics. Be sure that the letters are soldered and not glued on. Have a kaftan of pure Egyptian cotton tailor made in two days. Shop at the Khan El Khalili Bazaar for a better variety of interesting and artistic goods. You should be able to bargain prices that were originally quoted to you.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Take plenty of film with you and all the necessary photographic equipment, as these are very expensive in Egypt. You will need flash to photograph inside monuments. The sun is very bright, for outdoor pictures take a light meter and low ASA film. Take high ASA film for indoor shots. You need special permission from the Ministry of Culture and information to take pictures in the Egyptian Museum, some of the Tombs and the Coptic Museum. Keep your camera in a plastic bag to protect it from the fine sand and dust. You cannot photograph bridges, dams, ports, airports and other restricted areas that are clearly marked. Expect to pay small tips for pictures or video filming.

HOLIDAYS:

The weekly day of rest is Friday. Islam is the principal religion of Egypt. Islamic holidays are based on the lunar calendar and change every year.

SHOPS:

9:00AM to 1:00PM and 4:30PM to 7:30PM. Most shops in the Khan El Khalili Bazaar remain open until 9:00PM. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

BANKING HOURS:

8:30AM to 1:00PM and 4:30PM to 7:30PM, every day except Sunday, when hours are 10:00AM to 12NOON. Banks are closed Fridays and Saturdays.

CREDIT CARDS: American Express, Master Card, and Visa are accepted in major hotels and shops; however, most of the Nile Cruises will not accept Credit Cards, SO please make sure to have Egyptian Pounds from any ATM machine the night before you check out of the Nile Cruise.

Suggested Tipping Chart:

Tipping is an expression of satisfaction with the service rendered and is therefore a fairly personal decision. Naturally you will want to leave more than the standard amount when you receive extraordinarily good service. The standard will be as follows:

RATE IN USD PER PERSON			
Transfer Man	\$2	Bus Driver	\$2
Hotel Porters in /out	\$1	Porter at airport	\$1
Horse Carriage	\$2	Felucca Ride	\$3
Cruise Staff Per day	\$4	Guide per day	\$5

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Police: 122
 Ambulance: 123
 Fire: 125

NOT INCLUDED:

On the cruise ship and wherever meals are included, mineral water, tea, coffee, after meal beverages are not included.

On the cruise and in the hotels, personal expenses (i.e. laundry, valet service, cables, telephone calls, postage, etc.), tips to drivers, guides, tour escorts and other services not indicated above are not included.

GUIDEBOOKS ON EGYPT

1. BAEDEKER'S EGYPT
2. BERLITZ: EGYPT
3. EGYPT HANDBOOK by Moon Publications, Inc.
4. FODOR'S EGYPT
5. FROMMER'S EGYPT

Average Temperatures in Egypt												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cairo	57	59	63	71	77	81	82	82	79	75	66	59
Aswan	62	65	72	81	88	92	93	93	89	84	75	65
Luxor	57	61	68	78	86	90	91	90	86	79	69	60
Abu Simbel	63	66	73	82	89	93	94	93	90	85	76	66



BOOKING FORM (1 per traveler)

NAME(S) (As it appears in passport)

SURNAME:

GIVEN NAMES:

DATE OF BIRTH: (day/month/year)

PASSPORT #'S:

PLACE OF ISSUE:

DATE OF ISSUE :

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN:

POSTAL CODE:

HOME PHONE

BUSINESS PHONE:

FAX

EMAIL:

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

CREDIT CARD

VISA ()

MASTERCARD ()

AMERICAN EXPRESS ()

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY DATE:

NAME ON CARD:

SIGNATURE:

Or

CHEQUE: () (pay to: Tourcan Vacations)

INSURANCE:

Yes, I want Deluxe Trip cancellation insurance ()

Yes, I want All inclusive (with medical) insurance ()

No, I do not want Insurance ()

PLEASE NOTE:

At booking time CA \$1500 per person is required. The final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. We urge you to purchase Trip cancellation & medical insurance to protect your self against unforeseen circumstances.

SIGNED:

DATED: