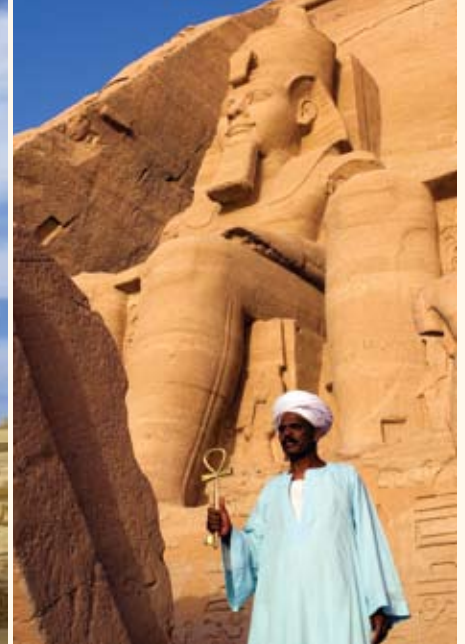




The Great Sphinx, Cairo © Emeco



Great Temple of Ramses II © Rieger/Egypt Tourist Authority

EGYPT

From deep within Africa the Nile carries water to the deserts of Egypt, giving life to the nations which have flourished here for over 5,000 years. Along the banks the ancient pharaohs have left a spectacular testament of immense pyramids, grand temples and painted tombs. More recent conquerors have also made their mark, with domed mosques and minarets, citadels and palaces. Standing amongst the giant pillars of Karnak Temple's hypostyle hall, or watching graceful feluccas glide down the Nile river, it is impossible not to be moved by the grandeur and mystery of this ancient land.

Highlights

Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx; Khan el-Khalili bazaar; Abu Simbel; boat or traditional Dahabiya cruise along the Nile; Valley of the Kings & Queens; Luxor & Karnak Temples.

Culture

The Egyptian culture is as varied as it is colourful, and with over 5,000 years of history there is plenty to keep you occupied.

Climate

Cairo has a milder climate than the southern part of Egypt, however temperatures between May-Oct reach 30°-36°C. The rest of the year is warm to mild, and it can get quite cold at night over the winter months. Luxor and Aswan experience hot weather from Mar-Nov (30°-42°C) and the rest of the year is hot. Nights are cool in winter and hot in summer (24°-26°C).



LEGENDS OF THE NILE

9 days/8 nights

Hotels/Cruise

Departs daily ex Cairo

Tour cost Twin ^{*,A} :	A	B	C	D
06 Jan-31 Mar & 16-30 Apr	\$3197	\$3016	\$2198	\$1633
01 Apr-15 Apr	\$4062	\$3767	\$2799	\$2147
01 May-20 Sep	\$2409	\$2426	\$1872	\$1478

Optional Tour to Abu Simbel: \$371

Supplements to upgrade cruises to Deluxe Cabin/Suite or Cairo hotels to 5 star Deluxe are available on request.

*Minimum 2 people. Single travellers prices on request.

^ATours crossing seasons will be charged accordingly.

Tour operates for a minimum of one client. Single travellers may have their own guide for excursions in Cairo, Aswan and Luxor or join group day tours. All touring on the cruise ship is conducted by the cruise company.

Price per person includes: Transfers, accommodation, meals, and sightseeing as per the itinerary, Nile cruise, guides and admission fees, economy class air ticket Cairo/Luxor and Aswan/Cairo or vice versa.

- Option A** Mena House & Sonesta Star Goddess
- Option B** Sofitel Gezira & Sonesta Star Goddess
- Option C** Cairo Marriott & Sonesta Moon Goddess
- Option D** Ramses Hilton & Ti Yi Emeco Deluxe

Unlock the mysteries of ancient Egypt on this fascinating tour that combines Cairo, Luxor and Aswan with a cruise down the Nile. Discover giant pyramids, temples, and palaces. Select your accommodation and cruise ship from the options above. Cruise ships are featured on the opposite page.

Day 1 Cairo

Transfer from Cairo Airport to your hotel.

Days 2/3 Cairo

Enjoy 2 full days sightseeing including the Egyptian Museum, the historic Citadel of Saladin, Mohamed Ali Mosque and Khan el-Khalili Bazaar. Also visit Memphis, the ancient capital, the step pyramid at Sakkara, which dates from 27 BC, the spectacular Pyramids of Giza and The Great Sphinx. BL

Day 4 Nile Cruiser, Luxor

Morning flight to Luxor and transfer to your Nile cruiser. Afternoon tour of the magnificent Karnak and Luxor temples. Overnight on board. BLD

Day 5 Nile Cruiser, Edfu

Cross the Nile to Thebes on the west bank, home of the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, El Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Afternoon sailing to Edfu via Esna. BLD

Day 6 Nile Cruiser, Aswan

Explore Edfu including the well preserved Temple of Horus before cruising to Kom Ombo, an unusual double temple dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris. BLD



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Felucca on the Nile river between Edfu and Kom Ombo

Day 7 Nile Cruiser, Aswan

Go ashore in Aswan for a tour of the famous Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk and beautiful Temples of Philae. BLD

Day 8 Cairo

Disembark after breakfast with an option of visiting the awe-inspiring Temple of Abu Simbel by air. Afternoon flight to Cairo and transfer to your hotel. B

Day 9 Tour ends

Transfer to Cairo Airport. Tour ends. B

IMPORTANT

Please note the order of the itinerary is governed by the actual sailing day from Luxor to Aswan for the cruise boat you select. Some cruise departures may sail from Aswan to Luxor and the number of nights in Cairo or Luxor can be adjusted to ensure maximum sightseeing.

MIX & MATCH

Feel free to combine any of the hotels here with any of the cruise ships shown. We can mix and match in order to suit your travelling style and budget.



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Philae Temple, Aswan

NILE CRUISE SHIPS

EMECO

Take a 5 day Nile journey aboard one of Emeco's very comfortable cruise ships, the M/S Ti Yi or the M/S Tu Ya. Named after queens of Egypt, the Ti Yi offers 65 and the Tu Ya 67 cabins including some Queen size cabins and 3 suites, all with air-conditioning, private bathroom and panoramic windows. There is a dining room, a lounge/bar and sun deck bar offering BBQ lunches and sundowners next to the swimming pool. Egyptologist guides will interpret Egypt's marvels as you explore the temples and tombs of the Nile.



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M/S Ti Yi



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M/S Ti Yi standard bedroom

SONESTA

Sonesta's Nile Cruise Collection includes five 5 star cruise ships featuring deluxe accommodation and excellent service. Their newest ship, the Sonesta St George I, has 47 deluxe cabins and 10 suites. The luxurious all suite Sonesta Star Goddess has just 33 suites with private terrace. Their 3 other ships, Moon Goddess, Nile Goddess and Sun Goddess offer deluxe ensuite cabins and suites. Each ship has a swimming pool and offers 3, 4 and 7 night cruises between Luxor and Aswan or vice versa. Enjoy guided excursions, nightly entertainment and cultural shows.



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Sun Goddess & Nile Goddess



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Star Goddess standard king cabin

OBEROI

Explore the Nile in luxury on a leisurely 8 day/7 night cruise onboard the beautiful and exclusive Oberoi Zahra. Sleek and contemporary, the Zahra combines elegant interiors and impeccable service with the latest modern amenities. The 25 elegant, spacious cabins and 2 suites have large picture windows, and onboard facilities include fine dining, swimming pool, gym, therapy rooms, theatre and library. Sightseeing is by small luxury coach with an Egyptologist. Please contact us for more information.



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Oberoi Zahra



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Oberoi Zahra luxury cabin



The famous Wildebeest migration © Takims



The Majestic Tutankhamun, Cairo © Gardel/Egypt Tourist Authority

ANTIQUITIES & WILDLIFE

19 days/18 nights

Hotels/Lodges/Cruise

Departs Thursdays ex Melbourne & Sydney

Tour cost per person:

Departure Date* ^A #	Twin	Single
05 Jan	\$8355	\$10298
12, 19, 26 Jan, 02, 09 & 16 Feb	\$8129	\$10072
23 Feb, 01, 08 & 15 Mar	\$7506	\$9383
22 & 29 Mar	\$7128	\$8703
05, 12 Apr	\$7642	\$9538
19, 26 Apr	\$7128	\$8703
03, 10 & 17 May	\$6943	\$8367
24, 31 May, 07, 14, 21 Jun	\$7944	\$9736
28 Jun, 05, 12, 19, 26 Jul, 02, 09 Aug	\$8200	\$10024
16, 23, 30 Aug	\$7974	\$9798
06, 13 Sep	\$7944	\$9736

Optional Tour to Abu Simbel: \$371 per person

*Tours must be fully within the date range for tour cost to apply. Tours crossing seasons will be charged accordingly.

^ATour also available for departure on alternative dates. Itinerary and costs may vary. Please enquire for details.

[#]Clients joining from other Australian cities will require domestic add-on fares. Stopovers in Dubai may be required as flights may not connect to all Australian cities. Airline taxes may vary. Please enquire for details.

Ex Australia price includes: Return economy airfare with Emirates from Australia to Nairobi & Cairo return, airfares Nairobi/Kilimanjaro return, airfares Cairo/Luxor & Aswan/ Cairo, all departure taxes, all transfers, accommodation, meals and sightseeing as per the itinerary and park fees.

Explore the antiquities of Africa on this 19 day tour to Tanzania and Egypt. Combining the scenic beauty and unrivalled game viewing of East Africa with the ancient land of the pharaohs, this itinerary will capture the romance of old Africa for the imaginative traveller.

Day 1 Inflight to Dubai.

Depart Sydney/Melbourne on Emirates to Dubai.



Day 2 Cairo

Arrive Dubai, transfer to flight to Cairo. Arrival transfer to Ramses Hilton or similar.

Days 3/4 Cairo

Two full days of sightseeing including the Egyptian Museum, the Pyramids, the Sphinx and Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt. Nearby is Sakkara, home to the famous Step Pyramid of Zoser. BL

Days 5-8 Nile Cruise

Itinerary as per Days 4 to Day 7 (incl) of the Legends of the Nile tour (see page 110) using the M/S Ti Yi or similar. BLD

Day 9 Cairo

After breakfast we disembark. Optional visit to Abu Simbel. Afternoon flight to Cairo. Transfer to hotel. B

Day 10 Inflight to Nairobi

Day is at leisure before evening transfer to Cairo airport for your overnight flight to Nairobi. B

Day 11 Arusha

Arrive Nairobi and connect with flight to Kilimanjaro airport. Transfer to Arusha Mountain Village Hotel beside Lake Duluti. D

Day 12 Tarangire

Today drive to Tarangire Safari Lodge. Tarangire is famous for the large herds of elephants and plains game attracted to the park in the dry season (Jul-Sep). From March to May we normally stay at Lake Manyara Serena. BLD

Days 13/14 Serengeti

Drive to the vast Serengeti plains, famous for the millions of wildebeest which migrate across it each year. Stay at Serengeti Serena Lodge. From January to March we stay at Serengeti Sopa to take advantage of seasonal game movements. BLD

Days 15/16 Ngorongoro Crater

Transfer to Ngorongoro Serena Lodge with breathtaking views of Ngorongoro Crater, home to over 25,000 animals and often referred to as a 'Garden of Eden'. On day 16 enjoy a half day game drive with picnic lunch on the crater floor. BLD

Day 17 In flight to Dubai

After lunch in Arusha continue to Kilimanjaro for your flight to Nairobi, where you will connect with your overnight flight to Dubai. BL

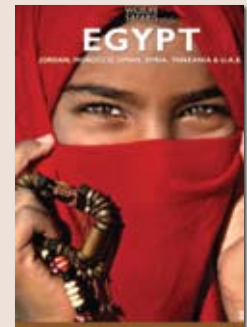
Day 18 Inflight to Australia

Arrive in Dubai to connect with your flight to Australia. Note, you may require a short stopover (additional cost) in Dubai depending on the city you are returning to.

Day 19 Tour ends

Arrive Australia, where the tour ends.

EGYPT BROCHURE



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The famous Pyramids of Giza, Cairo

NILE DAHABIYA

8 days/7 nights

Departs ex Luxor or Aswan

Sonesta departs Luxor Saturdays:

14 & 28 Jan, 11 & 25 Feb, 10 & 24 Mar, 07 & 21 Apr, 05 & 19 May, 02, 16 & 30 Jun, 14 & 28 Jul, 11 & 25 Aug, 08 & 22 Sep, 06 & 20 Oct, 03 & 17 Nov, 01, 15 & 29 Dec

Sonesta departs Aswan Saturdays:

07 & 21 Jan, 04 & 18 Feb, 03, 17 & 31 Mar, 14 & 28 Apr, 12 & 26 May, 09 & 23 Jun, 07 & 21 Jul, 04 & 18 Aug, 01, 15 & 29 Sep, 13 & 27 Oct, 10 & 24 Nov, 08 & 22 Dec

Emeco dahabiya departs Luxor or Aswan Saturdays.

Tour cost per person (Min 2):

	Twin	Single
Sonesta Dahabiya (Cabin)		
07 Jan-31 Mar	\$2744	\$5488
07 Apr-21 Apr	\$3738	\$7483
28 Apr-29 Sep	\$1925	\$3843

Emeco Dahabiya

07 Jan-28 Jan	\$1554	\$2884
04 Feb-31 Mar & 14-28 Apr	\$1757	\$3276
07 Apr Cruise (Easter)	\$1995	\$3773
01-31 May & 01-30 Sep	\$1155	\$2079
01 Jun-31 Aug	\$1057	\$1876

Price per person includes: 7 night cruise on a full board basis and sightseeing.

Return to the gracious era of turn of the century travel and cruise the Nile in style on board a traditional sailing ship called a dahabiya. These boutique sailing boats are fully air-conditioned and carry just 16 passengers. Travel from Luxor to Aswan or vice versa, visiting temples and rural villages on the riverbank, soaking up the spectacular scenery. Each cruise has an English speaking Egyptologist who accompanies on-shore excursions,



Emeco Dahabiya cabin



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Emeco Dahabiya

often assisted by local guides. Dahabiyas are pulled by a tug-boat to ensure a smooth and quiet ride.

Days 1/2 Luxor

Board your dahabiya for a week's cruising on the Nile. With your guide explore the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, the Colossi of Memnon, as well as the temples of Luxor and Karnak. LD/BLD

Day 3 Esna

Sail to Esna. Sonesta: Time at leisure. Emeco: Enjoy a walking tour of the town and Esna temple dedicated to the creator god Khnum. BLD

Day 4 Edfu

Continue on to Edfu and visit the wonderfully preserved Temple of Edfu. BLD

Day 5 Kom Ombo

Lunch on an island en route to Kom Ombo. Overnight mooring on an island. BLD

Days 6/7 Aswan

Visit Kom Ombo, a Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus. Sail leisurely towards Aswan with a bbq lunch on an island. The next day visit the Aswan High Dam and the Philae Temple of Isis. BLD

Day 8 Tour ends

Disembark in Aswan after breakfast. Tour ends. B

DAHABIYA



SONESTA DAHABIYA

Sonesta's boutique sailing boat offers the same high level of accommodation and service as the other Sonesta Nile cruisers. This exclusive boat takes just 16 guests and an almost equal number of staff. It combines both beauty and comfort and offers 6 deluxe cabins and 2 elegant suites with private terrace. Public areas include a lounge, dining room, spacious sundeck and an open air jacuzzi. Explore the Nile's famous temples and tombs from quiet moorings away from the large cruise ships.



EMECO DAHABIYA

Emeco have 4 dahabiyas all named after famous women: the Om Kolthoum, the Agatha Christie, the Princess Grace and the Evita. The dahabiyas are decorated in both traditional and contemporary style and each offers 8 spacious ensuite cabins with large windows. There is a large indoor lounge, dining room and bar area and a spacious outdoor upper deck area with shaded lounge, bar, sundeck and jacuzzi. Each boat has an Egyptologist guide on board, a manager and a full crew of 17 staff.



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Sonesta Dahabiya