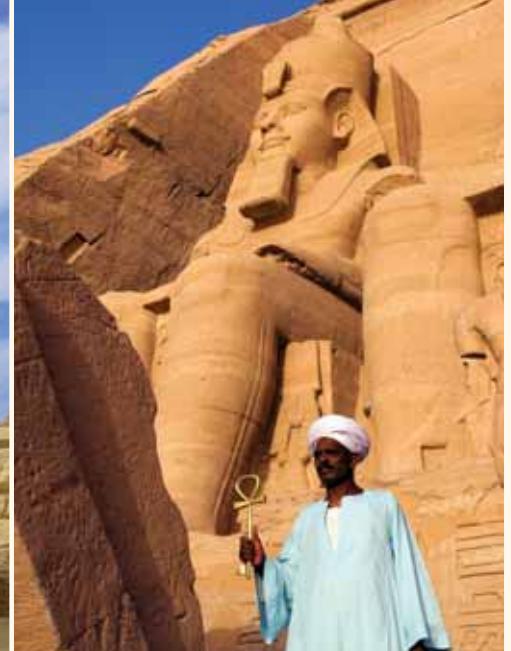




The Great Sphinx, Cairo © Emeco



Great Temple of Ramses II © Rieger/Egypt Tourist Authority

EGYPT

From deep within Africa the Nile brings water to the deserts of Egypt, giving life to the nations which have flourished here for over 5,000 years. On her banks the pharaohs have left their dazzling testament - immense pyramids, graceful temples and painted tombs. Egypt's more recent history has left its testament too - Islamic mosques, citadels and palaces, and ancient Christian churches and monasteries. No traveller, standing in the quiet of Karnak's hypostyle hall, or watching the graceful felucca glide past palm fringed shores, could remain untouched by the grandeur and mystery of this ancient land.

Highlights

Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx; Kah El Khalili bazaar; Abu Simbel; Boat or traditional Dahabiya cruise along the Nile; Valley of the Kings & Queens.

Culture

The Egyptian culture is as varied as it is colourful, and with over 8,000 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

Departs daily ex Cairo

Tour cost Twin:*	Cat AA	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
06 Jan-24 Mar & 12-30 Apr	\$3672	\$3030	\$2504	\$1972
25 Mar-11 Apr	\$4166	\$3556	\$3140	\$2504
01 May-30 Jun & 01-20 Sep	\$3010	\$2244	\$2005	\$1634
01 Jul-31 Aug	\$3101	\$2244	\$2244	\$1738

Optional Tour to Abu Simbel: \$433

Supplements to Upgrade Cruises to Deluxe Cabin or Suite or Cairo hotels to 5 star Deluxe are available on request.

*Minimum 2 people. Single travellers prices on request.

^Tours 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, choice of Nile cruiser, guides and admission fees, economy class air ticket Cairo/Luxor and Aswan/Cairo or vice versa.

- AA Sofitel Gezirah & Sonesta Star Goddess
- A Mena House & Oberoi Philae
- B Cairo Marriot & Sonesta Moon Goddess
- C Ramses Hilton & Ti Yi Emeco Deluxe

Unlock the secrets of ancient Egypt on this fascinating tour that combines the treasures of Cairo, Luxor and Aswan with a romantic cruise along the Nile. Discover immense pyramids, temples, citadels and palaces. Our accommodation categories include a Cairo hotel combined with one of the cruise ships 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 Grand 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 Karnak and Luxor, two of Egypt's most magnificent temples. BLD

Day 5 Nile Cruiser

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 Esna. BLD

Day 6 Nile Cruiser, Aswan

Travel upriver to Edfu to explore its impressive temple before cruising to Kom Ombo, an unusual double temple dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris. BLD



The famous Pyramids of Giza, Cairo

Day 7 Nile Cruiser, Aswan

Sail to Aswan and visit the High Dam, the unfinished Obelisk and beautiful Temples of Philae. Later in the day sail by felucca to papyrus-fringed islands. 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

With 30 years of experience in Egypt, Emeco guarantees that you'll travel the Nile in comfort and style. Enjoy your 4 night Nile cruise aboard their regal flagship, the M/S TI-YI. Named after the great wife of Amenhotep III, a venerated 18th dynasty Egyptian ruler, this deluxe vessel has 59 air-conditioned cabins situated only on the favourable upper decks. There are 3 dining rooms, a lounge and a pool bar perfect for cocktails at sunset, while guest amenities include a pool, jogging track, gym room and spa. Expert 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

Renowned for their hospitality, Sonesta offers round-the-clock service and entertainment on board their cruise ships, from all-day cocktail bars to belly dancing performances. Their 4 night Nile cruises take place on board five sophisticated ships, the Nile Goddess, Moon Goddess, Sun Goddess, Star Goddess (all suite) and St George I, all which feature ensuite cabins, large swimming pools, well-equipped fitness centres and al fresco dining areas. Daytime excursions ashore to Luxor and Aswan's amazing temples are led by Egyptologist guides, while nightly programs include Egyptian cultural shows.

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Sun Goddess & Nile Goddess

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Star Goddess bedroom

OBEROI

Combining elegant interiors and impeccable service with the latest modern amenities, the Oberoi Philae and Oberoi Zahra cruisers reflect all the defining characteristics of the Oberoi Hotels Group. For a 4 night cruise, accommodation is on board the luxurious Philae with 58 ensuite cabins and butler service, while a 7 night voyage can be enjoyed aboard the sleek 25-cabin Zahra, the only ship on the Nile with a full-service spa (details on request). Enjoy quality meals in the ships' restaurants, time out by the pool and daily land tours accompanied by experienced Egyptologists.

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Oberoi Philae

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Oberoi Philae cabin



No camera can capture all the action! © Jean Maxwell

ANTIQUITIES & WILDLIFE

20 days/19 nights

Hotels/Lodges/Cruise

Departs Tuesdays ex Melbourne & Sydney

Tour cost per person

Departure Date**	Twin	Single
06 & 13 Jan	\$10884	\$12593
20 & 27 Jan, 03 & 10 Mar	\$10363	\$12072
03, 10, 17 & 24 Feb	\$10671	\$12561
17 Mar	\$10895	\$12935
24 Mar	\$10867	\$12907
31 Mar	\$10472	\$12077
07, 14 & 21 Apr	\$10113	\$11387
28 Apr, 05, 12, 19 & 26 May	\$9775	\$10849
02 Jun	\$10121	\$11555
09 & 16 Jun	\$10149	\$11583
23 Jun	\$10253	\$11758
30 Jun, 07, 14, 21 & 28 Jul, 04, 11 & 18 Aug	\$10706	\$12556

Optional Tour to Abu Simbel: \$433

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

#Clients joining from other Australian cities may require domestic add-on fares. On day 19 the Emirates flight to Sydney does not connect and a stopover in Dubai will be required for all clients except those returning to Melbourne. Airline taxes may vary.

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

Explore the antiquities of Africa on this 20 day tour to Kenya 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 Nairobi

Arrive Dubai, onward flight to Nairobi. Arrival transfer to The Stanley Sarova Hotel.



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Days 3/4 Samburu/Shaba

Leave Nairobi early morning to reach the Samburu/ Shaba Reserve. We may see some of the colourful, nomadic Samburu people. On our game drives we look for rare northern species such as Grevy's zebra and Reticulated giraffe. BLD

Day 5 Mt Kenya

Early morning game drive and then depart for Mountain Lodge which overlooks a waterhole where forest game come to drink. BLD

Day 6 Lake Nakuru

We continue on to Lake Nakuru in the Rift Valley, famous for its pink flamingos as well as being a rhino sanctuary. BLD

Days 7/8 Masai Mara

Drive to the Masai Mara. This is Kenya's best game park with its myriad of predators: lions, cheetah, leopard and hyena! BLD

Day 9 Nairobi

Morning game drive, mid-morning flight to Nairobi. Overnight at The Sarova Stanley Hotel. B

Day 10 Cairo

Morning tour including the Giraffe Centre, Daphne Sheldrick Orphanage and Karen Blixen Museum. Lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant before transferring to airport for your flight to Cairo. Arrival transfer to Ramses Hilton or similar. BLD

Days 11/12 Cairo

Two full days of sightseeing including the Egyptian Museum, the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. A stop is made at The Citadel, Kah El Khalili bazaar and Mohamed Ali Mosque. Tour through the Egyptian countryside to Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt to visit the Alabaster Sphinx, and the Colossus of Ramses II. Nearby is Sakkara, home to the famous Step Pyramid of Zoser. Lunch is included on each day of touring. BL

Days 13-16 Nile Cruise

Itinerary as per Days 4 to Day 7 (incl) of the Legends of the Nile tour (page 94) using the M/S TI-YI or similar. BLD



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The Majestic Tutankhamun, Cairo

Day 17 Cairo

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

Day 18 In flight to Dubai

Day at leisure before your early evening transfer to Cairo airport for Emirates to Dubai and connecting flight to Australia^.

^Passengers from Sydney and cities other than Melbourne may require an additional stopover in Dubai due to Emirates schedule. Dubai provides excellent opportunities for shopping and exciting desert adventures.

Day 19 Inflight to Australia

Arrive Dubai just after midnight and connect with your onward flight.

Day 20 Tour ends

Arrive Australia, connecting flight to destination.



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The Citadel, Cairo



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Traditional Dahabiya

NILE DAHABIYAS WITH EMECO

8 days/7 nights

Traditional Sail boat

Depart Sundays ex Luxor or Aswan

Tour cost per person (Min 2):	Twin	Single
01 Jan-03 Jan & 28 Mar-05 Apr	\$3374	\$6083
04 Jan-27 Mar & 06 Apr-25 Apr	\$2254	\$4046

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

Relive the days of 19th century Nile travel on board a traditional style dahabiya. Each boat is fully airconditioned and has 8 spacious ensuite cabins, elegant lounge, dining, bar area and outdoor deck bar and jacuzzi. Travel from Luxor to Aswan or vice versa, visiting major temples like Karnak and Edfu as well as rural villages on the riverbank and pristine riverine islets, soaking up the spectacular scenery.

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 temple of Medinet Habu, the Colossi of Memnon, as well as the temples of Luxor and Karnak.

Day 3 Esna

Sailing to Esna. Visit the town and Esna Temple dedicated to the creator god Khnum.

Day 4 Edfu

Sail to Edfu and visit the wonderfully preserved Temple of Edfu.

Day 5 Kom Ombo

Lunch on an island en route as we sail to Kom Ombo. Overnight mooring on an island.

Days 6/7 Aswan

Visit Kom Ombo, a Ptolemaic temple to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus. A leisurely sail towards Aswan with a bbq lunch on an island. Overnight near Aswan. Next day visit the Aswan High Dam and the lovely Philae Temple of Isis rescued from the waters of Lake Nasser.

Day 8 Tour ends

Disembark in Aswan after breakfast.



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Traditional Dahabiya



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Sonesta Dahabiya

SONESTA DAHABIYA

8 days/7 nights

Departs Saturdays ex Luxor or Aswan

Departs Luxor Saturdays:

02, 16 & 30 Jan, 13 & 27 Feb, 13 & 27 Mar, 10 & 24 Apr, 08 & 22 May, 05 & 19 Jun, 03, 17 & 31 Jul, 14 & 28 Aug, 11 & 25 Sep, 09 & 23 Oct, 06 & 20 Nov, 04 & 18 Dec

Departs Aswan Saturdays:

09 & 23 Jan, 06 & 20 Feb, 06 & 20 Mar, 03 & 17 Apr, 01, 15 & 29 May, 12 & 26 Jun, 10 & 24 Jul, 07 & 21 Aug, 04 & 18 Sep, 02 & 16 Oct, 13 & 27 Nov, 11 & 25 Dec

Tour cost per person (cabin):

	Twin	Single
02 Jan-26 Mar & 17 Apr-30 Apr	\$3129	\$6251
27 Mar-16 Apr	\$3752	\$7504
01 May-25 Sep	\$2751	\$5502

Cruise the Nile in style on board Sonesta's boutique sailing boat, offering the same high level of accommodation and service as the other Sonesta Nile cruisers. This elegant and exclusive boat is a return to the gentler and more gracious era of turn of the century travel. Combining beauty and comfort the Dahabiya features 6 deluxe cabins and 2 elegant suites with private terrace, open air jacuzzi, sundeck, lounge, dining room and daily guided excursions.

Day 1 Aswan

Embark in Aswan and overnight on the banks of the Nile near Aswan.

Day 2 Aswan

Visit the Aswan High Dam, the Old Dam, Philae Temple. Overnight moored in Aswan.

Day 3 Kom Ombo

Morning sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Ptolemaic Temple. Overnight moored beside a Nile island.

Day 4 Edfu

Sail to Edfu and visit the wonderfully preserved Temple of Edfu. Overnight moored beside an Island.

Day 5 Luxor via Esna

Leisurely sail to Esna and onwards to Luxor where the Dahabiya will moor overnight.

Days 6/7 Luxor

Guided tour of the West Bank Valley of Kings, Valley of the Queens, Medinet Habu Temple and the Colossi of Memnon. Next day visit Karnak and Luxor Temples. Overnight moored in Luxor.

Day 8 Tour ends Luxor

After breakfast disembark in Luxor.



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Sonesta Dahabiya bedroom

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Feluccas on the Nile River, Aswan