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Ancient & Modern Egypt

(Scheduled Group Departure)

Dates & Pricing:

February 5 - 15, 2026 (\$5,995 per person, + \$1,200 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: February 15 - 17, 2026 (\$845 per person, +\$170 single sup.)

November 5 - 15, 2026 (\$5,995 per person, + \$1,200 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: November 15 - 17, 2026 (\$845 per person, +\$170 single sup.)

January 28 - February 7, 2027 (\$6,295 per person, +\$1,385 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: February 7-9, 2027 (\$885 per person, +\$195 single sup.)

November 4 - 14, 2027 (\$6,295 per person, + \$1,385 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: November 14 - 16, 2027 (\$885 per person, +\$195 single sup.)

Included: 10 nights' accommodation at hotels per itinerary (double occupancy)
1 Egyptologist guide for 9 days
Meals listed in the itinerary: 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 6 dinners
Private transportation throughout the trip
Arrival assistance and transportation to the hotel on tour start date
2 domestic flights from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
Entrance fees, site visits, and honorariums for speakers
Water on bus throughout tour
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International airfare
Travel insurance - highly recommended
Single occupancy supplement
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and Nile cruise staff
Porterage fees and gratuities at hotels and cruises
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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Overview

From ancient marvels to dynamic cities, experience Egypt as few do—through its timeless past and evolving present. Move across desert landscapes, bustling city streets, and along the legendary Nile River aboard a private four-day cruise. Walk in the shadows of the Great Pyramids of Giza, explore sacred temples, uncover the stories of Christian and Islamic Cairo, and move across Luxor’s stunning West Bank. Meet an expert archaeologist and explore the state-of-the-art Grand Egyptian Museum ahead of the crowds. Through meals with local families and dialogue with leading changemakers, this experience goes beyond the iconic, offering a layered journey into the heart of Egypt.

Highlights:

- Guided **street food tour** through Cairo’s vibrant neighborhoods, exploring how food reflects the city’s social and cultural diversity
- Meet a traditional **Egyptian storyteller**, hearing timeless tales passed down through generations
- During your Nile cruise, enjoy an evening of **local music** over a BBQ dinner on an island
- Tour the leafy island district of **Zamalek**, Cairo’s cultural and political hub, uncovering the impacts of colonialism on class and identity
- Discuss recent archaeological discoveries with a **local expert** and make a curated visit to an **art gallery**
- Tour **Manshiyat Naser, aka “Garbage Collectors City,”** an underserved Cairo settlement where the inhabitants build a sustainable economy through recycling
- Visit the **Great Pyramids of Giza** and the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- Sail in style on an **exclusive private dahabiya**, offering an intimate and personalized experience of the Nile



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival - Cairo

Arrive at Cairo International Airport and transfer to your accommodation. Take a walking tour of the **Zamalek neighborhood** for an introduction to post-colonial Egypt and recent development trends. Enjoy a **group welcome dinner** and orientation.

Travelers arriving earlier may opt for individual transfers, pre-stay accommodations, and/or a tour of Sakkara and Memphis.

Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (dinner included)

Day 2: Pyramids and Grand Egyptian Museum

Begin the day at the **Great Pyramids of Giza**, including an optional **camel ride** before seeing the iconic **Great Sphinx**. Have **lunch at a local farm**, tour the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum with a local archaeology student**, then continue on a self-guided exploration of its extensive artifacts and treasures. Return to your hotel with an evening at leisure, with activity recommendations provided.

Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (breakfast and lunch included)

Day 3: Christian Cairo & Neighborhood Sustainability

Explore **Coptic Cairo** including **the Hanging Church**, the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, and the **Coptic Museum**. Head to **St. Samaan Church**, then tour **Manshiyat Naser** with a local resident to discuss life in this **"Garbage City,"** an underserved neighborhood where the community has taken initiative to create a sustainable economy through recycling trash. Walk through **Khan Al Khalili** and **Al-Moez**, then **meet with a local journalist** or leader of an NGO.

Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (breakfast and lunch included)



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Day 4: Islamic Cairo, Travel to Luxor

Tour the historic **Cairo Muhammad Ali castle** and meet with an **Imam at the Al Azhar/Sultan Hassan mosque** for a discussion on local religious life. After a lunchtime **food tour** featuring authentic Egyptian food, fly to Luxor and check in to your accommodations. Head into town to see the **Luxor Temple** by night.

Hotel: Pavilion Hotel, Luxor (breakfast and lunch included)

Day 5: Luxor West Bank

Traverse the West Bank, with visits to the **Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut Temple** and the **giant Colossi of Memnon**, including **Ramesses V**, the **VI tombs** and the **tomb of Tutankhamun**. Meet with **an expert archaeologist** at one of these key sites to discuss Egypt's past and present, then enjoy a home hospitality lunch and conversation with a local family. Head to an **art gallery** for a visit led by the curator or local artist and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Optional: Hot-air balloon ride over Luxor (\$150 per person)

Hotel: Pavilion Hotel, Luxor (breakfast and lunch included)

Days 6-9: Sailing on a Private Nile Cruise

This morning, visit the **Karnak Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most significant and extensive religious sites in ancient Egypt. After visiting the **Luxor Temple**, board the **private Nile Cruise, called a "Dahabiya"**. Derived from the Arabic word "Dahab," which means gold, it reflects historical opulence and luxury associated with these elegant sailboats dating back to the 19th century. Over the following days, cruise the Nile with stops to visit iconic sites including:

- **The Edfu Temple** — the largest temple dedicated to Horus and Hathor of Dendera
- **The Kom Ombo Temple** — a unique temple that has a 'double' design for two sets of gods built by the Ptolemies.
- **One of the small islands on the Nile**
- **The High Dam**, which created Lake Nasser
- **Temple of Philae**, an ancient Egyptian temple complex located on Agilkia Island dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple was originally situated on the island of Philae and was relocated due to the construction of the Aswan High Dam.



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- **A local Nubian village**
- The **Tombs of the Nobles** and **Elephantine Island** as seen during a **Felucca ride**.

In the evenings, hear **local music** on a nearby Island over a BBQ Dinner and meet a **local storyteller** who conveys Egypt's long-lasting tradition.

Morning of Day 9 - Depart early in the morning for an optional tour to **Abu Simbel**, accessible by a 3.5-hour drive. View the magnificent rock-cut temples that were originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century BCE.

Hotel: Dahabiya Cruise, Aswan (daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner included)

Day 10: Cairo

Visit the **Philae complex** and a nearby **Nubian village** before disembarking your cruise. Transfer to the Aswan Airport and fly to Cairo, check into your accommodation. Enjoy a **group farewell dinner** before tomorrow's departure.

Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (breakfast and dinner included)

Day 11: Departure

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your departure transfer to Cairo Airport.

Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)

**If you are planning to stay longer our sales team can arrange additional accommodation and individual departure transfers. Or, Alexandria Extension Tour*



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Optional Extension

Alexandria

Included: 2 nights' accommodation at the following hotels or similar (double occupancy):

- Helnan Palace Hotel, Alexandria - standard rooms

1 Egyptologist guide for 2 days

Meals listed in the itinerary: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches

Private transportation throughout the trip, including one group private departure airport transfer

Entrance fees and site visits

Water on bus throughout tour

Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not

included: International airfare

Travel insurance - highly recommended

Single occupancy supplement

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Start of Extension

The journey continues along the Cairo–Alexandria road with stops in **Wadi El Natrun**, once home to some 60-odd monasteries in the *wadi* which became a sanctuary for Christians after Saint Macarius the Great retreated here in AD360. The **Anba Bishoy Monastery**, named for Saint Bishoi who came to the site to live in solitude. Wander around the gardens and observe the resident monks in their routines, then visit the church itself for expansive views over the desert. Continue to **Alexandria**, founded by Alexander the Great, and often referred to as the Pearl of the Mediterranean. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Hotel: Helnan Hotel or Similar, Alexandria (lunch included)

Day 2: Alexandria

Spend the day exploring **Alexandria**, Egypt's second-largest city. Visit Pompey's Pillar and the **Catacombs of Kom El Shuqafa**, a Roman burial site dating back to the 2nd century that wasn't discovered until 1900 when, allegedly, a donkey fell through a hole in the ground. Continue to the **Great Library of Alexandria** (now the Bibliotheca Alexandrina), believed by archaeologists to have been the site of the Library of Ptolemies some 1700 years ago. Conclude with a stop at the **Montazah Palace** and **Royal Gardens**, an impressive complex with two royal palaces built during the 19th and 20th centuries. Spend the evening by the water wandering along **The Corniche** or relax back at the hotel.

Hotel: Helnan Hotel or Similar, Alexandria (breakfast and lunch included)

Day 3: Departure

Check out and transfer to the Alexandria airport or back to Cairo (*one group transfer included to both destinations*).

Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)