

# Enchanting Egypt

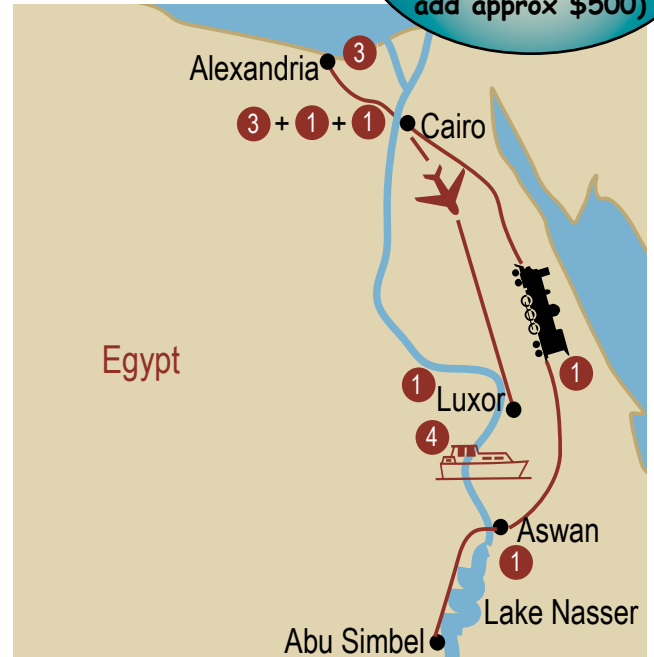
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Including Flights!  
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## Day 1/2: Australia—Cairo (Meals On Flights) 2 & 3 November 2010

Today our Northern Highland Travel group will depart the Hunter and Central Coast on our way to Sydney International Airport where we will board our flight to Cairo. We have booked group flights with Singapore Airlines to arrive in Cairo on Wednesday 3rd November. Routing will be via Singapore and Dubai. We will arrive early in the morning to be **welcomed by our English Speaking guide** and transferred to our Hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore your five star resort. A list of optional excursions and ideas will be forwarded to you with your travel documents. Dinner is at your own expense tonight. Dinner cruises are available at additional cost and this will be advised to you on your tour, or you may decide to eat at our hotel.

**Sofitel Sphinx 0011 202 3377 6444 (4 nights)**



## Day 6: Cairo—Luxor (B)

We **fly to Luxor** where we will be met by a guide and transferred to our hotel. This afternoon **we visit the Luxor and Karnak Temples** on the East Bank of Thebes. Luxor Temple was built in the heart of the ancient city of Thebes and is connected to Karnak Temple. It is the largest temple complex ever built by man, and represents the combined achievement of many generations of ancient builders. Dinner is at your own expense tonight.

**Sofitel Karnak 0011 2095 237 8020**

## Day 7: Nile River Cruise (BLD)

This morning we board our **Nile River Cruise Ship** which will be our home for the next four nights. We cross to the Nile's West Bank, to **visit the world's largest open air museum**. Following this **we visit the Necropolis of Thebes, Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon**. The Colossi of Memnon is an imposing monument, the remains of two gigantic statues built to guard the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. Our tour includes **entry to the Tomb of King Tut Ank Amun in the Valley of the Kings**.

**5 Star Deluxe Nile Cruise (Ship TBC) (4 nights)**

## Day 8: Nile River Cruise (BLD)

Today we sail to Esna, and then continue to Edfu where **we visit the Temple of Horus**, one of the best preserved ancient temples and the second largest after Karnak in Luxor.

## Day 9: Nile River Cruise (BLD)

This morning we will sail to Kom Ombo, and then in the afternoon **we visit the Temple of Kom Ombo**, dedicated to the Gods of Sobek and the Falcon God Haroeris. It is home to an unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. The temple changes colour as the sun moves over it.

## Day 10: Nile River Cruise (BLD)

This morning we see the highlights of Aswan including the **High Dam, an engineering miracle built in 1960, the Unfinished Obelisk and the majestic Temple of Philae**. This afternoon we **enjoy a relaxing trip on the Nile on a traditional felucca sail boat, cruising around Kitchener's Island and the Agha Khan Mausoleum**.

## Day 3: Cairo—Free Day (BD) 4 November 2010

Our hotel is nestled in the Pyramid area, Cairo, only 3km from the Sphinx and with easy access to the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Egyptian Museum with its famous collection of antiquities, and its bustling city bazaars, where you are sure to find a bargain! Today can be spent at your leisure exploring this amazing city known as the "Cradle of Civilization", or perhaps enjoy one of the many optional tours available. The sound and light show gets great reviews.



## Day 4: Great Pyramids of Giza (BD)

Today we will explore the Great Pyramids of Giza! **Our Fully Guided Tour includes entry to see the inside of the Great Pyramid, the Hall of Mummies at the Egyptian Museum, and the entry fee to the Solar Boat Museum in the Pyramids area**. We will have time to wander around the Sphinx for wonderful views of this amazing monument. **Our Local tour guide is an Egyptologist who will enhance our experience and ensure that we are able to get the most from our visit**. Sphinx. This afternoon we will freshen up before **Dinner at a local restaurant**.

## Day 5: Cairo (BD)

We start the day with a **guided tour to Old Cairo**, and the old mosques of Egypt including Amr Ibn Alass, the first mosque built in the country. On our tour, we see the **Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali**. Afterwards we will visit the **Moualqa Church and the Jewish Temple**. This afternoon is free before **dinner at a local restaurant**.

### Day 11: Abu Simbel—Aswan (BD)

This morning we disembark our Cruise Ship and travel by coach for a **guided tour of the amazing temples of Abu Simbel**, marvels of repeated engineering. When Aswan's High Dam was completed, the temples were in danger of being submerged in the newly formed lake so a massive international effort initiated by UNESCO raised the money to move the temples, stone by stone to higher ground. This entire project took five years! We **explore the stunning temples before returning to Aswan**. Tonight we **enjoy dinner at a local restaurant**.

**Basma Hotel 0011 209 7231 0901**



### Day 12: Aswan—Overnight Train (BD)

Aswan is one of the most relaxing and scenic cities in Egypt. Horse-drawn carriages parade along the Corniche, and fellucas drift down the river against a backdrop of sand dunes. Today is at leisure in Aswan. There will be a number of optional tours available, including a visit to a Nubian Village.

This evening we are transferred to the train station to board our **overnight sleeper train to Cairo**. Dinner is similar to be served on board, however the food is quite basic, so you may want to bring a few snacks along.

**Overnight Sleeper Train**

### Day 13: Cairo (BD)

This morning we will arrive into Cairo at the train station. Breakfast will be served on board. We have an amazing day ahead as we visit the **ancient step pyramids of Sakkara**, where every 30 years Pharaohs would need to endure amazing tests of strength and stamina to prove they still had the power to rule. We continue to Memphis, the site of the ancient capital of Egypt. Here we will **visit a giant statue of Remises II**. This afternoon is free to further explore Cairo or relax at our hotel, before enjoying **dinner at a local restaurant**.

**Ramses Hilton 0011 202 2577 7444**



### Day 14: Cairo—Alexandria (BD)

After breakfast, we transfer to Alexandria, the "Pearl of the Mediterranean" and second largest city in Egypt. This morning **we visit Pompeys Pillar and the Catacombs** before stopping for lunch (own expense). Our sightseeing continues **this afternoon when we visit the Bibliotheca (New Library of Alexandria), the Citadel of Qaitbei and the Montzah Palace**.  
**Sheraton Montzah 0011 203 548 0550 (3 nights)**

### Day 15: Alexandria—El Alamein (BL)

We depart the hotel after breakfast, following the route of Field Marshall Montgomery along the Mediterranean coast towards El Alamein, which is known for its serenity, its fascinating scenery and mild climate. El Alamein is historically recognised as the site of the most decisive battle that raged during World War II. We **visit the battlefields** where Rommel's advance on Cairo was halted, and **the Commonwealth War Cemetery** which includes 7,367 tombs of war victims from Britain, New Zealand, Australia, France, India and Malta.

### Day 16: Alexandria Free Day (BD)

Today is yours to explore the city of Alexandria. Explore the city walking on foot, or visit the famous market of Mahat Al Raml. We regroup for **dinner at a local restaurant**.

### Day 17: Alexandria—Cairo (BD)

Today we drive to Cairo where we visit the **Egyptian Museum and Khan El Khalily Old Market**. This afternoon we will check into our hotel before a special **farewell dinner**.

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### Day 18/19: Cairo—Home (B, Meals On Flight) 11

Our tour ends this morning after breakfast when we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Sydney, arriving back in Sydney at around 8pm. Those travelling to Hornsby, the Central Coast and the Hunter, will be met by the Northern Highland Travel Coach to be transferred back to your pick up points.

If you are travelling from Queensland or one of our other destinations, we can arrange flights for you to travel with the rest of the group from Sydney. Please contact us to arrange this.

#### Tour Includes:

- \* Australian Tour Escort for all Touring & Sightseeing
- \* Local Egyptologist Guide for the Whole Tour.
- \* Hotels as specified & Nile Cruise Accommodation
- \* Sleeping Train and Egyptian Domestic Flight Reservations
- \* Entry fees to all attractions listed in the itinerary.
- \* Meet & assist at all airports, train stations, hotels and check in/out
- \* 15 Breakfasts, 12 Dinners and 5 Lunches plus Flight Meals
- \* All transfers and sightseeing by airconditioned Bus (# seats).
- \* English Speaking Local Guide
- \* Medical Kit and Instructions
- \* SIM Telephone card with local telephone number with \$5USD Credit (100 texts, 61 local calls or 10 minutes international calls).
- \* Tipping for hotel staff, Nile Cruise Staff, Guides and Porters
- \* Porterage

#### Tour Price Does Not Include:

- \* Visa Entry Fee to Egypt, we can help you to arrange this.
- \* Any Personal Expenses.
- \* Anything not mentioned in the above itinerary.