

12 Day Off The Beaten Path Egypt Tour With Nile Cruise

📍 Cairo, Egypt



This 12-day off the beaten path Egypt tour crosses Middle Egypt before joining a four-night Nile cruise. Beyond Cairo and Luxor, it includes Fayoum, Minya, Beni Hassan, Amarna, Assiut, Abydos and Dendera, followed by Edfu, Kom Ombo, Abu Simbel and Aswan.

Tour Facts

Language:
Arabic, English

Duration:
12

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival to Egypt / Start Your Vacation

Following arrival and hotel check-in, the evening features an atmospheric Dinner Cruise on the Nile

river with traditional shows, belly dancing, and Tannura spin. Guests are then driven to their hotel.

Day 2 : Giza Pyramids & Museum Tour

A guided day explores the Giza Pyramids Complex with its three iconic pyramids, including The Great Pyramid of Khufu, The Great Sphinx, and The Valley Temple used for mummification. After lunch guests visit The Grand Egyptian Museum with its Tutankhamun treasures and The Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square before an overnight in Cairo.

Day 3 : Travel to Fayoum and El Minya

An early drive to Faiyum brings guests to Lake Qaroun and Wadi Rayan with its waterfalls and desert scenery. After lunch they continue to El Minya for an overnight at a 5-star hotel.

Day 4 : Explore El Minya Highlights

The El Minya day visits the necropolis of Tuna El Gabal with the tomb of Pet-Osiris, then El Ashmunein, the ancient cult center of Thoth with its baboon statues. Guests also explore the Middle Kingdom tombs of Beni Hassan before returning to the hotel after lunch.

Day 5 : Witness Tel Al Amarna and Assuit

Guests visit Tel Al Amarna, the city built by Akhenaton and Nefertiti with its royal tombs and palaces, then travel to Assuit to see Al Muharraq Monastery, where the Holy Family settled. The day continues to the ancient cemetery at Meir Village before transfer to Abydos for the night.

Day 6 : Visit Dendara & Abydos Temple

After breakfast guests visit the Abydos Temple dedicated to Seti I, home of the Abydos King List, then the largely Ptolemaic and Roman Dendera Temple dedicated to Hathor. They then transfer to Luxor for an overnight at a 5-star hotel.

Day 7 : Start Nile Cruise/ Visit Karnak & Luxor Temple

The Nile cruise begins in Luxor with the East Bank's Karnak Temple and its Avenue of Sphinxes and hypostyle hall. After boarding the cruise and lunch, guests visit Luxor Temple by Night, built for the rejuvenation of kingship, and spend the night onboard.

Day 8 : Explore Highlights of West Bank

The West Bank day explores the Valley of the Kings with its decorated royal tombs, the Hatshepsut Temple at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Memnon. The cruise then sails to Edfu with lunch and dinner onboard and an overnight on the cruise.

Day 9 : Edfu and Kom Ombo Trip

A horse carriage carries guests to the Edfu Temple devoted to Horus, then the cruise sails to the twin Kom Ombo Temple honoring Sobek and Haroeris. The vessel continues to Aswan with dinner onboard.

Day 10 : Trip to Abu Simbel Temples

An early departure leads to the Abu Simbel Temples of Ramses the Great, celebrating his victory at Kadesh, with the smaller temple dedicated to Queen Nefertari. Guests then return to the cruise for the rest of the day, with lunch and dinner onboard.

Day 11 : Tour to Best of Aswan

After check-out guests explore Aswan's landmarks: the Aswan High Dam, The Unfinished Obelisk of red granite, and the Philae Temple dedicated to Isis. After lunch they fly to Cairo for an overnight at a 5-star hotel.

Day 12 : Final Departure & Fly to Home

After check-out guests transfer to Cairo International Airport to catch the flight home and end the package.