



Cleopatra VII

"Be it known that we, the greatest, are miss thought"

Egypt - Spiritual walk through the ancient of days

MAGICAL MYSTICAL EGYPT.....

Most people who think of Egypt think of antiquities, but Egypt offers much more. Certainly it is a prime location to see our great heritage from the ancient world, including Pyramids and wonderful temples, but it is also part of the Holy Land, and tours to Christian and other religious monuments are popular. Yet Egypt also offers nature and desert treks, great scuba diving and even golf, fishing and birding expeditions. One may choose to relax on the wondrous Egypt Red Sea or Sinai coasts, take in the high culture of Cairo, or even leisurely float down the Egyptian Nile on a luxurious river boat.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival at Cairo International Airport. Meet and greet your local English speaking guide. Time to relax, programme as per your guide. Overnight in Cairo at the 4* Oasis Hotel

Day 2: Full day excursion Pyramids of Giza. In the afternoon transfer to Cairo Railway Station and board the overnight train to Aswan.

Day 3: Arrival Aswan in the morning and transfer to famous Aswan Dam. Enjoy one of the largest dams build in Africa. It is not only a very historical political dam project but also lifeline of the people living in this region. Visit Unfinished Obelisk located in Northern Quarry which still lies where a crack was discovered as it was being hewn from the rock. Possibly intended as a companion to Lateran Obelisk, originally at Karnak but now in Rome, weighed over 2.3 million pounds and been the worlds largest piece of stone ever handled. Visit Philae, main temple complex relocated from that island, after High Dam was built, to the island of Agilika. In the afternoon board 5* cruise ship and the start of an amazing Nile cruise. 3 nights on board Spring Tour cruise ships

Day 4: Today is a day of leisure on board of our cruise ship. We are going from Kom Ombo to Edfu and overnight again on board.

Day 5: Edfu was the Greek city of Apollinopolis Magna, and is a religious and commercial center. Located about 33 miles south of Isna and 65 miles north of Aswan, this is a friendly town which produces surgar and pottery. It is also a hub of a road network. It was the capital of second nome (Horus) of Upper Egypt. Main attraction here is the Temple of Horus, considered by most to be the best preserved cult temple in Egypt, but there is a mound of rubble to the west of the Temple which is probably the original old city of Djeba. Back to our cruise ship and sail the Nile to Luxor. In Luxor another visit of a magnificent temple. Overnight on board the cruise ship.

Day 6: Disembarkation in Luxor. Visit of the famous Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Karnak Temple. After visit we by bus to the Red Sea to spend wonderful 3 nights at 4* Safir Hotel.

Day 7 and Day 8: Two Days at leisure at the Red Sea in Hurghada, from a small fishing village to become the foremost tourist resort of the Red Sea coast and an international centre for aquatic sports. If it takes place in or on the water you can do it here: windsurfing, sailing, deep-sea fishing, swimming, but, above all, snorkeling and diving. Unique underwater gardens offshore are some of the finest in the world, justifiably famous amongst divers. The warm waters here are ideal for many varieties of rare fish and coral reefs, which may also be observed through glass bottom boats. Relax, enjoy the beach in one of the amazing areas the world.

Day 9: Early morning departure, by coach to Cairo. Overnight in Cairo at the 4* Oasis Hotel

Day 10: Cairo, the Triumphant City, known officially as al-Qahirah, one of the world's largest urban areas and offers many sites to see. It is the administrative capital of Egypt and, close by, is almost every Egypt Pyramid, such as the Great Pyramids of Giza on the very edge of the city. But there are also ancient temples, tombs, Christian churches, magnificent Muslim monuments, and of course, the Egyptian Antiquities Museum all either within or nearby the city. Cairo, Egypt is an amazing city full of life and movement, and it is that way almost 24 hours every day, with the noisy honking of horns, children playing in the streets and merchants selling their wares and services. And here, the Egyptians are most at home in this powerful, modern and ancient city. After a day in Cairo we go by coach to the old city of Alexandria at the Mediterranean Sea. Overnight in Alexandria at the 4* Mercure Romance Hotel

Day 11: Tour of Alexandria: Second largest city in Egypt, Alexandria, known as "The Pearl of the Mediterranean", has an atmosphere that is more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern; its ambience and cultural heritage distance it from the rest of the country although it is actually only 225 km. from Cairo. Founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC, Alexandria became the capital of Graeco-Roman Egypt, its status as a beacon of culture symbolized by Pharos, legendary lighthouse that was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The setting for the stormy relationship between Cleopatra and Mark Antony, Alexandria was also centre of learning in the ancient world. Ancient Alexandria declined, and when Napoleon landed, he found a sparsely populated fishing village. From the 19th century Alexandria took a new role, as a focus for Egypt's commercial and maritime expansion. Alexandria has been immortalized by writers such as E-M- Forster and Cavafy. Generations of immigrants from Greece, Italy and Levant settled here and made the city synonymous with commerce, cosmopolitanism and bohemian culture. After the tour, return by coach to Cairo and overnight again at the 4* Oasis Hotel

Day 12: Time at leisure. Transfer to Cairo Airport for departure to your destination.

Rates:

From R 9 990,00 per person sharing.
Single Supplement: R 2125,00

Prices include the following

- 3 nights accommodation Cairo at Oasis hotel www.oasis.com.eg or similar 4* hotel.
- Sleeping train Cairo / Aswan (based on twin berth cabin) including snack dinner + continental breakfast.
- 3 nights accommodation on one of 5* Spring Tours Nile Cruises Aswan / Luxor www.springtours.com
- 3 nights accommodation Hurghada at Safir hotel or similar 4* hotel.
- 1 night accommodation Alexandria at Mercure Romance or similar 4* hotel.
- All airport / stations transfers in Cairo and Aswan as per program.
- Drive Luxor / Hurghada.
- Drive Hurghada / Cairo.
- Drive Cairo / Alexandria / Cairo.
- Excursions as per above suggested itinerary.
- Porterage.
- English speaking guidance / rep. when and where necessary.
- Current VAT tax.
- 1 pax FOC for a minimum 15 paying pax.

Please note the following:-

- Prices are valid during the period from 01 Nov 2009 till 30 Apr 2010 except Christmas, New Year and Easter periods (19 Dec – 04 Jan & 27 Mar – 10 Apr) during which a supplement of US\$ 60 per person will be added to all quoted prices (no FOC).
- Arrival day to Cairo should be Saturday or Monday to match with 3 nights cruise sailings operated on Mondays and Wednesdays

NOT INCLUDED

- Any item not listed above.
- Compulsory New Year dinner at Hurghada hotel on 31 Dec which costs per person US\$ 100 (no FOC).
- International Airfares

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