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# **UNCOVER THE HEART OF EGYPT** *Culture and history along the legendary Nile River*





# "FIRST THERE WAS EGYPT, AND THEN HISTORY BEGAN."

- Egyptologist Hazem, February 2024

A true bucket-list destination, Egypt enchants visitors with its natural beauty, rich culture, and ancient history. Immerse yourself in a golden desert stretching as far as the eye can see, accented by the crisp blue streak of the Nile River and temple ruins rising out of the sands. Feast on delicious Mediterranean fare, embraced by a culture that places high importance on generosity and hospitality towards guests.

It doesn't take a history buff to be left speechless by the monumental significance of Egypt's historical sites. The sheer size of the temples and pyramids, coupled with the often unbelievable level of preservation they've maintained over thousands of years, is a transformative sight to see up close.

What we hear time and time again from our guests is that Egypt defies both expectation and explanation. In this mini-brochure, we'll lean on our passion for this awe-inspiring destination to paint a vivid picture of Egyptian travel. We hope you'll be as inspired as we are. Ultimately, Egypt simply has to be seen to be believed.

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# THE SMART WAY TO SEE EGYPT

Never miss out

Uniworld is a world-renowned river cruising line with decades of expertise in crafting the best itineraries on the rivers of the world. No detail was overlooked in creating this 12-day cruise and land tour to thoroughly introduce you to the sights, customs, and flavors of Egypt.



### THE COMPLETE PACKAGE

Your cruise/tour package comes with thoughtful inclusions that Uniworld provides: exciting and educational excursions at every port, all meals onboard your ship, complimentary house wine and beer served during lunch and dinner, a daily Happy Hour with an included cocktail, airport transfers at the beginning and end of your journey, and all gratuities.



## **AUTHENTIC AND IMMERSIVE**

Venture past Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza for the fullest experience of this magnificent country. Explore the greatest monuments to ancient Egypt, including visits to no less than 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with an expert Egyptologist, and return each day to cruise aboard the most Egyptian ships on the Nile.



#### **INTIMATE AND EXCLUSIVE**

They say that the best things come in small packages, and nowhere is that piece of wisdom more true than in the world of travel. Our small ship cruises offer boutique luxury, an exceptionally low guest-to-crew ratio, personalised service, privileged access to interesting experiences, and the chance to really connect with an intimate group of fellow travelers.

# **EVERY LUXURY INCLUDED**

and every desire anticipated

Want for nothing when you get to indulge in this luxurious tour of Egypt. You'll stay at the finest hotel in Cairo and aboard the best ships on the Nile. From our Egyptologist-led local experiences to the delicious cuisine served onboard, the high degree and quality of our inclusions is unmatched.



## ONBOARD

Personalised service with a 1.4-to-1 staff to guest ratio All meals aboard the ship Elegantly appointed and spacious riverview stateroom Personal butlers for Royal Suite guests Complimentary house wine, local spirits and beer served during lunch and dinner Locally inspired onboard entertainment Complimentary coffee, tea, water, and soft drinks anytime Onboard Wellness Programme Shipwide internet and Wi-Fi access All gratuities onboard and onshore



# ONSHORE

4 nights at the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza or The Nile Ritz-Carlton

Immersive and inspiring shore excursions

Visits to 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Excursions led by qualified Egyptologists

Airport transfers greeted by a representative

Internal flights between Cairo and Luxor with private check-in

Small group escorted experiences

"This was a trip of a lifetime and I wouldn't have wanted to do it with anyone but Uniworld. They go above and beyond and have the most amazing and knowledgeable guides." – Kristin D, JANUARY 2024

# WHAT IS IT LIKE TO VISIT EGYPT CURRENTLY?

Hear from guests who have travelled to Egypt in recent months.

We understand that potential travellers may have reservations about visiting Egypt at the moment. However, Egypt remains an incredibly safe destination. To ease your concerns, we've highlighted some of the positive experiences our guests have enjoyed recently. Each week, numerous guests return from Egypt, having had the time of their lives. With Egypt operating as normal, now is a fantastic time to visit and explore this beautiful and historic country.

**66** Our journey to Egypt with Uniworld was nothing less than spectacular! My husband and I were so impressed from start to finish as Uniworld made everything so easy in their attention to detail. We loved how there was a Uniworld Rep waiting for us as we got off the plane, he guided us through the immigration process, helped us retrieve our luggage and then took us outside where a vehicle and driver were waiting. The Four Seasons was a wonderful hotel and then when our actual tour began it was just perfection on Uniworld's part. There was only 56 guests aboard the S.S. Sphinx and we were all treated so well. In all honesty, we could not find one single thing that we could fault Uniworld on. The decor, food, entertainment and staff on the ship were all amazing. We has a wonderful Egyptologist to guide us by the name of Sabaa. He was incredibly knowledgeable, kind and simply a terrific human being. We saw everything in Egypt that we had hoped to see and the icing on the cake was Uniworld getting us into Grand Egyptian Museum (they are currently only allowing 300 visitors per day as it is not fully open yet), which was incredible! Uniworld also hosted a farewell dinner on the ship as well as a farewell dinner at the Four Seasons. The talk amongst our group was all 100% positive in how great Uniworld was and we can't wait for our next journey with them. **99** 

Sandra F, APRIL 2024 🛧 🛧 🛧 🛧

**66** Itinerary was fabulous. Some very early starts, but worth it to beat the crowds and the heat. **We (two female friends) felt very safe through the entire trip. Lots of security at the hotel and all tourist sites, along with our own security officer (professional and discreet) who travelled with us to all major sites. Not a single complaint!** Spring Tours (the company who coordinates the Uniworld tours whilst in Egypt) did an outstanding job. A true bucket-list destination, and this tour helped me tick that box. **99** 

Janet O, APRIL 2024 📩 📩 📩 📩

66 The trip was amazing! Can't say enough about all the wonderful sites and history! As usual Uniworld was superb. The Egyptologist was friendly, knowlegeable, and accommodating. The Sphinx ship was beautiful. The crew was super helpful and responsive as usual. Sadly the Middle East situation has severely affected Egypt's tourism. However, we felt perfectly safe. There was no sign of any conflict at all. We're so glad we made the trip. It's one thing to read about temples and pyramids, but quite another to see everything in person. 99

Trusted Customer, MAY 2024 📩 📩 🚖 🚖

**66** Totally enjoyed our trip on the Nile . So many amazing sites to see. I have a new appreciation for Egypt . The ship was beautiful and food excellent. Very fast paced to be able to see all the sites. Our guide Samey was amazing and his knowledge and love of his country really added to our experience. We felt perfectly safe and well cared for the entire journey. We would recommend this trip to friends and family. The staff from the Uniworld staff from the airport pick up through the airport drop off were amazing and met all our needs .We will utilise Uniworld again for sure. **99** 

Trusted Customer, MAY 2024 📩 📩 📩 📩



# THE VERY BEST SERVICE All you'd expect, and beyond expectations

The stars of our trip, our 100% Egyptian crew and certified Egyptologist guides will give you a fun and insightful feel for Egypt's past and present. They bring personalized service at every opportunity, with thoughtful touches to make every guest feel special. And with a maximum guest-to-staff ratio of 1.4-to-1, you'll never want for anything.



"From our first moment boarding the ship, they greeted us with the words 'welcome home." Every one of the staff were focused on the guests. Exceptional service from all departments!" – Debra A, DECEMBER 2023

# **MEET OUR EGYPTOLOGISTS**

With the stories behind the history

Having a local guide whose entire life passion has been studying the very place you are touring makes a world of difference. Every member of the team is a certified Egyptologist, a designation that requires at least 12 years of schooling on the subject. They aren't only available on tours either—they join you at the hotel in Cairo and onboard the ship.





# HAZEM

"The gigantic Temple of Abu Simbel was about to be covered by water when the High Dam was built. Join us to learn the challenge of saving that one-of-the-kind temple by modern Egyptians in 1965."



# ASSEM

"Egypt is not just the land of the pharaohs, it is the land of the Egyptians! Join me onboard the *River Tosca* or the *S.S. Sphinx*, and there I will tell you the true story."



# HANI

"Uniworld ships are one of the few vessels that sail all the way to Dendera Temple with its incredible blue ceiling. The golden sunset while sailing there with the west bank of the Nile backdrop is stunning."

# **LUXOR** The beating heart of ancient Egypt



# **TEMPLE OF KARNAK**

This sprawling temple complex was expanded multiple times across several dynasties, each leaving its own unique footprints. The most astounding feature here is the Great Hypostyle Hall—an imposing forest of 134 enormous sandstone columns in the form of papyrus stalks.



# VALLEY OF THE KINGS

The Valley of the Kings was the final resting place for many of Egypt's greatest pharaohs and has been the source of much of our understanding of Egyptian mythology and burial rites. Rameses II, Thutmose III, and the boy king Tutankhamun and more were entombed here.



# **COLOSSI OF MEMNON**

These two gigantic statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III are each 60 feet tall and depict the pharaoh sitting on his throne, gazing east to watch the rising sun. The statues guard the entrance to Amenhotep III's Mortuary Temple in the Theban Necropolis. Few names of the ancient world evoke the mystery, myth and majesty of Luxor. Here, in the ancient capital of Thebes, you'll find yourself wondering through the gates of antiquity, amongst towering temple columns and stone-faced colossi, feeling history's pulse with every step. Our Egyptologists will provide story and context to bring the legendary past to living, breathing life.



# **TEMPLE OF HATSHEPSUT**

One of Egypt's rare female pharaohs, Hatshepsut is considered by historians to have been one of the most successful rulers of ancient Egypt. Both the setting and the construction of her temple make it unique among the landmarks of Egypt; built into the face of steep cliffs at the basin, the temple is made of limestone instead of sandstone, unlike any other funerary temples of the New Kingdom period. Hatshepsut's successor, Thutmose III, attempted to remove her name from the temple during his reign.

# TEMPLE OF LUXOR

Did you know that the modern city of Luxor was once the ancient city of Thebes? Considered the greatest "open-air museum" in the world, Luxor is densely clustered with temples and burial sites. The Temple of Luxor was the largest religious center in ancient Egypt. We bring our guests to this temple in the evening, when they can watch the temple transform in the light of the setting sun, and then glow as the lights are switched on for the night.

# **GIZA** The greatest wonder of the ancient world



"Probably the most important factor is the incredible quality of the Egyptologist guide who held our hands throughout the entire vacation. True door-to-door coverage. Nothing like having a college professor specializing in ancient Egyptian history as a guide through Egypt!"

– James K, JANUARY 2023



Think of Egypt, and the first image that comes to your mind is likely the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. It's the pièce de résistance of a well-rounded journey through Egypt, which is why we include it at the end of our time together for a spectacular finish.



# THE GIZA PYRAMIDS

The legendary pyramids of Giza are the oldest—and only remaining—of the traditional Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. See them close up today, even with your guide to assist.



# THE GREAT SPHINX

With the body of a crouching lion and the head of a man, the Great Sphinx is the largest monolith statue in the world. Its familiar face is a greeting to anyone visiting the Giza Necropolis.



# THE STEP PYRAMID OF DJOSER

The prototype for all Egyptian pyramids, the Step Pyramid of Djoser in the nearby town of Sakkara has an interesting history, being the world's first pyramid.

# **CAIRO** A modern metropolis with ancient roots





# CITADEL OF SALAH AL-DIN

Located in the hills above Cairo, the citadel was the home of Egypt's rulers for more than 700 years and is one of the oldest attractions in the city. Though the views alone would make this site worth a visit, it's filled with museums, mosques, palaces, and more.



# THE MUSEUM OF EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES

By far the most impressive collection of Egyptian antiquities and pharaonic treasures in the world, the museum displays an astonishing number of objects ranging from around 3100 BCE until Alexander the Great conquered the country in 332 BCE.



# **ALABASTER MOSQUE**

The masterpiece of the Citadel is the great Alabaster Mosque, also known as the Mosque of Muhammad Ali. The mosque's expansive Turkish-style interior is lit by a beautiful array of lamps suspended from the intricately decorated ceiling. Start and end your time in Egypt with a stay in the bustling city of Cairo, where centuries of Roman, Arabic, and Ottoman architecture are juxtaposed against modern resorts and skyscrapers, and bazaars beckon from twisting alleyways.



# **RARE FINDS ALONG THE NILE**

A full picture

Many visitors to Egypt don't make their way past Cairo and Giza, but a fuller picture of Ancient Egyptian history awaits just a bit further south at the sites along the Nile River.

### DENDERA

The impressive Temple of Hathor was dedicated to the goddess of love and beauty. It dates to Egypt's Ptolemaic era, when the heirs of Alexander the Great ruled over Egypt, and features a rare bas-relief of Cleopatra with Caesarion, the son she bore to Julius Caesar.

## ком омво

The Kom Ombo Temple, unlike most ancient Egyptian temples, is dedicated to two gods—the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus the Elder. Several of the 300 crocodile mummies discovered in the vicinity are displayed inside the temple.

## ASWAN

Visit the Unfinished Obelisk, an abandoned project of Queen Hatshepsut, and the beautiful Philae Temple complex. Originally situated on the island of Philae, it was painstakingly transferred to the island of Agilkia after the construction of the Aswan High Dam.

# **ESNA**

Buried under debris for many centuries, the Late Roman Temple of Esna is just a short walk from the ship through the local market. It dates from the Ptolemaic and Roman periods (180 BCE to 251 CE) and is one of the last Egyptian temples ever built.



- Fred M, FEBRUARY 2024







# **SPECTACULAR SCENERY** *Experience the Nile landscape*

A voyage along the Nile is unlike cruising any other river. Admire this breathtaking desert oasis, where sand dunes, temples, and palm trees rise from the riverbanks, and the sunsets are among the most beautiful on earth.



## **BIRD WATCHING**

On a motorboat tour down the Nile, watch out for colorful native birds, different species of herons, kingfishers, vultures, sunbirds, and other wildlife that thrive in the marsh grass along the riverbanks.



# FELUCCA RIDE

Sail down the Nile in a felucca—a small traditional boat with large triangular sails—a wonderful way to experience the river as Egyptians have for a thousand years.



## SUNSET TEA

Relax over tea and Egyptian desserts as you watch the sunset over the Nile at the Old Cataract Hotel, a historic gem that hosted Princess Diana and inspired an Agatha Christie novel.

# THE MASTERPIECE COLLECTION

of add-on experiences



### THE TEMPLES OF ABU SIMBEL

The Temples of Abu Simbel were constructed by King Ramses II in 1244 BCE and sat on the west bank of the Nile River for 3,000 years. In the 1960s, the entire complex was dismantled and rebuilt stone by stone on a higher hill to accommodate Aswan High Dam.



### A NIGHT AT THE BAZAAR

The Khan el-Khalili Bazaar is made up of a seemingly endless system of tight alleyways overflowing with textiles, spices, lanterns, and more. Get the most out of your visit by going with a local guide, and cap off your evening at the bazaar by sitting for Egyptian tea at a local cafe.



# ALEXANDRIA

Once the world's largest and most prosperous city, Alexandria is a can't-miss destination for your Egypt tour. Embark on a sightseeing expedition to the Jewelry Museum, Pompey's Pillar, the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, and more. (*This excursion* requires booking an extra night stay at either the beginning or end of the trip with our reservations team.) For guests looking to take their Egyptian journey one step further, we've curated a *Masterpiece Collection* of optional excursions that go above and beyond our included experiences, available for an additional charge.



# GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM TRIAL VISIT

The Grand Egyptian Museum—or the "GEM"—is set to be the largest archaeological museum in the world. For now, much of the highly anticipated museum has yet to open to the public, but you can see it early by booking a trial phase visit to select areas of the museum.



# DUNE SURFING & SWIMMING IN THE NILE

Experience the environment of the Nile from a different perspective. Start by surfing the sand dunes of the Aswan desert, then cool off from this thrilling adventure with a dip in the Nile River before riding a motorboat back to the ship.



# VALLEY OF THE QUEENS & NEFERTARI'S TOMB

See the necropolis of Egyptian queens, best known for housing the Tomb of Nefertari. Her tomb is remarkable for the extremely well-preserved reliefs coloring its walls, which are clearer and more vivid than the murals found at any other Egyptian burial site.

# **FIVE-STAR HOTELS** *Travel in style on land*

## FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO AT NILE PLAZA

When travelling onboard the *S.S. Sphinx*, guests will enjoy staying in the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza. You'll enjoy luxurious accommodations, an Egyptian art gallery, multiple gorgeous pools, and a selection of acclaimed dining venues at which you can enjoy traditional and international cuisines. We've selected the finest hotels in Cairo to complement your cruise. At the start and end of your journey, you'll spend two nights in Egypt, for a total of four nights, at one of these properties, each a luxurious hotel with a central location overlooking the Nile.

# THE NILE RITZ-CARLTON

When travelling onboard the *River Tosca*, guests will check in for a luxury stay at The Nile Ritz-Carlton. This well-appointed hotel includes nine distinct restaurants and bars celebrating local and international flavors, an onsite spa offering a relaxing retreat, an outdoor pool, and a rooftop lounge with an incredible view of Cairo.



# THE BEST SHIPS ON THE NILE

Travel in style on water



For the cruise portion of your journey, you have your choice between the two most luxurious ships on the Nile River: the *River Tosca* and the *S.S. Sphinx*. Aboard either ship, floor-to-ceiling views of the river, a beautiful sun deck pool, a relaxing spa, and delicious fare sourced by the ship's own local farm.







# **CULTURAL IMMERSION**

doesn't stop onboard

A trip like this comes once in a lifetime, so we believe that every moment should be special. The experience of sailing our ships down the Nile, whether you're on the *River Tosca* or the *S.S. Sphinx*, is thoroughly infused with opportunities to embrace Egyptian culture.

## LOCALLY INSPIRED DESIGN

We teamed up with local artisans to source the bespoke pieces that give our ships a unique degree of authenticity and elegance such as fine Egyptian cotton, marble, and hand-carved blond wood.

## **EXQUISITE CUISINE**

Dine on Mediterranean food with a distinctively Egyptian flare. We even make sure you get to safely try street food favorites with a koshari cooking demo and falafel on the sun deck.

#### HAPPY HOUR

Every evening before dinner, you can mingle in the lounge with newfound friends over an included Nile-themed cocktail created by our talented bartenders.

## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

On certain nights during your cruise, we invite talented local groups to perform onboard and give you a taste of Egyptian music and/or dance styles, all in the comfort of our luxurious ships.

#### **GALABEYA PARTY**

Dance the night away with guests and crew alike on an evening where we invite you to don a traditional Egyptian garment known as galabeya, which you can purchase onboard or in town.

"I have been on several cruises, but this was by far the best! Although smaller, it made it more intimate and gave us an opportunity to get to know everybody and interact with the crew. And the food was outstanding! Such a pleasure to have fresh fruit and vegetables all the time and experience the Egyptian cuisine."

- Paul L, DECEMBER 2023

# THE GENERATIONS COLLECTION

Designed for families



# **ONBOARD ACTIVITIES**

Join your fellow guests and the crew one night in the lounge for a game party—if you're lucky, you might just win a prize! Another day, meet the ship's captain in the wheelhouse to see how he sails the ship and listen to the story behind his career.



# **GENERATIONS: VILLAGE LIFE**

The west bank of Luxor is known far and wide as a great outdoor museum. What fewer people see, however, are the hidden gems tucked away nearby, the villages that locals call their homes today. Explore one for yourself, and even meet some of the village's children. An amazing vacation doesn't have to mean leaving the kids at home. On a *Generations Collection* cruise, every detail is thought of and taken care of for you, so you and your loved ones can explore Egypt stress-free. This program is available on select dates in December—conveniently lining up with Winter Breaks—and includes special excursions and activities specifically for young travelers. Here are just a few of the highlights.



# SURFING THE DUNES

Get ready for an afternoon of active exploration, starting with a trip down the Nile on a motor boat. Your Nubian guide will point out local bird and animal species as you go. Arrive at some sand dunes to try your hand at sandboarding, then cool off with a swim in the river.



# THE UNIWORLD CUP

Step off the ship and head onto a field to play a sport the whole world has in common: soccer (or football, as it's known in most countries outside the U.S.). Take this chance to bond with young locals, your fellow guests, and the ship's crew over a friendly match.



# SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT & THE NILE

# ITINERARY: CAIRO TO CAIRO | DAYS: 12 1 COUNTRY | INCLUDED TRAVEL OPTIONS: INTERNAL FLIGHTS + AIRPORT TO SHIP TRANSFERS

Let an expert Egyptologist be your guide during this deep exploration of one of the most richly historic countries in the world. You'll be awestruck as you gaze at the Temples of Karnak and Hathor, the Great Sphinx and the Giza Pyramids. Cruise down the Nile, following the paths of Queens and Pharaohs. You'll even have the chance to ride in a felucca, a traditional Nile River sailboat. Marvels, myths, and wonders, old and new, combine to give culturally curious travelers a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

# **ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCES**

# The best of Egypt

# Cairo Egyptian Museum

• It's by far the most impressive collection of Egyptian antiquities and pharaonic treasures in the world. Located in the heart of Cairo, the museum displays an astonishing number of objects.

### The Great Pyramids of Giza & the enigmatic Sphinx

• Venture to ancient Memphis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a number of amazing monuments to see-including the Great Pyramids and enigmatic Sphinx.

# Visit Endless Temples

• With visits to legendary temples of Karnak, Luxor and Hathor included as you journey along the Nile, you are sure to be left speechless by the sheer size of the ruins that stand in front of you.

# Sailing the Nile

# Afternoon Tea at the Old Cataract Hotel

 Step into a colonial-era hotel for one of the finest afternoon teas available. Former guests include Winston Churchill and Princess Diana, plus its widely known Agatha Christie stayed here whilst writing her mystery novel, *Death on the Nile.*

# The Valley of the Kings

 You'll also visit one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world-the remote and barren Valley of the Kings, once used for royal burials for nearly 500 years. Much of our understanding of Egyptian mythology has been garnered from these ancient chambers.

# Bird-Watching Along the Nile

 Take a small boat along the banks of the Nile on a bird-watching excursion.
 Watch out for colourful native birds, different species of herons, kingfishers, vultures, sunbirds and other wildlife that thrive along the riverbank.







Nile views onboard the Super Ship Sphinx







# TRAVEL IN THE ULTIMATE STYLE

# Stay in Cairo's Best Hotels

## Four Seasons Cairo

• When travelling onboard the Super Ship Sphinx, guests will enjoy four nights staying in the Four Seasons Cairo. Situated on the banks of the Nile, this hotel is one of the most luxurious in the city of Cairo.

# OR

# The Nile Ritz-Carlton

• When travelling onboard the River Tosca, guests will check in for a luxury stay at The Nile Ritz-Carlton hotel. This iconic hotel marries a "bucketlist" city with world-class services and is an ideal location for your unforgettable time exploring Cairo.

# Choice of the Finest ships

- Locally Inspired Design
- We scoured the bazaars of Egypt and teamed up with local artisans to source the bespoke pieces that give our ships a unique degree of authenticity and elegance, such as fine Egyptian cotton, marble and hand-carved blonde wood.

## The Top Decks

 No matter which ship you sail on, we made sure to create the perfect top deck oasis for sailings down the sundrenched Nile River, complete with a plethora of comfortable chaise lounges, a turquoise tile pool and airy cabanas inspired by ancient Egyptian barges.

#### The Best Ships on the Nile

 With two equally luxurious Uniworld ships to choose from, including the all-suite River Tosca, your suite experience is guaranteed to have you living in a manner once reserved for queens and pharaohs.

# DAY 1: Cairo 🕮

Upon arrival to Cairo International Airport, a Uniworld representative will be on hand to greet you and escort you to the opulent Four Seasons Hotel Cairo or iconic The Nile Ritz-Carlton hotel.

# DAY 2: Cairo 🕮

The ancient quarter of Cairo is intense-the colours, the sounds, the density of people and it's likely been this way for thousands of years. Your local expert will show you a 12th-century citadel, the beautiful Alabaster Mosque and an unsurpassed collection of priceless artefacts, including mind-boggling treasures once buried with the boy king Tutankhamen. (B)

*Featured Excursions:* Citadel of Salah al-Din, Alabaster Mosque and Egyptian Museum.





## DAY 3: Cairo, Fly to Luxor (Embark) Cruising the Nile River, Dendera

Prepare to be amazed at the legendary Temple of Karnak, a massive and absolutely astounding site, with gigantic columns, broad avenues lined with stone sphinxes and halls of truly epic proportions. This evening, you'll revel in a Welcome Reception and Dinner onboard. (B, L, D)

#### Featured Excursion: Temple at Karnak.

# DAY 4: Dendera, Cruising the Nile River, Luxor

Like its twin shrine, the Temple of Karnak, the Temple of Luxor stands on the site of ancient Thebes, the once flourishing capital of Egypt's New Kingdom. It was built over hundreds of years and even in ruins, it is still an extraordinary place. You'll also visit the Temple of Hathor, dedicated to the goddess of love and beauty. (B, L, D)

# *Featured Excursions: Temple of Hathor and Temple of Luxor.*





### DAY 5: Luxor, Cruising the Nile River, Kom Ombo

The word "colossal" will take on a whole new meaning after today's excursion to the gigantic twin statues known as the Colossi of Memnon. And that's just the beginning you'll also visit the temple of one of Egypt's rare female pharaohs as well as the Valley of the Kings, used as a royal burial place for nearly 500 years and where the mummified remains of Tutankhamen are on display. (B, L, D)

*Featured Excursions:* Colossi of Memnon, Hatshepsut Temple and Valley of the Kings.





# DAY 6: Kom Ombo, Cruising the Nile River, Aswan

After visiting a temple dedicated to a crocodile god today (don't miss the display of some of the 300 mummified crocs found in the local area), hop aboard a small boat for a birdwatching excursion along the Nile. (B, L, D)

*Featured Excursion:* Kom Ombo Temple and Life on the Nile Tour by Motorboat.

#### DAY 7: Aswan

Today is an epic day, filled with wonders from start to finish. You'll visit a marvel of modern engineering-the Aswan High Dam-as well as the Unfinished Obelisk and the beautiful Philae Temple complex, which was moved from one island to another back in the 1970s. But wait, there's more. You'll also take a ride in a felucca-a traditional Egyptian sailboat-and enjoy afternoon tea at a famous hotel depicted in Agatha Christie's novel Death on the Nile. After dinner onboard this evening, you'll be treated to an enchanting Nubian show featuring traditionally attired performers, live music and dancing. (B, L, D)

**Featured Excursions:** Aswan High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Temple of Isis, plus boat ride in traditional Nile River felucca and afternoon tea at the Old Cataract Hotel Aswan.





## DAY 8: Aswan, Cruising the Nile River, Edfu

Spend the day at leisure or join us for an optional excursion to see the magnificent temples of Abu Simbel. (B, L, D)

# DAY 9: Esna, Cruising the Nile River, Luxor

On today's excursion, you'll learn how the Temple of Esna was buried under debris for many centuries and is one of the last great Egyptian temples ever built. Your Egyptologist guide will share all sorts of fascinating insights about this significant cultural site and show you the façade bearing the last known hieroglyphic inscriptions ever recorded in Egypt. Later, savour the Nile's majestic scenery as the ship cruises to Luxor. (B, L, D)

#### Featured Excursion: Temple of Khnum.







#### DAY 10: Luxor (Disembark), Fly to Cairo

Disembark in Luxor and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Then, check in to your luxury hotel where you'll have time to relax before dinner. (B, FD)

### DAY 11: Cairo 🕮

It's a day of Bucket List Moments today as we venture to Ancient Memphis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a number of amazing monuments to see including the enigmatic Great Sphinx. You'll have a thrilling opportunity to view the pyramids from an up-close perspective, the only way to fully appreciate their remarkable size and grandeur. (B) **Featured Excursions:** Ancient Memphis Sites, Including the Pyramids of Giza with Small Pyramid Entry, the Great Sphinx, and Sakkara Visit.

#### DAY 12: Depart Cairo

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the Cairo International Airport for your flight home. (B)

#### Included Meals



# **EVERY LUXURY INCLUDED**

#### On-board

- Complimentary house wine, local spirits and beer served during lunch and dinner
- Best Dining Experiences on the World's Rivers
- Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners
- Locally inspired onboard
  entertainment
- Sail the Nile in ultimate style and experience local life
- Free Wi-Fi access
- All on board gratuities

#### **On-shore**

- Immersive and inspiring shore
  excursions
- Visit iconic sights like the Great Sphinx and Great Pyramids
- Visits to 15 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Visit the Temples of Karnak, Hathor and Luxor
- Explore Egypt with a qualified Egyptologist
- Airport to ship transfers
- All internal flights throughout
- Small-group experiences

2025 Departures		Guide Price
Royal Suite		€11,119
Grand Suite		€8,479
French Balcony		€5,679
2026 Departures	Was From	Now From
Royal Suite	<del>€16,699</del>	€15,029
Grand Suite	€ <del>12,099</del>	€10,889
French Balcony	<del>€6,599</del>	€5,939

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with a pre- or post-cruise/tour extension

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### Highlights:

Visit the Iraq al-Amir Women's Cooperative Embark on an Amman panoramic city tour See Moses's burial site at Mount Nebo Go to the Dead Sea Sleep under the stars at a Wadi Rum "glamping" site Explore the "Rose-Red City" of Petra

## Hotels:

3 nights at The St. Regis Amman Hotel (or similar)1 night at Al Manara, a Luxury Collection Hotel (or similar)1 night at Palmera Camp Wadi Rum (or similar)

# THE RED SEA | 5 DAYS | POST-CRUISE/TOUR EXTENSION

The Red Sea area is one of the best places in the world for diving, snorkeling, and sea sports. Discover why on this post-cruise/tour extension to our Egyptian river cruise, during which you'll stay at a remarkably elegant resort in Sharm El Sheikh.

# Highlights:

Visit St. Catherine's Monastery

Take a semi-submarine ride to explore the Red Sea and its famous coral reef

## Hotels:

3 nights at the Four Seasons Resort Sharm El Sheikh (or similar)1 night at the Waldorf Astoria Cairo Heliopolis (or similar)





# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

about travelling to Egypt

#### SHOULD I BUY TRAVEL INSURANCE?

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel protection that keeps you covered for the unexpected and protects your investment. Travel insurance can include cancel for any reason plans, cover your cancellation fees, trip delay/ interruption, medical expenses, flight changes, and other costs should there be a change to your travel plans. Learn more about Uniworld's Travel Protection Plan here.

#### IS IT SAFE TO TRAVEL TO EGYPT?

Egypt is generally a safe country, with strong security systems in place to give travelers peace of mind. Our tours are designed to offer the safest way to visit the country. Guests are part of a guided group for the entire journey and benefit from the insights of local guides with insider knowledge and tips to help guests navigate local customs.

#### **DO I NEED A VISA?**

Yes. A three-month e-Visa is available online from: <u>Visa2Egypt.gov.eg</u>. Alternatively, you can get a 30-day visa on arrival at one of the approved bank kiosks at the airport. Learn more about visas <u>here</u>.

# IS THERE A DRESS CODE WHILE VISITING TEMPLES AND/OR HOLY SITES?

The Alabaster Mosque (included in Cairo) is the only instance where guests are required to dress modestly; this means having legs and shoulders fully covered. The Alabaster Mosque also requires guests to either remove shoes or buy shoe covers at the entrance.

#### WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

Egypt has a varied desert climate, meaning days range from warm to hot and sunny. During the winter months, mornings and evenings can be cold. To maximize comfort for our guests, we do not travel between the peak summer months of June and August.

#### WHY ARE THE EXCURSIONS EARLY?

Due to high temperatures in the middle of the day, conducting tours in the early morning is essential to ensure the safety and comfort of all participating guests. Expect early morning wake-up times and relaxing sailing afternoons. This approach aligns with our commitment to delivering an enjoyable and pleasant touring experience.

## SHOULD I BRING MY COUNTRY'S CURRENCY, OR WILL I NEED TO CONVERT MONEY?

The official currency is the Egyptian Pound (E£). The USD (\$) and the Euro ( $\in$ ) are also widely used, and major credit cards will be accepted in many places. If you plan on exchanging currency while in Egypt, we highly recommend only using banks, as rates are fixed and controlled by the government, and keeping all receipts for exchanged currency.

#### WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

Casual dress during the day and smart casual for dinner is recommended. For protection from the sun, we suggest you pack a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and full-coverage clothing in light fabrics such as linen and cotton. Good, sturdy walking shoes are best for the uneven ground and steps at historic sites. You may want to bring a swimsuit for the sun deck pool. If traveling in winter, bring a jacket for early morning excursions, when the weather can be in the 50s and 60s °F. Laundry service is available onboard for a fee, or included for Royal Suite guests.

#### IS THERE A LOT OF WALKING ON THE TOURS?

Our Egypt itinerary is considered one of our most active programs. You should be in good health and able to walk significant distances, often on unpaved or uneven terrain and up and down stairs. If you use a wheelchair or scooter or have any other mobility concerns, please contact info@uniworld.com to discuss your options.

# **#EXPLOREUNIWORLD** through the eyes of our guests

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