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TREASURES OF **EGYPT**

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FEB 06-20, 2026 • 15 DAYS • 38 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: MARY TAYLOR

Temple of Hatshepsut

Egypt's ancient civilization has left an indelible mark on the world. From the iconic Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx to the hidden tombs in the Valley of the Kings, each site reveals the ingenuity, beliefs, and complex legacy of Egypt's early dynasties.

On this journey, you'll walk in the footsteps of legends as you explore the remnants of Memphis, the former capital of Egypt, and the historical sites of Thebes, now modern-day Luxor. At Abu Simbel, you'll stand before temples carved for Ramesses II, one of history's most powerful pharaohs, whose ambition reshaped the Nile's southern frontier.

As you sail the Nile, you'll take in the quiet rhythm of life along its palm-lined banks. Nubian hosts welcome you into their colourful village, sharing stories, traditions, and heartfelt hospitality. When night falls, the Karnak Temple Sound and Light Show brings the tales of pharaohs and gods to life in a mesmerizing display. In Cairo, lose yourself in winding market alleys, where the air is perfumed with the scent of spices and the hum of artisans at work.

Here, history isn't just something you learn, it's something you experience. Join us on this incredible journey into Egypt's living past.



Tour Highlights

- A 7-night journey through Egypt's iconic Nile Valley
- Explore ancient and modern Cairo: Pyramids, Sphinx, the Alabaster Mosque, El Khalili Bazaar and more
- Stroll along the Avenue of Sphinxes and Luxor Temple
- Visit the Valley of the Kings, and the Tomb of Seti I
- Visits to Saqqara, Memphis, Edfu and Kom Ombo
- Sightseeing in Aswan: felucca sail, Nubian Village, and Botanic Gardens
- Full-day visit to Abu Simbel's temples of Ramesses II
- Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Grand Egyptian Museum, and Coptic Museum
- See Egypt's most iconic temples: Hatshepsut's cliffside complex, island-bound Philae, Karnak and more!

Inclusive Features

- Return airfare to Cairo with Turkish Airlines
- All internal flights within Egypt
- Accommodation at Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar
- 7-night river cruise on the M/S Nile Premium or similar
- Transfers and sightseeing in a large modern A/C coach
- 38 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B – 13 breakfasts, L – 12 lunches, D – 13 dinners)
- Services of our Canadian journey leader, plus a certified Egyptian guide
- Porterage at hotels and the riverboat (where available)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with booking of air-inclusive package
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes, and fees for included services

Journey Leader

Mary Taylor has spent her life travelling for pleasure, for work, for family, and to pursue her passion for watersports. Born and raised in England, she moved to Canada in 1974 and has dedicated nearly four decades to education, including roles in schools, program development, research, and teacher training. She has coordinated university exchange programs and has both visited and volunteered in schools abroad. Mary's travels have taken her to Australia, Africa, the Solomon Islands, the Maldives, India, and Peru, along with extensive journeys throughout Europe and the Caribbean. She's passionate about discovering new cultures and enjoys using technology to share her travel stories. Mary looks forward to embarking on new adventures—and sharing them with you!



FEB 06, Friday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members from across Canada gather in Toronto for the overnight flight to Cairo.

FEB 07, Saturday

CAIRO

Upon arrival in Cairo, we will be warmly welcomed and transferred to our hotel for dinner.

Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar (2 nights)

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FEB 08, Sunday

CAIRO

Our day begins in Islamic Cairo, where we'll visit Saladin's 12th-century Citadel and the impressive Alabaster Mosque. We'll then head to the Coptic Quarter, home to the Coptic Museum, which houses Christian antiquities found in Egypt. We'll also explore the historic Abu Serga Church and the renowned El Mouallaga (Hanging) Church. The afternoon is at leisure, followed by a Nile River cruise with dinner and live entertainment.

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FEB 09, Monday

CAIRO / LUXOR

This afternoon, a short flight takes us to Luxor, the ancient capital of Thebes, which was home to the pharaohs from the 16th to 11th centuries B.C. We'll then board our deluxe

Nile river cruise in time for lunch and relaxation on board. In the evening, we'll visit the stunning Luxor Temple, dating back to around 1200 B.C., and stroll down the Avenue of Sphinxes, marveling at its incredible stonework.

M/S Nile Premium or similar (7 nights)

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FEB 10, Tuesday VALLEY OF THE KINGS / EDFU

At dawn, you may opt for a hot air balloon ride over the world's largest open-air museum. Later, we'll explore the Valley of the Kings. Since Howard Carter uncovered King Tutankhamun's tomb, the hidden chambers and elaborate rituals of royal burials have intrigued the world. We'll visit several tombs, including the newly opened and beautifully decorated Tomb of Seti I. At the cliffside Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, admire its three sweeping terraces linked by ramps. Then, stand before the Colossi of Memnon, twin statues of King Amenhotep III. This afternoon, relax as we sail through the Esna Lock to Edfu. BLD

FEB 11, Wednesday EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN

Today we'll ride by horse-drawn carriage to the 2,000-year-old Temple of Horus at Edfu. The second largest temple in Egypt after Karnak, it's one of the best-preserved from the Greco-Roman era, an impressive glimpse into ancient grandeur. After a brief stop in Kom Ombo, we sail on to Aswan, the traditional homeland of the Nubians. Tonight, enjoy dinner and a festive Gallabiyah party. BLD

FEB 12, Thursday ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL

Today we fly to Abu Simbel to see the awe-inspiring rock-cut temples of Ramesses II, one of Egypt's most powerful pharaohs. Built to assert Egypt's dominance at its southern border, the temples were later relocated to save them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser after the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Upon returning to Aswan, we'll visit the dam before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure to explore the city's vibrant modern centre. BLD

FEB 13, Friday ASWAN

Board a traditional felucca to sail to El Nabatat (Kitchener) Island and stroll through its lush Botanic Gardens. In the afternoon, take a short boat ride to Agilika Island to explore the Temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis. End the day with a visit to Aswan's ancient quarry, where the massive 41-metre-long Unfinished Obelisk still lies embedded in the granite. BLD

FEB 14, Saturday ASWAN / KOM OMBO / EDFU

Cruise to Elephantine Island to experience Nubian culture and learn about local life, history, and traditions. After a guided walk through the community, stop at a school to join a lively class and interact with students. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to explore the well-preserved Roman-style Temple of Sobek, watched over by two black granite statues of Horus. Visit the adjacent museum featuring mummified crocodiles and artefacts dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. The rest of the day is at leisure. BLD

FEB 15, Sunday EDFU / LUXOR

As we cruise back toward Luxor, take in the scenery along the Nile as we enjoy a fun, hands-on cooking class onboard. Spend the rest of the journey relaxing and enjoying the ship's amenities. In the evening, experience the dramatic Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple, a walk through the illuminated site with narration about the history and legacy of ancient Egypt. Return to the ship for a final dinner onboard. BLD



The grand courtyard of the Alabaster Mosque



Statue of Ramses II at Luxor Temple



Temple of Philae, dedicated to Isis, seen from the Nile



Timeless giants: The Pyramids of Giza

FEB 16, Monday**LUXOR / CAIRO**

After disembarking, we go back to Egypt's most impressive ancient site, Karnak Temple. Marvel at its vast Hypostyle Hall, Sacred Lake, Temple of Khonsu, and the Chapel of Ramesses III. After lunch, we fly back to Cairo, where our hotel for the remainder of the trip offers a prime location on the banks of the Nile.

Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar (4 nights)

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FEB 17, Tuesday**GIZA**

This day is dedicated to the last remaining wonder of the ancient world, the Pyramids of Giza. This impressive complex has captivated travellers for centuries and continues to intrigue archaeologists with its construction. Take in the views and, if you wish, enjoy an optional camel ride. Then, stand before the enigmatic Sphinx, the colossal lion-bodied, human-headed guardian of the plateau. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), where highlights include the Hanging Obelisk and the towering statue of Ramesses II.

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FEB 18, Wednesday CAIRO / MEMPHIS / SAKKARA

We travel to Saqqara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located 30 km south of Cairo. Once the vast burial ground for ancient Memphis, the area is dotted with pyramids, including the iconic Step Pyramid of Djoser, the world's oldest known stone structure, and a lesser-known sphinx. On our return to Cairo, we'll stop at a papyrus workshop to learn about ancient Egyptian calligraphy, try our hand at hieroglyphics, and receive a certificate on papyrus.

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FEB 19, Thursday**CAIRO**

We begin with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, home to over 120,000 relics, including the golden treasures of King Tutankhamun. Lunch is served at a local restaurant in Al Azhar Park, a lush green space in Old Cairo offering sweeping city views and a glimpse of the historic Ayyubid Walls built by Salah El Din in the 12th century. This afternoon, walk along El Moez Street to discover medieval Islamic architecture: mosques, schools, and ancient public fountains known as Sabils. End the day exploring Khan El Khalili Bazaar, Cairo's largest market, where you can browse endless stalls and test your bargaining skills. Tonight, we gather for a farewell dinner at our hotel.

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FEB 20, Friday**RETURN TO CANADA**

This morning, we transfer to the airport for our return flights home, bidding farewell to Egypt.

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Karnak's towering pillars and sacred monuments

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CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: This tour includes some long days and travel through environments that will include high temperatures, dust, and sand. There are a number of short internal flights to reach more remote areas of the country.



**Book by September 3, 2025
and save \$200 per person**

**Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Land Only (Join / Leave at Cairo Hotel)	\$7,895
Toronto	\$9,195
Montreal / Ottawa	\$9,395
Halifax / Winnipeg.....	\$9,495
St. John's	\$9,555
Regina / Saskatoon	\$9,555
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$9,495
Victoria.....	\$9,555
Single Supplement	\$3,235

Land only price includes domestic flights within Egypt and excludes international airfare and airport transfers. Land only members join and leave at the Cairo hotel. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room and cabin. Prices are based on a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective May 2025 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum 20 group members.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due November 4, 2025

Deposit is \$975 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:

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