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TREASURES OF **EGYPT**

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OCT 14-28, 2025 | 15 DAYS | 38 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: JON GURR

Egypt's legendary civilization has left an indelible mark on the world, with its ancient wonders defying the sands of time. From the iconic Pyramids of Giza to the enigmatic Sphinx and the hidden tombs in the Valley of the Kings, each site reveals the ingenuity, beliefs, and complex history of ancient Egypt.

Discover the remnants of Memphis, once the capital of Egypt, and the historical sites of Thebes, now modern-day Luxor. At Abu Simbel, marvel at the temples built by Ramesses II, one of Egypt's most powerful pharaohs, renowned for his military conquests and monumental building projects.

As you drift along the Nile on a traditional felucca, rural life unfolds on its banks. Visit a Nubian village to learn about their culture, see their colourful homes, and experience their warm 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, wander through the winding alleys of Khan el-Khalili, a market where the air is perfumed with spices and filled with the sounds of artisans at work.

There has never been a better time to visit Egypt, as new discoveries continue to be unearthed.

Tour Highlights

- A 7-night river cruise from Luxor to Aswan and back
- Deluxe hotels in Cairo for 6 nights
- Explore the Valley of the Kings, plus Karnak and Luxor Temples
- Guided visits in Edfu and Kom Ombo
- All sightseeing excursions in Aswan: Felucca sail, Nubian Village, Botanic Gardens
- Air excursion to fabulous Abu Simbel
- Enjoy all the sites of ancient and modern Cairo: The Pyramids, Sphinx, Saqqara and Memphis, Egyptian Museum, Moslem Quarter, Coptic Christian Quarter and more

Journey Leader

We are pleased to have award-winning photographer **Jon Gurr** leading this tour. Over the past 40 years, Jon has photographed scenery in over 80 countries and on all seven continents. His images have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and calendars in both the US and Canada. In addition to running a successful photography studio for nearly two decades, Jon served as a Professor of Photography at Humber College and as Principal of the Master School of Photography. Jon looks forward to experiencing this incredible journey to Egypt alongside fellow travellers.



Inclusive Features

- Return airfare to Cairo on Turkish airlines
- All internal flights within Egypt
- Accommodations in deluxe hotels as indicated, or similar
- Deluxe 7-night river cruise on the Upper Nile
- All 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)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

OCT 14, Tuesday

DEPART CANADA

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

OCT 15, Wednesday

CAIRO

Upon arriving in Cairo this morning, we are met and transferred to our deluxe hotel, located close to the airport. Our rooms are ready for immediate occupancy. The remainder of the day is at leisure until we gather for dinner this evening. **Cairo Marriott Hotel** or similar (3 nights) D

OCT 16, Thursday

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. BLD

OCT 17, Friday

CAIRO / MEMPHIS / SAKKARA

Sakkara, a UNESCO World Heritage site located 30 km south of Cairo, served as the burial ground for the ancient

city of Memphis, now in ruins. Discover various pyramids scattered across the countryside, including the famous stepped pyramid of Djoser, the oldest known stone building, and a small sphinx. On the way back to Cairo, visit a papyrus workshop to learn about the pharaohs' calligraphy, write your name in hieroglyphics, and receive a certificate on papyrus paper. BLD

OCT 18, Saturday

CAIRO / LUXOR

Early this morning, a brief flight takes us to Luxor, the site of ancient Thebes, the pharaohs' capital from the 16th to 11th centuries B.C. Explore Egypt's most impressive ancient site, Karnak Temple, marvelling at its Hypostyle Hall, Sacred Lake, Temple of Khonsu, and Chapel of Ramesses III. We then embark on our deluxe Nile river cruise in time for lunch and relaxation on board.

MS Concerto II or similar (7 nights)

BLD

OCT 19, Sunday WEST BANK / NILE CRUISE / EDFU

At dawn, you can opt for a hot air balloon ride over the world's largest open-air museum (\$125 USD per person, conditions permitting, price subject to change). Later, we will explore the Valley of the Kings. Since Howard Carter opened King Tut's tomb, the burial rites of ancient Thebes have fascinated the world. Visit several tombs, including the newly opened and beautifully decorated Tomb of King Seti I. At the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, built into the towering cliff face, admire its three terraces connected by long ramps. Finally, we will see the massive twin statues of the Colossi of Memnon, representing King Amenhotep III. Relax over lunch as we sail through the Esna lock to Edfu. BLD

OCT 20, Monday

EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN

Early this morning, we will take a horse-drawn carriage ride to the 2,000-year-old Ptolemaic Temple of Horus. As the second largest temple in Egypt after Karnak, this well-preserved temple from the Greco-Roman period offers a fantastic opportunity to experience the grandeur of ancient Egypt. After a brief stop in Kom Ombo, we will sail to Aswan, the traditional homeland of the Nubians. Tonight enjoy dinner and a traditional Gallabiyah party. BLD

OCT 21, Tuesday

ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL

This morning we fly to Abu Simbel. There, we will see the massive temples built by Ramesses II, one of Egypt's greatest pharaohs. These rock-cut temples were relocated to avoid submersion due to the construction of the Aswan High Dam. They marked the southern boundary of the Egyptian Empire at the height of the New Kingdom's power, showcasing the strength of Egypt's rulers. Upon returning to Aswan, we will visit the High Dam before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure to explore the modern centre of Aswan. BLD

OCT 22, Wednesday

ASWAN

Board a felucca, a traditional river sailing boat, to reach Kitchener Island and visit the Botanic Gardens. This afternoon, take a short boat ride to Agilika Island to see the Temple of Philae. Finally, visit Aswan's quarry, home to the famous Unfinished Obelisk, a 41-metre-long slab of granite. BLD

OCT 23, Thursday

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



Marvel at the columns at the Karnak Temple



Temple of Hatshepsut



Visit a Nubian Village



Sail on a felucca along the Nile

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

OCT 24, Friday EDFU / LUXOR

As we make our way back to Luxor, enjoy the passing scenery along the Nile and take part in a fun, hands-on cooking class onboard. Spend the afternoon at your leisure, taking advantage of the ship's amenities. In the evening, travel by horse-drawn carriage to Karnak Temple for the dramatic Sound and Light Show, where narration and lighting bring the site's ancient history to life. Return to the ship for a final dinner onboard. BLD

OCT 25, Saturday LUXOR / CAIRO

Visit the stunning Luxor Temple, which dates back to around 1200 B.C., and pass through the Avenue of Sphinxes, marvelling at the phenomenal stonework. After lunch on board, we will fly back north to Cairo. Our hotel for the remainder of our time in Egypt is ideally located on the shores of the Nile. BLD

Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar (3 nights)

OCT 26, Sunday CAIRO / GIZA

Today, we visit the only remaining wonder of the ancient world, the Pyramids of Giza. This impressive complex has fascinated travellers for centuries and puzzled archaeologists with its construction. Take in the breathtaking views of the Pyramids and enjoy an opportunity to ride a camel (approx. \$15 USD). Next, explore the enigmatic Sphinx and learn about this massive lion-bodied, human-headed sculpture. After lunch, we will take a pre-opening tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), featuring highlights like the Hanging Obelisk and the statue of Pharaoh Ramesses II. BLD

OCT 27, Monday CAIRO

This day is dedicated to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, home to over 120,000 relics, including the treasures of King Tutankhamun. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Al Azhar Park, located in old Cairo, with its lush gardens and panoramic city views. The park also features a section of the Ayyubid City Walls, built by Salah El Din between 1176 and 1183 AD. After lunch, we proceed to El Moez Street for a walk through old Cairo to discover the best Islamic medieval treasures, including traditional schools, mosques, and Sabil (ancient public drinking places for both people and horses). Afterwards, visit Cairo's largest market, the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, popular among tourists and Egyptians alike, offering an incredible variety of goods. Stroll through the narrow alleys and practice your bargaining skills. This evening, we will have a special farewell dinner at our hotel. BLD

OCT 28, Tuesday RETURN TO CANADA

We transfer to the airport this morning for flights back to our homes across Canada, bidding farewell to Egypt. B



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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 May 30, 2025
and save \$200 per person**



Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land Only (Join / Leave at Hotel)	\$7,715
Toronto	\$9,365
Montreal / Ottawa	\$9,555
Halifax / Winnipeg	\$9,655
St. John's	\$9,765
Regina / Saskatoon	\$9,715
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$9,655
Victoria	\$9,715
Single Supplement	\$3,195

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Air inclusive prices are estimated (subject to confirmation). Final pricing will be advised once flights are confirmed. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room at hotels. Prices are based on a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective March 2025 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum 20 group members.

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 July 10, 2025

Deposit is \$950 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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