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TREASURES OF **EGYPT**

BOOK BY MAY 29, 2026
SAVE \$200 PP

OCT 13-27, 2026 • 15 DAYS • 38 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: JANET WILLIAMS

Journey through time and explore the wonders of Tutankhamun's Egypt

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.

In Egypt, history doesn't just sit behind glass. It surrounds you. You'll wander ancient temples, sail the Nile, and feel the stories come alive with every step. Ready to experience the past like never before?



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 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 MS Concerto II 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

Janet Williams, a retired educator with 35 years of teaching experience, including time as a Vice Principal, will lead this exciting journey to Egypt. In retirement, she has found leading tours to be a fulfilling way to combine her passion for travel with sharing unique experiences with others. Janet's extensive travels have taken her to destinations such as Myanmar, China, Russia, Australia and New Zealand, Egypt, Tunisia, Madagascar, and across South America, and Europe. She looks forward to sharing this wonderful travel experience with you!



OCT 13, Tuesday

DEPART CANADA

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

OCT 14, Wednesday

CAIRO

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

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino (3 nights) D

OCT 15, 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 Mouallaqa (Hanging) Church. The afternoon is at leisure, followed by a Nile River cruise with dinner and live entertainment.

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OCT 16, 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. Today we will 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, we will visit a papyrus workshop to learn about the pharaohs' calligraphy where you can write your name in hieroglyphics, and receive a certificate on papyrus paper. BLD

OCT 17, Saturday CAIRO / LUXOR

We will take a short morning flight 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.

MS Concerto II or similar (7 nights) BLD

OCT 18, Sunday VALLEY OF THE KINGS / EDFU

At dawn, you may 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'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

OCT 19, Monday 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

OCT 20, Tuesday ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL

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 some time at leisure to explore the city's vibrant modern centre. BLD

OCT 21, Wednesday ASWAN

Board a traditional felucca to sail to El Nabatat (Kitchener's 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. 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

OCT 22, 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 and teachers. Following a traditional lunch in a Nubian home, we 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 artifacts dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. The rest of the day is at leisure. BLD

OCT 23, Friday EDFU / LUXOR

As we cruise back toward Luxor, take in the scenery along



The grand courtyard of the Alabaster Mosque



Sail on a felucca boat on the Nile River in Aswan



Temple of Hatshepsut



The Sphinx next to the Pyramids in the sands of Giza desert

the Nile as we enjoy a fun, hands-on cooking class onboard. Spend the rest of the day relaxing and enjoying the ship's amenities. Once settled in Luxor, we will take a horse-drawn carriage along the Corniche to the central market. In the evening, witness a captivating Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple. BLD

OCT 24, Saturday LUXOR / CAIRO

Explore Egypt's most impressive ancient site, Karnak Temple, marveling at its Hypostyle Hall, Sacred Lake, Temple of Khonsu, and Chapel of Ramesses III. 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. **Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino** (3 nights) BLD

OCT 25, Sunday 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, opt for 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. BLD

OCT 26, 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 27, Tuesday RETURN TO CANADA

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



You may opt to enjoy a camel ride

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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 29, 2026
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	\$3,325

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 July 2025 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 20 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 July 8, 2026
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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