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TREASURES OF EGYPT

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**APR 7-18, 2027 | 12 DAYS | ALL MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: JOAN PITMAN**

The Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt

For more than 5,000 years, Egypt has captured the imagination of travellers, explorers, and archaeologists. Here, colossal pyramids rise from the desert, temples stretch endlessly along the Nile, and stories of pharaohs, queens, and ancient gods are etched into stone. On this journey, we follow the remarkable legacy of one of the world's greatest civilizations, from the treasures of Cairo to the enduring landscapes of Upper Egypt. A highlight of our journey is four nights cruising the legendary Nile. Relax on deck as timeless scenes unfold along the riverbanks, from farmers tending their fields to traditional feluccas catching the breeze and monuments that have watched over the river for millennia. It is a relaxed and immersive way to experience the landscapes that have shaped Egyptian civilization throughout history.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO 25 TRAVELLERS



Tour Highlights

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Memphis and its Necropolis, the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx, Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut, and the Colossi of Memnon, the Abu Simbel Temples and the Temple of Philae, and Historic Cairo

Historic Streets & Bazaars: El Moaz Street and Khan El Khalili bazaar

Nile Experiences: Premium Nile River cruise and a traditional felucca sail to El Nabatat Island

Museums & Ancient Antiquities: The Grand Egyptian Museum, the Coptic Museum, and the ancient Unfinished Obelisk granite quarry

Sacred Churches & Sanctuaries: Abu Serga Church and the Hanging Church

Inclusive Features

- Return airfare between Cairo and Canada
- All internal flights within Egypt
- Accommodation at the Sofitel Cairo Nile or similar
- 4-night Nile cruise on the Royal Ruby I or similar
- Transfers and sightseeing in a large modern A/C coach
- All meals included as noted in the itinerary (B – 10 breakfasts, L – 9 lunches, D – 10 dinners)
- Services of our Canadian journey leader, plus an Egyptian guide
- Porterage at hotels and the riverboat (where available)
- Visa fee for Egypt for Canadian passport holders
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with booking of air-inclusive package
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes, and fees for included services

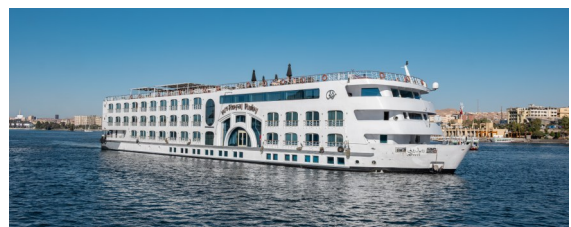
Journey Leader

Joan Pitman spent 25 years in the airline industry and continues her passion for travel as a Journey Leader. She has extensive experience guiding trips from Alaska to Argentina, Cairo to Cape Town, across Canada, the Caribbean, and the US. Joan's favourite city is London, and she has also travelled widely across Africa. A longtime Whistler resident, Joan and her husband **George** now live in Vancouver. Together, they have five children and nine grandchildren. They look forward to sharing exciting new adventures with you.



Our Nile Cruise Ship • Royal Ruby I

The Royal Ruby I offers a comfortable way to experience the timeless scenery of the Nile while sailing between Luxor and Aswan. Cabins feature large panoramic windows, creating an inviting place to relax and enjoy the ever-changing views along the river. On board, guests can unwind on the spacious Sun Deck with its swimming pool, gather in the panoramic lounge and bar, or enjoy a variety of cuisine in the ship's restaurant. With comfortable public spaces and attentive service, the Royal Ruby I provides a relaxing setting between Egypt's extraordinary archaeological treasures.



APR 7, Wednesday

DEPART CANADA

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

APR 8, Thursday

CAIRO

Welcome to Cairo! We will be welcomed and transferred to our hotel to check in and enjoy dinner together.

Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezira (4 nights)

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APR 9, Friday

CAIRO

Our introduction to Cairo begins at the Salah El-Din Citadel. This 12th-century citadel is home to the Alabaster Mosque. Afterwards, we delve into Egypt's rich Christian heritage at the fascinating Coptic Museum. Then, we discover two of Old Cairo's most treasured landmarks, the historic Abu Serga sanctuary and the extraordinary Hanging Church, an architectural marvel uniquely suspended above a Roman fortress gatehouse.

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APR 10, Saturday

CAIRO

Standing in the shadow of the Giza pyramid complex, we marvel at the sheer scale of one of the world's greatest engineering achievements. Their remarkable alignment places them within a fraction of a degree of true north. We also gaze upon the enigmatic Great Sphinx of Giza, a silent guardian watching over these monumental tombs for millennia. After an optional camel ride across the golden sands, we uncover more wonders at the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to one of the world's largest collections of ancient Egyptian antiquities. Here, remarkable treasures bring the story of ancient Egypt vividly to life.

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APR 11, Sunday

CAIRO / MEMPHIS / SAKKARA

Situated 30 km south of Cairo, Sakkara is a UNESCO World Heritage site that served as the burial ground for the ancient city of Memphis, now largely in ruins. We will also discover various pyramids scattered across the countryside, including the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser, Egypt's oldest pyramid and the world's earliest colossal stone monument, as well as a small sphinx. On the way back to Cairo, we will visit a papyrus workshop where we will learn the art of writing ancient Egyptian calligraphy.

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APR 12, Monday

CAIRO / LUXOR / EMBARKATION

Our morning flight takes us from Cairo to Luxor, where we step aboard our elegant Nile cruise ship. Immersing ourselves in the ancient capital of Thebes, we explore the sprawling Karnak complex to marvel at the Great Hypostyle Hall, a dense forest of 134 colossal sandstone columns. From there, we trace the Avenue of Sphinxes, walking the exact 2.7-kilometer path once used during the sacred Opet festival. Our journey culminates at Luxor Temple, where we stand before the soaring pylon gateways and giant granite statues of Ramesses II.

Royal Ruby I (4 nights)

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APR 13, Tuesday

VALLEY OF THE KINGS / EDFU

Early risers may enjoy an optional dawn hot air balloon flight before we venture into the hidden necropolis of the Valley of the Kings. Descending into the magnificent Tomb of Seti I, we encounter exceptionally preserved, vibrant wall reliefs detailing the afterlife. We then admire the terraced Temple of Hatshepsut, an architectural triumph carved directly into limestone cliffs for a legendary female pharaoh.



The grand courtyard of the Alabaster Mosque. Credit Sharon Bahadur.



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



Browse the colourful shops of Khan El Khalili bazaar.



Take an optional hot air balloon ride over Luxor.

After pausing beside the Colossi of Memnon, massive stone sentinels guarding a lost sanctuary, our riverboat gracefully navigates the Esna locks onward to Edfu. BLD

APR 14, Wednesday EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN

Stepping ashore this morning, a traditional horse-drawn carriage sweeps us towards the magnificent Temple of Edfu. Dedicated to the falcon deity Horus, this Ptolemaic masterpiece remains remarkably intact after being buried under desert sands for centuries. Continuing our journey, we disembark to explore the fascinating Kom Ombo Temple. This rare double sanctuary features a perfectly symmetrical design honouring both the crocodile god Sobek and Horus the Elder. Following these incredible historical discoveries, our scenic river voyage glides further south, ultimately arriving at the picturesque gateway city of Aswan. BLD

APR 15, Thursday ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL / ASWAN

Boarding a short flight from Aswan, we arrive at the phenomenal Abu Simbel complex. Carved directly into a solid sandstone cliff by Ramesses II, these colossal twin temples were ingeniously relocated piece by piece in the 1960s to save them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. Returning to the city, our focus shifts to modern achievements at the impressive Aswan High Dam. This monumental feat of engineering permanently tamed the Nile's ancient flooding cycle before we conclude with a leisurely evening to ourselves. BLD

APR 16, Friday ASWAN / CAIRO

Taking to the gentle currents on a traditional wooden felucca, we harness the breeze just as sailors have done for centuries, gliding toward the lush botanical oasis of El Nabatat Island. Our exploration continues towards the enchanting Temple of Philae. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, this majestic sanctuary was meticulously relocated to save it from rising waters. Back ashore, we uncover ancient masonry secrets at the Unfinished Obelisk, a colossal granite monument abandoned in its quarry, before flying back to the bustling capital of Cairo.

Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezira (2 nights) BLD

APR 17, Saturday CAIRO

Stepping into the vibrant heart of Islamic Cairo, we stroll down the legendary El Moaz Street. This spectacular thoroughfare boasts the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world, lined with intricately carved mosques and centuries-old palaces. Next, we navigate the labyrinthine alleys of the famous Khan El Khalili bazaar. Established during the Mamluk era as a vital trade hub, this bustling souk immerses us in a sensory tapestry of aromatic spices and gleaming lanterns. Following a restful afternoon, we gather for a celebratory farewell dinner to toast the incredible wonders we have witnessed and the friendships forged throughout our Egyptian journey. BLD

APR 18, Sunday RETURN TO CANADA

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



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and save \$200 per person**



CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: This journey features full days of exploration and travel through warm, arid environments where dust and sand are common. A series of short internal flights efficiently connects us to remote regions. To fully embrace this adventure, participants should be in good health and comfortable walking over uneven terrain, navigating stairs, and standing at outdoor historical sites.

Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land Only (Join / Leave at Cairo hotel).....	\$8,045
Toronto	\$9,995
Montreal / Ottawa	\$10,245
Halifax / Winnipeg.....	\$10,345
St. John's	\$10,395
Regina / Saskatoon	\$10,395
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$10,345
Victoria.....	\$10,395
Single Supplement	\$1,995

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 June 2026 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. 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 January 5, 2027

Deposit is \$1,250 per person

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

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