

Marvels of Egypt

Dates: 5th to13th February 2023 Duration- 8 Nights / 9 Days

Trip Highlights

Destinations

Cairo→Giza→Aswan→NubianVillage→AbuSimbel→KomOmbo→Edfu→Luxor→Hurghada→Cairo

Accommodations:

- 3 Nights stay at 4* hotels- Barceló Pyramids / Similar
- 3 Nights stay at 5* Nile Cruise-Royal Princess/Princess Sarah / Similar
- 2 Nights stay at 5* Swiss inn Resort / Similar

Activities:

- *Three great pyramids tour
- *Pyramids Light & Sound show
- *Solar Boat Museum
- *Sgguara-The world's oldest stone structure/Pyramid
- *Memphis open air museum
- *Historic tour of Cairo
- *Local home visit at Nubian Village along with Felucca ride
- *Egyptian Museum of Antiques-Cairo
- *Khan el-Khalili Market
- *Sufi Tannoura Dance show with dinner
- *Abu Simbel day Excursion
- *Esna water Lock
- *Excursion to the Valley of the Kings
- *Karnak Temple-Luxor
- *Hot Air Balloon ride (Optional)
- *Giftun Island tour with Lunch (Optional)

Meals: 8 Breakfast, 6 Lunch, 4 Dinner

<u>Travel</u>: 2 Sector flights in Egypt, transportations in AC vehicle, Travel Insurance up to 60 yrs, English speaking Egyptologist, PNF Buddy

What makes you choose Egypt as your 'ME' time destination

Egypt is the perfect country for a mix of activities combining culture, historical facts and relaxation. The stunning, colossal monuments of Ancient Egypt never fail to astonish. The heat, the sight and the light of the desert invigorate. A perfect cruise along the world's longest river Nile dazzles the senses. No place on this earth has the magic, mystery and pleasures of Egypt.

Home of the ancient Pharaohs, the destination is known for its great Luxor Temples and megalopolis Cairo. Located just outside of the outskirts of Cairo on the esplanade also known as the Giza Plateau, lies the Great Pyramids of Giza which is the must-see Ancient Egyptian landmark. It showcases the 3 Pyramids of Kings Cheops, Chephren, and Menkaure which are guarded by the rock-cut statue (The Sphinx). The Great Pyramid of King Cheops is the only wonder of the seven wonders of the ancient world that is still standing today, although it is 2,000 years older than any other wonder on the list.

Cruising along the Nile River is a perfect way to relax and rejuvenate. All Egyptian cruise ships travel through the Luxor-Aswan route which is safe, scenic and terminates at two of Egypt's most important towns.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: (5-02-2023)- Arrive at the City of Pyramids - Cairo (D)

After our arrival in Cairo and finishing with all the immigration formalities and collection of Luggage, we will be transferred to our hotel to check-in. After some rest & freshen up ourselves we get ready for the first evening enjoyment, which will be followed by dinner around 7:00PM

We will be transferred by airconditioned vehicle to enjoy & watch Egypt's world famous Sufi Tannoura Show. The duration of the program is around 2 hours and than we will enjoy our first Egyptian cuisine at local restaurant. After which we will head back to hotel and overnight in Cairo. Stay- 4* Star Hotel



Day 2: (6-02-2023) Giza Pyramids Tour (B+ L)

After a lavish breakfast, we will depart the hotel to visit the **Giza Plateau** which is the most impressive landmark consisting of the three Pyramids of **Kings Cheops, Chephren and Mykerinus** and are guarded by the rock-cut statue-**The Great Sphinx-**the head of a Pharaoh with a Lion's body,which dates back to the time of Chephren;. The Great Pyramid of King Cheops is the only wonder of the **seven wonders** of the ancient world that is still standing today, even when it is 2,000 years older than any other wonder on the list. Then we shall witness **Valley Temple**, which belongs to The Pyramids of Chephren.Now we will visit Solar Boat Museum to witness 5000 years old boat of Ramases Dynasty. Move to visit the **Step Pyramid** of King Zoser, **the world's oldest major stone structure in history.** It was built in the 3rd Dynasty (around 2630 BC) for King Djoser at Sqquara complex. After this mesmerising experience we move to '**Memphis**' which was founded by King Menes, and was the capital of "one of the ancient Egyptian Capitals until around 2,200 BC" which was a cult center for **God Ptah** – the God of creation and artworks - we shall be exploring a lot of temples and monuments that are dedicated for him. In evening we reach back Giza pyramids again to enjoy spectacular **Light & Sound Show** . **Stay- 4* Star Hotel**



Day 3: (07-02-2023) Historical Tour of Cairo City (B+ L)

After breakfast, we continue our journey through the ancient history starting with the **Egyptian Museum of Antiquities** which was built in 1902 and it exhibits a large number of items and treasures (exceeding 1,20,000 masterpieces). We then proceed to a new era "**The Coptic Cairo**" where we will visit the "**Hanging Church**". It dates back to the 3rd Century AD and was dedicated to Virgin Mary. Then we visit **Saint Sergius** and **Bacchus Church**. Afterwards, we go on **Coptic** Cairo tour with a visit to the "**Jewish Synagogue of Ben Ezra**" which gained its importance from its Geniza (store room).

Later, we will be transferred to one of the most Stunning construction in Cairo "**The Citadel of Saladin Al Ayouby**". It was built in 12th century to fortify Cairo against the Crusaders.

Finally, we end our day with **Khan-el-Khalili Bazaar** for some local shopping. Here you will find many souvenir shops, coffee houses, "Café" serving Arabic coffee and offering Hookah "Sheesha", and restaurants throughout the area. Stay- 4* Star Hotel



Day 4: (08-02-2023) Fly to Aswan / Nile Cruise/ Aswan Sightseeing / Felucca Ride-Nubian Village(B+ L+D)

After early morning check out from the hotel, we shall be transferred to Cairo domestic airport to catch our flight to Aswan. Today you will explore Aswan. Start your tour today with a visit to the **Aswan High Dam** and the **Unfinished Obelisk**. You will also visit the pretty **Temple ofPhilae**, which is devoted to the two goddesses Isis and Hathor (Its construction started during the reign of Ptolemy II and was completed by the Roman emperors). Then, we shall embark on the 5* **Nile Cruise**, check in, refresh yourself& enjoy your lavish lunch on cruise.

After a refreshing tea session on a cruise deck, we will go for Felucca ridetour to a traditional Nubian Villages, which are situated at the bottom of Elephantine Island. You will be exploring and enjoying the simple, tranquil and natural life of the very kind people of Nubia. Nubia was one of the ancient cultures of the world and the current Nubian are very famous for their hospitality and everyone is welcome to visit their Nubian village. During this tour we will visit one Nubian Local family home too and later back to your cruise- Overnight in Cruise. Stay- 5* Star Cruise



Day 5: (09-02-2023) Abu Simbel with KomOmbo (B+ L+D)

Today we start our day quiet early by 4:00AM to head out to visit remarkable piece of history **Abu Simbel** by an air A/C Coach,this drive is about 3.30 hrs, if you wish, you can catch up some more sleep on the way.

Afternoon we reach back at cruise. While enjoying your lunch start sailing towards **Kom-Ombo** .Upon reaching the area, we will visit the unusual double built temple which is dedicated to the **Falcon God** "**Haroeris**"(the southern part) and the **crocodile God** "**Sobek**" (the northern part). It was built during the Ptolemaic era. The scene on the inner face of the rear wall of the temple is of particular interest, and probably represents a set of surgical instruments.

We come back to the cruise in order to continue sailing towards **Edfu**. Have dinner and stay overnight in Edfu in cruise. Stay- 5* Star Cruise



Day 6: (10-02-2023) Edfu Sightseeing/ Sail to Luxor (B+ L+D)

In morning, we shall go to witness the most complete and well-preserved temple in Egypt flanked by beautiful granite statues of the falcon god **Horus**. The Ptolemaic temple was dedicated to the falcon od "Horus". The reliefs that cover the walls, columns, and doorways of the temple constitute an extremely important source of information about ancient Egyptian religious and political thought.

Ending our tour at Edfu temple, we will be heading back to the Cruise, have lunch and continue to sail to Luxor. En routing to Luxor, witness the breath taking activity of **ESNA water Lock.**Reaching at Luxor we will be picked up to visit the two Massive temples on the eastern bank of the Nile. The first one is **Luxor Temple**. It is believed that one of the ancient Egyptian's festivals was held inside the temple as there are different scenes on the walls representing the celebration of the festival. After entering the temple we will find a mosque called **Abu Al-Haggag** built on the ruins of a church. The Second Temple is **Karnak Temple** Complex which comprises a vast mixture of decayed temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings. Building at thecomplex began during the reign of **Senusret I** in the Middle Kingdom and continued to the Ptolemaic Period. It's a vast open-air museum, and the second largest ancient religious site in the world. Then we go back to have dinner, enjoy folkloric Tannoura& Belle dance show, and stay on board overnight in Luxor. Stay- 5* Star Cruise



Day 7: (11-02-2023) Luxor-West Bank Tour /East Bank Tour – Transfers to Hurghada(B+L)

At an early morning you can enjoy Hot Balloon ride at an additional cost between \$120-130. After breakfast, we disembark from the cruise. Then we head to visit the **archaeological sites** of the **ancient Egyptians** on the west bank of the Nile including **Valley of the Kings** where we will see the well preserved tombs belonging to the kings of the new kingdom including the great ruler **Ramses II** and the **child King Tut Ankh Amon**, The **Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** is called **"the Holy of Holies**". It consists of three levels connected with each other by ramps and has different scenes on its walls depicting the divine birth of the Queen and her Commercial expedition to Punt Land.

After that we proceed to Hurghada by a comfortable A/c Coach (Approx. 3.5 Hour drive). On arrival, transfer to hotel. Check-in and stay overnight inHurghada. Stay- 5* Star Hotel



Day 8: Hurghada (12-02-2023) Free Day (Optional tour to Giftun Island- (B)+ L (optional)

Today is a free day for you to explore beautiful beach city of Hurghada at your own or you can opt for a day visit to tranquil Giftun island at an additional cost of \$70 which is including of lunch on Boat & snorkeling at paradisiacal beaches of Grifton Island. Over night at Hurghada. Stay- 5* Star Hotel

Day 9: (13-02-2023) Day for Homeward Journey (B)

After breakfast we check-out from the hotel and transfer to Hurghada airport to catch our flight for Cairo. After reaching Cairo we will take our final departure flight for our homeward journey from Cairo international airport. A farewell to Egypt with a suitcase of memories & bunch of new friends.

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Inclusions:

- 5% GST & TAC
- 3 Nights at Cairo Barceló Pyramids/Similar
- 3 Nights accommodation at 5* Royal Princess/Princess Sarah/ Similar
- 2 Night stay at 4* hotels- Hilton Hurghda Resort / Similar
- Egypt Sector flight tickets (Cairo-Aswan, Hurghda-Cairo)
- Overseas Travel insurance upto 60 yrs (above 60 yrs will attract an extra amount difference)
- 8 Breakfast
- 6 Lunches
- 4 Dinners
- All sightseeing and airport transfers by private A/C vehicle
- English Speaking Egyptologist guide
- Sufi Tannoura Dance show with dinner
- Monument entrance Fees as per itinerary
- One day excursion tour to Abu Simbel
- Felucca ride with Home Visit at Nubian Village
- Light & Sound Show at Giza Pyramids
- PNF Buddy

Exclusions:

- Visa
- International Airfare
- Extra Entry tickets to inside Great pyramid
- Extra Entry tickets to the Solar Boat Museum at the Giza Plateau

- Extra Entry tickets to the Mummies room in the Egyptian Museum
- Entry inside the Third Pyramid
- Entry to the tomb of Tut Ankh Amon
- Hot Air Balloon ride approx. \$130 per person.
- Giftun Island approx. \$75
- Any other Meals or Beverages that not mentioned in the itinerary above
- Mandatory tipping of \$10 per day towards guide, driver & porters
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FLIGHTS DO NOT book your flights till you get a confirmation and a go ahead from our end. Please note that closer to date, airlines may change flight number as well as flight timing, so please consult with your PnF Buddy beforehand.

NOTE: on 5th February 2023, you can take any flight which reaches Cairo's International Airport latest or before 12:50 PM (Egypt time). On 13th February 2023 you can book any flight leaving from Cario's international airport after 1:00 PM (Egypt time)

TRIP PRICE

Price on Twin Sharing – Early Bird Rs.1,24,999 /- per person on Twin Sharing Basis - Regular Rs.1,26,999 /- per person on Twin Sharing Basis Single Occupancy Upgrade - Rs. 30,000/- extra

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