



The Essential Egypt Tour

May 8 - 16, 2026

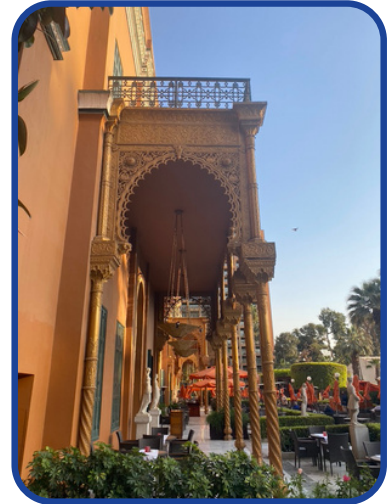


Arrival: May 8

You will be met at Cairo International Airport by a meet-and-assist representative, helping you through arrivals and customs, and placing you in your private airport transfer to the Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino, a former Egyptian palace, converted into a 5-star hotel. Relax and get settled in, or explore on your own.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino](#), city-view room

Meals included: None

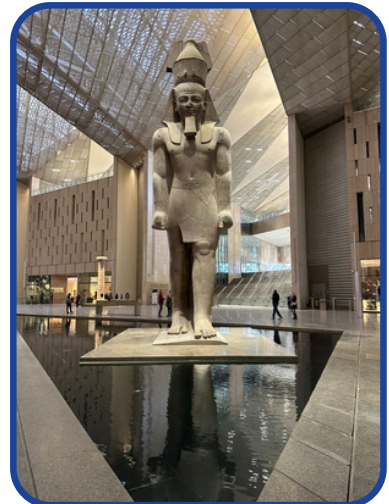


Giza and the GEM: May 9

Visit the Giza Pyramids and Sphinx, enter the Great Pyramid if you'd like (extra ticket, approximately \$30), and ride a camel at the panoramic viewing area (optional, around \$20). Then visit the Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum in the world (around 60% open, but it may be fully open by our trip).

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino](#), city-view room

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



Embarkation Day, Luxor: May 10

Fly to Luxor early in the morning (potentially a 3am wakeup), and visit Karnak Temple, the largest ancient Egyptian Temple. Embark on Kemet Dahabiya, our luxury yacht and home for the next five nights, and enjoy lunch on board. That evening, see Luxor Temple, and return to our private yacht for dinner and an overnight in Luxor on the Nile River.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Note on sailing: Dahabiya Boats are all pulled or pushed by a small tug boat in order to stick to our schedule of sightseeing along the Nile River. However, periodically depending on the wind conditions, the boat captain may use sail and wind power to move us south on the Nile.



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Luxor: May 11

After an optional sunrise hot air balloon ride (\$120 per person), take in the most important ancient sites on Luxor's West Bank of the Nile: the Valley of the Kings (including King Tut's Tomb, and the Tomb of Ramses V and VI), Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple, and the Colossi of Memnon. Then, begin our cruise and start moving south on the River Nile, watching the countryside float by.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

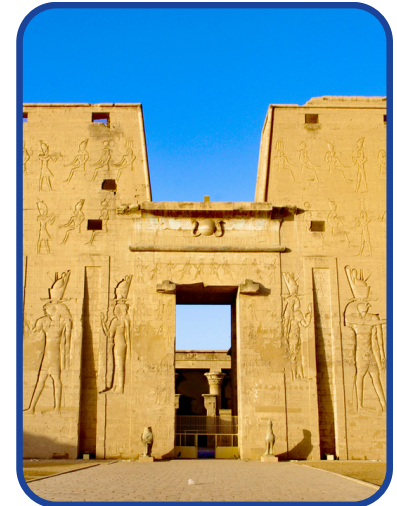


Cruising the Nile: May 12

Enjoy the slow pace of cruising the Nile on our luxury Dahabeya Yacht, doing activities like reading a book in the library, relaxing on the sun deck, and experiencing the Temple of Horus in Edfu, Egypt's best preserved temple.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Cruising the Nile: May 13

Spend a relaxing day cruising the Nile, going past lush agricultural fields, and stopping at the temple of Kom Ombo to take in the mummified crocodiles resting there. By tonight we will be docked in Aswan, Egypt's southernmost major city.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Abu Simbel: May 14

With a very early morning wakeup (potentially as early as 4am), visit Abu Simbel Temple by private vehicle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and ancient temple that was moved, piece by piece, to save it from the flooding due to the Aswan High Dam's construction. After taking in Ramses the Great's masterpiece, return to Aswan, and enjoy an optional exploration of Aswan's historic souq (market), full of bustling vendors and lots of local Egyptians shopping for anything and everything!

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Aswan to Cairo: May 15

We will say goodbye to our Dahabiya Crew, visit Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and then take in the Aswan High Dam. After that, it will be time to fly back to Cairo, where we will check into the Le Meridien Cairo Airport Hotel, conveniently attached to the airport by a skybridge, and relax, preparing for our departure flights out of Egypt.

Hotel: [Le Meridien Cairo Airport Hotel](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Late lunch/early dinner



Departure: May 16

If this is the end of your journey, you will have a private transfer from the hotel to Cairo International Airport, where a meet-and-assist representative will take you through the check-in process and ensure you are ready to board your flight leaving Egypt. If you would like to stay in Egypt for additional days in order to scuba dive the Red Sea, go to Alexandria on Egypt's Mediterranean Coast, or explore more ancient sites in Cairo, let Gus know - it's easy to add additional days and to arrange private tours to experience more of what Egypt has to offer.

Hotel: N/A

Meals included: Breakfast





Lazuli Suite

1 booked - 1 suite available!

237 sq. feet, featuring two twin beds (can be converted into one large bed), double wardrobes, desk/sitting area, and spacious bathroom

\$6283 per person for double occupancy (**solo travelers add \$3306**)



Doum Suite with foyer

3 suites available

291 sq. feet, featuring a queen-sized bed and attached foyer with large daybed

\$6490 per person for double occupancy (**solo travelers add \$3514**)



Aur Suite with balcony

2 suites available

269 sq. feet, featuring a queen-sized bed and a small, private balcony overlooking the Nile

\$6697 per person for double occupancy (**solo travelers add \$3721**)



KEMET

Luxury Nile Cruise



Watch the YouTube video!

Includes: Accommodation for 8 nights, all meals and drinks (except 3 dinners), private Egyptologist tour guide for all of our site visits, Gus with you every step of the way, privately chartered Dahabeya Yacht for our Nile Cruise, 2 domestic flights, **all tips and gratuities**, and all tickets to enter tourist sites.

Excludes: International airfare to/from Egypt, \$25 entry visa fee to Egypt, 3 dinners, personal expenses, optional hot air balloon ride (\$120), optional ticket to enter the Great Pyramid (around \$30), optional camel ride at the Pyramids (around \$20), alcoholic beverages, optional tips for hotel cleaning staff.

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