



The Essential Egypt Tour

January 29 - February 9, 2026

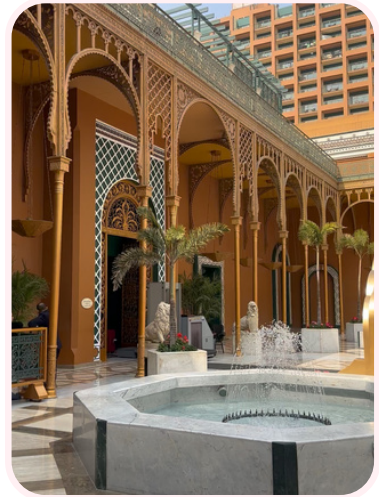


January 29: Arrival

You will be met at Cairo International Airport by a meet-and-assist agent, who will help you through customs and arrivals, and then escort you to the Cairo Marriott in Zamalek, both a hotel and an historic, 19th century palace. Relax and get settled in for the evening, or explore on your own.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Zamalek](#)

Meals included: None



January 30: Saqqara and Dahshur

Visit the Old Kingdom sites of Saqqara and Dahshur, taking in the original pyramids that inspired the world-famous Giza ones you will see tomorrow. Relax and get settled in that evening, or explore the island of Zamalek, full of tons of local shops, restaurants, bars, and cafes.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Zamalek](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

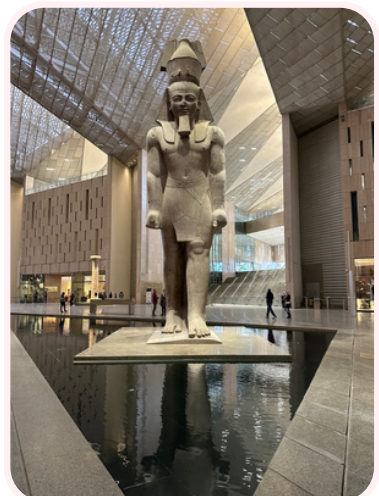


January 31: Giza and the GEM

Visit the Pyramids and the Sphinx, with the option to enter the Great Pyramid, exploring the inner burial chamber (extra ticket, approximately \$30). Then visit the Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum in the world (not currently fully open, but hopefully it will be by our trip).

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February 1: Luxor and Embarkation

After an early morning flight to Luxor (leaving CAI around 6am), visit Karnak Temple, the largest ancient Egyptian temple complex, with its breathtaking Hypostyle Hall containing 134 gargantuan columns. Check into Nun Goddess Dahabiya, our private yacht on the Nile River, and explore Luxor Temple that evening.

Hotel: [Nun Goddess Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

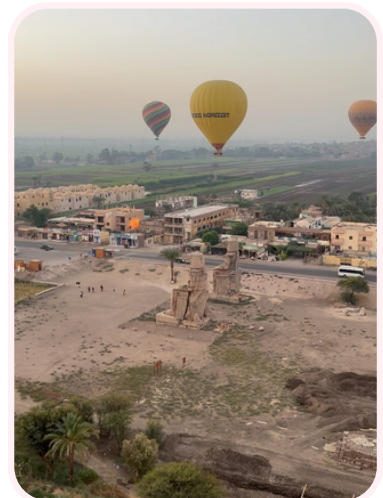


February 2: Luxor's West Bank

After an optional sunrise Hot Air Balloon ride (\$120 per person) to see Luxor's ancient monuments and the Nile River from up high, visit the Valley of the Kings (including extra tickets to see the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V and VI), Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple, and the Colossi of Memnon. Enjoy lunch while starting our journey south on the Nile River.

Hotel: [Nun Goddess Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



February 3: Edfu Temple

Our Nile Cruise on our privately-chartered Dahabiya Yacht is all about relaxing and enjoying the journey, and today we will cruise south, and visit the best preserved ancient Egyptian temple, Edfu Temple, dedicated to the god Horus.

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February 4: Cruising the Nile

In between savoring the beauty and tranquility of the Nile River, explore Gebel el Silsileh, an ancient rock quarry with many shrines, and take in Kom Ombo Temple, directly on the Nile River, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile god, Sobek, and the falcon god, Horus. Arrive in Aswan that evening and dock just north of the city.

Hotel: [Nun Goddess Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



February 5: Abu Simbel

With a very early morning wakeup, 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 being flooded after the Aswan High Dam's construction created the giant reservoir of Lake Nasser. After taking in Ramses the Great's masterpiece, return to Aswan, and take an optional afternoon exploring the city's bustling souq (market).

Hotel: [Nun Goddess Dahabiya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



February 6: Aswan

Visit the Aswan High Dam and learn how this modern engineering marvel changed Egypt forever, and take a boat to visit Philae Temple, the only temple we will see that is on its own island. That evening, fly from Aswan back to Cairo, and check back into the Cairo Marriott Hotel.

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February 7: Explore more of Cairo!

Visit the Cairo Citadel, containing the impressive Alabaster Mosque of Muhammed Ali, then visit Coptic Cairo and the UNESCO World Heritage site of El Moez Street, with 1,000 years of Islamic architecture and history. Shop in the Khan el Khalili Souq (market) that is part of this historic neighborhood for some last-minute souvenirs.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Zamalek](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



February 8: Cairo Museums

Spend a relaxed day visiting two of Egypt's best museums, the original Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. A delicious lunch of Egyptian *koshary* (a must-try Egyptian dish!) will provide a great break in between the museums. That evening head out to an (optional) posh dinner on a boat in the Nile River.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Zamalek](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



February 9: Departure

If this is the end of your journey, you will be escorted from the hotel to Cairo International Airport, where a meet-and-assist agent will take you through the check-in process and ensure you are ready to board your flight leaving Egypt.

Hotel: N/A

Meals included: Breakfast



Costs and Inclusions

Notes: We will have a maximum of 14 travelers in our group.

All Dahabiya Cruise cabins and suites have individually-controlled A/C and private bathrooms.



Standard Twin Bed Cabin

\$6714 per person, double occupancy
(solo travelers add \$1560)

*Note: the two twin beds can be combined
into one large bed.*

[See more photos here.](#)



Deluxe Queen Bed Suite with small balcony

\$7302 per person, double occupancy
(solo travelers add \$2600)

[See more photos here.](#)

Includes: Accommodation for 11 nights, all meals and drinks (except 5 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, 5 dinners, personal expenses, optional hot air balloon ride (\$120), optional ticket to enter the Great Pyramid (around \$30), alcoholic beverages, optional tips for hotel cleaning staff.

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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.