

Dream Vacations of Egypt

By Travel Maker USA

The Classic Tour (Itinerary 11 Days/9 Nights)

CAIRO - Explore the amazing contrasts of ancient and modern Cairo with your Egyptologist including the great Pyramids of GIZA (CHEOPS, KHEFREN and MYCERINUS), the Sphinx, Valley of Temples, SAKKARA Stairway to the Sky (the oldest of all pyramids), and the optional Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids. Go on a full day excursion that begins at the Egyptian Museum home to the largest collection of Egyptian Antiquities in the World and home of King TUTANKHAMUN's priceless ancient treasures discovered by HOWARD CARTER in 1922. Visit the Citadel of Saladin, built in the 13th Century by the famous Crusader adversary, the pronoun Alabaster Mosque named after the first ruler of modern Egypt Mohamed Ali who ruled at the turn of the 19th Century, Sultan Hasan, Refaii Mosques, and the tiny allies of Khan El-Khalili Bazaars where a large variety of gold, silver, copper and other handicrafts are displayed. Misr El Kadima (Old Cairo) is among the most important locations visited by the Holy Family where the spiritual impact of their presence is most felt still. They took shelter in a cave which in later years the Church of St. Sergius (Abu Serga) was built above it and became known as the Hanging Church. This and the whole area of the Fort of Babylon is a destination of pilgrims from around the world. Today you will visit the site and also the Coptic Museum in the same complex, continue on and visit Ben Izra Synagogue which is the oldest in Egypt.

Abu Simbel – Enjoy a guided excursion to the mighty temple of Abu Simbel by plane.

Aswan - Transfer to your elegant Nile River Cruise Ship, board a beautiful felucca boat and sail the blue waters of the Nile River. Your guide will show you the ancient Nilometer on Elephantine Island, Kitchener Island's lush botanical gardens and the magnificent Agha Khan Mausoleum on the left [west] bank of the Nile. Visit the High Dam, the unfinished obelisk and the granite quarries. You'll see the Isis Temple at Philae's Island.

Kom Ombo - Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the temple of Kom Ombo built for the Falcon & Crocodile Gods.

Edfu - Travel by horse-drawn carriage to visit Egypt's best preserved Temple of Horus.

Luxor - Enjoy a guided tour of the west bank of the Nile visiting the Necropolis of Thebes, the Coliseum of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Valley of the Queens, and Valley of Kings. Enjoy an excursion with your Egyptologist and travel companions to visit the Grand Temple of Luxor which dominates the town and the gigantic temple complex at Karnak. Visit the Avenue of Sphinxes which once stretched between the temples of Luxor and Karnak. Explore the city of Luxor in a horse-drawn carriage.

The Grand Tour (Itinerary 15 Days/13 Nights)

All of the Classic Tour Excursions PLUS:

Sharm El Sheikh - Enjoy the beautiful sand beaches of the Red Sea, experience the traditional Bedouins culture during a barbeque dinner in the desert, visit St. Catherine Monastery, Wade al Raha, Moses Mountain and the Pearle of the Red Sea for sun bathing and sea water activities such as diving (if interested) or a glass bottom boat trip to explore the magnificent Red Sea corals.

Alexandria – Enjoy a full-day excursion visiting the Greco-Roman Museum housing about 40 thousand pieces of antiquities dated back to the Greek and Roman eras. Visit the Roman Amphitheater which is newly discovered and consists of 12 rows of semi-circular marble seats. Continue your tour at the Catacomb dating back to the turn of the second century and is cut 100 feet deep into the rock. After lunch, tour Pompeii Pillar, 25 meters tall, at the last of the Serapium which was erected in honor of Emperor Diocletian. End your day at the spectacular Montazah Gardens surrounding the summer palace of the former Royal Family.

**2008 Departures: February 8, March 9, April 6, October 12,
November 9, December 7**

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