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## Itinerary Details

### Real Egypt - Winter 2024

9Nights 10Days



**Day 1 : Welcome to Cairo - The Capital of Egypt. Enjoy the sound & light show (subject to operation) in the evening.**

Welcome to Egypt - the Land of the Pharaohs. Meet your friendly Travel Professional outside the baggage hall and proceed to our hotel. (Check-in after 1500 hrs.). Rest of the day is free on your own. Later this evening, experience the spectacular Sound and Light Show (subject to operation) at the Giza Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure and enjoy the history of the ancient Egyptians. The show begins with the story of the Sphinx who has been the vigilant guardian of the Pyramids for five thousand years. Overnight in Cairo. (Dinner)

Dinner

**Day 2 : Day trip to Alexandria – the second largest city in Egypt.**

Depart on a daytrip to Alexandria. On arrival, proceed on a city tour of Alexandria. Visit Pompeii's Pillar, constructed in honor of the Emperor Diocletian at the end of 4th century AD. Then proceed to Qaitbay Citadel, which was built on the eastern point of the Pharos Island. It was erected on the exact site of the famous Lighthouse of Alexandria, which was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Drive past the Library of Alexandria, Al Morsy About Abbas Mosque. Later in the evening proceed to return to Cairo. Overnight in Cairo. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 3 : Flight to Aswan. Visit the High Dam, Temple of Philae & the Nubian Village. Welcome onboard the Nile Cruise.**

Today drive to the airport for your flight to Aswan. On arrival, proceed to the city of Aswan to visit the High Dam and Temple of Philae – the pride of Egypt and an ideal spot for a panoramic view of Aswan. This is where Egypt ends, and Nubia begins. The Nubian villages are known for their colorful streets, and the rainbow-painted wall. It's a traditional village with vividly colored houses, spice shops & cafes overlooking the Nile River. Later view the Unfinished Obelisk. This Obelisk was never detached from the rock as it developed cracks in several places. Later in the evening, board the legendary Nile Cruise for a three-day journey on the scenic Nile River. Overnight on board the Nile Cruise. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner onboard Cruise)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 4 : On Cruise – Visit to Abu Simble and Temple of Kom Ombo.**

Today proceed to visit Abu Simbe. Abu Simbel has two magnificent temples, temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Nefertari. The Temples were threatened by submersion in the Lake Nasser, due to the construction of the High Dam. During the salvage operation which continued until 1968, the two temples were dismantled and raised over 60 meters up on the sandstone cliff where they had been built more than 3,000 years before. The alignment of the temple is such that twice a year the sun's rays reach into the innermost sanctuary to illuminate the statues of Ptah, Amun - Re, Ramesses II and Re- Horakhy. Next, visit the famous Temple of Kom Ombo. Overlooking the Nile, this unique temple is in fact the fusion of two temples, set side by side, with each side having its own gateways and chapels. The left side of the temple is dedicated to Haroeris, the falcon headed God. The right part of the temple is dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile headed God and God of Fertility, then we sail onwards to Edfu. Overnight on board the Nile Cruise. (Meals onboard the Cruise)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 5 : On Cruise – Visit Edfu, Sail to Luxor Via Esna Lock. Visit Karnak Temple.**

Upon arrival into Edfu, we take you on a shore excursion to visit the Temple of Edfu. Of all the temples of ancient Egypt, the one at Edfu is not only the best preserved, but the second largest after Karnak. The temple had been totally submerged under the desert except for the very top of the pylon entrance. The temple is dedicated to Horus and was built in the Ptolemaic period. This temple is unusual in that it is on the west bank of the river which was normally dedicated to the afterlife. Enjoy the sights of the Nile River from the deck, as your Nile Cruise sails to Luxor via the Esna Lock. Visit Karnak Temple, it was a place of worship and provides clues about the



ancient Egyptian religion. Overnight on board the Nile Cruise. (Meals onboard the Cruise)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 6 : Visit Valley of Kings & the West Bank Monuments. Onto Hurgada.**

Today, visit the West Bank of Luxor, proceed deep into the desert to discover the Valley of Kings. This is the place where generations of pharaohs and nobles were buried in great splendor, housed in crypts cut into the cliffs. On our return, we take a photo-stop at the Colossi of Memnon. These two giant statues are all that remain of the mortuary temple of Amenophis III. Next, our excursion takes us to explore Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the only woman Pharaoh to have ruled Egypt. Disembark from your cruise and proceed to Hurghada located on the Red Sea Coast. Overnight at Hurghada. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 7 : Enjoy Coral Reef tour at Red Sea.**

Depart for a half-day trip by the Glass Boat that will take you to the most beautiful coral reef. Through the large glass, you will be able to observe the marine life – see corals, fish and other amazing sea creatures. Rest of the day free to relax in the hotel or explore the city on your own. Overnight at Hurghada. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 8 : Onto Cairo.**

Today sit in your comfortable coach to enjoy a long drive to Cairo. On arrival proceed to the medieval Bazaars of Khan-EI-Khalili where you can shop for spices, precious stones and curios. Overnight in Cairo. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 9 : Visit the Pyramids of Giza & the Sphinx. Guided tour of Civilization Museum with entrance to the Mummy room.**

Today, we take you to see the Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure (entrance to the Pyramids is not included). Proceed to view the Sphinx, carved from the natural bedrock at the bottom of the causeway to Khafre's pyramid. Later visit the Papyrus fair and see the beautiful paintings being made, perfume factory and cotton shop. Next, visit the Civilization Museum, which houses over 100,000 antiquities from every period of ancient Egyptian history with entrance to Mummy room. Overnight in Cairo. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 10 : Time to depart and fly back.**

Your Holiday ends, today it's time to fly back home. Check out and depart for the Airport for the flight home. (Breakfast)

Breakfast

## **Highlights**