

Aswan

Tour Code: EDEG23



Splendors of Egypt

Including Nile Cruise

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES:
Oct. 13 - 23, 2023



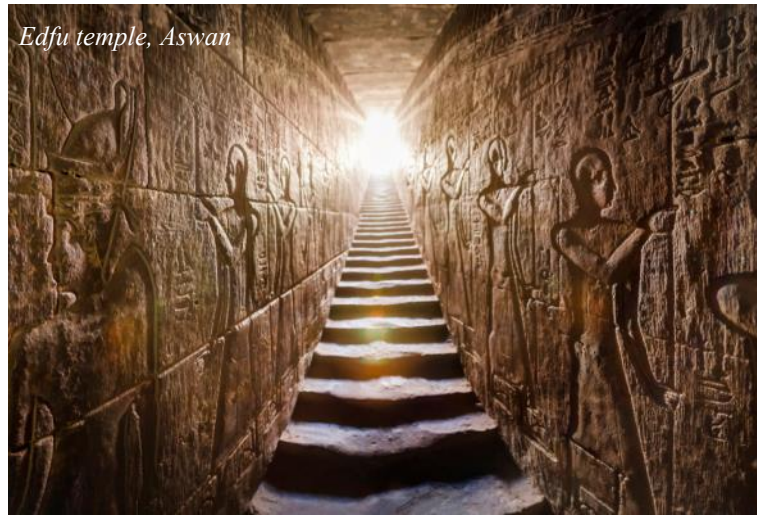
Seated statue of Ramesses II by the Luxor Temple entrance



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Giza Plateau



Edfu temple, Aswan

Day 1: Friday, October 13, 2023 • Depart for Egypt

Our Egyptian journey starts today as we board our flight for Egypt. **INF**

Day 2: Saturday, October 14, 2023 • Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. We arrive in Cairo, meet our travel representative and transfer to our hotel. **INF**

Day 3: Sunday, October 15, 2023 • Cairo - Grand Museum + Lunch at the 9 Pyramids lounge

Today, we start our tour at the Grand Egyptian Museum, a 1B Dollar Museum, the largest Archaeological Museum in the world for one civilization, with many colossal Statues of the Great Pharaohs in the Main Hall. Our tour manager points out some of the more interesting artifacts and brings their stories to life. Also included is a ticket to see the Collection of the Golden Boy-King Tutankhamun, with pieces displayed for the first time since its discovery a century ago. We enjoy lunch at the famous Mena house hotel, with a commanding view of the pyramids. After lunch, we return to the hotel and overnight. **B/L**

Day 4: Monday, October 16, 2023 • Cairo – Giza Pyramids & the Sphinx, Sakkara

After a hearty breakfast, we visit the famous Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. Enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. The Great Pyramid rises 450 feet in the air and covers 13 acres of land. We ride camels into the nearby desert for a different view. Not far from the Pyramids, we see the Mythical Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of one huge piece of limestone. It demonstrates the Power and Divinity of the Pharaoh. We have a BBQ lunch before continuing to Sakkara and the Step Pyramid. At 4700 years old, it is the first Pyramid and the oldest construction of stone in the whole world and was a revolutionary construction technique for Royal tombs. We also observe wall carvings with daily life activities depicted on the Nobel Tombs. You may have the opportunity to explore the Pharaoh's Burial chamber. We stop for a visit at a famous Carpet School. After time for shopping, we return to our hotel for a relaxing evening on our own. **B/L**

Day 5: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 • Aswan – Sail Boat ride – Optional Nubian Village

Our day begins with a flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, we have the remainder of the morning at leisure in this ancient frontier town. This afternoon, we enjoy a Felucca (sailboat) ride on the Nile River where we see plants, birds and rocky islands along the

shore and return to the hotel or join an optional tour to the botanical garden and the Nubian Village spice market and a visit to a family home. We meet in the evening for an included dinner at the New Movenpick Hotel. **B/D**

Optional: Nubian Village \$55

Day 6: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 • Nile Cruise – optional Abu Simbel

Today, we may join the optional Abu Simbel tour. A flight from Aswan transports us back in time to the mighty Temple of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed by UNESCO in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable and unique ancient sites of Egypt. We fly back to Aswan, transfer to our cruise ship for lunch and settle into our home for the next three nights. We have free time in the afternoon to explore the Spice Markets of Aswan. **B/L/D**

Optional: Abu Simbel Temples including flight from Aswan \$375

Day 7: Thursday, October 19, 2023 • Nile Cruise – Philae Temple, Kom Ombo Temple

After breakfast, we take a tour to Philae Temple dedicated to the goddess Isis, and marvel at the temple's lovely island location with its tropical trees and flowers. While there, we learn about the legend of Isis & Osiris and see carvings of the Kings of Ancient Egypt depicting the myths of creation before continuing to the beautiful Botanical Garden of Aswan. In the afternoon, our Nile cruise sets sail for an unforgettable journey on the legendary Nile River. Our first stop is the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the sky god Horus and depicting reliefs of the ancient medical instruments and the calendar. We continue sailing to Edfu where we dock for the evening. Tonight, enjoy an Egyptian Galabiya Night (Dress Party) with Egyptian food, music, dancing, and fun. **B/L/D**

Day 8: Friday, October 20, 2023 • Nile Cruise – Edfu Temple – Karnak & Luxor Temples.

We visit the Temple of Edfu on horse carriages and explore the best-preserved temple of the ancient world. Built for Horus, the falcon God of the Sky, the temple was built entirely during the Greek era of Egypt. We return to the Nile cruise and sail via the lock of Esna to Luxor, known in ancient Egyptian times as the city of Thebes. Upon arrival, we take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor. We visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walking along the avenue of the Sphinxes, we marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

massive sandstone columns built by Ramses II and see the sacred lake and many temples. We visit the temple of Luxor before returning to our ship. **B/L/D**

Day 9: Saturday, October 21, 2023 • Luxor – checkout, valley of Kings, Hatshepsut.

After breakfast, we visit the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes. We admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. There are 63 tombs located in the small valley, and we stop at three of the most beautiful tombs plus the King Tut Tomb with his Mummy. Next, we head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of the strong Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. After a visit at the Alabaster house, we drive by the new discovery of the Lost Golden City and conclude our tour at the Colossi of Memnon: two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. This afternoon we stop in the Valley of the Queens and enjoy a special visit at the Tomb of Queen Nefertari, wife of King Ramses the Great, and arguably the most beautiful tomb in the world. We return to the hotel and have a free afternoon to explore the island and enjoy the marvelous sunset. Later we have a pizza dinner at the hotel. **B/D**

Day 10: Sunday, October 22, 2023 • Cairo

This morning we fly to Cairo and continue to Old Cairo to visit the church of Abu Serga with crypts where the Holy family stayed during their period of exile. We also visit the Ben Ezra Jewish Synagogue and the Hanging Church. We check into our hotel. In the evening we go out for a nice farewell dinner. **B/D**

Day 11: Monday, October 23, 2023 • Return Home

We transfer to Cairo International Airport for our departure flight back home. We return with amazing memories of our wonderful tour of Egypt.

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Please be aware: this tour includes considerable standing and walking and some hiking. We recommend that tour participants be able to walk a mile or more at a moderate pace, navigate some uneven terrain, cobblestone streets, steps and hills. Caution is recommended for those with walking or breathing difficulties. If a guest requires mobility assistance, they must be accompanied by an able companion who is totally responsible for providing the guest's necessary assistance. Ed-Ventures does not provide personal attendant services.

Tour Price: \$2,799

Prices are *Land Only, per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 participants

Single supplement: \$760

Optional Abu Simbel Temples Excursion: \$375

Optional Nubian Village: \$55

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned vehicle
- Domestic flights within Egypt
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4 and 5 star hotels
- **Deluxe Cabin** on Nile Cruise (upgrades available)
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout
- **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary
- **Entry Visa** at Cairo airport (secured upon arrival)
- **All taxes and tips** for included services

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **International flights** to/from Cairo. Booking assistance is available upon request. (Estimated fares from \$1200-\$1400)
- Beverages, *except for* juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and coffee, tea and water with dinner
- **End of tour tips/gratuities** for tour manager & coach driver, cruise personnel, and restaurants.
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date (July 14, 2023). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. *Early registration is encouraged.*

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly encouraged.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Due to COVID-19, we have a right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

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- EDEG23 • Oct. 13 - 23, 2023 • \$2,799
- Single Supplement • \$760

Optional Tours:

- Temples at Abu Simbel flight & tour • \$375
- Nubian Village • \$55

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airline): Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airline): Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** Yes No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

_____ Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit www.tsa.gov for more information.

Prices in this brochure were effective on 11.16.22. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I understand that insurance premiums and credit card fees are non-refundable. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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