

Lake at the Karnak Temple complex

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Egypt & Dubai

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Giza Plateau



Day 1: Monday, February 24, 2025 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flights bound for Egypt.

Day 2: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 • Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Upon our arrival in Cairo we transfer to our hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we have a welcome drink and orientation meeting with our tour manager. Dinner is on our own at one of the hotel restaurants. **(Inflight)**

Day 3: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 • Cairo

After breakfast, we visit the Pyramids of Giza. Built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom (2550-2490 BC), these monumental undertakings stand as testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. We enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. We see the Great Sphinx and then enjoy lunch at an authentic Egyptian restaurant. In the afternoon we visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum. It displays one-of-a-kind collection of artifacts dating almost 7000 years ago. Your visit includes a special ticket to the exhibit of the boy king Tut-Ankh-Amon with pieces displayed for the first time since the tomb discovery by Howard Carter exactly one century ago. **B/L**

Day 4: Thursday, February 27, 2025 • Cairo

This day is devoted to an excursion to Alexandria, the second largest city in Egypt. It was the capital of Egypt for a thousand years under the Greeks and the Romans. On the way, we stop for a brief guided visit to St. Makarios Coptic Monastery, learning about Monastic life and Coptic history. We take in the Mediterranean atmosphere and highlights of Alexandria, including the New Library of Alexandria, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Citadel of Quait-bay and more. We enjoy the views of the sea while having lunch together on the ancient royal harbor of Alexandria. We return to our hotel in Cairo for dinner on our own. **B/L**

Day 5: Friday, February 28, 2025 • Nile Cruise

Early this morning we fly to Aswan, an ancient frontier town. Upon our arrival we spend the morning at leisure in town or join the *optional* Abu Simbel tour (**\$420**). The flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel transports us back in time to the mighty temple of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed in the present location. Returning to Aswan, we all check into our beautiful cruise ship home for the next three nights. We have lunch onboard, then we may join an *optional* cultural visit to the Nubian village and sail through the national park (**\$55**); Or we may elect to enjoy the amenities of the ship. We all end our day with a beautiful sunset felucca ride, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile. **B/L/D**

Day 6: Saturday, March 1, 2025 • Nile Cruise

After breakfast, we take a tour to the spectacular Aswan High Dam. The dam brought an end to the Nile's devastating cycle of floods. We continue to the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. Our tour concludes with a visit to a granite quarry which holds the largest known unfinished ancient obelisk. In the afternoon, we set sail on the Nile. We stop to tour the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo that is dedicated to Horus, the Sky God, and Sobek, the Crocodile God. We admire the fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls before we continue sailing to Edfu. **B/L/D**

Day 7: Sunday, March 2, 2025 • Nile Cruise

More historic sites are on the schedule today. We visit the stunning Temple of Horus in Edfu, considered one of the best-preserved temples in all Egypt. The temple is dedicated to the falcon god Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris. The temple's extravagant design and sheer size is an indication of the country's prosperity at the time. This afternoon, the ship stops in Esna for a visit to the temple of Khnum. Continuing to Luxor, we tour the magnificent Temple of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. We walk along the Avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. Afterward, we head to the Luxor Temple to admire the colossal statues of the great pharaoh Ramses II. **B/L/D**

Day 8: Monday, March 3, 2025 • Cairo

This morning, we view the magnificence of the West Bank of Luxor on a tour that includes the UNESCO-listed Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. We return to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor. We transfer to Luxor airport to fly to Cairo and check into our hotel for the night. The evening is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the hotel or explore the adjacent City Stars Mall, one of the biggest malls in Cairo. **B/L**

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



Day 9: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 • Dubai

After breakfast, we depart from Cairo airport and fly to Dubai for the rest of our tour. Upon arriving in Dubai, we are transferred to our hotel where we have time to relax and refresh before dinner. **B/D**

Day 10: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 • Dubai

Although vast swathes of Dubai are now transformed with contemporary architecture into a modern and luxurious city, traces of the historic town can still be found in some parts. The 'Traditional Dubai City Tour' takes us on a cultural journey through time into with a visit to the heritage area of Bastakiya and 225-year old Fort Al Fahidi. Also on the schedule are a traditional Abra boat ride across scenic Dubai Creek, a visit to the Spice and Gold Souks, a drive to the luxurious Burj Al Arab, and a photo stop next to the Jumeirah Mosque. Dinner finds us in the desert with a thrilling safari in a 4x4 vehicle that takes us to some of the most amazing sand dunes of this region. The cultural experience has opportunities for dune bashing, camel rides, sandboarding and a visit to an authentic Bedouin campsite. We watch the sun set over the dunes and then dine on BBQ under the stars. Local dancers provide entertainment. We return to our hotel in the city late this evening. **B/D**

Day 11: Thursday, March 6, 2025 • Dubai

A day trip to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, shows us how this majestic Emirati city artfully blends the ancient past with the modern present. We visit the beautiful Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, and stroll along the Corniche waterfront. Next, we visit the Heritage Village, specifically designed to continually remind the younger Emiratis of their rich and colorful past. Then we visit the Louvre Museum Abu Dhabi and have time to shop at the Abu Dhabi Marina Mall. We return to our hotel in Dubai for dinner on our own. **B**

Day 12: Friday, March 7, 2025 • Return

Unfortunately, it is time to say goodbye as we transfer to the airport and board our international flight bound for the US. We leave with great memories of a varied look at the region. **B**

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

TOUR COST: \$5,299*

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$850

with a minimum of 15 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** (Chicago to Cairo and home from Dubai) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (estimated at \$1,175)
- Inter-continental flight from Cairo to Dubai
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned vehicle
- Domestic flights within Egypt
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4 and 5 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout Egypt
- Services of **professional tour manager** throughout Dubai
- **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Entry Visa at Cairo airport (Available upon arrival)
- **End of tour tips** (\$186) for tour manager (\$5 per person/ per day) and coach driver (\$4 per person/per day)
- 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. (\$385 per person double occupancy, \$445 single occupancy.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. 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 101 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 100-31 days, a \$500 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less 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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Please register me for:

- GVED25: Feb. 24 - Mar. 7, 2025 • \$5,299
- Single Supplement • \$850

Optional Tours (Day 5):

- The Temples at Abu Simbel flight & tour • \$420
- Cultural Visit to the 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: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: 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 (\$385 per person, double occupancy; \$445 single occupancy; 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

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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