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# EGYPT & MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE



32-day Private Small Group Tour Fully Escorted  
from East Maitland

**Visits** Egypt • Italy • Cyprus • Israel • Greece

**Departs** 19 November 2022

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# ITINERARY

## Day 1 Australia – Cairo. 19 Nov

Transfer from Greenhills Travel Centre to Newcastle (Williamtown Airport) or Sydney Airport and board to Cairo

## Day 2 Cairo. 20 Nov

Arrive Cairo 10.25 am. Dinner & Breakfast inflight. On arrival I will get the visas. We will then go through immigration, collect our luggage and then clear customs. Then the fun starts, we drive through Cairo to our hotel near the pyramids. You will never be a back seat driver again!! We should arrive at the hotel around 1.00 pm and hopefully we can get into our rooms early. Relax by the delightful swimming pool or take in the view of the Pyramids from your hotel. Golf can also be arranged. Two night stay: Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel. You can either eat in the hotel or venture out with me to local restaurant or take away. (Felfela Restaurant nearby) Try not to go to bed too early.

## Day 3 Cairo. 21 Nov

Today we meet our tour Guide. We begin with a visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza for our guided tour then on to the Sphinx, the mystic creature with the head of a king and the body of a lion. Later we visit Saqqara and here you will see the famous step pyramid of King Zoser, which dates from 2686BC and is the world's oldest major stone structure. Continue on to Memphis, the ancient capital of the Old Kingdom to see the gigantic statue of Ramses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 4 Cairo – Alexandria. 22 Nov 8.00 am (Sphinx Airport)

Today we visit El Alamein, located in the Western Desert. It is the site of one of the largest battles of WWII. We visit the Commonwealth War Cemeteries, which contain over 7000 Tombstones overlooking the desert battlefield. We then visit El-Alamein Museum. This museum includes four main halls representing the countries that participated in the El-Alamein Battle: Germany, England, Italy, and Egypt. An outside exhibit weapons and tanks which were used in the battle. Continue on to Alexandria and visit the National History Museum. Two Night Stay: Cecil Hotel. Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5 Alexandria. 23 Nov

Situated on the Mediterranean coast, Alexandria exudes a European air and sophistication with Greek and Italian influences. We visit the Catacomb of Kom El Shoqafa-burial places of early Alexandrian Christians which merge old and new Egyptian culture and art. Roman Amphitheatre, and Montazah Gardens which surround the Montazah Palace, once the home of Egyptian royalty. The new library of Alexandria, an architectural masterpiece, has a massive repository of international manuscripts. Breakfast

## Day 6 Alexandria – Luxor. 24 Nov

We depart Alexandria 8.00 am and drive to Cairo via Wadi el Natrun to visit the Monastery of St. Macarius. Originally there were 50 monasteries but only four have survived to modern times. This afternoon fly to Luxor from Cairo. Overnight Winter Palace Pavilion Hotel Luxor. Breakfast MS359 1640/1750

## Day 7 Luxor. 25 Nov

After breakfast visit Karnak Temple built over 2000 years ago and a place of worship for 4000 years. Hear tales of ancient Thebes and the lives of the pharaohs who built the necropolis, seeking to make their mark on the country's most important temple. With its endless courts, halls and huge sacred lake, the scale and complexity of this sprawling temple is overwhelming. After lunch we visit Luxor Temple. This temple is dedicated to the great God Amun-Re, his wife Mut and their son Khons, the moon God, all of whom together represent the Theban triad. Overnight Winter Palace Pavilion Hotel Luxor. Breakfast

## Day 8 Luxor - Luxor. 26 Nov (BLD)

Morning free to explore the hotel gardens before we check out of our hotel by 11.00 am and join our Cruise Ship for lunch. Afternoon free to explore the ship. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 9 Luxor - Nile Cruise - Luxor to Edfu. 27 Nov (BLD)

Free morning. You have the option to: Visit the local markets in Luxor, ACE (Animal Care in Egypt) <http://www.ace-egypt.org.uk>. Return for lunch and the cruise sets sail for the incredible Esna lock and Edfu.

## Day 10 Nile Cruise - Edfu to Kom Ombo. 28 Nov (BLD)

This morning you disembark for a visit to the magnificently preserved Temple of Horus, the falcon God, which dates from the Ptolemaic period. Unique amongst the temples of Upper Egypt, Edfu is located on the west bank of the Nile, normally dedicated to the afterlife. Continue on to Kom Ombo where your boat moors this evening.

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Please note: Due to local laws and regulations, the preferred mode of transport available to visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu is by horse and carriage. Unfortunately, some neglectful owners cruelly mistreat their animals. Our guides always endeavour to arrange healthy, well-treated horses with responsible owners for our transport in Edfu, ultimately it is your decision if you wish to partake in the included transportation or we can arrange a taxi at an extra cost.

**Day 11 Nile Cruise - Kom Ombo to Aswan. 29 Nov (BLD)**

After a relaxing cruise upstream to picturesque Aswan, you will disembark from your cruise boat and take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis at Philae. Built in the third century BC and known as 'Jewel of the Nile', this lovely temple complex is located on an island in the Nile and was dedicated to the goddess Isis. It features well preserved temple buildings, courtyards, reliefs and murals. Continue on to the High Dam, the ancient granite quarries and the unfinished obelisk. We will also visit a Papyrus shop to see the art of papyrus making. The process is simple and remains virtually unchanged since ancient times. There are many original paintings for sale which are a great souvenir.

**Day 12 Nile Cruise - Aswan. 30 Nov (BLD)**

This morning take an early morning 45 minute flight to the incredible Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari at Abu Simbel in ancient Nubia, arguably the greatest indulgence of any Pharaoh. After lunch on board, you will enjoy a traditional felucca ride to Aswan's botanical gardens located on Elephantine Island.

**Day 13 Nile Cruise - Aswan to Kom Ombo. 1 Dec (BLD)**

Set sail early this morning to Kom Ombo, where you will disembark to visit Kom Ombo temple with its unique floor plan, the result of the unification of two temples, each dedicated to a distinct divinity: the crocodile-headed Sobek, god of fertility and Horus, the solar war god. This explains why Kom Ombo is known both as 'House of the Crocodile' and 'Castle of the Falcon'.

**Day 14 Nile Cruise - Luxor. 2 Dec (BLD)**

After breakfast you will cross to the west bank of the Nile for the first stop at the Colossi of Memnon. These massive quartzite statues once flanked the entrance to Amenhotep III's Mortuary Temple and now stand alone in a field on the way to the Valley of the Kings. You will then visit Deir El Bahari, the incredible Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the longest ruling female pharaoh whose temple is perhaps the most imposing feature on the West Bank. Finally, the Valley of the Kings, where your entry includes visits to three tombs. Afterwards we will visit an Athabasca factory.

**Day 15 Luxor - Cairo 3 Dec (B)**

After disembarking from your cruise ship, transfer to Luxor airport, your flight takes you back to Cairo. Visit to the incredible New Grand Egyptian Museum, home of the greatest collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world, where all that you've seen in Upper Egypt will be brought into perspective. This evening, back to the Pyramids for a spectacular Sound and Light show. Here you will share in tales of the early Pharaohs, who built the sole survivor of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. Three night stay. Breakfast  
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**Day 16 Cairo Sightseeing 4 Dec (B)**

Today visit the hanging church, St Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church. We continue on to visit Salah el Din's Citadel. Enjoy the breathtaking views of the entire city and across to the pyramids. Visit Mohammed Ali's great Mosque built in a wholly Turkish style between 1830 and 1857. Today we continue to discover Cairo and visit the world-famous Khan el Khalili bazaar. With its labyrinth of bustling alleys, it is an opportunity to pick up some last minute bargains.

**Day 17 Cairo 5 Dec (B)**

Rest Day in Cairo. Take it easy around the pool at the hotel. Take a second visit to Grand Egyptian Museum. Revisit the Khan el Khalili bazaar. Golf can be arranged.

**Day 18 Cairo – Genoa 6 DEC 2022**

1201 am transfer to Cairo Airport for a 3.45 am departure to Genoa. Arrive Genoa 10.35 am and transfer to MSC Cruise ship our cruise of Italy, Cyprus, Israel and Greece (LD)

**Day 19 Civitavecchia, Italy 7 Dec 2022 7.00 am – 5.00 pm (BLD)**

**Day 20 At Sea (BLD) 8 Dec 2022**

**Day 21 At Sea (BLD) 9 Dec 2022**

**Day 22 Limassol, Cyprus 10 Dec 2022 2.00 pm – 8.00 pm (BLD)**

**Day 23 Haifa, Israel 11 Dec 2022 arrive 7.00 am (BLD)**

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Day 24 Haifa, Israel 12 Dec 2022 Depart 9.00 pm (BLD)

Day 25 At Sea (BLD) 13 Dec 2022

Day 26 Chania, Greece 14 Dec 2022 8.00 am – 6.00 pm (BLD)

Day 27 Katakolon, Greece 15 Dec 2022 8.00 am – 2.00 pm (BLD)

Day 28 At Sea (BLD) 16 Dec 2022

Day 29 17 Dec 2022 Genoa Italy  
Arrive 9.00 am. Disembark and transfer to airport. Depart Milan for Doha  
4.15 pm arrive Doha 11.35 pm and transfer to our hotel (B)

Day 30 Doha - City Tour Doha (B)

Day 31 Doha – Sydney  
Morning free. Afternoon transfer to the airport to board our flight home. (B)

Day 32 Sydney  
After clearing immigration and customs transfer back to Maitland

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**\$15,950\*<sub>pp</sub> twin share**

Single supplement **\$3,000<sub>pp</sub>**

**Earlybird Special: Book before 31 December 2021 and save \$750 per person**

Option to do Egypt or Mediterranean Cruise only

20-day Egypt only **\$11,850\*<sub>pp</sub> twin share**

17-day Mediterranean Cruise only **\$7,800\*<sub>pp</sub> twin share**

**Inclusions:**

- Fully Escorted from Maitland
- Return private transfers to Sydney or Newcastle Airport from Maitland
- All airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges
- Fully inclusive tour of Egypt, including Abu Simbel by air.
- 7-night All-inclusive Nile Cruise. Nile View Cabins
- Entrance fees to all attractions as per itinerary
- Meals: Breakfast daily. 7 Lunches. 16 Dinners.
- 5 nights in Cairo, Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, El Alamein.
- 2 nights in Alexandria
- 2 nights in Luxor
- 2 night Stopover Doha
- Air conditioned bus/coach for all land arrangements.
- Personal Egyptologist/Tour Guide Day 3 to 16 Inclusive
- Gratuities for Egyptologist, tour guides, drivers, cruise staff, porters and every other person you encounter in Egypt!
- 11 night MSC Cruise Ocean View Cabins Category O2 Fantastica, with inclusive alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverage package:
  - Dining: A choice of restaurants and an extensive buffet offering everyone's favourite foods, freshly prepared by highly trained chefs.
  - Entertainment: Be amazed by a rich programme of daytime activities, spectacular evening shows, impressive Broadway and Las Vegas Style theatrical performances, live music and dance till dawn nightlife.
  - Activities : Take advantage of our outdoor tennis, volleyball and basketball or our state-of-art gym with Technogym cardio and strength training equipment plus yoga and fitness classes.
- Inclusive drinks package.

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