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Sphinx in Giza

## ANCIENT EGYPT AND THE NILE RIVER CRUISE

Featuring  
**Jaz**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a Nile River cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- Tour the legendary Pyramids of Giza
- Come face to face with the Great Sphinx
- Explore the Valley of the Kings
- See the world's largest collection of Egyptian artifacts at the Egyptian Museum
- Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Abu Simbel (optional and at additional cost)

### INCLUDES

4-night river cruise aboard Jaz, 5-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners on the land portion and all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE



Cairo • Giza • Memphis • Saqqara • Luxor • Esna • Edfu • Kom Ombo • Aswan • Nile Cruise aboard Jaz

Discover the wonders of Egypt on a spectacular land tour and Nile River cruise. See the most recognizable monuments in the world, from pyramids to towering temples and opulent tombs. A desert land made rich by the Nile, Egypt is full of elaborate art, iconic architecture, and breathtaking tributes to powerful pharaohs and capricious gods.

#### ✈ Day 1 • Depart for Cairo, Egypt

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

#### ✈ Day 2 • Arrive in Cairo, Egypt

Guests who booked their flight with YMT Vacations will be met by a friendly representative at the airport, who will help obtain a tourist visa required to enter Egypt and transfer you to the hotel. Meet your fellow guests tonight at a welcome dinner. (D)

♦ *Barceló Cairo Hotel or similar*

#### 🚗 Day 3 • Cairo, Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx, Memphis, and Saqqara

Begin at the Pyramids of Giza, which stand as the ultimate display of the power, wealth, and brilliance of ancient Egypt. The Great Pyramid is the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.

Next to the pyramids lies the mysterious Sphinx. The world's most famous statue was cut from the bedrock of the Giza Plateau in honor of the sun god and Pharaoh Khafre in the 25th century BCE.

Continue to the ancient capital city of Memphis to see ruined temples, ancient statues, and the 30-foot-tall Colossus of Rameses II. Finally, visit Saqqara, Egypt's largest archaeological site. Here you will discover 11 pyramids (B, L, D)

♦ *Barceló Cairo Hotel or similar*

#### 🚗 Day 4 • Cairo & Egyptian Museum

Discover the secrets of the Egyptian Museum, home to the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities and artifacts in the world. The museum is focused on exhibitions with artifacts from the Predynastic Period to the Greco-Roman Era. (B, L, D)

♦ *Barceló Cairo Hotel or similar*

#### ✈ 🚗 Day 5 • Fly to Luxor and Embarkation

After an included flight to Luxor, embark on your Nile cruise. Visit the massive temple complex of Karnak. The centerpiece of the site is the Temple of Amun-Ra, most famous for its vast Hypostyle Hall, a spectacular forest of giant papyrus-shaped columns constructed during the reign of Seti I. Discover the preserved Temple of Luxor. As you enter the temple, you'll pass six massive statues of Rameses II and a granite obelisk. (B, L, D)

#### 🚗 Day 6 • Luxor and Edfu via Esna

(Depart at 1:00 PM)

At the edge of the desert, just beyond the lush Nile floodplain, lies the Necropolis of Luxor. You will be welcomed to this archaeological goldmine by the Colossi of Memnon, twin statues of pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Continue to the Valley of the Kings, home of 63 magnificent royal tombs including the miraculously undisturbed tomb of King Tut.



Felucca sailboat in Luxor on the River Nile



Ramesses II Pylon in Luxor City



Kom Ombo Temple



Hieroglyphs at Valley of the Kings, Luxor



Jaz ship on the Nile River

The nearby terraced Temple of Hatshepsut is carved into the limestone cliffs of the Deir el-Bahari. This lavish shrine to Queen Hatshepsut, one of the few women to ever be crowned as pharaoh, represents a highpoint in Egyptian art and architecture. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 7 • Edfu, Kom Ombo & Aswan** (Depart at 10:30 AM - Arrive at 5:00 PM in Aswan)

Start your day at Edfu Temple, a hillside monument to the falcon god Horus. It was built in the classic golden era style and stands as the best-preserved temple in the Nile River Valley.

Continue to a beautiful temple complex perched grandly over a picturesque bend in the Nile.

Guests are encouraged to wear a traditional loose-fitting robe, called a Galabeya, during this evening's fun on-board soiree. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 8 • Aswan**

Start your day with a visit to the High Dam. The dam created a reservoir that flooded much of the area, which forced ancient sites including Abu Simbel and the Temple of Philae to be relocated.

Continue to the Temple of Philae, which was erected during the reign of Ptolemy II to honor Isis, Osiris, and Horus. Flanked by a duo of courtyards, the stunning Temple of Isis is renowned for its breathtaking and highly detailed carvings. Next, see the Unfinished Obelisk. This massive,

cracked pillar still lies in the granite bedrock where it was abandoned thousands of years ago.

Take an afternoon ride on a traditional Felucca sailboat to Aswan Botanical Gardens, a lush sanctuary of rare and exotic plants. Watch a Nubian Show on the ship this evening to learn about the fascinating Nubian culture. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9 • Disembark in Aswan and Fly to Cairo**

After checking out of your stateroom, spend the day relaxing aboard the ship or join an optional day trip to the Abu Simbel Temples at an additional cost. Take an included flight to Cairo later this afternoon. (B, L, D)

◆ *Steigenberger El Tahrir Cairo Hotel or similar*

#### **Day 10 • Cairo**

Start your final day in Old Cairo. Visit the thousand-year-old churches of Coptic Cairo, then visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. Discover civilizations and cultures stretching from prehistory to modern times, with exhibits focused on everything from the small moments of daily life through the preservation of one's body in the face of death.

You can join an optional afternoon excursion to the Khan el-Khalili bazaar and souq (for an additional fee), a 14th century shopping destination that is the perfect place to explore

and pick up authentic souvenirs. End the trip with an included farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

◆ *Steigenberger El Tahrir Cairo Hotel or similar*

#### **Day 11 • Depart for Home (B)**

*Note: Flights from Cairo to USA may be red eye flights, departing in early morning.*

**VISA REQUIRED** (see our website for details)

**MUST BOOK BY 10/28**

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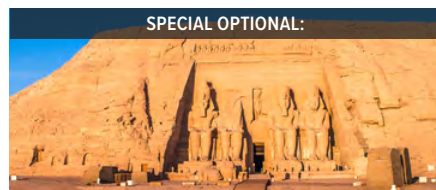
**ABU SIMBEL DAY TRIP** - Including Round Trip Flights  
Fly roundtrip to Abu Simbel to see spectacular twin temples, one of Egypt's most popular attractions, found on the banks of Lake Nassar, built to honor Pharaoh Ramesses II and his wife Nefertari, this sight was moved to its present location in 1968. Boxed lunch included, just \$449 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.



#### **FEATURED OPTIONAL:**

#### **BEVERAGE PACKAGE!**

Get all inclusive beverages onboard ship - includes bottle water, soft drinks, coffee, tea, juices, and alcoholic beverages, just \$199 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.



#### **SPECIAL OPTIONAL:**





## SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI TOUR

Cape Town • Table Mountain • Bo Kaap • Cape Point Nature Reserve • Boulders Beach Penguin Colony • Oudtshoorn • Swellendam • Mossel Bay • Knysna • Cango Caves • Port Elizabeth • Tsitsikamma National Park • Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary • Birds of Eden Flight Aviary • Johannesburg • Hazyview • Kruger National Park

The roar of lions. The trumpeting of elephants. The pounding hooves of a hundred galloping zebras. If you've spent your whole life dreaming of Africa's wildlife, this tour belongs at the top of your bucket list. Animals, scenery, culture, and history await you on this phenomenal trip.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Look out for the Big 5 on a guided game drive in Kruger National Park
- Watch 3,000 African penguins up close at Boulders Beach
- See a life-size replica of a 15th century Portuguese caravel at the Bartolomeu Dias Museum
- Travel hundreds of feet down into the Cango Caves to marvel at prehistoric cave paintings and artifacts
- Witness the majesty of the african wildlife at the Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary
- Visit the Apartheid Museum and Mandela House to learn about the brutal history of apartheid

### INCLUDES

11 nights hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 7 dinners, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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#### ✈ Days 1 & 2 • Depart for Cape Town

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

#### ✈ Day 3 • Arrive in Cape Town

Welcome to Africa! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, you will be transferred from the airport to your hotel to enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. This evening, meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director at an informative welcome briefing and included welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

◆ Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town or similar

#### 🚗 Day 4 • Cape Town, Table Mountain and Bo-Kaap

Your first full day in Africa is packed with excitement. After breakfast, take a guided city tour of Cape Town, South Africa's second largest city. Bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Cape Town's scenery places it in one of the most breathtaking settings in the world. Ride a cable car to the flat top of Table Mountain. Drive through the colorful Bo-Kaap, the "Malay Quarter" of Cape Town with a rich history as a historic home for the local Muslim community. Finally, head to Gold Restaurant for an authentic pan-African dinner and a djembe drum lesson. A vital part of African culture, the djembe has been used in ceremonies and celebrations since the 12th century. (B, D)

◆ Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town or similar

#### 🚗 Day 5 • Cape Town, Cape Point Nature Reserve and Boulders Beach Penguin Colony

Rich with diverse plant and animal life, your day at Cape Point Nature Reserve promises to be especially memorable for animal and nature lovers. Ride the Flying Dutchman Funicular to the top of Cape Point's lighthouse for panoramic views of the rocky landscape, pounding waves, wildlife and rare plants. Spend time at the Boulders Beach Penguin Colony, where you can see endangered African Penguins teetering across the white sand. (B, L)

◆ Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town or similar

#### 🚗 Day 6 • Swellendam, Mossel Bay & Oudtshoorn

En route to Oudtshoorn, enjoy a stop in Swellendam for lunch on your own in this Dutch town overlooking the Breede River. Visit an aloe factory, then take a stroll through the Bartolomeu Dias Museum in Mossel Bay. This evening's dinner will be included. (B, D)

◆ El Dorado Oudtshoorn or similar

#### 🚗 Day 7 • Knysna & Cango Caves

Full of prehistoric cave paintings and artifacts, the Cango Caves are a must-see for visitors to the Western Cape. Back above ground, stop by an ostrich farm! The ostrich is the world's largest bird, learn all about them on an included tour. Enjoy an included lunch. (B, L)

◆ Protea by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar