



# Holy Family & Coptic Churches of *Egypt* Including Nile River Cruise

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE:

Sept. 16 - 26, 2021

*Additional dates available for groups of 8-40. "Go Private" with a surcharge for a minimum of 2 passengers.*



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Giza Plateau



Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut

**DAY 1: Thursday • Depart for Egypt**

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**DAY 2: Friday • Cairo**

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. We arrive in Cairo and transfer to our deluxe 5-star hotel located mere steps from the Great Pyramid. Enjoy time at the hotel pools, in the air-conditioned bars and restaurants, or in the lush hotel gardens. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting and welcome drink with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at our hotel.

**DAY 3: Saturday • Cairo**

After breakfast at the hotel, we tour the **Egyptian Museum**, a neoclassical building located on Tahrir Square. The museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts with more than 120,000 items on display, including the Golden treasures of the boy King Tutankhamun. We then make a visit to one of the most ancient Coptic sites of Egypt in Old Cairo and visit the Hanging Church, the Holy Family Cave Church of Abu Serga and the Jewish Synagogue with an exclusive trip to The Cave Churches in the Mokkattam Mountain, where nearly 70,000 Christians worship weekly. We drive through the garbage collectors district, learning about the trash pick-up and recycling in Cairo and discover how the church started the Ministry there. **(B/L)**

**DAY 4: Sunday • Cairo**

After breakfast, we visit the **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 and Khafre and Menkaure. Not far from the Pyramids, we see the great **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. Then we continue to Sakkara and have a BBQ lunch in a country-side restaurant on the way. On arrival in Sakkara, we see the Step Pyramid which is the first pyramid stone construction in the world. We also enjoy colorful carvings in the Tombs of the Nobles which depict daily life and fun activities. We return to the hotel to freshen up after an exciting day. Tonight, treat yourself to a superb dinner at one of the fine restaurants, or attend the *optional* Sound & Light Show held in Giza with views of the mighty Pyramids. A spectacular and unforgettable evening. **(B/L)**

**Optional:** Cairo Sound & Light Show at Pyramids \$55(PM)

**DAY 5: Monday • Alexandria**

After breakfast, we drive to **Wadi Natrun**, a Famous Holy family site and an important valley for Ancient Egyptian and Modern Coptic Christians. This is an actual birthplace of

Christian monasticism. At one time, there were over 50 monasteries, but only four survived into modern times. We begin with a visit to the Monastery of St Bishoi led by one of the monks. We see the church; the refectory and we climb the keep (protection tower). We also have the opportunity to learn about monastic practices and daily life. We then proceed to Deir El-Surian with its walls adorned with beautiful ancient mosaics. We continue to Alexandria and visit Alexandria Library which was built in 2002 in memory of the Ancient Library built by the Greeks. It is a great cultural project and contains many exhibits of art as well as an antiquities museum that has some of the ancient monuments found underwater. We enjoy dinner as a group and a free evening to walk by the seaside. **(B/D)**

**DAY 6: Tuesday • Cairo**

After breakfast, we do a morning walk for 1/3 of a mile to visit the birthplace of Christianity in Egypt, St. Mark Cathedral in Alexandria, and the Tomb of St. Mark who preached in the name of Jesus and was killed by the Romans. We then visit the Eliahu Hanavi Jewish Synagogue next door, which was built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and bombarded during the Napoleon invasion of Egypt. It was rebuilt again in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was renewed again recently and opened for visits by the Egyptian Antiquities Authority. We check out of the hotel and go for lunch in a nice seafood restaurant overlooking the Eastern harbor. This afternoon we continue to Qait-Bay Fortress, built to replace the Ancient Light House of Pharos, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient world. We end our day in Cairo and check into the hotel with dinner and the evening on our own. **(B/L)**

**DAY 7: Wednesday • Nile Cruise**

After breakfast, we **fly to Aswan**. Upon arrival, we have the morning at leisure in this ancient frontier town or join the *optional* Abu Simbel tour. A flight from Aswan transports you back in time to the mighty Temple of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed 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 ancient sites of Egypt. We fly back to Aswan and transfer to our **cruise ship, our home for the next three nights**. In the late afternoon we have the opportunity for a rare glimpse into another world and even another time as we visit Nubian Village including a family house. We enjoy a bit of free time in the spice markets before returning to the cruise ship. **(B/L/D) Optional:** Abu Simbel by air \$355 (AM)

**DAY 8: Thursday • Nile Cruise**

After breakfast, we tour the **Philae Temple**, dedicated to the goddess Isis. We marvel at the temple's beautiful island location.



*Hieroglyphs at Medinat Habu, Luxor*

We conclude our tour with a sailboat ride on the Nile and visit the Botanical Garden of Aswan, planted by Lord Kitchener, the British ruler of Egypt. Returning to the ship, we begin our journey on the legendary Nile. Watch the scenery pass from the pool or your sunbed lounger. Our first stop is the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the Crocodile God Sobek and the Sky God Horus. We continue to Edfu where we dock for the evening. **(B/L/D)**

#### **DAY 9: Friday • Nile Cruise**

This morning, enjoy a lazy breakfast and free morning, while sailing to Luxor. We have our lecture on the Nile Valley and River, with its challenges and hopes. In the afternoon, we take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor, visiting the magnificent Temples 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, enjoy a nice horse carriage ride through Luxor markets and the riverside by sunset. **(B/L/D)**

#### **DAY 10: Saturday • Cairo**

We view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank with a visit to the UNESCO listed **Valley of the Kings**, the necropolis of Thebes and admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, head to the **Temple of Hatshepsut**, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. We conclude the tour at **the Colossi of Memnon**: two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. We have lunch in a local restaurant with a great view of the temple of Luxor. Later, we board a flight back to Cairo and our airport hotel. **(B/L)**

#### **DAY 11: Sunday • Depart Egypt**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back home. **(B)**

- *Cruise sailing times are subject to change.*
- *At certain times of the year itinerary may be amended to travel early in the morning and late afternoon to avoid the heat. Order or duration of some visits may change without notice.*

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

**Tour Price:**  
**\$3199/person**  
*(discounted from \$5198)*

Additional dates available for groups of 8-40.

"Go Private" with a surcharge for a minimum of 2 passengers.

#### **Your Tour Includes:**

- **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
- **Entry Visa** at Cairo airport (Available upon arrival)
- **All taxes and tips including end of tour tips** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport **Admission** to all activities as per itinerary)

#### **Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- International flights to/from Cairo. Booking assistance is available upon request. Estimated fares from ORD \$800 - \$1600 depending on dates, airline and routing.
- 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 non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. 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. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable.

From time of deposit to 91 days, the cancellation fee is \$25.

From 90 - 31 days, fee is \$250

From 30 - 15 days, fee is \$850

From 14 - 8 days, fee is \$1,800

Less than 7 days, No refund

#### **COVID19**

Please note that anyone needing to cancel due to COVID restrictions may choose to receive full credit for future travel to Egypt. If cancelling 30 days or less prior to travel, there is a \$125 rebooking fee.

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



## Terms and Conditions

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# Holy Family & Coptic Churches of Egypt

Please register me for:

- EHHF21 Sept 16-26, 2021
- Single Supplement • \$650

Optional Tours:

- Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids: \$55 per person
- The Temples at Abu Simbel flight & tour: \$355 per person

## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 (please check one)

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 1<sup>st</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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