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THE TREASURES OF EGYPT

7 DAYS



ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY 1 – Arrival in Egypt.

DAY 2 – The Pyramids and the Giza Plateau.

DAY 3 – Cairo, the City on the Nile.

DAY 4 – Aswan, High Dam and Philae Temple.

DAY 5 – Abu Simbel, Lake Nasser, Aswan, Luxor.

DAY 6 – The Nile, Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens.

DAY 7 – Departure.



DAY 1 - Arrival in Egypt

Arrival in Cairo International Airport.

Meet and greet at luggage area by our representative (representative will have a sign with your names). Escort through customs providing Entry Visa stamp and escort you to your waiting vehicle. Private transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at Marriott Mena House



DAY 2 – The Giza Plateau

Meet your private Egyptologist and transfer to the Giza plateau where you begin your day's sightseeing at the foot of the inscrutable Sphinx, the giant man/beast that has puzzled men for generations. Walk up the modest incline to the top of the Giza Plateau and marvel at the sight of the three Great Pyramids of Giza – Cheops (Khufu), Chephren (Khafre) and Mykerinos (Menkaure), with entry inside the Pyramids. One can only imagine the impact these massive structures would have had on ancient travelers seeing them for the first time! Proceed to visit the Solar Boat Museum.

After lunch, proceed to visit the step Pyramid, on which Imhotep experimented with the design of his stone tomb, beginning with a standard mastaba like those built in mud brick at Abydos and Saqqara by the 1st and 2nd dynasty Kings. Imhotep altered the design of the superstructure several times, erecting a four -stepped Pyramid above the Mastaba, then enlarging it to six steps. You can see these changes in the southern wall, and more so on the east where some of the original casing remained in place.

Also visit Memphis, the Capital city founded by Menes which lies southeast of its cemetery at Saqqara. Status and architectural fragments have been collected in the sculpture garden, which occupies the southeastern part of the Ptah Temple complex, honoring Ptah, patron god of Memphis. Here the massive statue of Ramsis II lies under a roof and the Sphinx from the same period dominates the courtyard. In addition, the garden contains stelae statues from various periods as well as some Coptic columns, identified by the dual patterns on their shafts.

At sunset, enjoy Camel or Horse ride at the Pyramids area and then enjoy dinner.

Overnight at Marriott Mena House Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



DAY 3 - Cairo, the City on the Nile

Today you will visit to the Egyptian Museum located in the heart of Cairo. It has a pleasing atmosphere of the ancient time of the Pharaohs. There is a beautiful contrast between the well trimmed garden and the facade of the museum. Once you enter the museum, you have gone through time starting from the Archaic Pre Dynastic Period to the Old, Middle and New Kingdoms. It houses the world's most important collection of Egyptian antiquities from 2700 BC to the 6th century AD. There are thousands of statues, jewels and artifacts from nearly every period of ancient Egypt. Admire the amazing treasures of the young king, Tutankhamen, including his famous mask made out of solid gold and in a perfect state of preservation and then enter the famous Mummies room.

Proceed to Old Cairo to visit Beit El-Sehemy which is transformed now to a museum, The house is built around a sahn in the centre where there is a small garden with plants and palm trees.

Enjoy lunch at local restaurant.

In the evening, enjoy walking through the heart of the old Arab town of Cairo in El-Moez Street where you will pass fascinating Islamic architecture to proceed to the most historic market "Khan El-Khalili."

Enjoy dinner at Naguib Mahfoz restaurant at Khan El-Khalili Bazaars.

Overnight at Marriott Mena House (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



DAY 4 – Aswan, Philae Temple, Lake Nasser, Aswan

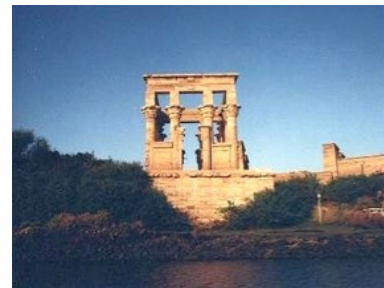
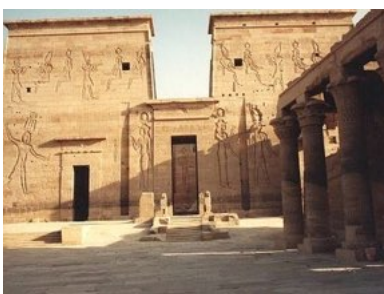
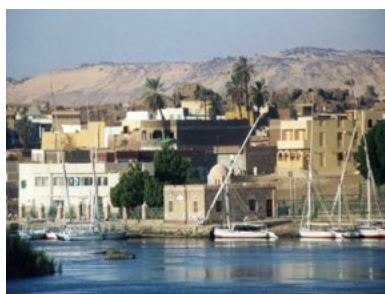
Meet your escort and transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Aswan.

Arrive Aswan Airport where you will be met by a representative and proceed to visit the High Dam and beautiful Philae Temple.

Located near Aswan, the world famous High Dam was an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s. It contains 18 times the material used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops. The Dam is 11,811 feet long, 3,215 feet thick at the base and 364 feet tall. Today it provides irrigation and electricity for the whole of Egypt and, together with the old Aswan Dam built by the British between 1898 and 1902, 4 miles downriver, wonderful views for visitors.

After your visit transfer by motorboat on Lake Nasser to the Island of Agilka. When it seemed that Philae Temple was destined to be lost forever beneath the rising waters of the Nile, it was moved to this island in a cooperative effort by UNESCO & the Egyptian Antiquity Organization. It was saved from being submerged and eroded by the waters of Lake Nasser, a project that began in 1972 and was completed 1980. The romantic and majestic aura surrounding the temple complex of Isis on Philae is a must see for all travelers to Aswan. End the day at your hotel.

Overnight at Old Cataract Aswan or similar (Breakfast)



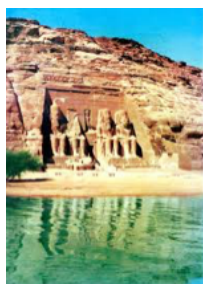
DAY 5 – Abu Simbel, Luxor

Check out from hotel, transfer to Aswan Airport for flight to Abu Simbel where you will be met by a representative and proceed to visit Abu Simbel Great Temple with your guide.

New Kingdom rulers extended Egypt's borders to the Fourth Cataract, and Ramses II, in a gesture of piety and self-aggrandizement ordered two sun temples carved from the limestone mountains at Abu Simbel dating between 1290-1124 BC. Here, on the face of the cliffs, stonemasons hewed giant figures of the king that radiated power, dominated the landscape, and with their ceaseless stares subjugated all who dared to enter Egypt. In modern times the two temples of Abu Simbel were threatened by the waters that would rise with the completion of the High Dam. A campaign to save them was organized by UNESCO. The plan was to cut the temples into blocks, raise them piece by piece, and then reassemble them in their new position. The job was massive and took two years to complete, 1966-1968. At the Great Temple of Ra-Harakhte, the four famous colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically over 20 meters high, staring out across the desert. Through the entrance to the temple is an impressive hypostyle hall, flanked with statues of Ramses II, which leads to the vestibule, and finally to the innermost Sacred Sanctuary. The Temple of Hathor, dedicated to the cow headed goddess of love and built in honor of Ramses' favorite wife, Queen Nefertari, is fronted by six massive standing statues, each 10 meters high.

Transfer to Abu Simbel Airport for your flight to Aswan (flight takes around 45 minutes).
Arrive Aswan Airport and start your road transfer from Aswan to Luxor (about 4 hours)
Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in.

Overnight at Hilton Luxor or similar (Breakfast)



DAY 6 – The Nile, Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Cairo

After breakfast and check out you will start your day with a visit the West Bank of the Nile, the famed Valley of the Kings. This sacred valley was the cemetery of the pharaohs in the New Kingdom period (1550 – 1069 BC) and contains 64 rock-cut tombs with entry to the famous tomb of the boy-king Tutankhamen which was discovered here in 1922.

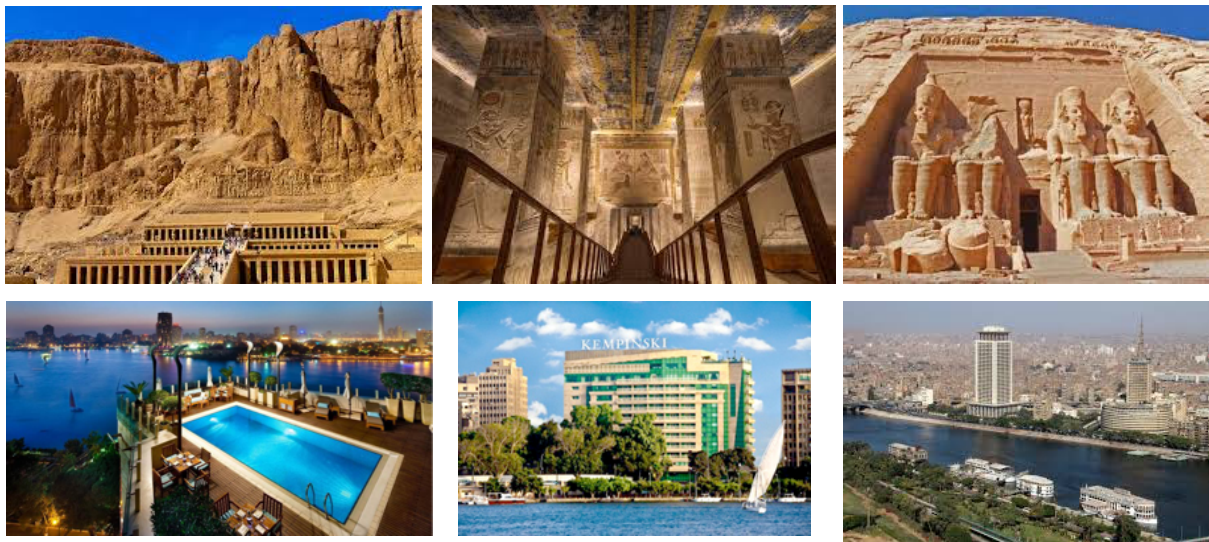
Continue for a visit of the Valley of the Queens where royal wives and royal princes are buried. There are at least 75 tombs.

You will see the Colossi of Memnon then continue to the beautiful, almost neo-classical temple of Queen Hatchepsut at Deir el-Bahri. It is magnificently situated at the foot of the sheer cliffs fringing the desert hills, the light-colored, almost white, sandstone of the temple standing out prominently against the golden yellow to light brown rocks behind.

Transfer to Luxor Airport for flight to Cairo (flight time around 1 hour).

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight at Kempinski Nile or similar (Breakfast)



DAY 7 – Departure

Private transfer to Cairo International Airport.

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