





Egypt - Treasures of the Nile!

5 Star Cruise/Tour From the Giza Pyramids to Stunning Abu Simbel Including a 5 Day / 4 Night Cruise on the Nile River!!

FEBRUARY 5 - 14, 2026 10 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

Join us and explore the Treasures of the Nile - a country nearly as old as civilization itself, Egypt brings out the explorer in all of us!

With sand-covered tombs, austere pyramids and towering Pharaonic temples you'll be mesmerized by the history of Egypt. Visit the Valley of the Kings in Luxor where Tutankhamen's tomb was unearthed. See the glittering finds in the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Hop off a Nile boat to visit Edfu or a colorful spice market in Aswan as you cruise the longest river in the world. A Nile cruise is one of those journeys you feel it imperative to take, at least once in a lifetime. See temples that have stood for thousands of years deeply etched with hieroglyphs that tell the story of an ancient civilization. Relax on the deck of your river boat and watch as donkey-carts lumber past ramshackle internet cafes. You'll find that the sunsets on the Nile are some of the most gorgeous you've seen! The Nile has been the lifeline of civilization in Egypt since the Stone Age and explorers have long been fascinated by the river, people and the ancient tombs and temples that dot the landscape. Travel with us on this very special tour to Egypt and join explorers throughout the ages in discovering the Treasures of the Nile!

Itinerary

February 5, 2026 - Your Journey Begins

Today, you board your international flight bound for **Cairo**, **Egypt**.

February 6, 2026 - Arrival in the Land of the Pharaohs!

On arrival in Cairo, you'll be met by your **TRIPS representative** who will assist with airport formalities and your hotel transfer. Check in to **one of the most unique historic hotels in Cairo**, the Omar El Khayyam Palace on the Nile River at Zamalek Island, situated in one of Cairo's most vibrant and upscale districts that's also home to embassies and ambassadors. Relax and enjoy dinner on your own this evening in one of your hotel's several fine restaurants.

Overnight: Cairo - Marriott Omar El Khayyam Palace Hotel

February 7, 2026 - King Tut, the Citadel and Alabaster Mosque!

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll begin your exploration of the ancient city of Cairo. First, you'll visit the fabulous **Grand Egyptian Museum** housing the spectacular collection of **King Tutankhamen** and monuments from all periods of Egyptian history. Enjoy today's lunch in an open-air restaurant overlooking the Nile, and also a special visit to the **private exhibit** of the **Boy King Tutankhamun** with many treasures exhibited for the first time since their discovery in 1922! Then it's on to the **Citadel**, whose construction was begun by **Salah ad-Din** in 1176. As one of the major works of military architecture of the middle ages, rulers governed Egypt from here for 700 years. You'll also explore the **Alabaster Mosque** built by Mohammed Ali in the early 1800s with its large dome and Ottoman influenced design. Afterward, you'll return to your hotel with this evening to relax and enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight: Cairo - Marriott Omar El Khayyam Palace Hotel

February 8, 2026 - Great Pyramids of Giza and Step Pyramid! Today, you'll see one of the wonders of the world - the Great Pyramids of Giza! The Great Pyramid of Cheops is the oldest of the three Great Pyramids and is the only surviving wonder of the **Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**. It was built circa 2560 B.C. and is 481 feet high and covers about 13 acres and was the tallest man-made structure in the world for over 3,800 years! It is difficult not to be completely overwhelmed as you gaze at **pyramids that have survived for 4,500 years** as dynasties have come and gone, as have Egypt's many foreign invaders and conquerors. Lunch is included today at a local open-air restaurant serving authentic Egyptian food. Continue your tour of Cairo visiting the ancient **Step Pyramid** of King Zoser (27th century BCE) and a tomb at **Sakkara**, the necropolis of pharaohs during the Old Kingdom. On returning to the hotel later, you'll have the remainder of the day to relax and enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight: Cairo - Marriott Omar El Khayyam Palace Hotel (B/L)

February 9, 2026 - Karnak, Luxor and Sailing the Nile!
After breakfast, check out of your hotel and fly to Luxor. As the site of

the Ancient Egyptian city of Thebes, Luxor has been characterized as the "world's greatest open-air museum"! Visit the Temple of Karnak the second largest ancient religious site in the world after Angkor Wat. The Great Hypostyle Hall is comprised of columns in 16 rows that soar 80 feet into the air. As you wander amongst the 134 columns you'll be astounded at the details of carved hieroglyphs that are visible after thousands of years! Continue on to the Temple of Luxor where it is said that many of the Kings of Egypt were crowned. Parts of the temple were built by the boy King, Tutankhamen and Ramses II. Later this afternoon, you'll board your riverboat for lunch and check in for your four-night cruise on the Nile! You are docked in Luxor overnight, so you might also choose to explore the city of Luxor and the markets lining the Nile.

Overnight: Luxor - Onboard Movenpick Riverboat Cruise (B/L/D)

<u>February 10, 2026 - Valley of the Kings and Hatshepsut Temple!</u> Today, visit the **Valley of the Kings**, the burial ground for the great

pharaohs who ruled Egypt from the 16th to 11th century BC. It became the **burial ground for Tutankhamun and Ramses II** as well as queens and high priests. These underground, hidden mausoleums were never meant to be seen and contained elaborate preparations for the next world in which humans were promised continuing life. Treasures like the golden masks found with King Tut were found along with more items mundane such as furniture, clothing and food and wine for feasting in the afterworld. Then, visit the **temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, unique because of its architecture. The 12 year old Hatshepsut became Queen when her father died. She often ordered that she be portrayed as a male pharaoh with a beard and muscles. Your final visit today is to the **Colossi of Memnon**, two massive stone statues of **Pharaoh Amenhotep III**. They have **stood for nearly 3,400 years**, originally standing guard at the mortuary temple. Return to your riverboat for lunch, then continue your cruise on the mighty Nile sailing to Edfu.

Overnight: Edfu - Onboard Movenpick Riverboat Cruise (B/L/D

February 11, 2026 - Edfu and Aswan!

This morning you'll visit the **Temple Edfu**, one of the best preserved in Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon god **Horus**, it was buried under nearly 40 feet of drifting sand over the centuries. In 1860, a French Egyptologist began the work of freeing Edfu resulting it it being preserved nearly intact! Return to the boat afterward, and sail to the temple of **Kom-Ombo**, a unique double temple. Half is dedicated to the crocodile god **Sobek**, the other to the falcon god **Horus**. Continue your Nile cruise sailing to Aswan.

Overnight: Aswan - Onboard Movenpick Riverboat Cruise (B/L/D)

February 12, 2026 - Abu Simbel, Spice Market and Felucca!

After breakfast, you'll fly to the **Abu Simbel** temples. Originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of **Pharaoh Ramses II** as a lasting monument to himself and his queen **Nefertari**, these huge rock relief figures are iconic! The complex was completely relocated in 1968 as part of the Aswan Dam project. Meant to impress Egypt's southern

neighbors, construction began around 1264 BC for nearly 20 years. Almost all tours charge you extra just to visit Abu Simbel, but with TRIPS it's included at **no added charge** - a value of upwards of \$700 in itself! Return to your boat for lunch, then later you'll **sail the Nile on a traditional felucca** used for centuries by the Nubian people of Egypt! This evening after dinner, enjoy a visit to the **Aswan Spice market**. Overnight: Aswan - Onboard Movenpick Riverboat Cruise (B/L/D)

February 13, 2026 - Aswan Dam, Temple of Isis and On to Cairo! From Aswan, ride to the high **Dam of Aswan**, built during the 1960s. Before being built, the Nile River overflowed its banks yearly and the damn protects the area from the flood/drought cycle as well as generating hydroelectric power. Then, visit Philae an island downstream from the Aswan Dam. Relocated before the dam was completed, the **Temple of Isis** was flooded for six months every year and was disassembled stone by stone and reconstructed. Your next visit is to the Ancient Quarries and the Unfinished Obelisk ordered by Hatshepsut around 1400 BC. If finished, it would have measured nearly 140 feet, however cracks began to appear in the granite and the project was abandoned. Return to Aswan and connect onward to Cairo where you'll check in to your hotel that's situated with convenient airport access. This evening is at your leisure, with tonight's dinner on your own at any of the many inviting restaurants at the hotel. (Your hotel stay may be for a full or a partial overnight due to your return airline departure time.)

Overnight: Cairo - Inter-Continental City Stars Hotel

February 14, 2026 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!!

After breakfast if time permits, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Memories of of Egypt and your cruise on the legendary Nile will surely last a lifetime!

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**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

Treasures of the Nile \$8,698.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement is \$1,998.00

Passports are required for this tour!

Egypt Entry Visa fee is not included.

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip airfare to Cairo, Egypt (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 4 nights deluxe hotel accommodations in Cairo
- Breakfast daily in Cairo
- 2 lunches at local restaurants in Cairo
- All meals while cruising onboard the riverboat
- 5 days/4 nights on a Movenpick Riverboat Cruise!
- All Intra-Egypt flights (Cairo-Luxor; Aswan-Abu Simbel; Abu Simbel-Aswan; Aswan-Cairo)
- All sightseeing and admissions in Cairo including the Grand Egyptian Museum and the specially included Tutankhamen Room, Pyramids in Giza, the Citadel and more
- A traditional felucca ride in Aswan
- · All sightseeing, as listed, while onboard the riverboat
- Abu Simbel Temples with roundtrip flights all included at no extra charge!
- · Services of a certified English speaking Egyptologist throughout your tour
- All transfers in Egypt, and all hotel and airline taxes

Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for **"Egypt: Treasures of the Nile"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial \$650.00 deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to October 7, 2025.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before October 7, 2025.

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to TRIPS at least 10 days prior to this date.

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